

27th January 2013

Dear Inspector

I am writing to express my concern about the possible building of houses to the east of Morton Way. I believe that the Core Strategy which has been carefully considered and developed over many years by South Gloucestershire council should not be altered. This strategy already includes sites for a very large number of houses in Thornbury. The addition of 300 extra houses on top of this would endanger the controlled development of Thornbury. I fear that if building were allowed outside Morton Way, attractive green fields would be forever lost and the expansion would continue up to the A38. Morton Way forms a natural boundary for the eastern edge of Thornbury, which should not be crossed.

Care needs to be taken to ensure that Thornbury is not allowed to become too large, as this would destroy the essential character of this old market town. In addition, the infrastructure would be unable to support an even greater population which further development would bring.

Following discussions with other people, I believe my feelings are shared by many Thornbury residents, including those who do not live in the Morton Way part of the town. Therefore I urge you not to allow the building of 300 further houses beyond Morton Way, but to retain South Gloucestershire's Core Strategy.

Yours faithfully

C. R. G. Ward.