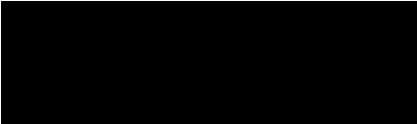


To: Stroud District Council Planning Department

Cc: Painswick Parish Council



15th January 2020

Re Washwell Fields-PS41

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern re the potential building of a small housing estate here and make the following comments

1. The role played by this site in contributing to the setting of the conservation area is very important to the area's character and significance. Painswick is in an AONB and is renowned for its many attractive buildings, its church and the ambience created by the narrow streets and lanes. 20 new houses built so close to its centre would greatly detract from this, especially when viewed from across the valley.

2. Lower Washwell Lane is extremely narrow and winding and in some places very steep. In my view access to 20 houses would create mayhem and ruin the character of this old lane. There would likely be some 40 more cars plus all the extra service vehicles etc. using it. There is no footpath nor street lighting and with pedestrians and many school children using it twice a day it would create a potentially dangerous situation. The proposed access is on a very sharp bend and would be alarmingly dangerous for motorists and pedestrians alike.

3. The Recreation Ground is accessed from two points in this lane with no allocated parking, in fact a few vehicles use the small strip of land alongside our hedge for parking to gain access. There is a severe shortage of parking in Painswick as evidenced by the many vehicles parked on and off pavements causing pedestrians to walk in the road and also causing obstruction to large/ emergency vehicles. More cars in the village would make the situation worse. Using Lower Washwell Lane as an access for the construction vehicles involved in the building would be a nightmare—a disaster waiting to happen.

4. The facilities and support services in Painswick are already very limited with one small General Store, a Chemist, a Charity Shop and a Post Office open twice a week for a couple of hours. The Doctor's surgery now has a wait of up to 5 weeks for an appointment. 20 more houses and their inhabitants would create more overload.

Finally, the knock on effect of a further twenty houses in Painswick would be considerable and of no benefit to anyone.

Yours faithfully,



Stroud District Council
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