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We (a number of residents of Lower Washwell Lane, Painswick Glos), strongly object to any development activities on the land adjacent to Lower WashWell Lane, which we believe was previously the property of Washwell House.

Our key objection is to that of access. Unless access is made from the A46, then we believe that any development is at best leading to a dangerous traffic issue on Lower Washwell lane.

Lower Washwell lane is single track with very tight, blind turns. It is often frequented by cars who occupants make use of the recreation ground. Young children are also often present on the road in order to gain access to the recreation ground. This presents more danger/ hazards to users of the lane and which will be further exaggerated by additional traffic load on the lane.

It appears (from Highways advice) that the scope for widening Lower Washwell Lane and remedying this problem is very limited/not possible.

In addition, we also object to this land being developed due to use of the land by the local wildlife, including foxes, badgers and a family of local Tawny Owls that are often seen to feed in this field.

If the council are keen to make better use of this area, we wonder whether the creation of a formal wild life sanctuary might be more appropriate, which might attract more visitors to the village and create a small number of jobs. Any such plans should involve proper provision of parking within the village.

Lastly, I would question the whole 'Painswick needs more housing ethos'. Where is the data to prove this? Why do we need to develop such an area of outstanding natural beauty based on wide speculation and not hard facts not a vague interpretation of current government guidelines?