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Feb 3rd 2013.

Kath Thorne,
Programme Officer,
South Gloucestershire Council,
PO Box 2081,
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Re: Proposed extra 300 houses on Morton Way, Thornbury.

Dear Ms. Thorne,

As a home owner and Community Tax payer in Thornbury, I wish to express my opposition to the proposal to site houses on Morton Way Thornbury, for the following reasons.

- The removal of rain permeable ground by building on the fields adjacent to Morton Way, Thornbury, will create an additional flood risk. This was proven in January this year (2013) by the rain saturated fields creating an impassable flooded road at the Morton Way /Gloucester Road junction. Concreting the fields for development next to these roads will exacerbate this problem which will not completely be relieved by any 'village pond' as proposed by the Developers, no matter how picturesque or desirable this feature may be.
- The fields of Morton Way are a desirable and natural boundary to Thornbury. They provide therapeutic relief to the residents as a natural change from the housing and give a welcome refuge for walking and for indigenous animals and plants.
- There will be little financial benefit to the traders and shops in Thornbury as this collection of dwellings will be a dormitory of Bristol or Gloucester and the owners will support the vendors where they work in these localities. They will pay Community Tax to Thornbury but little else. The assurance of a local 'One Stop Shop' on the site by the Developers is unnecessary; there is already an adequate and sufficient One Stop Shop in Primrose Drive less than ½ mile away which serves well the Thornbury North community.
- Morton Way as a road would be inadequate to cope with an increase in vehicle and foot traffic. It would need to be widened, a proposal which is yet to be released and made public. This will result in an increased danger to children and other pedestrians.

Yours Sincerely,

