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Please see specific comments in relation to the proposed development at Velmore Farm below

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Draft Test Valley Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2

Land at Velmore Farm, Valley Park 4.187 to 4.195

I note the contents of sections 4.187 to 4.195

I request specific changes as follows

- Para 4.187 the time to cycle from the Velmore Farm site to Eastleigh railway station according to Google maps would be 19 min (3.7 mi) via National Cycle Rte 24(3.7 miles) hence around 20 minutes is more accurate
- The immediate area of Velmore Farm is predominantly residential with residential housing estates in Valley Park, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh and North Baddesley. The predominant character of the immediate area is currently partly rural but mainly residential, with some much more limited industrial and commercial developments.
- I disagree profoundly with the proposal that Wates Developments are to build approximately 1.5 HA of commercial industrial space within the Velmore Farm site. The requirement is for residential housing alone and therefore any permitted development should be residential accommodation alone and not include industrial or commercial buildings on this site.
- 4.188 I note the paragraph contents. The delivery of dwellings is not an exclusive requirement of TVBC; it was requirement of the Southampton PfA which overlaps with The Borough of Eastleigh. It is not clear that there has been any significant discussion or sharing of housing plans with neighbouring boroughs. Eastleigh is already substantially developed both residentially and commercially and could much more readily accommodate a large residential or mixed residential/commercial development of over 1,100 homes in a brownfield setting rather than using undeveloped farmland at Velmore Farm in Valley Park which is of high local amenity value in an area that is currently part residential and part rural in character. The proposed development if it is allowed will completely change the nature of the immediate partly rural environment in the Valley Park area with increased traffic density, congestion and destruction of existing rural amenity due to increased population density for existing residents. The planning authority should liaise jointly with Southampton City Council and Eastleigh to produce an overarching regional plan for Southern Test Valley and not seek to allow a development of this size at Velmore Farm given the destruction of the part rural character of this area the proposed development will cause.
- 4.190-4.195. There are major problems with the proposed Velmore Farm site access. The draft plan suggests that the main vehicular access will be from Templar's Way but this will massively increase traffic congestion within the immediate locality. There is also the question about how the access arrangements from the eastern side of the site from Bournemouth Road in Chandlers Ford will work. Currently, the eastern side access to Velmore Farm is restricted to occasional farm vehicles as it is via a very narrow track that leads on to Bournemouth Road. The developers need to make it clear that for safety and amenity reasons given because of the limited access via this track that there will be no vehicle access allowed to the site allow from the eastern side on Bournemouth Road to the Velmore Farm site either during the development stage or in perpetuity once any proposed development is completed. Any access from Bournemouth Road should be purely pedestrian access or bicycle access alone.
- 4.192 It appears concerning that the woodland areas of Hut Wood and The Rough sites of importance for nature conservation to the south and west the site will be affected by the increased population and developments of the site both during the development and in the later stages once the housing estate is established, again this is reducing the local rural amenity.
- 4.194 I fundamentally disagree that the Velmore Farm site should be developed for housing and commercial use. The local gap between Southampton and Eastleigh preserves the quiet enjoyment of the locality for existing residents and is high amenity and partly rural nature. The amended local gap boundary will significantly denigrate the overall quality of the Valley Park locality for existing residents