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Dear Ms Thorne

Re: **Proposal for 300 Extra Homes on Morton Way, Thornbury**

I write to object to the proposal to build a further 300 homes on Morton Way, Thornbury.

We do not need the additional houses and the district of Thornbury is already over subscribed for the number of facilities and infrastructure we have in place.

I am not a "newcomer" to the town, in fact I can trace my family roots back five generations here and my family owned a major business in the town which was lost to the new Shopping Centre in 1981. I therefore feel I am well placed to comment on the proposal.

As it stands at the moment we are unable to see a doctor without giving 3 days notice and to get to see a dentist can take months. The Rock Street Car Park fills up very quickly on a Saturday and if people can't park they won't shop. The new homes already consented on Park Farm will only exacerbate the problem, and to add a further 300 into the equation would be just foolish.


Another major problem which the Inspector has not considered is where these people will work. There is no employment locally which pays a sufficient salary to be able to afford a mortgage or bring up a family (Thornbury is renowned for being a very low paid area – the majority being minimum wage). This means that the occupiers must travel further afield to find a decent wage, be it Aztec West or, like myself, Bristol.

I would like the Inspector to try and travel from Thornbury to Bristol to arrive by 8.30am to find a parking space and see what time he needs to leave Thornbury. The morning commute is never less than 1½ hours and just yesterday was 2 hours and 10 minutes, on a normal day with no adverse weather conditions. The evening rush hour is just as bad. The A38 just cannot cope with today's traffic, never mind another 500 or possibly another 800 vehicle movements.

The decision is being made by someone who does not see the area at its worst. If the Inspector has been to Thornbury it was probably in the daytime when travel is reasonably easy. Until the road network has been sorted we cannot take any further development.

I hope that the Inspector takes these comments on board and makes his decision based on fact and not fiction.

Yours sincerely


Elizabeth Blaker (Mrs)