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DISAPPROVAL OF DEMOLITION OF BOROUGH FARMHOUSE My husband and I have come to holiday on Tresco to the Borough Farm area each year for 17 years renting Northwatch cottage, and Bottom Cottage direct from the farmers, who held a lease from Dorrien Smith until it ran out and they had to leave the island and go back to the mainland.

Then Tresco Estate took over their farm cottages. We continued to rent Northwatch until the Estate withdrew it, so this year we are in Boro farm house where those tenant farmers lived (now renamed Hedge Rock). We have loved this area with its ancient roots and buildings and quiet peace overlooking Pentle bay.

We saw the notices pinned up and agree wholeheartedly with the Senior Development Officer Vic Robinson's comments and Conservation Officer's conclusion that to demolish the heritage asset of Borough Farmhouse would be harmful and destroy important most historic footprints and character of the area, established since medieval times as a farming hamlet. Earlier building evidence is around; not just in the Grade II listed associated farm buildings but in nearby field with an ancient granite stone bothy and evidence of pre Victorian machinery. Short term holiday resort gains should surely not obliterate the rich history of this hamlet.

No doubt earlier origins lie behind modernised features of Borough Farmhouse, which is likely to date at least from 1700's, and may have been built on an even earlier site. The building is of solid granite and well built and could be restored to magnificence. Upgrading and restoring is also a favourable economic proposition from saving energy and in forming a more sustainable building than new, once refurbished and made sound.

The historic early Bronze Age barrows are also of great significance and I strongly agree that respect must be paid so as new buildings and roads do not infringe on them or impact them.

To summarise; we endorse the retention and sympathetic renovation of Borough Farmhouse in its key current position, as a heritage asset, and protest against the proposed demolition, resisting and rebuilding.

We agree that the site should be have archeological monitoring during works as significant archeological findings may be discovered or uncovered.

We agree with the demolition of inappropriate chalet and bungalow buildings.

Yours sincerely

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