

FOA Kath Thorne, regarding the housing development on Morton Way.

Dear Inspector

I received a mail-drop through the door today, urging residents to contact you and try to persuade you that 300 houses are not needed on top of the 500 houses that have already been agreed.

I am contacting you to let you know that I believe more houses ARE needed.

I myself have lived in the area for just over 18 months with my family after we moved here from over 200 miles away.

We spent a long time searching a wide radius before settling in Thornbury. We chose it for the schools, the fantastic park and the amenities available plus the sense of community.

My children have settled in their schools and we have all made friends.

Unfortunately, we are now in the process of looking elsewhere due to the lack of suitable affordable housing available to us. The privately rented house we are in is too small for us due to the arrival of my baby son, and we have no way of being able to afford anything bigger than what we have. This causes us rather a lot of difficulties, not least having a whole household woken up by my insomniac son.

I believe that if there was more housing it would make it more affordable for people like my family and I. It would also maybe help to address the need for families coming into the area rather than the staleness of certain demographics that currently reside here.

I feel it is a shame that residents in the area maintain that extra housing is not required, I wonder if this is due to them already having their own homes.

I hope this email will make you realise that not all the residents want to prevent development although I feel by the time extra housing is available, it will be too late for us.

Kind regards

Julie Dunn