St. Mary's Isles of Scilly TR21 ONW 09/09/19

Dear Ms Walton.

We are writing to make a representation against planning application P/19/062/FUL Construction of 4 two person self-catering units in existing lodge roof space and extension and alterations of managers flat. Location: Lodge & Café, Longstone. St. Mary's. IOS

Our reasons for raising concerns against this application are as follows:

## WATER PRESSURE

Since the reconstruction of a simple café to a large accommodation provider and café we have suffered a severe problem from poor water pressure. At certain times of the day we cannot use the shower as it constantly turns off due to low water pressure, or will not turn on at all, and limits the times of day we can use the washing machine/dishwasher.

We have discussed the issue with Mr M Thompson from the water board and he has suggested that the supply is no longer adequate, we are concerned that this will be worsened due to further pressure on the supply.

Conclusion: We are against this application.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

Since the reconstruction of a simple café to a large accommodation provider and café the number of persons potentially at risk of fire has greatly increased, and yet there is no provision or up-grade to offset this heightened risk to life. The closest fire hydrant is at the top of Parting Carn junction, there is no longer access up through the pine belt to the front of Longstone terrace for the fire-brigade to use in an emergency, with such a limited water supply for fire-fighting adding this proposal potentially puts even more lives at risk. The Longstone lane itself has a very limited access for emergency vehicles due to hedge and tree overgrowth, at present it would be impassable without severe damage to the fire engine.

Conclusion: We are against this application.

## **WATER STORAGE TANKS**

We understood from the original application for conversion from small café to a large accommodation provider, that water storage tanks to assist with fluctuations in water pressure were to be sited within the roof space which is now proposed for development. This was passed, as we understood, with these tanks as part of that original planning, where are these presently sited?

Conclusion: More information required please.

## **ACCESS**

We have seen a massive increase in traffic, some travelling at high speeds, on a poor quality road, there is no mention on how much more pressure this will put upon the area.

Conclusion: Can planning make this a consideration.

The Longstone Lodge and café has been a very recent conversion and yet we have already seen significant changes to our lives, we already now feel the need to lock the barns and sheds. We have many more 'lost' walkers, people walking across our fields and attempting to traverse the garden and track, (and yes some will argue about having access) We are concerned that we will see increased access issues, and wonder how much more development will be requested in the future if this application is passed.

I am afraid we are in opposition of this application.

Kind regards.

Justin & Alison King.