Painswick is a Tier Three settlement with reasonable facilities and employment opportunities, which are both integrally linked to the tourism industry. Painswick has numerous Listed Buildings, a large Conservation area and is situated in the AONB. It is important that the village retains both its historic importance and rural charm; as these are the very reasons why people chose to live in the area and 'guests' come from all over the world to visit Painswick.

Possible development sites/extending the Settlement Boundary

Except for a few possible in-fill sites, there is limited scope for development without causing significant harm to the open spaces. The review identifies two areas; site A (PA1004) and site B (PA1008) which would extend the settlement boundary to enable limited development. However, both these sites come with their own difficulties and would cause significant harm to the countryside. This Council would only support such an initiative if it were to provide real opportunities to address the need for 'affordable housing', but believe that developers could abuse the opportunity on viability grounds. This Council believes it would be much better to identify some Exception Sites of which Site A & B maybe prove to be suitable. The opportunity to investigate whether these sites could be developed as Exception Sites will be removed if these sites were included in the Local Plan for general development. Therefore, Painswick Parish Council objects to the Settlement Boundary being extended.

Town Centre boundaries

Painswick Parish Council has previously raised concerns about the actual Town Centre Boundary which fails to encompass all the retail facilities. We are further concerned that there is insufficient protection/enforcement for the existing retail businesses. This Council would like the boundary extended to recognise all the retail facilities (as per map previously supplied) and appropriate measures taken to ensure that our centre is not permitted to deteriorate further.



