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Dear Ms Walton

As Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Isles of Scilly Museum Association as well as a long-term user of the museum and resident of St. Mary's, I am writing to express my support for the improvements and expansion of the Town Hall, and its proposed change of usage to the Isles of Scilly Museum and Cultural Centre.

The Isles of Scilly Museum has been a vital part of island life since its creation in the 1960s – not only as a visitor attraction, but also as a repository for local knowledge and historically significant artefacts. When the original building was condemned in 2019 and the Museum was forced to close, the locals and visitor alike felt the loss, not least because the Museum was one of the few (if not the only) wet weather venue on the islands.

The new Museum and Cultural Centre will reinstate this much needed service; indeed the proposed café, performance space and community centre, alongside the Museum will provide a much more enhanced offering all year round, a building where all can meet and access the cultural, heritage and creative life of the islands. This will be accomplished at the same time as rejuvenating the much-loved, listed Town Hall which is currently significantly under-used and ensuring that it is maintained in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike.

Yours sincerely

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