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Dear Lisa Walton,

Thank you very much for informing us of the Planning Application above.

We have been visiting the Isles of Scilly for almost 40 years, staying in close vicinity of the site of the above application, and we strongly object for the following reasons.

The scale and design of the building is completely inappropriate for this unspoilt corner of St. Mary's. It will be adjacent to traditional white-washed Cornish granite cottages, and will therefore be overbearing and look completely out of place and character. This will be compounded by its close proximity to them. Quite simply, there is not room to build something of this nature here.

There will be significant impact on the surrounding properties in terms of loss of natural light due to the height and size of the proposed building; loss of privacy due to the extremely close proximity of windows, and loss of views.

The impact on the surrounding properties and access during the building phase alone will be enormous. Constant access here is essential for all neighbouring properties, and how this will be maintained during construction is questionable. The noise, dust, general inconvenience and disruption during this time, will have a significant detrimental impact on the neighbours, and indeed this whole area. This includes Buzza and Porthcressa, both of which are hugely popular with locals and visitors alike, enjoying the views and tranquillity. So much has been done to improve this area, and if allowed to proceed, this development could undo all of that. It could even affect 'Dibble & Grub' with customers not wishing to sit outside because of the impact of noise and dust. Once complete, access will continue to be compromised, especially for emergency and refuse collection vehicles. It looks as though 'Domremy' may even lose one point of access, and the boundary appears to be impacted on as well. Have the owners of 'Domremy' approved this?

This corner already catches the wind, and the proposed building will compound and exasperate the wind tunnel effect, which must be of huge concern to the neighbours. Structural damage has occurred in the past, and inevitably such events will increase in frequency and enormity.

This area already suffers from flooding during times of heavy rain. How will this proposed building affect the drainage in this area?

This peaceful and unspoilt corner is a haven for a variety of birds, with thrushes and blackbirds nesting, and other wildlife as well. I understand that even hedgehogs have been seen here and known to breed. As a Biodiversity Action Plan species, efforts should be made to protect them, not destroy their habitat.

We understand that sites for building have been identified in the Local Plan, and this location falls outside all of those. Therefore, why is this site even being considered as an option for a new build, in addition to all of the reasons outlined above? We believe that sufficient land has previously been identified elsewhere on St, Mary's, which fulfils the Local Housing Need, therefore this development cannot be classed as Local Need Dwelling, as per the 'Development Proposed'.

We urge you to take into account all of the objections raised when considering this application.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen

