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Lisa Walton
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Dear Ms Walton,

Staff Accommodation, New Grimsby, Tresco

On Tresco, there is a shortage of good quality worker accommodation. To attract the highest quality staff, the business needs to provide the highest quality accommodation. The Tresco Estate is continuously striving as a business to improve the living and working conditions of its staff and therefore the wider community. This helps the business attract and retain staff. Many of the existing staff have worked on Tresco for decades, as do their children who the estate also endeavour to employ and house.

The proposed works form part of the Tresco Estate's policy for ongoing investment in the tourism industry on the island. Having the right mix and quality of staff housing for the present and future is key to the development of the business and the maintenance of an active, vibrant community that embraces the very young and very old.

This application is made concurrently with an application for the demolition and replacement of Blockhouse Cottages, a row of 4 cottages adjacent to the Old Blockhouse monument in Old Grimsby. The cottages are in a deteriorating semi-habitable state and currently provide a poor standard of staff accommodation. It is proposed to replace this row with a single self-contained unit to cater for the demand for high quality holiday rental properties for families and bigger groups.

This application seeks to replace these and further supplement staff accommodation provision on the island with 8 new high quality staff accommodation units.

The following documentation is submitted in support of the application:

1. Planning Application Forms and Certificates
2. Fee of £3696.00
3. Tresco Estate Partnership Mission Statement and Covering Letter
4. Site Location Plan
5. Existing Site Plan
6. Proposed Site Plans, Floor Plans & Elevations
7. Design, Access and Planning Statement
8. Site Waste Management Plan

A copy of the Tresco Estate's Mission Statement has been submitted in support of this application. This has been prepared to respond to the wider vision for the Isles of Scilly contained within various policy documents, but perhaps most importantly now set within the new Local Plan. This vision seeks to encourage new, sustainable development of a type that is important for the future of the islands' economy, whilst at the same time enhancing the islands' exceptional environment. The new Local Plan provides a proactive policy platform that encourages appropriate development such as that being proposed within this application and the concurrent application at Blockhouse Cottages. Such developments are essential if the vision is to be realised.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Lowe

Director

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