



High Pines
McFarlands Down
St Marys
Isles of Scilly
TR21 ONS

Dear Craig, Members of the Council

Following a number of letters of objection from our neighbours we have revisited the proposed development for our property High Pines and would ask for your time to consider the adjustments we are now submitting.

The proposed adjustments for the footprint of the property remains marginally larger than what currently stands, the addition of bedrooms in the roof space is where we ask to increase our living space.

We have endeavoured to reduce the ridge height as much as possible whilst still allowing sufficient space for bedrooms. We have also moved the ridge back in recognition of our neighbours at Fairlawns, who quite understandably do not wish to lose any part of their amazing view, and we hope that this adjustment will ensure that they will not suffer any detrimental effect to their property resulting from our proposal.

We have also withdrawn the first floor windows of the north and south aspect which overcomes the overlooking issues.

With respect to the disposal of foul and grey water, our soak away is oversized and since we have moved into the property at the beginning of May, the level has not changed despite the heavy rain and increase in disposed water. We continue to pay close attention to the level and should this rise at any time we will have it emptied by the usual means.

Other objections appear to be based on something of a personal nature, particularly regarding the number of children we have. To object to a family moving to the locality simply on a basis of the size of family is somewhat ridiculous, and regardless of the protests from our neighbours at Minalto and Green Pastures, a family of six will continue to live in this property, with or without extra bedrooms.

We would like to point out that Mrs Tugwell is incorrect in her statement and that it is not the number of children which we choose to have which determines the choice of house we purchase, instead the reasons to choose this particular property included the factor of cost, location, and quite simply, the available market. May we assume that we have the right to enjoy the freedom of choosing and buying a home for our family, without needing to beg for Mrs Tugwell's acquiescence?

The property (although we realise this is not a given right) was advertised as being perfect for redevelopment and quote 'would lend itself to a roof conversion to provide an additional dormer floor as well as allowing the property to take full advantage of the available sea views.' It was with

this in mind and the knowledge that so many other properties in the road had been developed and enlarged that we felt this house would be perfect for our family.

With regard to the issue of parking as raised by Mr and Mrs Bright; as our children grow up they will undoubtedly have many activities and they will get to these activities on their bicycles, as we have all done ourselves. Given that our oldest child has only recently turned 6 years old and our youngest son is two weeks old, then we are sure that Mr and Mrs Bright need not overly concern themselves with a future time when our children are old enough to own, drive and park their own vehicles.

The other parking issues mentioned in their letter of objection, we can only assume that they refer to the morning of the birth of our son. He was born at home at High Pines and I was attended by a midwife and a doctor, each of whom had a car which was parked on the road outside our property. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused; it being the one occasion that we were indisposed and not able to rectify parking misdemeanours. Prior to that morning, Mr and Mrs Bright have not appeared to have been in residence at their holiday home for the majority of the summer and therefore could not have accurately ascertained which vehicles have been parked in the road and therefore would be unable to fairly apportion blame.

Since we moved into High Pines, our own car has been parked in our drive and there are rarely any other cars parked outside our house at any time. However, even if there were, it is a private road with no parking restrictions that we were made aware of when buying this property.

Whereas we cannot be made responsible for the parking habits of other drivers, Mr and Mrs Bright may be assured that we are very familiar with the requirements of access and egress for emergency vehicles, and that any vehicles that do park inappropriately near our property will be asked to move or reported to the relevant authority.

On a final note, we are sorry should Mr and Mrs Bright feel that their own house has not been built to a high standard, has unstable foundations and is not suitable for families. It is without any doubt, that should they come to sell their property that they will disclose this fact to prospective purchasers.

We are certain that despite the dated nature of High Pines, we have still bought a property which has been built to an excellent standard. Should for any reason, this property need reinforcement of any kind then we will undertake any remedial work immediately.

Mr and Mrs Bright may consider their property to be built on a modest plot, but for us the plot is far from modest and we have worked hard and made many sacrifices to achieve our dream of buying our own home in this location so we may bring our family up in such a beautiful and safe area of the Island.

Yours Sincerely

