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I would like to register my concerns about the proposed development at Washwell fields.

### Tier 3

Firstly, I am surprised that the site is even being considered as it falls outside the settlement boundary and is within the Cotswold AONB and wonder if this is because the status of Painswick has changed from Tier 3 (an accessible settlement with limited facilities) to Tier 2 (a local service centre open to further development). It is not accurate to describe Painswick as a "service centre". We have very few shops, no bank, no full time post office, no gift shop, no fresh food shops, no clothes, shoe or tech shops.

I would ask for consideration to be given to an up to date survey of Painswick services with a view to returning Painswick to the correct tier 3 classification as a settlement with limited facilities. This I hope would help protect its rich heritage and continue its protection as a site of outstanding natural beauty. This would be in harmony with the Cotswold Cluster vision to attract high quality tourism to increase economic benefit in the region.

### Access

The proposed access to the site is wholly unsuitable due to the incline, narrowness of roads, and blind bends, already an accident black spot the development will dramatically increase risk for users which includes sports, youth groups and young children who regularly use the adjacent recreational field.

The lane currently becomes impassable in snowy or icy conditions.

Access to the A46 is a very difficult blindspot, difficult to pull out and turn in due to the lack of visibility and narrowness of the road.

### Flooding

In 2007 Painswick suffered severe flooding, this development will add to the risk of flooding due to the increase in impermeable surface.

### Water

Possible adverse impacts of protecting water sources in the vicinity

### Landscape Sensitivity Assessment

The site has been identified as having medium/high sensitivity to development having adverse impact on landscape character.

### Greenfield Site

The site has grade 3 agricultural soil which is likely to be lost through redevelopment.

### Covenant

A restrictive covenant preventing building on the site is registered with HMLR

### Over stretched GP service

The GP service is already struggling with the needs of the existing population with waiting times of 3 to 5 weeks 20 new homes and families will put this service in crisis

Habitat Regulations

A detailed assessment will be required to ensure that adverse effects will not occur that might harm European wildlife habitats or species.

Kind regards

