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Dear Kath Thorne

Re: Extra 300 Houses proposed on Morton Way, Thornbury

I write with deep concern over the plan to build 300 houses on Morton Way, in addition to the 500 houses, already agreed in S. Gloucestershire's Local Plan [Core Strategy], to be built on the Park Farm Site.

As a local resident of Thornbury, I am very aware of the huge amount of care and negotiation which was given to the establishment of the Core Strategy, as it considered both the Government's requirements for new housing, and also the ability of Thornbury's infrastructure to sustain the large number of new houses now agreed in the Autumn of 2012.

I am also aware that extra care was given not to build beyond the Morton Way boundary to Thornbury, and so to create a precedent for further development in the green fields area outside that boundary.

The sudden requirement for 300 extra houses, additional to the 500 houses already agreed, seems to me to negate all the planning contained within the Core Strategy. It would also damage badly the character of Thornbury as a market town, and would represent the beginning of a very large sprawl, difficult to encompass into the precious sense of community which Thornbury shares at present.

I therefore very much hope that the Inspector will reconsider his intention to change the Plan, which had been developed over four years, when he comes to consider Thornbury's case at the Public Inquiry on 07 – 03 – 13.

Yours sincerely

[Canon] Michael G. P. Vooght.

[Vicar of Thornbury until 2002]