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Subject: Washwell field proposal

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Dear Local Plan Team,

We would like to register my strong opposition to the Washwell field proposal as part of the local plan for Stroud/Painswick on the grounds of traffic & safety.

https://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/draft_plan_2019.pdf

The proposal is concerning with regards to the safety of vehicular traffic as well as pedestrian and other roads users together with the negative impact on the village.

1. There would be increased congestion on the junction of Lower Washwell lane with the A46 – which is already dangerous & difficult to navigate, especially in rush hour. I have already personally been involved in a road traffic accident with another vehicle at this location, and although one of my children was in the car with me, thankfully she was not hurt. We may not be so lucky next time.
2. For those not wanting to take the risk of turning right at this junction the other option will be to drive through the village and along vicarage street. As a single lane, historical road – this would increase congestion, traffic pollution & noise and reduce quality of life for residents as well as attractiveness in this area of outstanding natural beauty.
3. The plans raise grave concerns about the safety of pedestrians, in particular the children and the elderly as increased traffic on lower washwell lane would increase risk to pedestrians using the lane – which is narrow, single track and does not have any pavement.

We recognise the need for new, affordable housing in Painswick and the responsibility for identifying suitable areas for development, however we hope that the concerns of residents will be taken into account and any proposal for washwell field be reconsidered, with the proposed access point for site (on lower washwell lane) specifically identified as a serious cause for concern – BEFORE plans are taken forward. We must take these steps in order to avoid a fatality in our village.

With thanks

