

**To:** \_WEB\_Local Plan  
**Subject:** Plans for Washwell Fields Painswick - ref PS41

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to present my objections to this proposed development for residential properties in the heart of Painswick.

Such a proposal is entirely unjustified, untenable and inappropriate for the following reasons:

As stated in your own planning documentation, the village and surrounding area is a designated AONB. On that basis alone, such a development should not be considered at all.

Furthermore you mention "landscape sensitivity". These fields are environmentally sensitive, the impact on several endangered species would be irreversible, the ecological damage would be catastrophic. In a time when we are all encouraged to be aware of the effect of such issues, it is unconscionable to propose such destruction of natural habitat - in an area of outstanding natural beauty, especially.

You mention "mitigation measures" and infrastructure requirements. There are no conceivable mitigation measures to counteract the infrastructure requirements for development of this site. The air pollution, noise, disruption and increased level of inappropriate access for construction vehicles to the site will have a wholly detrimental effect on the immediate surroundings and on the village as a whole. This is not a tenable option.

Others have mentioned the dangerous junction at the A46 and start of Lower Washwell Lane. Such concerns bear repeating. There will be accidents, resulting from this ill - conceived project. The junction has no visibility in the Stroud direction, due to legally parked vehicles on the main road. Added traffic will render the junction far more active and inevitably there will be accidents.

Increased traffic will have a severe and dramatic effect on Vicarage Street. This road has existed for hundreds of years. It was not built, nor designed for vehicular access of any description. With the increase of car ownership, large commercial vehicles making deliveries, an already extended minor road will be encroached upon to an unsustainable level. The Parish Council is already conducting surveys to ensure more considerate parking on Vicarage Street. Please refer to Councillor Dawn Dart who is spearheading a campaign to address an already awful problem. Additional traffic would indubitably exacerbate this situation further. There have been instances in recent months when emergency vehicles have not been able to pass. Development of Washwell Fields and the resulting increase of road usage would potentially lead to further such instances - which simply cannot be countenanced.

I therefore venture to recommend that the proposed development of Washwell Fields be rejected. The environmental impact, the destruction of part of an AONB and the effect on road traffic, access to the rest of the village and increased potential disruption to emergency services and refuse collection vehicles render this project wholly inappropriate and should therefore not proceed.

You will please include these comments in your documents as record of my strongest possible objection to these proposals.

Yours Faithfully



Sent from my iPad