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I am writing with regards to the part of the Draft Local Plan pertaining to the site of Velmore farm, adjacent to Valley Park. The plan is largely lacking in justification for the intention not to include support services and an atrocious disregard for the impact of the extra houses, cars and people on local services (Schools, Doctors' surgeries and so on) and infrastructure such as roads and flood defences. Specifically related to the latter, as an example, the plan to have a SINGLE exit for more than 1000 homes (2000 cars) onto a roundabout which is regularly submerged beneath water due to the overstretched flood defences, seems to be spectacularly poor planning. This road, in addition is regularly at a standstill even when the motorways are clear, as it is simultaneously a bypass between Chandlers Ford and North Baddesley, a main exit onto a substantial industrial estate and the main entrance to Valley Park. The infrastructure provision as it stands right now needs a serious upgrade and significantly better access to the motorway network. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan ignores all of this, focussing instead on Andover and Romsey, with Test Valley content (apparently) to offload the infrastructure onto other councils, as the Primary Route to the M3 involves hordes of Test Valley cars queuing for several miles through Eastleigh Borough Council roads. There is little detail in any of the plan documents related to infrastructure for the proposal. Finally, this area is an important local gap and destroying it in its entirety will obviously have a huge impact, as noted in the Local Gap report, this is of historical significance as well as having appearance effects, with a clear recommendation in your own report that this Local Gap be left alone.

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