

**Sent:** 05 February 2013 12:53  
**To:** Programme Officer  
**Subject:** Proposal for housing in Morton Way

We, the undersigned, have lived in Thornbury for 20 years and have used the facilities the town has to offer for both shopping and leisure activities. We are now both retired but remain very active in our lives and it is with dismay that we view the proposed large development on the edge of Thornbury on green belt land.

We are both opposed to any further proposed housing in Morton Way, Thornbury for the following reasons.

1. There is no guarantee that any new residents, particularly the younger people (if indeed it is younger people who buy these properties), will use Thornbury for their shopping when they can have far more choice in Bristol, Gloucester, Cardiff and Cribbs Causeway. It is also fair to assume that the younger generation being brought up with computers will do more of their shopping 'on-line'.
2. There is just as much likelihood that older people use Thornbury as much, if not more, than younger people. Younger people, however, are more likely to inhabit Thornbury town centre in the evening and night.
3. To make Thornbury significantly larger will help to spoil the character and charm of the town, which is one of the main reasons for choosing to reside and remain in Thornbury.
4. There appears to be a plan for a substantial amount of new houses on the Filton airfield site. Surely this is more than adequate for the area.

We believe that the town needs more specialist shops or more competitive shops like shoe shops, jewellers etc. to attract more people to the town.

In conclusion, we object most strongly to any major development in Thornbury. In fact, any development should be limited to brown field sites.

Yours sincerely,

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