Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

Ref: P/21/107/FUL

Consultation Response

Date: 17th December 2021

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Site: Star Castle Hotel, The Garrison, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

Proposal: Addition of staff accommodation.

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 by 12th January 2022 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-p21107ful

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the 12th January 2022 then I will assume you have no comments to make.

Consultee Name: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

Comments here

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We note that the submitted Design and Access Statement (undated and no author noted) includes two brief sections assessing the potential archaeological impact and a further heritage impact assessment of the proposed scheme.

The Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record makes shows that Star Castle is a Scheduled Monument (NHLE 1015671), the castle a Grade I Listed Building (NHLE 1291756) and its bastions and walls, are also Grade I Listed (NHLE 1141188).

The proposal is to put a wooden portable staff building in a grassed over area, located approximately 125m to the south of the main part of the Scheduled area, and approximately 82m south of a former dewpond which forms part of the Scheduled Monument.

The location is shown as part of a small garden and tennis court on vertical aerial photographs taken in 2005. The archaeological section in the Design and Access Statement makes clear that there will be no substantial ground disturbance as the building will be placed upon on concrete blocks and that services will be run into existing connections. Analysis of more recently taken vertical aerial photographs shows that the location of the proposed building is to the east of a green hedge and buildings, presumably existing staff accommodation. And as outlined in the submitted documents the site currently has two small wooden storage sheds.

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Therefore, in this instance we consider it unlikely that significant archaeological remains will be disturbed by groundworks. No archaeological mitigation is required, and therefore no archaeological condition is sought.

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Date: 04/01/2022