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Ref: Planning Reference P/18/032 and P/18/031

Dear Isles of Scilly Planning Committee

The owner of Tregarthen's Hotel has submitted amended plans for the development of the Tregarthen's Hotel site- in particular the building of self-catering cottages at the north facing front of the hotel (P/18/032 & P/18/031).

I appreciate the owner of Tregarthen's Hotel and the Councillors desire to ensure holiday accommodation meets the requirements of visitors to the Islands, thus making tourism more sustainable. However, **I strongly object to the proposed site for the relocation of the flag pole.** The application to re-site the flagpole states:
6.16 The inclusion of the additional lettering and replacement flagpole reflect the need to help identify the hotel to visitors. The lettering proposed is simply replicating the existing and is painted on to the elevations. Lighting has been carefully chosen to protect light spill and to provide a gentle appropriate light wash to the signage to keep light levels as low as possible consistent with the appropriate commercial use of the site.

6.17 The replacement flagpole simply replaces the former flagpole in a new position. The proposed new flagpole is 10metres high. If this is permitted, it will create a significant and over bearing impact and loss of outlook for the owners of No 3 Garrison Hill and is liable to create a nuisance to anyone near to it, such as people sleeping a few feet away in the front bedrooms in No 3 Garrison Hill. Flags make a noise when they flap in the wind, and the proposed new site for the flag pole is exposed to the north westerly winds. There is no economic, historic, safe and justifiable rationale for relocating this flagpole. It would also negatively impact on the historical significance of the Garrison Hill, much of it already lost by previous decisions to allow past owners of the Hotel to build up and out. I doubt anyone requires a flagpole and flag, you do not need to summon help or warn the population that the Hugh is being invaded. May I politely suggest that if the present location of the flagpole is proving to be a nuisance to the guests of Tregarthen's Hotel, then do not impose such a nuisance on someone else, just so you can wave a flag with your name on it. Why does a highly visible building like the Tregarthen's hotel need a flagpole and flag- the argument that 'it will help identify the hotel to visitors,' is an insult to our intelligence- Tregarthen's Hotel is perfectly identifiable,

probably more so than St Mary's Hall and Bell Rock Hotel. However, if the owner is passionate about keeping a flag advertising his hotel, then it is not unreasonable to ask that it remains where it is.

I admit I do understand the planning process, so please forgive my nativity. On first inspection the amended plans for the development of Tregarthen's Hotel appear detailed, however, on closer inspection, to an untrained eye, who lacks any experience in interpreting architects plans, they seem to omit measurements. It is like me creating a detailed blood pressure chart to monitor someone blood pressure and omitting the valuable information of what your blood pressure readings are. What seems to be proposed is somewhat different from what the Planning Committee agreed to when they passed the plans for development work on Tregarthen's Hotel. Glass balustrades to the front of the building and slight changes. My concern is that there are no height measurements for the proposed cottages at the front of my hotel. It was my understanding that the permission was granted for these new cottages, whereby the height of the roofs would not exceed the height of the roofs on Starboard Light and Portlight cottages. The architect's drawings suggest this is not to be the case. What is the proposed height of the new cottages?

Infrastructure:

There has been a mains water pipe leak directly outside Starboard Light for some weeks. (It was reported)- what started as a trickle of water, developed into a significant leak. What impact assessment has been undertaken on the management of the water /sewerage infrastructure in this area regarding the proposed development of the Tregarthen's Hotel site

Access to the Mermaid car park. Car parking, or lack of it, is becoming public enemy number one on this island. What impact assessment has there been regarding the use of the Mermaid car park during the construction phase of the proposed cottages?

Yours sincerely
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