

**Sent:** 30 January 2013 14:22  
**To:** Programme Officer  
**Subject:** Michael Stirrup - NO HOUSES ON MORTON WAY

I was 'invited' to give my views on this proposal by a LIB DEM sheet posted through my door. I give my response on a non-political way, as a concerned Thornbury resident.

- I do not oppose extra housing in Thornbury. Actually Thornbury needs more and younger people, as the Town's average age must be quite high. The Town is literally dying.
- I really have no feeling for whether the right number to boost the Town is 500 extra homes or 850 extra homes, but I do know that Thornbury, like many towns, is really suffering - and not just because of the recession. That having been said, existing car parking facilities in the Town hardly cope now. I do worry if the Town's infrastructure can cope with 500 new homes, let alone 850.
- I resent the way that the extra 350 seem to have been tacked on as an afterthought.
- My main concern is the proposed second location at Morton Way. I live off Grovesend Road, and I stress that I cannot see any new Morton Way development from where I live, so my concerns are not NIMBY based, but are three:

1. It has always been difficult to access the A38 during rush hour, though the addition of traffic lights has certainly made things safer. Extra traffic from both Park Farm and Morton Way will see rush-hour gridlock on the hill up from Morton Way roundabout

2. We all know that Morton Way is like a racetrack. I fear for families on the other side of Morton Way, having to cross Morton Way to go to school. My wife and I are runners, and find it difficult enough!

3. My biggest concern is aesthetic. Morton Way provides a natural border to the Town, and land 'the other side' of Morton Way gives the Town a rural setting in and when approaching the Town, just as the pleasant descent of Thornbury Hill provides a second pleasing entry point. I am really concerned that once the Morton Way barrier has been breached, Thornbury loses its country town feel. Of course Park Farm is a breach of the Town boundary too, but it is unfortunate for those that live there, that the breach is largely unseen. If Morton Way is breached, then Thornbury will be built to the A38 quite quickly, starting with a new access road.

So in summary:

- **I resent the way that the extra 350 seem to have been tacked on as an afterthought.**

- **My main concern is the proposed second location at Morton Way, breaking a barrier that preserves the Town's integrity and stops it from sprawling.**