

To: Programme Officer

Subject: Inquiry into possibility of building on Morton Way, Thornbury

Dear Ms Thorne

I am writing to register my concern about the recent suggestion that building should be allowed to the east of Morton Way outside the existing boundary of Thornbury.

Morton Way forms a clear barrier to the encroachment onto green fields between the town and the A38 main trunk road. This vital corridor for wildlife and leisure of Thornbury residents should be protected at all costs. Once breached the floodgates would open to developers who are lining up with options along the length of Morton Way. A precedent would be set which would lead to mass development and the transition of Thornbury from a South Gloucestershire market town of character to a suburban sprawl.

Thornbury would be stretched to the limit to assimilate the proposed housing at Park Farm and it would be totally unreasonable for the town to be expected to cope with further development on top of this, especially beyond the clear boundary and shape of the town. Other areas of South Gloucestershire should take their fair share and any extra development should not be bolted onto Thornbury.

Yours sincerely

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