

Turnberries Community Centre

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2022 09:26
To: Turnberries Community Centre
Subject: Fwd: Local Residents Statement for Barwood Inquiry

Good morning,
Could you please print off a copy of the attached email, please?
I am attending the Planning Inquiry here and have just received this on my mobile, so I need a hard copy.
Thanks,

Roger Hall

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From: N Jordan [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, 30 Sep 2022, 08:51
Subject: Local Residents Statement for Barwood Inquiry
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Roger

It was nice to meet you yesterday. I am sorry I am unable to attend in person this morning . Please find below statement to read at inquiry.
Nikki (Nicola) Jordan

I am sorry that I am unable to attend in person to read this statement, I am working and have been unable to change this.

I have lived on the outskirts of Thornbury for nearly 40 years. During this time I have seen Thornbury expand from a small market town as more and more houses are built. It is now very difficult to obtain a GP appointment or a dentist appointment. The pharmacies are overwhelmed with long queues and delays in dispensing medication. The two large supermarkets frequently run out of certain produce unless one shops early morning. Schools are oversubscribed.

The A38 is gridlocked at peak commuter times, and very busy at other times as people leave Thornbury and the surrounding villages to work in Bristol. It is evermore becoming a commuter town. This is adding to the pollution and negative environmental impact. People who get fed up queuing on the roads leading to the A38 and the A38 itself use the minor and single track lanes instead and put cyclists, horse riders, dog walkers and family's walking children to school at significant risk of harm as they speed around these lanes that were never designed for such use. From an environmental perspective these lanes and heggerows and associated wildlife are being eroded and lost forever as cars, vans and lorries try to pass each other.

Particularly during the winter, or after a lot of rain the villages and roads around Thornbury, particularly towards the River Severn experience flooding due to the local topography, this is despite measures introduced by South Gloucestershire Council to try to slow and channel the rainwater. This is likely to increase due to climate change.

The public foot paths and cycle paths around Thornbury are enjoyed by so many people, it is possible to leave Thornbury Castle and be in countryside in minutes. The views, wildlife, peace and tranquility and fresh air are such a

tonic for so many people, this was particularly evident during the Covid Pandemic.

I am fortunate to own a paddock with road access, I am regularly approached by companies offering an unconditional purchase of the land to bank for development opportunities, despite it currently being green belt. These people do not care about the local community, the people that live and breath this land, the quality of their lives, the surrounding environment, wildlife, historic value and future global warming issues that will negatively impact this low lying land. They are just interested in profit.

From a residents perspective building circa 600 houses at Barwood will exacerbate all of the above issues I have experienced and highlighted for you to consider.

Nicola Jordan
Sent from my iPad