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## **Local Plan Review (Draft Plan for Consultation) November 2019 – Response**

Firstly, please refer to the original response dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, submitted by Painswick Parish Council, which we consider still relevant.

With reference to PS41 Washwell Fields (see page 146); this Council has received considerable correspondences from local residents, expressing their concerns on the inclusion of this site in the Local Plan Review. In particular, the issues regarding access to the site, which you have acknowledged on Page 53 of the Emerging Strategy Consultation Report – Part Two as a ‘physical constraint’ and ‘unresolved.’ Therefore, this Council would like the access constraints addressed to establish whether this issue can be resolved before this location is included in any updated Local Plan.

This Council has also been made aware of a Legal Covenant that affects Washwell Fields, therefore we request that the Legal Department at Stroud District Council, look at the detail of the Covenant, and advise as to whether this site remains feasible.

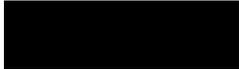
If Washwell Fields are found to be unsuitable/unviable, then this Council would again refer you to our original response regarding the alternative sites and our specific comments in relation to them.

With reference to the Retail Centre; this Council has requested (and a new map was provided as part of our previous response) that the flawed Town Centre Boundary that defines the town centre is redrawn. We can find no mention of this in the draft plan. This Council considers this imperative for the protection of its remaining retail units, tourism offer and its viability, therefore please ensure that this is now included and the Town Centre Boundary is amended. We consider this request to be in line with the aim of ‘Maintaining and improving the vitality of Painswick Town Centre’, which is described as a key issue and top priority on page 140 of the Local Plan (Draft Plan 2019).

With reference to Sheepscombe; Page 147 “Development Strategy” states that development may be permitted (exceptionally) adjacent to the Settlement Development Limits (subject to policy criteria). Please note, as per the new Delivery Policy DCH2 (see page 153), point 3, requires the support of the Parish Council. As per our original response, this is unlikely to be forthcoming at the current time.

Finally, Painswick Parish Council wishes to record its support for the new Delivery Policy DHC4 – Community led housing; which could be an appropriate way of providing smaller properties to allow for starter homes, homes for the elderly and for those wishing to downsize.

Yours sincerely



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## **Local Plan Review**

Firstly, thank you for meeting with \_\_\_\_\_, which gave them both a greater understanding and respect for the detailed work carried out in association with the review of the Local Plan.

Following this meeting, Painswick Parish Council would like to ensure that a health check of the 'Retail Centres' is carried out and as a result, adjustments are made if necessary, to the '2018 Role and Function Study'. Painswick Parish Council also considers it imperative that an amended map of the Town Centre Boundary is included in the Plan.

It was agreed in the meeting that Painswick is somewhat unusual. Painswick is currently Tier 3 in the adopted plan and has been provisionally accessed as Tier 2 in the Draft Local Plan. Painswick Parish Council looks forward to receiving the revised evidence that justifies this change. Painswick Parish Council still have concerns over the definition of the 'Tiers', despite verbal assurances that the tier system is more than just where future development is allocated. Page 49 of the draft local plan states "In addition to allocated sites, development will take place in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in this plan (Core Policy CP3)." Therefore, the evidence to allocate the tiers, needs to be up to date, relevant and applied appropriately. Should this evidence justify a change to Tier Two, then the policy text would need to be amended to protect Painswick from inappropriate development.

Yours sincerely

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