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To: Planning (Isles of Scilly)

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Date: 3rd December 2018

We are writing to object to Karmas planning application for 6 glamping tents behind the Karma Hotel P/18/051.

We feel the location proposed for this development is completely inappropriate.

This area is an area of outstanding natural beauty that has a wonderful feeling of wildness and tranquillity. Allowing the 'back' of the island to be developed in this way, or any way will cause irreparable damage to this precious environment, an environment that has been enjoyed and respected by locals and visitors to St. Martin's for generations.

Below are our other major concerns with this proposed project:

Waste management - disposal of waste both sewage and grey water, are an ongoing problem for Karma. Adding the extra bed spaces will only exasperate the situation further.

Traffic - The traffic that we experience as an Island from Karma during the summer months becomes quite intolerable. There is a constant stream of Karma vehicles (3 at present), going up and down our crumbling single track road from early morning till as late at night. This is a huge issue to residents especially those with children, but also to our island visitors as the frequency and speed of traffic is by far the most common complaint.

Access to the site - How will vehicular access be addressed, including more importantly access for our Fire Appliance to the site if needed, as at present the fire appliance could not get any nearer to the proposed site than the hotel rear courtyard.

To date pedestrians access the back of the island behind the hotel by a natural rocky foot path, to be met with the stunning coastline and rugged heathland.

Light and noise pollution - Lower Town is already a busy hot spot during the season and to add to this the extra noise and light pollution from the 6 glamping tents would be a great shame.

Our dark skies are a real asset to us;

Running the island's campsite like all accommodation providers we know that there is always a peak in demand for accommodation during the school summer holidays.

We often have campers who are having such a good time that they ask to extend their stay, unfortunately we more often than not are unable to accommodate them as we book up a year in advance and so to help we suggest that they enquire for accommodation with Karma, invariably they are successful and are able to extend their stay for a few nights.

This is great, but would imply that even during peak season Karma are not always full to capacity, it would seem a dreadful shame to spoil many 'regulars' holiday along with a beautiful part of the island, when there is still accommodation available, all be it limited.

Kind regards

Caroline & Ben Gillett



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