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Subject: Draft local plan 2040 and planning objection Land at Velmore Farm adjacent to Valley Park
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Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to formally object to the proposal within the draft local plan 2040 to reduce further the strategic gap between the large conurbation of Southampton, the Borough of Eastleigh, the villages of Chilworth and close to Valley Park. In addition and in particular to the proposal to place 1070 dwellings on the farm land at Velmore Farm.

Put simply this proposal has a huge number of impacts on this area:

- Further reduction of strategic gap and loss of green lung, with concomitant loss to wild life and of habitat by impacting their transit routes. Where does the local plan draw the line? It needs to KEEP the line without blurring it to suit future proposed building plans.
- Increase of the already cataloged flooding in this area.
- Impact upon traffic on this “rat run”, with Knighthood Road already being turned into a major traffic route from the originally intended residential access road. Impact upon the access to the light industrial units on School Lane, plus impact on access to the school and impact on residents attempting to leave the estate. There is considerable impact on the roads with upwards of 80 traffic movements per household (this would be 80×1007 per vehicle with households often having 2 or more vehicles this becomes $80 \times 2 \times 1007 = 1712$ daily)
- Impact upon the already over subscribed GP and health services, Dental services for NHS are non existent to people moving into the area. The local school is already over subscribed thus necessitating traffic increase in order to transport children to school thus increasing the traffic impact further.
- The land proposed has HT power lines. The health effects of living close to HT power lines is well documented with known cases of childhood leukaemia.
- Any economic benefits will go to nearby Eastleigh and Southampton, Test Valley centre is too far away to benefit. Valley Park already feels it is on a limb and not benefitting from Test Valley funds. We have the negatives with very little of the positives. The Parish Council does well within its confines but equally its input with local to THIS area knowledge, is not being sought - please listen to them. Why not build these properties on the edge of Stockbridge, where green land is plentiful and not affecting the precious green lung strategic gap here that seems to be at risk of development on a monthly basis.
- The infrastructure does not exist and for all of the above reasons I strongly object to the proposals but most particularly we object to the proposed loss of the strategic gap, green lung that this area provides. The Council MUST ensure the line drawn remains in place and becomes SET, without encroachment or exceptions.

Yours faithfully

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