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To: Programme Officer

Subject: Hilary Fensome - Proposed additional houses -Thornbury

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I've lived in Thornbury for 42 years and during this time I've seen many housing developments spring up eating away at the green fields, yet here we are again with planners hell bent on putting more strain on local schools, services and roads.

1. Getting out of Thornbury to go to work is already a pain, and I routinely wait for ages to get onto the A38. More houses, more people, more cars, more congestion, more time needed to travel to work, and more greenhouse gasses pumped into the environment.

2. Getting a Dr or dentist appointment is like trying to arrange an audience with the pope, that's only going to get worse for the existing local residents and any newcomers.

3. Thornbury High Street needs investment, its primarily charity shops these days but I see nothing to say that developers are going to properly invest in the community, apart from shoving in another little local shop maybe?

4. The schools have been under pressure with intake since before my kids started (they are now 25 & 22 yrs) how on earth will the schools cope with yet more local children? Or will these kids be bussed out/driven to other schools in the area only adding to the morning chaos and congestion?

5. South Glos local council cannot deliver a decent service to the community as it stands, a bit of snow and its carnage, with bins not collected for weeks and rubbish building up in back gardens. Will our exorbitant rates skyrocket to cover the cost of delivering services to the new proposed homes, or will the 'service' deteriorate further?

Finally, as a longstanding resident, if these homes go ahead (along with the spectre that is the monstrosity planned for Oldbury Nuclear Power Station) I'll be left with no choice but to up sticks and move from a town that's been my home since I was 8 years old - you are ruining what has been a lovely place to live and raise children, and its all for the developers "buck" into council coffers.

Shame on you.

Hilary Fensome