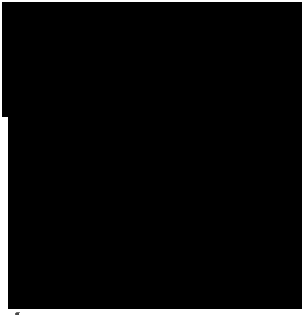


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Development Services



Planning Strategy Team,
Stroud District Council,
Ebley Mill,
Westward Road,
Stroud.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Stroud District Council Draft Plan 2019 ref.PS41

I write again to express my concern that this building development is being considered without reference to safety issues concerning access to and from the site. Your plan indicates that access will be provided from Lower Washwell Lane.

Lower Washwell is a single track lane with no pavement from the A46 down to the bottom entrance to the recreation ground. It is used by children on their way on foot to school. It already carries a significant amount of traffic, which is increased at certain times by cars bringing people to use the facilities on the field. Parking at these times is extremely difficult and often haphazard. The lane leads into Vicarage Street, another single lane road also heavily used and with problems with roadside parking.

Lower Washwell Lane has several sharp bends and below the recreation field on the third bend it becomes very steep. This is already a problem in icy weather and any additional traffic would exacerbate it. If the development goes ahead there are likely to be another 30+ cars needing to use the lane, beside vehicles providing the necessary services to the properties.

The junction with the A46 is already perilous, as parking on the left of the turning prevents adequate visibility when turning right, particularly when traffic from Gloucester is waiting to turn left. The 20mph speed limit is often ignored and cars build up speed coming from the traffic lights, while cars approaching from the right are concealed by the bend in the road until the last minute.

A further point concerning the site. The change of use of Washwell Fields from agricultural to residential poses environmental problems. In times of heavy rain the runoff from a sloping, mainly concreted area will be very different from the present position where most of the water is naturally absorbed. This runoff will eventually find its way to the bottom of the valley and may cause problems as a result.

I note your amended version of the facilities available in Painswick, but one small general store and a pharmacy are limited amenities. Please take all the above information into account when you consider your decision.

Yours Faithfully

