

P/17/054

6 Lower Strand

St. Mary's

Isles of Scilly

TR21 OPS

22nd July 2017

For the attention of:

Lisa Walton.

With reference to Planning Application of P/17/054 FULL, proposal to provide a fixed trading site for mobile food and beverages at Highway, Lower Strand (West Strand) on west end of existing Bus Stop.

For some unknown reason we were not informed by the council of this planning application that is for a site situated less than 100m from our property on Lower Strand, we were informed by other residents of the area who did receive notifications.

It would appear that the site was considered at a previous meeting of the licensing committee and here I quote from the meeting, *"The sites near the Catholic Church and Methodist Church were rejected very quickly because people may wish to sit there in quiet reflection."*

The Holgates Green area is one of the few open spaces on this side of the town, and is always in use by visitors and locals alike all year round. A place to sit in quiet reflection and just watch the world go by.

As has been pointed out in previous objections the smells that will emit from a mobile food outlet, especially fried food, would be very detrimental to the enjoyment of the area.

As a home owner on the Lower Strand I would point out that in warm weather the windows facing Holgates Green are usually open for fresh air, and the smell of burgers cooking would make that impossible. (When the burger van was situated by the Town Hall, the pervasive smell permeated the whole of the centre of town.)

As custodians of a conservation area, the planning authority are statutorily bound to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the area, and in particular 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 they preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area..."* I feel this proposed development does neither of these.

The site proposed will take out at least two parking spaces, already at a premium for people with businesses on the Lower Strand, and is bound to cause more litter and encourage more troublesome behaviour from seagulls.

People do not queue quietly or in orderly fashion, it is bound to cause more noise and make pedestrians walk on the road rather than the pavement.

I would also point out that there are three food outlets in close proximity to the proposed site, this could only be detrimental to their established businesses.

Yours sincerely,



Tim and Sue Richards

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