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To Test Vallet Borough Council,

I would like to register my opposition to the local plan to build 1070 houses at Velmore Farm and would highlight the following as being issues of real concern:-

1. Building more housing will have a negative impact of the biodiversity in the area. Valley Park is already home to much wildlife and taking away this space from them would be a tragedy. With a 69% loss in biodiversity since 1970 (according to The World Wide Fund for Nature's Living Planet Resource 2022), the elimination of more nature would be devastating. In a world where humans are taking over more and more green space, why not be a council who takes a step in favour of nature to preserve it for future generations? As a young person in this area, this is extremely important to me and many others.
2. The affect on air quality and pollution from an already overcrowded road system particularly at peak times is a concern. The road network would not cope with any further traffic particularly the volume of cars needing to access the ASDA roundabout which is situated on the main Southampton to Winchester route which also feeds Eastleigh and the increasingly busy main route to Romsey via Castle Lane. This road along with Templers Way is already congested and is grid locked at peak hours already. It is not feasible to add significant additional traffic to an already overburdened route. Additionally it is the only diversionary route that is used when inevitable issues occur in the M3 and M27 which leads already to traffic chaos in the radius of Valley Park and Chandlers Ford. This overcrowding would significantly affect noise and traffic pollution in our area and attract yet more drivers that seem to thrive on have exhaust mechanisms that are designed to make maximum noise for which there is no deterrent.
3. A Doctor's surgery would not solve the issue of the infrastructure because there are simply not enough doctors to fill the existing surgeries which are already failing to cope. 2000 additional people would exasperate a issue which is already at crisis point in terms of waiting times. Additionally the same issue arises for dentist provision and other providers of essential services which are already at breaking point.
4. for the last 3 years the exact area of the proposed development which runs into Templers Way has caused major flooding to the road system both at the roundabout and the road leading to the industrial estate. The lack of grassland replaced by concrete would increase the flooding issues which at present remain unresolved even without a huge development. Additionally there have been recently flooding issues in Castle Lane indicating that there are significant drainage problems emanating from the proposed site which the Council are already failing to address.

Thank you for considering these points.

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