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Dear sir /madam,

I wish to strongly object to the planning proposal to develop the area of land known as Velmore Farm.

The proposal appears to have been brought forward by persons who have little understanding of the area.

There would be a significant adverse impact on the current residents with the loss of countryside and quality of life.

The existing infrastructure of roads and drainage can barely cope with the present let alone the thousands of people moving into the area.

Traffic is already very congested at peak times with journeys between School Lane and M27 / Eastleigh taking at least 30 minutes. Indeed the route from Templars Way to Bournemouth Road via Montgomery way becomes a rat run at peak times and can prevent traffic entering Castle Lane from Bournemouth Road. Turning right from Montgomery Way onto Templars Way is extremely difficult most times and would become nigh on impossible with the increased traffic.

Also travelling west along Templars Way toward North Baddesley along Castle Lane is very slow at Peak times and the alternative route along Knightwood Road and Flexford Road is not fit for purpose.

Flooding is a frequent occurrence in School Lane and the roundabout proving that current drainage is inadequate. If Velmore Farm was to be put under concrete the situation would worsen as the land currently acts as a sponge absorbing the rain and slowly releasing it onto the roads. If developed, rainwater would not be held back and run straight off the estate with nowhere to go or retain it.

The loss of Velmore Farm would be adverse to the wildlife and biodiversity of the area. Since the loss of Knightwood to housing, deer now regularly congregate on the farm to feed and also Goshawks, Buzzards and Sparrowhawks can be seen regularly hunting over the fields.

The land also provides a natural green corridor and strategic gap between Valley Park and Chilworth / North Southampton, not trust creating a buffer between residential areas but also a link for wildlife to move around the southern part of the country.

Local health services would not be able to cope with the increased population az it already takes 4 to 6 weeks to get a routine appointment, whilst NHS dentistry is in short supply.

Velmore Farm is also of archaeological interest with a Roman road running across it, some of which has already been lost from the development north of Templars Way.

I see no need for industrial units as there are plenty of unoccupied units in the area from School Lane to Eastleigh, Hampshire Corporate Park, the former transit site and beyond.

I think that is enough of a rant for now.

Thanking you for taking your time to read my objection to the 2040 local plan.

Kind Regards,

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Sent from my Galaxy