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The scale of this proposed development will have a negative effect on residents of Valley Park. It will exacerbate existing issues such as traffic congestion (especially at peak times), flooding from surface water across roads and difficulty in accessing services eg doctors & dentists. The pressure of an additional 2000+ patients on existing healthcare services which are already oversubscribed is a cause for concern.

The proposed development will breach the Local Gap between Chilworth and Valley Park. This will result in a loss of open space, damage to wildlife habitats and a reduction in biodiversity – all of which make a strongly positive contribution to good mental health. The increased traffic levels, noise and pollution resulting from 1070 homes and an employment site will also have a detrimental impact on the residents of Valley Park.

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4.191 The No 5 Bluestar bus service is not frequent as stated – for example, there are no buses on a Sunday

4.199 The current surface water flooding in Castle Lane and School Lane is not a small issue. It has been present for a number of years and is increasing significantly year on year. The local councils are aware and have been unable to offer a sustainable solution. Taking land for building on Velmore Farm will only increase the problem, particularly as the proposed development is located on clay soils at a higher point to Valley Park. Surface water will channel downhill, raising the risk of flooded homes in Valley Park with all the attendant issues.
