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Dear sirs,

We are writing regarding the Council's planning application P/22/033/COU as we wanted to raise our concerns about this application.

Our main concern is the direct effect that the site, and the provision of a "Small" 30-35 seat cafe will have on local businesses on the Island. The definition of small in this instance is arguably incorrect as it would actually be one of the largest cafes in Hugh Town. As owners of a local cafe situated less than 100 metres from the proposed site, it does seem wrong to us that public money will be spent to create and maintain a direct competitor to ourselves and many others within Hugh Town.

The plans specify how the cafe would be situated to benefit from "considerable trade" from Porthcressa Beach, trade that otherwise would be going to other businesses. It is no secret the season is short and the trade is finite on Scilly and the thought of a publicly funded cafe taking trade away from other businesses could have serious consequences and lead to business closures at a time when there are already several unoccupied premises.

Whilst we appreciate the need for the museum to be able to stay afloat and cover its costs, if for the only way for it to do this is by impacting existing local businesses, then we believe there is something fundamentally wrong with the plans and an alternative income stream for the museum needs to be identified.

In addition to the above we also would wholeheartedly agree with the many other objections raised by others relating to the non-inkeeping design of the building and the issues caused by needing to relocate the existing site of the takeaway vans.

We hope that the councilors will consider the impacts these plans will have on existing business amongst the other issues when making their decision.

Best wishes,

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