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To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Washwell Fields (PS41)

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Dear Madam, Sir,

I write with regards to the Stroud District Local Plan Review - Draft for Consultation November 2019 and the new houses planned for Washwell Fields (PS41). As there is not a Public Exhibition in Painswick, I write to raise my concerns to the proposed housing development.

Traffic Safety Issues:

1) The proposal will increase traffic on the village lanes never intended for such volumes of use. These village lanes are narrow with poor visibility and already used by many types of user such as cars, bikes, walkers and joggers. Increasing the car, bike and people traffic on such lanes increases the risk of accidents for all users. Further, as safety becomes an increasing concern, it will drive villagers to change their behaviours, for example driving their children to school rather than walking them further exacerbating pollution and congestion.

2) The proposal will increase traffic accessing the A46. The increasing amount of traffic accessing the A46 will increase peak time congestion and increase further the risk of accidents as the junctions are very difficult to negotiate and have limited visibility. The dangers of the current access were demonstrated by the accident in the summer at the A46 junction with Washwell Lane and Pullen's road, requiring the presence of the Ambulance and Police services, then tow trucks to remove the cars involved. The increased traffic will make this junction and others more dangerous.

There was a Public Exhibition in Painswick (last year?) before the draft. There was a large volume of feedback at the exhibition all about traffic and safety, none of which appears to have been considered or resolved in the current draft plan.

In addition, there are a number of other **Infrastructure issues:**

- 1) The vast majority of working people from Painswick have to travel by car for work so the increased traffic will increase the travel and congestion on the A46.
- 2) The village has limited facilities and amenities, these will need significant further investment by the council if they want to further grow the housing in the village.
- 3) The problems created with drainage for existing properties by replacing grassland with housing and roads.

It would be good to understand if there is a plan for the development of whole village including the affordable housing requirement. The current piecemeal housing projects approach does nothing for the safety of existing residents nor for the deficit in affordable housing.

In summary, I am against the proposed development primarily due to the increased traffic and congestion leading to increased risk of accidents for all road users (cars, bikes and people) on village roads never intended to hold such volumes users, but also as it increases infrastructure problems for local people.

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