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From: Tony Cherry [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 May 2020 21:15
To: Planning (Isles of Scilly)
Cc: Gail Sibley
Subject: Planning Application Representation; P/20/022

Dear Sirs

My wife and I are the owners of Fairways, the property adjacent to the proposed Electric Vehicle charging station on Porthcressa Square. It is disappointing, in view of the fact that you have our mainland address in order to collect our Council Tax and write to us about hedges, that you did not see fit to notify us of this application at that address. It has now come to my attention and I trust that in the circumstances you will take this representation into account notwithstanding it is made more than 21 days from the date of validation. No doubt you will also take into account the general dislocation in business due to Covid.

We are broadly sympathetic to the facilitation of electric vehicle transport on St Mary's. We have never quite understood why the Council has tolerated the proliferation of petrol and diesel vehicles on the islands and not introduced some form of car sharing and limited access to Hughtown. Granting this permission will be rather pointless without some commitment to that sort of approach.

Nevertheless, there are aspects of this application that require comment.

First, it is factually incorrect to say that the passage on the boundary of our property is little used. It is our main route to the beach and when walking into town along the beachfront. The property is let solidly from May to September (in usual years) and we ourselves occupy often in the shoulder season, extending the period when it is generating spending for the businesses of the islands. It should be accepted by the Council that closing this walkway does in fact materially detract from the amenity of our property.

Secondly, the scale of the proposed facility is too large for the available site. Though the scale is not helpful on the elevations and no absolute height of the pitched roof is stated (so far as I can see) it looks as though it will be visible from the garden of Fairways, and is very close indeed to the boundary, again materially detracting from amenity.

There will be noise and disturbance from the facility far greater than from occasional filling at the petrol pumps. Although Porthcressa Square is commercial in nature, none of the commercial activity has previously encroached so close to the boundary of Fairways.

We therefore oppose this application in its current form. Specifically any application, in order to be approved, should not obstruct the existing walkway, should have a reduced elevation to render it invisible from the garden of Fairways and should operate only during restricted hours (perhaps flying hours, when there is any event, depending on the wind, air traffic over the area).

Please confirm receipt of this submission and that in view of the defective notice process, it will be taken into account. This is copied to our letting agents Sibleys, who should please be copied into your reply.

Please also advise me into which Councillor's ward the area falls, so that I may write to her or him.

Regards

Anthony John Cherry
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