

To Stroud District Council Planning Department

cc Parish Parish Council



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2nd December 2018

Re Site PAI 004, PS41 – Land off Lower Washwell Lane

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern re the potential building of a small housing estate here and make the following comments

1. The role played by this site in contributing to the setting of the conservation area is very important to the area's character and significance. Painswick is renowned for its many attractive buildings, its Church and the ambience created by the narrow streets and lanes. 20 new houses built so close to its centre would greatly detract from this, especially when viewed from across the valley.

2. Lower Washwell Lane is a very narrow, winding and in some places steep rural lane. In our view access to 20 houses would create mayhem and ruin the character of this old lane. There would likely be some 40 more cars plus all the extra service vehicles etc. using it. There is no footpath nor street lighting and with pedestrians and many school children using it twice a day it would create a potentially dangerous situation.

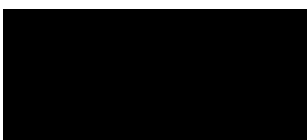
3. The Recreation Ground is accessed from two points in this lane. Vehicles use the small strip of land alongside our hedge for parking to gain access to the more commonly used gate at the top of the lane – all on a sharp/ blind bend. There is a severe shortage of parking in Painswick as evidenced by the many vehicles parked on and off pavements causing pedestrians to walk in the road and causing obstruction to large/emergency vehicles. More cars in the village would make the situation worse.

4. The facilities and support services in Painswick are already very limited with one small General Store, a chemist, a Charity Shop and a Post Office open twice a week for a couple of hours. The Doctor's surgery now has a wait of 2/3 weeks for an appointment. 20 more houses and their inhabitants would create more overload.

Finally, for such an important Strategy Exhibition, there has been no advance notice of it! Only through the quick thinking of a neighbour did we know anything about this meeting. Some people we have spoken to were unaware of it. I hope that any future meetings will be better publicised.

I would appreciate a response to this letter.

Yours faithfully



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