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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 February 2021 12:28  
**To:** Planning (Isles of Scilly)  
**Subject:** RE: Representation for planning app P/21/008

Dear Sirs

Since making our initial representation regarding the application by "The Beach" restaurant, Mr Freeman, the owner and applicant has been in communication with ourselves regarding our concerns of the trailer design etc.

Mr Freeman has assured us that the trailer is designed so that packing down is quick so it can be moved easily when required. He has also stressed that the management of the restaurant will work with ourselves, gig club and other beach users to ensure trailer is moved as and when required and not cause an issue for anyone.

Yours sincerely

Richard & Amelia  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** 13 February 2021 17:39  
**To:** Planning (Isles of Scilly)  
**Subject:** Representation for planning app P/21/008  
**Attachments:** DSC\_0539.JPG; DSC\_0550.JPG

Planning Application P/21/008 The Beach, Porthmellon

Dear Sirs

As neighbouring business to "The Beach" restaurant on Porthmellon, we have no objection or issue with the application to make changes to the kitchen area and extraction to improve the working practice for their business.

We do have reservations and concerns regarding the proposal to place a trailer unit on the beach to increase seating capacity. We have raised our concerns with Mr Freeman and had hoped to have received response prior to the deadline for representations.

Our main concern is the amount of beach this trailer will cover. The plans show it as 4m wide, so realistically when in situ will cover the beach 4.5-5.5m out from the current decking. This will regularly have the sea up under it on spring tides. Attached are a couple of pictures taken on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 40 minutes after high water. The tide height on these days was 5.4m with a reasonable swell. As you can see the strand line was under the current decking, so on this size tide, water would have been covering the whole area of the trailer. Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) for St. Marys is 5.7m, so average spring is higher than this tide.

The issue with water reaching the trailer means that the beach is then blocked for access to move along. This will cause issues for all beach users, gig club and ourselves. This can be a specific problem for us if we need to remove equipment from the beach as we have misjudged the tides ourselves or have a problem, and for gig club to get to their newer shed.

The trailer will need to be removed from the beach at least 3-4 times for 2-3 days at a time between April and late September to avoid issues with tide and weather. Add in big swell on a storm surge etc which is common especially in August and September then it may need to be moved more often. I am worried that if the restaurant does not have a dynamic and well organised manager they are not going to plan for these eventualities, or if the system to pack down the trailer for removal is not quick and easy it will not allow it to be moved quickly if required to. Despite operating on this beach for over 25 years and thinking we keep a good eye on the tides and weather daily, we still get caught out each season when the tide is bigger than predicted due to swell or atmospheric conditions and we have a panic to move things. The top of Porthmellon beach is very soft and in recent years a lot of boats are parked along the beach between the restaurant and the slip, it would be near on impossible to move this trailer along the top of the beach and make it to turn through the slip once the tide is up.

We fully understand and appreciate Mr Freeman's need to increase the dining capacity of the restaurant and support this in principal as we feel it plays a positive role in Islands catering provision and we wish to see this business thrive.

Yours Sincerely

Richard & Amelia Mills  
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