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**Re: PT18/6450/O | Erection of up to 595 dwellings on land west of Park Farm, Butt Lane, Thornbury, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, BS35 1RA**

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my **objection in the strongest terms** to the above planning application. I am writing on behalf of my parents, who have a house on Buttercup Road (which will be seriously impacted), as well myself as I have a rental property in the new Park Farm estate, plus my house which is in the original Park Farm estate. There are many reasons for my objection but for succinctness I will focus on three: one personal, one practical and one societal, as follows:

**Personal:** My parents bought their house on the corner of Buttercup Road (No.25) and Deer Park in 2019. They are both elderly and disabled and this was meant to be their final move, to a relatively quiet area with views to the fields. I cannot believe that the plans show that right in front of their house is intended to become a major thoroughfare! We were not provided with any indication that this could be a possibility when they purchased the property, and definitely would not have gone ahead with this purchase if we had known. I have not had the heart to break it to them about what might happen. I honestly believe it would be the death of them.

**Practical:** Secondly, the road infrastructure is already struggling under the strain of the increased traffic from the existing development, particularly at the top of Butt Lane and the junction with Gloucester Road, despite the recent road alterations. At peak time in the mornings, the queue stretches a considerable way back down Butt Lane and it can take a long time to turn right out of Butt Lane onto Gloucester Road in particular. Frustration leads to people doing risky things and there have been several prangs there already (plus a fist fight!) It is inconceivable that the local infrastructure could cope with the additional vehicles resulting from this proposed development (likely at least an additional 1000+ vehicles assuming most houses will have 1 if not 2 vehicles).

**Societal:** The land proposed for the development is high-quality agricultural land – we are already in the midst of a food and farming crisis, where due to the combined effects of global warming and shocks to the market, the need to be self-sufficient in our food production in a sustainable (and ideally net zero way) has never been greater. It is this small but insidious chipping away at pristine farmland which is adding to this crisis. Is this housing development actually needed? If so, does it need to be here? There are plenty of other sites in the environment of Thornbury, some brown field, that should be considered in preference to the destruction of valuable farmland, particularly in the environs of Thornbury Castle which are rich with historical significance.

I trust that these points will be fully considered in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

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