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Dear Sir/ Madam

re: Planning application P/18/051 by the Karma Group
for six glamping tents

We am writing to express our concerns and to object
to the proposed planning application.

The proposed site is a particularly precious part of the island and, as the application points out, firmly in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Repeat visitors like myself (the authors of this letter are different generations from a family which has been visiting the Island since the 1950s, now in our fourth generation) have been enjoying the wilderness, the tranquility, the peace and quiet of that part of the island, the unspoilt feel, and the magical sunsets and views that spot affords over Tean for many years. This will be altered, perhaps irrevocably, by the presence of up to 24 people. Perhaps a more appropriate spot for Glamping facilities -- if they really are required on St Martins -- would be in a field adjacent to the existing Middletown campsite where some facilities already exist and more could more easily, and with less negative impact, be provided. (Glamping facilities would work well on an island such as Tresco, which has a more 'managed' feel, and as a result leaves the repeat

visitor with the impression that large swathes of that island have lost the rugged feel, and that sense of wilderness. Tresco now clearly caters for a certain type of visitor, which is evident in the 'theme park' style which has evolved in recent years.)

If the UK is to experience increasingly hot and dry summers, then the lack of water is a significant concern. A fire could easily spread through the gorse, pittosporum, and wild vegetation which would devastate the island, in the same way that moors on the mainland and 'wildfires' around the world have resulted in numerous tragedies. This must be a serious concern for all residents and visitors, and creating a fire break would necessarily change that part of the island irrevocably.

The lack of water on the island is also a concern in terms of sanitation. Information on supply and disposal of drinking water and sewage is sparse within the application.

Waste disposal is also another concern. The amount of litter on the islands has increased significantly over the past few years, and there is a serious risk that litter will blow away from the proposed glamping site and pollute other parts of the island.

I hope that you will take these views -- which I know are shared by dozens of other repeat visitors to the island -- into account.

Yours sincerely

Kilmorie Edwards

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