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REPRESENTATION:

Dear Sirs.

I wish to voice my opposition to the above planning application.

I can understand the Council. wishing to off load their problems regarding the state of the present town hall and the closing of the old museum but I believe this planning application fails to take into account the sustainability of a new museum/culture centre.

I have been employed by the Museum and acted as a volunteer and the numbers involved in costing this project, in my opinion just do not add up.

We should accept the fact that generally people do not come to the Isles of Scilly to visit the museum. It is , at best, a wet weather facility With the uncertainty of the costs involved in future transport to the islands I believe we will have a measurable reduction in visitors, which will add pressure to the expected numbers involved also it will impact on the proposed costs of building the centre with increased freight charges.

I note that the creation of a 50 seat cafe is offered as the source to subsidise the running costs. It must be noted that all businesses on the islands are suffering from the problem of staffing this will significantly increase that problem . With the problems mentioned above I do not believe that the islands. Can sustain the cafe side without a detrimental effect on current cafe/restaurant businesses.

The building of a new centre is probably the easy part of the equation. The sustainability of such a scheme with the costs of servicing such a scheme including heating, air conditioning, especially during the winter months when visitor numbers are at their lowest is I believe not possible

With these above facts I believe these plans should be rejected and the whole scheme re-examined

With regards

John Hutchins