



To: _WEB_Local Plan
Subject: Comments on Stroud District Council Draft Plan for new housing development on Washwell Fields Painswick

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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to raise serious concerns for your proposal to build up to 20 additional houses at Washwell Fields in Painswick. As a Lower Washwell Lane resident for the last 15 years, I believe there are already significant safety concerns for all road users including drivers, cars and pedestrians which will only be accentuated by the increased traffic in the area that such a development would bring.

-Lower Washwell Lane is single track with no pavement for pedestrians or passing places for cars. As it stands, cars frequently have to reverse up and down the lane to pass each other putting themselves and pedestrians/cyclists/horse riders at risk. When sports events take place at the recreation ground this becomes increasingly difficult with the increased volume of traffic, it can take several minutes to drive just 100 metres.

-There are a series of tight S bends that obscure clear vision, I can think of several near misses with unexpected pedestrians and cars and indeed my husband was knocked off his bicycle on one occasion on one of these blind bends.

-Increased congestion where the lane joins the A46. This is already a very difficult and potentially dangerous junction with unclear rights of way and frequent queues of traffic at rush hour. An increase in vehicles using this will undoubtedly add to the danger and congestion.

-Increased traffic diverting into Painswick centre along Vicarage Street, another narrow road with difficult passing and safety issues for pedestrians.

Surely there must be a safer place for such a development that will not put lives at risk?

Yours faithfully

