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For the attention of the Committee

I am concerned about the Draft Proposals as follows:

Extensive building on green field sites, such as Velmore Farm, goes against the Government's underlined promises that it is against their policy. I have heard PM Sunak state in The House of Commons that whilst Labour would do that, not so Conservatives. How ironic!

Continuing with Velmore Farm, taking away a valuable green space also means closing a rural gap between communities, Valley Park and neighbouring North Baddesley - extending the concrete and tarmac and removing what intrinsic charm the two communities currently enjoy.

Covering the area as I describe will increase the run-off from the land. Even now, after heavy rainfall, there is flooding on the School Lane/Templar's Way Roundabout and in School Lane itself. The "umbrella" of an estate on the current farmland will only exacerbate this.

Another objection to the land in question concerns the huge pylons carrying overhead electricity cables across it. There is still debate about putting up dwellings in proximity to these on health grounds.

The increase in population would create traffic concerns on roads already heavily used at peak times. Local surgeries, schools and nurseries (already struggling) would also be greatly affected. The Valley Park surgery has already had to absorb patients from a Chandler's Ford surgery that closed down. The local pharmacy has also received a greater work load as a result.

These are my main issues but I also commend to you the objections to the plan put forward by the Valley Park Parish Council, all of which my wife and I agree with.

Yours faithfully, Keith Fletcher