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From: Planning (Isles of Scilly)

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Subject: RE: P/18/031/FUL Tregarthens Hotel, St Mary's

Thank you for consulting the AONB Partnership on this proposed planning application. This response does not incorporate any input from Natural England who will issue any response, if appropriate, through their own consultation processes.

The application has raised concern over the inclusion of external lighting. The presence of dark night skies makes a valuable contribution to the islands' peacefulness and tranquillity which is part of the AONB's special and unique qualities. The requirement for lighting on the lettering on the front main hotel block and on new lettering on the rear of the main block seems unnecessary. Although downlighting is proposed, the white render on the building will also reflect the light and both will increase the amount of light pollution and the potential for sky glow in the area. The same applies for the use of the external lighting to the hotel side of the wall along Garrison Hill, although it is not clear if elements of this lighting are required for safe access and associated Health and Safety purposes.

There is support for the suggested programme of archaeological monitoring as mentioned in the Archaeological Desk-based Assessment for the Application.

Reference should also be made to the attached AONB Partnership response which refers to the Council's statutory duty in respect of the AONB designation and reaching decisions on planning applications.

## **Best Regards**

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