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Member Comments/Call-in or Site Visit Request Form

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Application Number:

P/21/084/FUL.....(Essential).

Site Address:.....Land Adjacent to Mincarulo Guest House, Carn Thomas, St Marys.....(Briefly such as name of property).

Declaration of Interest:...no(if any).

Comments:

In my view, the proposal has great merit and potential- innovative idea and I am not opposed to concept of the Studio. I have 3 concerns: **Disability access:** This application is a business, it is aimed at promoting well-being in a peaceful setting, to enhance health and well-being. (*Social context: The proposed studio would give both locals and visitors a dedicated and peaceful space where they can attend yoga classes throughout the year. It is so beneficial to have a fit-for-purpose space where people feel they are immediately able to switch off, kick back and dedicate some time for their own health and wellbeing. The project would also enable easier arrangement of visiting teachers (from other islands and the mainland), and other activities e.g. Pilates. It would provide me with a space to grow my own teaching portfolio and introduce further activities over time which would support the local community further*). Great aspirations for the applicant's business.

The proposed plans are a new build, not the conversion of an older building and therefore, I question why there does not appear to be any impaired mobility access to the studio in the proposed plans. Not just for people with impaired functional movement of the legs, but functional problems with the use of their arms and maintaining their balance (all required when walking up/down steps). The applicant does refer to this at the end of their application- suggesting that access to the activities could be offered on an individual basis to people with disabilities at a different site.

It could be argued, that as the location/venue/facilities of the studio are very much part of the concept of the holistic approach to the well-being activities offered at the new facility, individuals should not feel discriminated against accessing these facilities because of their disability. People living with a disability, wish to feel they are part of an inclusive society, not separated by lack of access. There maybe a couple, friends, parents with siblings, whereby one has a mobility impairment and the proposed access to the Studio would put a physical barrier to them sharing a well-being activity together in the Studio. The plans for the Studio in their present form demonstrate a physical barrier to disabled people wishing to use the facilities of this business and therefore, they could argue that they are being substantially disadvantaged- as the location of the facility is very much part of the holistic approach of the Studio and proposed well-being activities.

Steps to the Studio: The present steps to Mincarulo Guest House from the path to the Lift-boat slip are hardly visible, integral to the infrastructure of the wall. The applicants of the proposed Studio suggest that the steps to the venue 'look discreet'. However, the photo-image projection of the access/steps appears large and visually obtrusive in an area in what is an area of AONB. As in the photo-image they looked raised, as opposed to integral.

Fire Appliance access: On a practical level, how would the Fire Appliance access the Studio?

Call-in for Committee Decision (Please tick or provide other reason):

-Concerns about the impact upon residential amenity.....
- X Concerns about highway safety issues.....Accessibility if Fire Appliance
-Concerns about environmental impacts
-Concerns about heritage impacts
-Concerns about other impacts Lack of disability access.
.....(Material Planning Reasons only)
-I would like a Site Visit. I am not sure a visit would answer my queries.

Name Of Councillor: Anita Bedford

Date:11/10/2021

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This should be returned within the 21 day consultation period. As with any comments made in relation to a planning application, comments made on this form will be placed on the planning file and published on the Council's website in relation to the application(s) to which comments relate.

Any request for a committee decision and/or site visit will need to be agreed with the Lead Member for Planning in consultation with the Chief Planning Officer.