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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Morton Way, Thornbury

I write to add to register my view of the prospective additional housing development which is being considered for Thornbury, on Morton Way.

Thornbury is not able to sustain such an increase in housing because the agreed core plan has not facilitated the resources required to sustain an increase in any housing, quite apart from one which merges the town with the trail of housing lining the A38 from Aztec West Interchange.

- The transport situation is appalling with constantly blocked roads and no alternative transport. This will be exacerbated by an increase in housing with no infrastructure to support suitable alternative forms of transport.
- The shops are dying from lack of local customers, a situation which will worsen with housing on Morton Way which allows easy access to Aztec West as an alternative.
- The swimming pool is impossible to access through constant use by various groups. This situation would become worse with increased housing.
- Morton Way site includes prime agricultural land which would be improperly used for housing.
- Current thinking around good mental health for the nation includes the need for access to green areas and open spaces. The land on Morton Way is one of the most used areas for recreation, and forms part of the appeal of the town. Loss of this amenity would be very significant for this reason.

Yours sincerely,

Benedict Olivier