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Council of the Isles of Scilly,
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Ref. P/19/008/HH, re 2 Matthews Field, Church Road, Hugh Town.

17 March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

My brother, Mr Giles Wilson, and I are the sons and executors of the estate of the late Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, who resided for sixty years in Lowenva, Church Road, St. Mary's. Following her death on 6 June 2018, we are finalising the administration of her estate and have put Lowenva up for sale with Sibley's estate agents. We have been informed by your department of a planning application for a timber framed garden/dive equipment and boat tender store in the garden of the house next door, 2 Matthews Field.

We wish to make strong representations as to why we feel very unhappy about this:

1. It will materially affect the Ancient Lights of Lowenva, whose kitchen window will be darkened by the structure. We noticed that the sketches of the proposal did not show the windows of Lowenva, which in our view they should have done.
2. The proposed shed could be seriously detrimental to any new owner of the property, as the height will be above the level of the hedge.
3. We are concerned about any potential noise from the new building, such as a compressor and/or pump to fill diving bottles. This would cause houses nearby to suffer a considerable noise nuisance. We are aware that the applicants have a similar structure nearer the shoreline where such noise does not constitute the nuisance it would do in a residential area.
4. The pathway to the back garden of no.2 has two right-angled bends, which would be problematic for manoeuvring a boat on a trailer.
5. The application says that the site cannot be seen from a public footpath. This is not true.
6. We would object to any commercial use of the proposed store.

We understand that many Scillonians need to have storage for boating and diving equipment. We would like to suggest that it be moved several metres to the left (on the plan) – i.e. westwards – where it would be opposite the front door and the bathroom window of Lowenva, both of which have frosted glass. It would then not spoil the view down to Porthmellon from the kitchen. However, we would still object strongly to the use of a compressor or generator. It would be better if the apex of the shed roof were to be no higher than the hedge, possibly by lowering the floor inside.

Members of the Wilson family will no longer reside in Lowenva in the future, but we feel we have a duty to our eventual buyer to put in this objection to the development as it stands, as it could easily interfere with the new owner's quiet enjoyment of the property.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Wilson

Giles Wilson