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Proposal to build housing off Castle Lane at Velmore Farm.

I am writing with a strong objection to the proposed plan to build housing off Castle Lane.

Having lived in the area for over 25 years I have witnessed the significant growth in property, which has never been matched by the required infrastructure improvements (roads and facilities), to cope with additional people and vehicles.

Adding significant additional housing will only add to an already difficult situation. If anyone involved with this scheme takes the trouble to visit the area around Templars Way, from which the proposed development is scheduled to be the access point, they will witness queues and stationery traffic in every direction most days of the week for at least an hour every morning and evening. Adding an additional 2,000 vehicles plus, associated with the new housing, to the situation will only increase the already significant delays and local pollution levels.

The local health services, particularly doctors, are already at full stretch and simply cannot cope with a further significant influx of patients. At my doctors practice, which includes two surgeries, a standard appointment cannot be obtained in under three weeks as a minimum and the situation has not improved since Covid so how are they expected to cope with a major rise in patient numbers?

There are already significant issues with local flooding due to the predominance of clay in the area. Furthermore, the roads adjacent to the roundabout at the end of the School Lane industrial estate that meets Templars Way and is the proposed access for the new development is consistently flooded every time there is meaningful rainfall, with vehicles and pedestrians needing to take evasive action on a regular basis.

The proposed development will see the loss of one of the few significant areas of green space remaining in Chandlers Ford and it will also breach a local gap.

In summary, this is ill thought out and simply not an appropriate location for such a significant development.

Yours sincerely

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