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Representation: **We have concerns regarding the refurbishment and intended use of Veronica Lodge:**

**1. Impact on Community Life:**

- The increase in holiday lets and second homes is reducing the number of residents, which negatively affects community life.
- The transient holiday population is seen as detrimental to the stability and cohesion of the local community.

**2. Economic Impact:**

- Long-term residential letting to Council executives would benefit the local economy more than holiday lets, as these executives would spend their earnings on the island rather than on the mainland.

Income from holiday lets leaves the island and is not reinvested by the Duchy in local infrastructure such as their roads.

**3. Loss of Residential Properties:**

- The conversion of residential properties to holiday lets reduces the availability of long-term housing for residents.

There is an objection to using Veronica Lodge solely for holiday letting, as it was previously used as a B&B with the owners on site.

**4. Legislative and Seasonal Concerns:**

- There is a need for action to prevent the island from being occupied only in the summer months by tourists, which would lead to a loss of community and direction.
- Many summer residents are transient staff employed to service the holiday economy.

**5. Contradictory Actions by the Duchy:**

- While the Duchy proposes to build new residential properties, they are simultaneously releasing other residential properties from their portfolio, which raises concerns about their commitment to addressing housing issues.
- The conversion of Duchy properties into holiday lets, including Veronica Lodge and four others on the Garrison, is seen as reducing long-term residential housing, affecting community life and the local economy.

**Hence, we object to Veronica Lodge being used solely for holiday letting but welcome its refurbishment.**

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