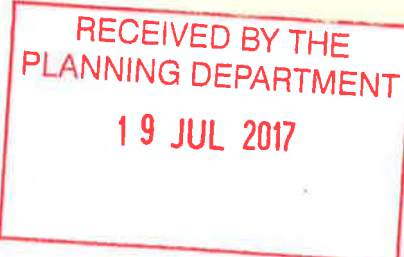




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Dear Sirs,

Re: Ref P/17/054/FUL  
Change of use to provide a fixed trading site for use by  
mobile food and beverage business

I would like to start on a personal note. Approval of the above-mentioned planning application would mean that we will have a burger van, or similar, just metres from the front of our house, six hours a day, seven days a week for the whole summer, bringing with it inevitable smells, noise and litter and obscuring our view. I don't believe the Licensing and Planning Officers have considered how severely affected the quality of life in our own home will be and how worried we are.

I also have several general, but equally important, objections, as follow:

- 1) *Location.* The site is proposed to be located on land designated as a public highway and will cause problems for traffic and pedestrians.
- 2) *Parking.* This site will take up valuable parking spaces.
- 3) *Appearance* Holgates Green is a real asset to the islands. Visitors and locals alike love to sit there enjoying the tranquillity and the picturesque surroundings. A mobile food business, with its appearance, smell and noise, would be totally out of keeping in this conservation area which has several grade 11 listed buildings
- 4) In this location there is already a public house serving food, a take-away shop and a restaurant as well as self-catering and Guest House businesses. The properties and businesses will ALL be adversely affected. Homes, Guest Houses and self catering establishments will have to keep their windows closed in the hottest months of the year because of the smell.
- 5) The gulls are already a problem on the Green, spreading rubbish. The smells and the litter will worsen the situation.
- 6) I feel that it seems disrespectful to put a mobile food 'van' in front of the Catholic Church and garden.
- 7) On your supporting statement you say that the site would have established seating. This is not necessary. People buying take-away food are happy to do just that - take the food away and find their own spot to eat. These seats were not established for the use of mobile van operators.

8) There would be an electrical connection traversing the pavement. Even with a cover, this could be a trip hazard - especially as a lot of visitors have mobility problems.

9) We bought our house on the open market. Having a fixed trading site in front of it will devalue our property - and other properties in the area.

This being a conservation area, the Planning Authority are statutorily bound to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the area. The local plan refers to protecting both the islands' natural and built environment. Policy 1 - Environmental Protection Section (c) states that 'to ensure that all relevant future development proposals respect and protect the recognised quality of the islands' natural, archaeological, historic and built environment, they will be permitted only *where*, as applicable, *they preserve or enhance* the character or appearance of the conservation area and preserve the architectural or historic interest of all listed buildings, including their features and settings'.

The Isles of Scilly Street Trading Plan states that 'No noise or smell is permissible where it interferes with residents quiet enjoyment of their homes.'

I feel that a site *should* have been selected before the license was granted to this trader, as this has not only caused a great deal of concern to the residents, but also uncertainty to the trader.

I am concerned that you will choose this site as a 'last resort' since several others have been rejected, but I would respectfully ask you to give it the same consideration and to think of the impact it would have on the community at Lower Strand, with the detrimental appearance, smell, noise and rubbish which will inevitably be created.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Isobel Brown', is written over a yellow rectangular highlight.

Isobel Brown