

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT.

In 2016 P-16-080 gave permission to build a Workshop/shop on the grounds of Trethagan, behind the hedge near the Road. This was to run the Scilly Billy business from and has been used for working, stock storage and direct sales to visitors and locals over the last tourist season. The main purpose of the shed was to be a workshop and stock storage area, with some direct sales from the premises to passing visitors

2017 was a success it also highlighted some issues with the current workshop. This is due to the current design and size we have and also due to the higher demand there is for 'direct sales' to visitors on St Martins.

There is also a developing 'whole sale' element to other businesses on Scilly. Both these factors give a need for a larger area to store stock.

The main issues are, inter alia:

- Limited space for storing stock, internal space is currently only 2m<sup>2</sup>.
- Difficulties in keeping the building weathertight and stock becoming damp
- Limited headroom on the access door
- Limited space for 'call in' customers to view stock
- Wind damage to the building during the autumn gales.
- Limited space to fit insulation on internal walls and roof



To address these issues and to give room for further expansion of the business we would like to make a moderate increase to the size of the building. To do this we would need to increase the size of the current concrete base by 1m on each side and 1m along the back.

This would allow us to put up a 5m by 4m workshop / store. The extra space and the more substantial building would address all of the issues above. Looking into the next couple of years there is potential for part time work during the summer season, so this would be a benefit to the island.

The proposed shed is timber clad and has a much more windproof design than the existing one, it is also weathertight and insulated. It would be fitted with guttering and a water storage drum to allow for rain water harvesting for use in the garden.

The location of the shed would be on the same footprint as the existing one. This cannot be seen from the roadway, or from School Lane. From the road it is screened by established Pittosporum hedges, from School Lane it is screened by the Boundary fence and the main dwelling on the property.