

Subject: Morton Way development-objection

Dear Ms Thorne

I was pleased to hear that the Inspector is to re-open the inquiry to look again at the proposals put forward by SGC to identify the additional sites required.

As with most people I was surprised and disappointed to learn that the extra sites were needed at all, given the considerable effort made to identify sites to meet the original requirements. I understand that SGC has now identified a further tranche of sites but horrified to learn that this included the Morton Way proposal for (initially) 300 houses. The residents of Thornbury made clear their (very valid) objections to this proposal at the initial inquiry and the inspector clearly took these on board in confirming the alternative Park Farm site.

In searching for additional sites, It is difficult to not to come to the conclusion that SGC selected Morton Way as a matter of convenience and adopted somewhat unprofessional tactics to achieve the required outcome at the relevant meeting. They, uniquely, appear to have failed to appreciate the profound implications that this development will have on Thornbury as a town despite the well-argued case put forward at the initial inquiry.

As a resident of the town, I sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and that the Morton Way site is once again rejected. I further hope that either the inspector will not insist on the full quota of sites being identified or that other sites with fewer long-term implications will be chosen.

Yours sincerely

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