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Subject: Bob Harnett - Morton Way Houses

For the following reasons I believe building houses on Morton Way would have a detrimental effect on the whole of the Thornbury and the people living there -

- The whole nature of the town, it's appeal and even property prices generally will be harmed if it is turned into 'Upper Bradley Stoke' i.e. simply an extension of development up the A38. It is not simply those nearby who would be affected, the impact would be felt across the whole town.

- Thornbury sadly has poor public transport i.e. no train or tram, expensive bus services into Bristol and a virtually non-existent service to Parkway. Simply throwing more people into the area would create congestion because most would have to use their cars (there is little employment within walking distance). The roads leading to the A38 would be particularly problematic.

- Why continue to use green field sites when a brief walk around Bristol (where I work) would show many 'brown' sites with still no apparent planned usage. The reason is obvious - the developers hope to get a better price in Thornbury - but this is a real case of 'killing the goose that lays the golden egg'. The price of housing is only what it is because of the nature of the market town - which the proposed development would harm.

- Once development on green fields is allowed it enhances the prospect of more similar building.

- Given the economy, who is going to be buying all these houses?

- How will the general facilities (doctors, schools, social services etc) cope?

- Morton Way forms a natural limit to the town to retain its character

- the only people with a real interest in this development will be those who seek to profit (whether from land sale or house building). No-one is doing this because they believe it will actually benefit Thornbury

Regards

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