

P/18/069 The erection of a 3m x 2m shed adjacent to the water reservoir at Vane Hill to house an automatic chlorine dosing system for the island water supply. (within Scheduled Monument) , Reservoir, Vane Hill, Tresco

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record and note that the proposed footprint of the shed appears to lie within the footprint of a Scheduled Monument, a pair of platform cairns (DCO598; MCO31754 (S), MCO31753 (N)-). Two more Scheduled cairns are situated to the west (DCO597, MCO31755; DCO596, MCO31756). The two pairs of cairns are separated by the remains of a non-designated heritage asset, a coastguard lookout station (MCO31757).

Scheduled Monuments are of national significance. Para 194 of the NPPF (2018) states that 'any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification.' This planning application is not accompanied by any such justification.

Para 194 goes on to say that 'substantial harm to or loss of: b) assets of the highest significance, notably scheduled monuments ... should be wholly exceptional.'

If the applicant is determined to continue with this application, as a first step they should commission a Heritage Statement (HS). This HS should comprise two parts: a Statement of Significance that identifies the heritage assets affected, including their settings, and assesses the heritage significance of the identified assets and their settings, sensitivities, and capacity for change; and a Heritage Impact Assessment that summarises the proposals, assesses likely impacts on significance, and identifies any harm, and, where necessary, provides a Mitigation Strategy. This might include an assessment of how the positioning of the proposal might best be accommodated within the need to comply with heritage guidance. A full application should not be determined before this HS is received and we have had an opportunity to comment further. This HS should be carried out by a suitably qualified organisation or individual in accordance with accepted national guidelines. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2018) Chapter 16, paragraph 189 and Isles of Scilly Local Plan policy 1(B). Should an adequate report not be forthcoming, then further consultation with us is advised before determination.

Development Management Archaeology Advice Officer (DMAAO), Cornwall Council

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