

4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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Dear Madam

**Re: Opposition to Proposed Housing Development at Thornbury  
South/East, off Morton Way/Grovesend Road**

My wife and I were dismayed recently to hear that there are proposals to extend the requirement for new housing in the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Plan and that a further 300 houses are being considered on the South/East Morton Way site on the outskirts of Thornbury.

We have already written in January and August 2012 voicing our opposition to these proposals on the grounds of problems with infrastructure provision, transport connections and assimilation into the existing settlement pattern of the town of Thornbury, including:-

- 1) Access to the Town Centre with its shops, as well as access to schools is not within convenient walking distance. This will lead to increased pressure on local infrastructure such as roads and car parks within the town, together with further daily overloading of the A38 commuter route.
- 2) Many local residents (such as ourselves) wish to retain Morton Way as the boundary to housing development on that side of Thornbury, whilst still allowing easy walking access to the local countryside in this beautiful area.
- 3) We believe that building on this green field area of rising ground between the A38 and Morton way would be a very obvious and undesirable extension of urbanisation development of this small Market Town. It would also lead to increased pressure to further develop the 'Open Countryside' nature of the area from the Grovesend Road right down to Upper Morton.

We trust that you will take these points into consideration at the additional hearing on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Yours faithfully

Dr I W Larkin & Mrs V W Larkin