

Dear Ms. Thorne

I am writing to express my opposition to the 300 extra houses that are being considered to be built on Morton Way, Thornbury. I have a number of concerns:

- One of the reasons given for extra housing in Thornbury is to address the falling school numbers in the area. My children attend Crossways Infant and Crossways Junior Schools. Neither of these schools are experiencing falling numbers. In fact, this year's Reception intake is one of the biggest for many years. My son is in Year 3 and his class has the maximum number of 30 in his class. An extra 300 families would put these schools above their capacity and impact on my children's schooling.
- Another reason given for extra housing is to boost the failing high street in Thornbury. There are many reasons why the high street is failing in Thornbury and a lack of shops is not one of them. People are changing the way they shop. More and more people are shopping online so they don't shop locally. Thornbury is very much a dormitory town where people live here but work and shop elsewhere. We live very close to the Mall at Cribbs Causeway so that is an obvious place to shop. It has nothing to do with a lack of people in the local area.

In addition, I would add that a review of how many children would be expected to move to Thornbury in the proposed housing and if there are enough school places available in Thornbury to accommodate this.

I hope you will be able to give my comments some consideration before a decision is made on Morton Way.

Many thanks.

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