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We have been visiting Scilly for over forty years and our two daughters have grown up having lovely family holidays there. We have all seen a lot of changes over the years but change and evolution is inevitable and necessary.

However at some point there is a need to step back and consider the long term impact of new building style, methods and architectural fashion. The reason why so many repeat visitors come to Scilly is its unique charm and the fact that each inhabited island has its own character and atmosphere. Modernisation and refurbishment of the insides of houses and buildings is of course necessary where needed. It is a completely different matter when there is an impact on the external look of a cottage or old building. If the external lines of buildings on all the islands were allowed to be redeveloped and altered with the architectural fashion of the time each island would lose its unique identity. The unspoiled historical character of each island would change too much.

If these type of alterations are allowed to be started and maintained long-time regular visitors like us would perhaps start to holiday elsewhere, as the very thing we love about Scilly would be lost. We would hate to see every island on Scilly resemble and feel like Tresco which is devoid of charm, over developed and damaged forever. We understand that The Isles of Scilly are home to a community who live and work here and their views are paramount.

The changes to Bank Cottage outlined in this planning permission are particularly worrying as this little part of Bryher is very picturesque. The external development of Bank Cottage and its out buildings would be totally out of character with its surroundings and with that charming corner of Bryher. It would also have a wider impact as Bank Cottage can be seen from the footpaths in that area and it would damage the unspoiled views. The affect on the neighbouring cottages of Atlanta, Glenhope High and Glenhope are of concern too.

Please by all means allow Bank Cottage to be refurbished and modernised inside but please review carefully the extensive alteration of the exterior of Bank Cottage and outbuildings. Bryher is a beautiful unspoiled island, please do not allow it to be altered too greatly.

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