

Subject: Morton Way Houses

Dear Kath,

Afraid we are not supporters of the proposed additional houses on Morton Way. Range of objections including:

- Morton Way is a natural boundary, proposed site is not close to schools or amenities, people will drive to everything including children to school...
- Increased traffic on the country roads, Hackett and Crossways are cut through roads already and particularly Crossways, it is dangerous.
- Not clear why we are still developing green field sites in South Gloucester, when there are many brown field sites in towns like Gloucester, Cheltenham etc. It appears just to be cheaper for the developers and hence more profitable.
- Infrastructure will not cope, roads and car parks.
- Thornbury has already accepted a share of the required development, 500 houses at Park Farm. There are no clear benefits that suggests development at Morton Way is a logical decision, why was it chosen when all the arguments of the past two years resulted in the Park Farm development?
- Thornbury is a market town and has a definite character that is already being eroded, further development will continue the damage.
- Before any more new housing is developed it has to be clear whether all leasehold property and empty housing has been reviewed and utilised...nationally we have 870,000 empty houses and enough empty commercial sites to build 420,000 new houses.(Empty House Agency)..why do we need to build more houses or on green field sites?

Regards,

Richard Murray