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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to protest in the strongest possible terms against the proposed housing development of 1070 houses in the area south of Templars Way in Chandlers Ford, for the following reasons:

- There is and has been for some time a massive traffic volume issue along Knightwood Road, Templars Way and Castle Lane, which has caused the development of this area as a bypass for all traffic navigating around the centre of Chandlers Ford (avoiding Winchester Road, Bournemouth Road and School Lane). This includes heavy good vehicles accessing Chandlers Ford Industrial Estate as well as the increased volume of speeding emergency service vehicles and local delivery vans associated with online shopping.
- The TOTAL lack of police presence and speed restrictions in recent years has caused the growth of speeding vehicles ignoring the 30mph limits in Knightwood Road and the increased anti-social behaviour of drivers who like to use the Valley Park link roads as a race track at all hours of the day and night. Again no police presence or traffic calming has been implemented despite numerous complaints to parish councillors over recent years. The area has become a lawless playground for all forms of vehicles.
- Escalating development in this area will also overwhelm an already saturated infrastructure in terms of local facilities such as schools, medical services, shops, and most importantly, the aforementioned traffic volume.
- There is already a major issue with localised road flooding along both Templars Way and School Lane which is not being addressed. If a development of housing on the higher ground to the south of Templars Way goes ahead, the lower ground of Valley Park will be overwhelmed by the run-off of flood water from this development.
- As a resident of Valley Park for some 30 years, we have endured a massive decline in local services supposedly paid for via ever increasing Council Tax's. Roads and pathways are rarely maintained, and the abundance of the original poorly planted hedgerows in the local area by local councils are now an eyesore as most are left to the reliance of local residents to maintain at the own cost. Adding more properties will further dilute council resources in terms of maintaining the local area.
- Emphasis appears to be on increase social housing which in turn is impacting

investments in property and the quality of life for many families. This will eventually create an exodus, change the demographic further, and devalue the local area.

- Test Valley appears to be using the fringes of its geographic responsibility to fulfil its housing development plans without properly studying the existing decline in this local area. Valley Park is already frequently ignored by TVBC by virtue of its location relevant to its own headquarters in Andover. Do not add to that problem by using this area as a convenient solution to your councils housing expansion commitments.

Please consider solving the ongoing issues of residents in Valley Park and Knightwood before adding to the problems by increased development of the area.

Valley Park and Knightwood was once a desirable place to live. Sadly, that's already no longer the case and will undoubtedly be made worse by the proposed development.

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