

**MR ROGER ELLIS**

6 February 2013

Dear Kath Thorne - Programme Officer,

With reference to proposed housing development on land at Morton Way, North East Thornbury. We would like to make the following observations.

- We wonder why it is considered sensible to build more housing in Thornbury when there is little prospect of an increase in employment in the near area, leading to new residents having to travel to their work, increasing traffic volumes accessing the A38.
- The position of this development increases the likelihood of a satellite community, and encourage the new residents to drive and not walk into Thornbury putting pressure on the carparks. Or equally the development may not result in increase trade to Thornbury shops because the residents may well choose to shop elsewhere because of their proximity to the A38.
- Morton Way is a busy 40 mph road, children will have to negotiate this danger to reach infant, junior and senior schools.
- We would like to draw the Inspector's attention to the increase risk of flooding to nearby properties as a result of the rapid creation surface water from of a new development having the potential to overwhelm the natural drainage system, as happened after the building of Morton way.
- We are concerned that local services could become overburdened.
- The general rural character of the land beyond to Morton Way is appreciated both as part of the town setting and by those who enjoy walking there.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Roger Ellis