

#### SOUTH WEST OFFICE

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Our ref: L00485254

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Dear Mr King

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 & T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 PARK VIEW, 11 THE PARADE, HUGH TOWN, ST MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY, TR21 0LP

Application No P/15/063/LBC

Thank you for your letter of 2 November 2015 notifying us of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

# **Historic England Advice**

Park View is one of a pair of polite grade II listed properties within Hugh Town, St Mary's. They have symmetrical frontages with a central door covered by a flat hood supported on half columns. The application relates to a full renovation of the house and an extension.

Historic England's statutory remit relates to substantial demolition to grade II listed buildings. The loss of the structures to the rear of the principle house, do not raises any significant concerns and we would defer to the conservation officer with regards to the appropriateness of the proposed replacement.

With regards to the wholesale replacement of the roof covering, the application states that this is currently man-made slates and therefore, the replacement with natural slate is a positive step. The choice of slates should look to harmonise with the local vernacular and be agreed with the conservation officer. One small point is the insertion of a small roof light into the front elevation's main roof slope. The roof is a key feature of both buildings, a prominent uninterrupted expanse. We would suggest that, if the insertion of roof-lights is acceptable on the rear of the property, then this small opening should be also be moved to the rear elevation, allowing for the front elevation to retain the attractive uninterrupted natural slate roof, which is a key characteristic.

## Recommendation



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We urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that this application be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your expert conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. If you feel you need further advice, please let us know why.

Please re-consult us if there are material changes to the proposals beyond those necessary to address the issues we have raised. We will then consider whether such changes might lead us to object. If they do, and if your authority is minded to grant consent, you should notify the Secretary of State of this application in accordance with the above Direction.

Yours sincerely

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