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THE DISTRICT FRANCIS

FAO :

Dear Madam.

DEVEL CONTRACTOR

## REFERENCE INCLUSION OF SITE PA1004 WASHWELL FIELDS IN STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF LAND AVAILABILITY

wish to object to this site being included in the SALA as being one in which residential development could be considered.

My reasons for objecting are summarised as follows:

- There would be extremely poor access to the site via Lower Washwell Lane which has a narrow road width where it adjoins the A46. Pullens Road is almost opposite causing further difficulties and parked cars restrict visibility.
- 2. Pedestrian safety would be severely compromised as there no pavements at the top end of the Lower Washwell Lane which is used by children making their way to school. There is a children's playground in the Recreation Ground which adjoins this part of the lane. Furthermore the field is used regularly for football matches, there are tennis courts and the Youth Pavilion all of which can create a high volume of parking in the narrow lane.
- 3. The adverse land impact seems to have been overlooked whereas this site is clearly visible from Longridge, Bulls Cross and Sheepscombe. Washwell Fields has the same characteristics as other sites within the village which have been dismissed for exactly this reason.
- 4. The site is not relatively level as indicated within the SALA assessment and drops away dramatically at the south-east corner where the access seems to be proposed.

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5. The village amenities and parking are extremely limited. I find it impossible to see how Painswick can be categorised in the same grouping as Nailsworth, where there are many retail outlets including supermarkets, and presume this has a direct impact on the number of dwellings which are expected to be built.

I should be grateful if you would take the above factors, and many others of which I am probably unaware, into consideration and withdraw this site from consideration as a suitable location for housing development.

