

# Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

Ref: P/21/020/FUL

## Consultation Response

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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**Site:** Land to Rear of Palace Row, New Grimsby, Tresco

**Proposal:** Construction of 3 single storey terraces consisting of 8 no. staff accommodation units.

You are being consulted on this application as you may wish to make comments before a decision is made. Should you wish to make any comments on this application, please complete the response form below and return to [planning@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:planning@scilly.gov.uk) by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 or by post to the Planning Department, Town Hall, The Parade, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW.

Link to application: <https://www.scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p21020>

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 then I will assume you have no comments to make.

### Consultee Name: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

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#### [Comments here](#)

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record (HER) and the submitted Design and Access Statement, the latter of which unfortunately does not include a section evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed development on the buried archaeological resource - a resource for the which the Isles of Scilly is noteworthy (see the Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Research Framework 2019) and for which NPPF (2019) Chapter 16, paragraph 189 guides.

Inspection of the HER shows that a number of known heritage assets are located near the application site, including the findspots of prehistoric flint tools; a Mesolithic bladelet at the New Inn (MCO30873), a prehistoric flint on New Grimsby beach (MCO30871) and worked flints, including cores and tools near the quay (MCO31704). This evidence suggests that the application site has the archaeological potential for further finds (and associated features), despite its use as gardens derived from former small plots for flower and bulb growing (first recorded on the c1907 Ordnance Survey map).

We therefore consider it prudent that an archaeological watching brief should be carried out during the early stages of groundworks, undertaken by a suitably qualified organisation or individual. HEP Archaeology would advise, for the above reasons, that any consent issued should carry the condition as worded below of sections A-D inclusive (please do not split into separate Conditions or treat separately), which includes words recommended by the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO), as follows:

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A) No development shall take place until a programme of archaeological recording work including a Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme shall include an assessment of significance and research questions, and:

1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
2. The programme for post investigation assessment
3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
4. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
5. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation

B) No development shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A).

C) The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

D) The archaeological recording condition will normally only be discharged when all elements of the WSI including on site works, analysis, report, publication (where applicable) and archive work has been completed.

A pre-commencement condition is necessary in this instance due to the need to ensure that a programme and methodology of site investigation and recording of archaeological features is undertaken before physical works commence on site. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2019) Chapter 16, paragraph 199 and Policy 1 of the Isles of Scilly adopted Local Plan (2005).

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**Date: 06/04/2021**