

Sent: 31 January 2013 17:43

To: Programme Officer

Subject: For the attn of Kath Thorne - Proposed Housing Development on Morton Way

Dear Ms Thorne,

I am writing to voice my concern at the proposed housing development on land off Morton Way. If it were to go ahead I see this new proposal as the first step to infilling towards the A38 with the loss of Thornbury's green boundary and the demise of Thornbury as a pleasant market town. It will become yet another sprawling suburb.

I fail to understand why there has been a last-minute change of plan. I understood that after years of debate and public inquiry, South Gloucestershire's Core Strategy identified a requirement for 500 houses to be built on the Park Farm site. Why have another 300 houses suddenly been added and who chose land off Morton Way? It certainly wasn't Thornbury Town Council or Thornbury's South Gloucestershire councillors. Don't the local residents and council get a say now? I'd like to know who benefits from this.

I personally don't agree with the additional houses on the Park Farm site either. 500 new houses will put a strain on local resources, but that argument has been lost and we must accept it. However I do not accept that services can cope with 300 houses on top of that agreed 500. So much new development at one time would destroy Thornbury's character. Doesn't South Gloucestershire have more than enough space for new houses on the Airbus airfield site at Filton? That site is huge and will surely allow the developers the chance to incorporate all the things needed for a new estate: roads, schools, shops, car parks, leisure facilities etc. Are these planned for Thornbury?

Please forward my objection to those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Edwards
