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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to raise some concerns about the proposed long term development on Washwell Fields in Painswick. My objections fall into the following points:

1. The field is a beautiful green field site, currently grazed by cattle, a hillside location, full of wildflowers, wildlife, mature trees and any development would be seen for miles around;
2. Access to the area is very poor and would necessitate more traffic on an already narrow minor road, just off the bottleneck of the A46 which is notoriously congested at rush hours;
3. The site slopes steeply down the side of a hill and the ground is likely to need stabilising;
4. The size of the site is fairly small, suggesting that development on it would have to be of quite substantial houses for economic reasons, not starter homes or ones that would serve the needs of the community
5. The site backs onto Washwell House, a Grade 2 listed building ,with a fine prospect and one of the buildings that adds character to the village
6. Painswick is often described as the Queen of the Cotswolds, and is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty- to ruin its precious margins with more development detracts from tourism in one of the most unique rural/village environments in the world.

I completely understand the need for more housing nationally and locally, but the last time Painswick was 'developed' we ended up with a large and expensive old people's home which almost no one can afford, and rows of houses which are way beyond the price of most first time buyers. The last time this site was considered for building on, the plans were rejected because of reasons similar to ones given above.

Some houses in Painswick are second homes and a number seem to lie empty a good part of the year. It would be good to have more young people in the village, but there are not and will not be the jobs for them in such a community. What is the motivation for building there? I cannot see the outcome as anything other than a few more expensive houses ( of which the village has too many), the loss of another green field site, no real benefit for the community or youngsters. If there were a real desire to develop the site for first homes I think the idea would have some merit, but there are better, less beautiful, less scarring, more accessible areas in the village and surroundings where more useful development could take place.

Yours faithfully,

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