

Sent: 28 January 2013 08:03

To: Programme Officer

Subject: Extra housing

I am responding as asked to a leaflet recently delivered to my home address. The leaflet describes a proposal for 300 houses at Morton Way.

I object to this proposal, even though I live nowhere near Morton Way. I don't want 300 more houses *anywhere* in Thornbury. Why do 300 have to be erected en-bloc anyway, why can't they be dispersed throughout S Glos e.g. 10 here, 8 there?

I live near enough the town centre not to need my car to go shopping, but I notice that the town centre car parks are often filled to capacity, both with workers and shoppers from outlying areas. No doubt many of the 300 newcomers will use the car parks too. Traffic chaos!

Aside – you may be interested to know that I now hardly ever do any shopping in Thornbury, and on Sunday it's a ghost town. Even the new WH Smith doesn't open, presumably because of Thornbury's Mediaeval trading laws. Either that or its bone-idle shopkeepers. I now do nearly all my shopping in Yate on a Sunday – and I have to get there fairly early because the car parks are jam-packed – because of *demand*, not overpopulation!.

There is even a barber, the only one I ever seen in my life open on a Sunday. Alternatively Chepstow, where again on a Sunday WH Smiths, Greggs, Wilkinsons, 'International' Store, plus many others, and even some of the charity shops are all open and thriving. Buzzing in fact.

Thornbury is a very handy place to live for its motorway access, but it's management is just *primitive*. It's slogan should be "Thornbury, Gateway to Somewhere Else").

Regards,

GA Martin