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From: Planning (Isles of Scilly)
Subject: FW: Planning Application Representation; P/18/051

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From: Isabelle Hastie <PROVIDED>
Sent: 03 December 2018 12:59
To: Planning (Isles of Scilly) <planning@scilly.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application Representation; P/18/051

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with regret that we are writing in objection to Karma's application for glamping tents. Our main concerns are the unknown factors concerning waste management and the increased number of people on the island during what is already a very busy peak season.

Having studied the documents provided, only after being pushed for, we still believe there is not enough information on the issue of how the waste from up to 24 extra people will be managed. The plans provided show some sort of portable toilet but have no information about how the waste will be dealt with. How will it be removed? Where will it go? There were many issues with the waste removal from the hotel itself this year, how will even more be managed?

St. Martin's thrives during the peak season, when there are visitors from all over the world coming to enjoy the natural beauty of the island. We believe that, with the steady increase in numbers each year, adding so much more accommodation could be detrimental to the balance of the island. We simply do not have the infrastructure to cope with the increase in numbers caused by these tents.

The hotel, even in peak season is still not managing to fill all of its rooms when the rest of the island is turning people away. If the hotel cannot even manage to fill its rooms in peak season with its swimming pool and main restaurant empty and disused. We fear the glamping will end up being exactly the same. We also fear that within a couple of years the site will go into disrepair, ruining the beautiful untouched part of the island

We would also like to point out that there is already a campsite on St. Martins that would be a much more suitable place for these tents as it would not require encroaching onto the untouched 'back' of the island. As stated in a previous letter, once we start allowing tents onto this side of the island where do we then draw the line again? If we are able to at all. Many visitors take great pleasure in the fact that they can be completely immersed in nature on this side of the island.

The final point we would like to make is that the amount of traffic to and from the hotel is already almost constant during peak season and the speed at which they drive is quite alarming. We have heard on many occasions this year, visitors to the island remarking on how much more traffic there is now and how disappointing they find it. They come to St. Martin's to escape heavy traffic, not to have to move to the side of the road every few minutes. I myself have almost been knocked off my bike on more than one occasion because one of the vehicles from Karma is driving too fast around a blind corner. We fear that more guests needing transportation will only make this problem worse and are also concerned for the young children and families that both live on and visit the island.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email and we hope you will consider our views and concerns before you make your decision.

Kind regards,
Jack & Isabelle Gillett
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