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## Statement - Objection to proposed development

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Dear All,

Having moved to Thornbury nearly four years ago we have already seen a lot of negative impacts on the surrounding area. When we originally looked at Park Farm it was appealing as it was on the edge of Thornbury. Since then the following have been built or completed including Park Farm (phase 4) Morton Meadows, Thornbury Fields and now Cleeve Hill.

My main argument is split into three parts.

### Part 1 - Highways

The surrounding roads to the developments are totally unsuitable for the amount of traffic. With the majority of family dwellings being built there are obvious pinch points around school times. These roads are frankly dangerous with the junction of Butt Lane, Morton Way, Gloucester Road especially dangerous. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident or worse due to sheer volume of traffic attempting to navigate the options.

Even once you are through the junction there are only two viable routes to the A38 (where the majority of traffic I'm sure travels). If you go past three new developments around Morton Way to reach this access point then you will be queuing. If you go through the town centre and past multiple children on bikes, prams and pushchairs then you queue up the hill. Neither access point was designed for this level of traffic and I request that updated transport surveys are completed as the amount of car traffic will only have increased since the last survey. Making changes to junction 14 of the motorway are a red herring as the problem is prior to the traffic joining the motorway.

Second highways issue is the proposed bus routes. I personally wouldn't use the service as it is expensive and not an efficient use of time. Each year David Wilson Homes asks for completion of a travel survey. Out of all the responses on Park Farm how many as a total and a percentage opt to favour the bus route? As the number of routes has already been halved from the original plan then obviously bus travel is not a preferred option. Therefore the proposal of a bus route linking the new development is both a waste of time, money and impact to the environment for an empty bus to travel around. This has only been added to the plans as it is quite obviously too far from Thornbury high street to walk regularly. I know from personal experience that walking with two children under 8 takes the best part of an hour from Park Farm and the proposed distance from the new development would be much greater. This new development is not walking distance for families and contradicts the mainly family sized / priced houses that are proposed.

### Part 2 - Environment

From your opening comments of your walk around the Castle Loop as it known in our house you can see for yourself the impact another development would have on the ancient fields and woodland that cover the site. The trees are at least a couple of hundred years old and would be environment vandalism to allow these to be removed. I live on the edge of Park Farm so regularly walk around this area and have seen more than once bats, deer, foxes, birds of prey and woodpeckers all living in the area. I don't know enough to comment on the actual quality of the land for dairy but the fact that cows have been grazed on these fields each year since I moved in surely indicates that these are good quality farming fields. Should these not be kept especially when as a country we need to produce more food rather than importing? Once these fields are taken they cannot be replaced.

### Part 3 - Local Amenities

Thornbury is currently struggling and many of these developments have not been completed. It is near impossible to find a dentist or doctor with space. The pharmacies are crowded with queues and supermarkets cannot keep the shelves stocked. Another 595 houses will only stretch these problems. The town needs time to grow and adapt to existing developments before any other ones are built.

In summary I would like to express the opinion that for the reasons given above that the development is rejected and the local community is given a chance to breath from the recent number of developments.

Regards,