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Dear planners

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed housing development at Velmore Farm, off Templars Way, Valley Park:

Traffic impact:

We live just off Templars Way in the area close to Donnington Drive. Almost every day we turn right onto Templars Way to drive to Romsey for work / school. This is a challenge as the traffic is extremely busy, cars travel very fast and i am already concerned about the safety of this junction. With the proposed housing development this can only have an increase of traffic and increase risk to safety.

Templars Way, at peak times is heavy with traffic, particularly at the evening rush hour time with traffic backed up from the asda roundabout, to School Lane, again with more housing, an increase on an already congested road. When there are issues with the M3 or M27 this road and surrounding area already acts as a bypass for the motorways.

The impact on health- walking in the local area, children walking to school, teenagers waiting for their bus to and from college, has negative impact on health, particularly respiratory type diseases with more traffic.

In school holidays we cycle to Romsey for work using the local footpaths and the cycle lane to North Baddesley. What will be the impact of this proposed housing development?

Flooding:

There is already a long standing issue with flooding on the road at the School Lane roundabout and further down School Lane. I am concerned that the proposed housing development, situated higher up than Valley Park will further increase risk of local flooding on roads as the area is heavy clay, already difficult to drain the water. With increase in housing there will be less area for water to potentially absorb.

Local biodiversity:

I am a keen walker and frequently use the local woodland for walks where I enjoy the landscape and nature and wildlife. I also use the path off castle lane leading up towards Chilworth. There are many birds that nest, hunt in this area and I am concerned that the proposed housing development will have a negative impact on this, damaging areas where wildlife thrives. As well as this, the proposed plans will change the open green space that can be seen currently.

Infrastructure:

It is already difficult to access local GP services, so I wondered whether this has been taken into account? The associated services such as community nursing, therapy already is under strain with long waits for therapy and having a negative impact on people waiting for support.

Schools, particularly secondary education is stretched to its limits with the added developments at Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, and the homes at Whitenapp impacting on availability of places at local schools.

I would be grateful if you could take into account my concerns so that any further discussions can take account of local residents.

Kind regards

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Valley Park resident

Sent from my iPhone