

#245

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Sunday, March 31, 2024 7:33:59 PM
Last Modified: Sunday, March 31, 2024 8:56:54 PM
Time Spent: 01:22:54
IP Address: [REDACTED]

Page 1

Q1

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other(please state)*

Mr

Q2

First Name*

James

Q3

Surname*

Clark

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Organisation*(If responding on behalf of an organisation)

Q5

Email address *

[REDACTED]

Q6

Postal address*

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q7

Insert any general comments that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording. If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

I strongly object to the Velmore Farm development on multiple grounds including extra traffic on the dangerous Templars Way where numerous recent requests for traffic flow improvements have been ignored, despite multiple accidents including a recent accident where the Air Ambulance was required. The planned devt is on a SatNav cut-through whenever the M3/M27 is blocked. Even before the climate change weather phenomenon we have suffered across the last 6 months, the local council/utility infrastructure has failed spectacularly causing ROUTINE deep flooding at Templars Way/School Lane roundabout, the Castle Lane/Templars Way roundabout and 250M further NE on a dangerous (speeding) bend along School Lane at the start of the Industrial Estate - the drains/sewers have been blocked on these roads and local footpath (SusTransCR25) for multiple years. All these roads with their existing issues adjoin your new devt at Velmore Farm. Sadly Test Valley and EBC are incapable of managing their existing local obligations on for example tree management - the ancient oak trees (with preservation orders) on Castle Lane adjoining the devt site have NEVER been managed by the council demonstrating resources are stretched to breaking point. We are scaling back not growing / whilst you add new houses, HCC is currently surveying; reducing lighting by 2-3 hours per night, stopping school patrols and closing the local HWRCs and yet you are planning more devt to guarantee we exacerbate the issues. Crime: Locally Car theft is rife. We get joyriders and illegal car racers racing and spinning donuts 2-3 nights a week at ASDA (next to the planned devt) as the local police infrastructure cannot engage/manage their antisocial behaviour. Littering; sourced from the local stores and takeaways (esp TESCO, ASDA and McDonalds) never gets collected by Test Valley or EBC leading to major rodent issue, and is exacerbated by the new EBC housing estate further down Chestnut Ave (approx 500m from your planned devt). Beyond Police, local services are broken. Health: you cannot get a GP appt for weeks, Hampshire NHS A&E is relocating to Basingstoke 30mins by M3 and for those with teeth - no chance of NHS dentistry. This demonstrates the current burden on local services and particularly on policing, utilities, doctors' surgeries and schools cannot cope with more housing. Still our council smugly prides itself street signs - "managing climate change" - with this devt you are making it even hotter and wetter. Your climate strategy is embarrassing. Beyond that, there is zero recognition of our astonishing local history - our only actual legacy; a Roman road spans the devt site (check local LIDAR mapping), our local Wessex heritage in the Norman Conquest King William the Conqueror and King Rufus the Red. Environment: There is zero recognition of the valuable flora and fauna in the affected area - we are already bounded by motorways on 2 sides and yet are congested with existing residential, business and utility infrastructure - squeezing this site is under existing HV pylons (that often fail). We have endured multiple power failures in Q1/24 as the existing electricity network collapses as more heavy EVs saturate housing and roads. No EV charging infrastructure other than 2-3 at ALDI. In conclusion, I urge that this development be cancelled and actively and adequately re-imagined with at least some serious intellectual capital applied and not just social media photo shoots from prospective MP Political Candidates - I urge the council to halt the Velmore Farm devt immediately, that they reconsider their strategy and get a grip of EBC and Test Valley councils existing obligations and supposed active strategies/partnerships with police, health and utilities before applying more straw to the camels' backs. No to Velmore Farm.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Insert any specific comments in the general comments box below, indicating which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.