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Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the Test Valley Borough Draft Local Plan 2024, as a resident of Valley Park, I am strongly opposed to Velmore Farm, in the Parish of Chilworth, being identified as a preferred site for the development of 1070 houses and an employment site.

If this development were to go ahead, the quality of life for local residents would be impacted negatively by the resulting increase in traffic, loss of green space and biodiversity, increased pressure on local health services, and the breach of the Local Gap between Valley Park and Chilworth.

Currently, the green spaces around Valley Park and the Local Gap between Valley Park and Chilworth provide local residents with the opportunity to connect with the natural environment regularly, which has a highly positive impact on people's physical and mental well-being. To build on these green spaces, as the Draft Local Plan 2040 proposes, could have a detrimental effect on people's health and the local eco-system.

The increase in traffic due to the proposed housing and business developments would not only increase noise levels, but add high levels of harmful air pollution (carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, fine particles, unburned hydrocarbons, and ozone) in an area which already has a large volume of traffic.

I sincerely hope that Test Valley Borough Council's decisions will enable current and future generations living in Valley Park and the surrounding local areas to continue to have access to highly beneficial green spaces through keeping the current Local Gaps.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Edwards

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