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As a resident of Vicarage Street Painswick I am writing to register my objection to this proposal.

Whilst I recognise the need for new housing to be built, I feel the access proposal for this development is totally unsuitable and as a result will cause extreme inconvenience to the residents of Lower Washwell and Vicarage Street, should this development proceed as currently planned.

The proposed access point is very narrow, steeply sloping and is gained from what is essentially a very tight bend in single lane road. The additional traffic caused by potentially 40 additional cars plus, no doubt, frequent visits and deliveries by trade and commercial vehicles, will inevitably cause intolerable traffic pressure particularly at peak times, in Lower Washwell and Vicarage Street, the latter of which is already subject to severe pressure on a daily basis at present.

I just don't think that in formulating this proposal the access proposals been thoroughly and sympathetically considered. There will inevitably and unavoidably be:-

- Significantly increased traffic along Lower Washwell Lane and Vicarage Street
- Increased congestion and passing issues in the single lane areas with numerous choke points in Vicarage Street and the centre of the village
- Increased congestion, tailback and risks of accidents at the junctions with the A46, noting that traffic from the lights in the centre of the village frequently backs up well beyond these junctions
- Increased risks of accidents to pedestrians, children, horses etc
- Due to the above, greatly increased inconvenience and loss of amenity on a daily basis to local residents

If direct access to the A46 was available for this development then the proposal might be more acceptable, however this would not appear to be an option for Washwell Field. Perhaps an alternative site with direct access to the A46 could be considered, eg. perhaps Gyde field, adjacent to Painswick Surgery?

In any event, I conclude by reiterating my objection to this proposal on the basis of the wholly unsuitable and impractical access proposals, and the resultant very negative and harmful effects of greatly increased traffic on the local lanes and roads, as noted above.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Regards

