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I would like to register my concern regarding the proposed development of up to 40 houses on Washwell Fields in Painswick. I appreciate the nationwide need for more homes but as a resident of Painswick I am also very aware of the issues relating to increased traffic in a severely restricted area. Access to the A46, under the proposed development would, require negotiating a circuitous route through single track lanes. just this morning I was attempting to turn onto the A46 from Lower Washwell lane in a queue of 2 cars. A car on the A46 was attempting to turn right onto Lower Washwell lane at the same time. Due to the angle of access this car had to cut right across me as it is impossible for 2 cars to pass side by side. I was unable to reverse and neither was the other car due to continuous traffic on the A46, also reversing onto an A road is an offence. So the net result was a complete log jam caused by just 3 cars.

When the local primary school finishes, children and their parents use this lane, as well as riders and dog walkers, to access Painswick, there is no pavement so they are obliged to walk down the middle of the road. The idea of up to 80 extra cars using this lane is literally hair-raising. Dog walkers and people using the recreation ground often park in the few passing spaces in Lower Washwell lane as parking is severely restricted in Painswick. Quite how heavy plant required by construction will be able to negotiate these obstacles, never mind pedestrians in the road is beyond me.

Lower Washwell leads onto Vicarage st, which is already a rat run between the centre of Painswick and the A46. Again the prospect of 80 more cars using this street is deeply worrying. We have had numerous issues where ambulances and fire engines have been unable to attend due to thoughtless parking. At the weekend when the town is full with residents and visitors there is literally nowhere to park on Vicarage Street. The 'ripple effect' of 40 more households with visitors looking for somewhere to park will be catastrophic.

I can appreciate the neat logic of the map on page 145 of your plan, but can only assume no one has walked the surrounding lanes and considered the impact. More suitable access to the A46 could possibly be accessed directly.

Painswick is indeed well served with a primary school, pubs, restaurants and a doctors surgery, however the school is full up and there is currently a waiting time of 3 to 4 weeks for a doctors appointment.

regards

