

Kingwell Emma

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We have had the privilege of staying in Glenhope High, the cottage adjacent and very close to this proposed development, for one or two weeks a year for the last few years, and we have been coming to the Isles of Scilly annually for 30 years. We come because the islands are uniquely tranquil and beautiful, and we would like to register some concerns about this proposal.

The view down the lane past Glenhope and Bank Cottage to the ocean stunned us when we first saw it and has remained one of the most memorable sights we have seen anywhere. It is, amongst other things, views like this that make the islands, inevitably expensive as they are, worth coming to again and again, and interference with these for the benefit of individuals would be short-sighted.

The proposed increase in the height of Bank Cottage must inevitably, and unfairly, take light from Atlanta and reduce the view that they have. The development looks likely to compromise the outlook from Glenhope as well. Glenhope and part of Atlanta are holiday lets - but the economy of Bryher, and of the Isles of Scilly as a whole, depends on people like us wanting to go there, and return.

The planning statement makes much of respecting the "simple modest forms" of the nearby dwellings, and of the surroundings generally, but there is nothing modest about this proposal: it is an attempt, at great expense, and to the detriment of neighbouring properties and Bryher itself, to construct a view (on two levels) from the interior of a house intended for two individuals, who might or might not take up permanent residence. The planning statement itself highlights the "fantastic westerly views" and how much the owners would be able to enjoy them. This could of course be achieved from parts of Bank Cottage as it is, or by stepping outside.

We have already expressed our concern to Amy Langdon, who owns Glenhope, that we would be disappointed to come to Bryher again next year and find ourselves next to a noisy and messy demolition and building site. The cost to us (and therefore the benefit to the local economy) is far from trivial - in our case, with transport and other spending on the islands, about £4000 over two weeks.

There are parts of this country, and of others abroad, that have become enclaves for the affluent. We hope that the Council will be able to resist such a trend on Bryher.

Yours faithfully,
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