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Kath Thorne,
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Dear Kath Thorne,

We are very disquieted at the prospect of a further increase in the population of Thornbury by the proposed development at Morton Way. This increase will be in addition to the new Park Farm development, which altogether will result in around 2,500 new residents in the town.

Thornbury town centre is a very small, compact area, with no space to expand facilities to accommodate such a large increase in usage. Pressure on facilities will be to the detriment of the present population.

In particular, the problem of parking in the town centre will be a night-mare, especially taking into account the anticipated loss of the car-park behind the National Westminster Bank. The present parking arrangements are barely adequate, and, as stated above, there is no area in the town centre which could be used to extend parking facilities. This will have a detrimental effect on the viability of the commercial and social facilities of the town centre.

Employment opportunities in the immediate area of Thornbury are limited. The majority of new-comers will have to travel considerable distances to work, resulting in increased road usage and pressure on public transport.

Lastly, we foresee that the geographical position of the Morton Way proposed development will create a car-dependent enclave, contrary to the environmentally friendly aspirations of Thornbury.

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In view of the problems outlined above we wish to register our objection to the proposed Morton Way development.

Yours faithfully,

