

**Sent:** 06 February 2013 17:16  
**To:** Programme Officer  
**Subject:** NEW HOUSING IN THORNBURY

Dear Kath Thorne

I understand there is to be a Public Enquiry into the proposal to build a further 300 houses in Thornbury, possibly on land adjacent to Morton Way, in addition to the 500 already agreed at Park Farm.

I wish to object to the further 300 houses proposed in Thornbury on the grounds that Thornbury will be unable to support such a significant increase. The 500 houses already agreed represents an increase of approximately 10% over the existing housing and will put a severe strain on local services such as schools, transport, traffic congestion, parking, doctors/dentists surgeries and other social services. A further 300 houses, occupied by around 1000 persons, would completely overwhelm these services.

In particular, I consider the use of land adjacent to Morton Way to be unsuitable for these 300 houses should they be approved. This land consists of green fields and woodland and is quite remote from the centre of Thornbury, where shops, schools and other services are located, meaning the new residents will inevitably use their cars leading to further congestion and parking problems. Morton Way has long been considered by Thornbury Town Council and the people of Thornbury as the perimeter of development and any encroachment beyond it, however minor, would be a precedent for further development on a large scale.

The recent sale of Filton airfield for housing development should surely influence any decisions on locations for future house building in South Gloucestershire and in Thornbury in particular.

I hope the proposal is not approved.

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