Application number: P/16/132

Sevenstones Inn, Lower Town, St Martins

Side extension for use as function space and dining room and change of use of land at front for use as amenity area, new access and landscaped garden.

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record and note that the immediate area is rich in prehistoric monuments and findspots and that the footprint of the proposed extension lies within land characterised as Anciently Enclosed Land, a type known to be high in potential for buried archaeological remains. We also note that the proposal to terrace the garden to the south of the pub has the potential to damage any buried archaeological remains that may be present.

We therefore recommend that if consent is given that the footprint of the extension and any areas of landscaping are subject to archaeological excavation prior to the commencement of groundworks. This work should be secured by a Condition which includes words recommended by the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO), as follows: A) No demolition/development shall take place/commence until a programme of archaeological work including a Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme shall include an assessment of significance and research questions, and: 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording, 2. The programme for post investigation assessment, 3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording, 4. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation, 5. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation, and 6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation. B) No demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A). C) The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured. D) The archaeological recording condition will normally only be discharged when all elements of the WSI including on site works, analysis, report, publication (where applicable) and archive work has been completed.