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Comments in reference to the plans for the land at Velmore Farm.

The plans as identified breach the gap between Valley Park and Chilworth effectively removing a "green lung" for the area and having a significantly detrimental impact to the residents to the South of the Valley Park development. The area is of significant importance in providing open landscape to the residents and provides a significant buffer in relation to water absorption and run off. Its use for housing will impact the access of residents in both Valley Park, Eastleigh and Southampton to open countryside.

Flooding and Water run off:

The plan indicates that small areas may be at risk of flooding. I would indicate that over the last winter there have been significant issues with ground water flooding along Templars Way and in particular at the junction with School Lane. This has led to flooding of cycle paths, foot-ways, gardens and has made School Lane impassable. Any building in Velmore Farm restricting the ability of the ground to absorb water would have a significantly detrimental impact and would require significant application of flood prevention management at the Templars Way/ Castle Lane end of the site.

As the plan in place already states it is expected that we will experience warmer and wetter winters and as such the site chosen already experiences flooding issues that seriously impact the existing housing and businesses. This would worsen with building on this site.

Water and Sewerage:

The plan makes no reference to the clean water requirements for the new housing. Much of the water for the area is extracted from chalk rivers and it is not clear whether there is sufficient ability to support the volume of increased housing particularly as significant extra housing has already been built to the South of Eastleigh (outside Test Valley).

It is noted that recent periods have seen significant water provision issues across this part of Hampshire and further building without consideration of the ability to provide fresh water would be reckless.

It is important to consider this provision in relation to the predicted warmer drier Summers that are expected and consider the expected river levels that would result. Extraction of water from these resources for existing housing stock may be difficult so further building may increase an already expected issue.

Sewerage also needs to be considered with the need to ensure that the expected volumes from both this development and other already in build developments.

Schools:

While it is noted that consideration of a primary school has been noted the plan does not consider secondary school provision. A detailed plan for the provision of this additional education requirement would be needed.

Roman Road:

There is a significant Roman Road through the site that has not been thoroughly considered in the plan. This has the potential to run completely through the site limiting building area. All plans would need to reflect the requirement for this area not to be disturbed.

Pylons:

There are significant overhead pylons across a significant proportion of the site. It is unclear how these will be accommodated as part of the plan. If they remain in situ then a significant proportion of the proposed building area will be under/ close to this infrastructure.

Traffic Impact:

Templars Way is already heavily used taking both car and lorry traffic to the industrial estate. There appears to have been no provision for a review of the impact of additional traffic from this proposed development or other already in progress developments.

It is noted that in the event of an incident on the motorways that run through the area Templars Way becomes heavily gridlocked and there are significant issues with accessing the South of Valley Park.

In summary the land as selected is unsuitable for such a large development and it is unclear how the development in this site would meet the objective of sustainable development across the test valley as the focus is on large developments in a small number of areas rather than a spread of development that would allow for a wider economic growth to support communities that will otherwise stagnate losing their local amenities.

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