

Sent: 28 January 2013 10:46

Mavis & John Richings - morton way houses

Dear Ms Thorne,

We are writing to strongly object to any extra houses being built anywhere along Morton Way that is, at present, farm land, footpaths regularly used by the many residents of Thornbury for their leisure and pleasure. Once Morton Way has been breached by housing, there is no boundary and anyone and everyone will apply for planning permission once this natural boundary has been breached.

It is important that we as a town have a natural boundary for development, and Morton Way is that boundary. Any houses built across Morton Way, whether by Bloor Homes or Welbeck or any developer, will seriously impact on our town, both visually, traffic wise, and flooding. The traffic already cannot exit Thornbury at the peak rush hours, so any extra housing, will make this problem much worse.

The lanes around the bottom of Morton Way, i.e. Clay Lane, Crossways Lane and Hackett Lane, already flood on a regular basis, thus making these lane impassable. The flooding is happening on a regular basis now and the residents of these lanes are doing all they can themselves, to alleviate this problem, with little success.

Were any extra building to be allowed, this flooding problem and the access of these lanes will be greatly exacerbated.

We are a market town and are proud to be such, please do not make this another urban sprawl which would seriously effect the nature of the town. Why put another 300 extra houses in Thornbury, when there are many many more sites, much more suitable, around South Gloucestershire. Why cause such a huge impact on a town? The core strategy is in place and many people have worked hard to obtain this.

We would wish you to bring our comments to the attention of the Inspector before he makes any decision.

Yours sincerely,

Mavis and John Richings