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Planning Department
Council of the Isles of Scilly
Town Hall
St Mary's
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Dear Members,

We have applied to build an agriculturally tied dwelling at Peninnis Farm as it is our ambition to take on the farm tenancy when Daniel's parents retire and currently the farm does not accommodate a tied farmhouse. We feel that it is necessary for us to live on site as we have glamping guests and an increasing number of livestock on the farm to take care of.

We were both born, raised and educated on the islands, Daniel being brought up on St Mary's and Zenna on Bryher. Both sets of parents still remain on the islands with farming backgrounds. In 2014 we both gained Specific Local Need status from the Council.

Zenna returned to the islands 6 years ago after graduating from University and worked for the Council for a short time before joining the Duchy of Cornwall office where she has been for the past 5 years as a PA to the Land Steward but it's her desire to be actively involved and employed on the farm.

Daniel also returned to the islands 6 years ago after completing a marine engineering apprenticeship and worked for Bryher Boat Services for 3 years, working his way through the necessary tickets to skipper the jet boats and Firethorn. He plays an active part in the community being a Lifeboat engineer crewmember and also an annual gig rower.

Daniel has now been on the farm full time for the past 3 years and has played a large part in bringing to fruition significant changes during that time, some of which include the addition of our glamping tents, building up a herd of 19 Ruby Red cattle, introducing 3 breeding sows and a bore (we produce between 40-60 pigs a year) all for local consumption, along with a flock of 300 laying hens.

We have further ideas to expand on the farm produce which is made possible by our new outlet in town (The Farm Deli) but our objective at the moment has to be to secure somewhere to live as we are both 27, recently married and are expecting our first child in April. We currently live on the farm with Daniel's parents but this arrangement will no longer be suitable and our desire is for a family home.

The opportunity of living and working on the farm is something that we are very passionate about and having the chance to build our own home on St Mary's is something that we would feel very grateful for. The investments we hope to make on the farm are, in reality, a lifetime commitment and with your consent we will be able to raise our family on Scilly and remain as custodians of Peninnis Farm

We truly hope you will look favourably on our application.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel & Zenna May