



Westwinds  
McFarlands Down  
St. Marys  
Isles of Scilly  
TR21 0NS

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Mr. C. Dryden  
Chief Planning Officer  
Council of the Isles of Scilly  
Old Wesleyan Chapel  
St Marys  
Isles of Scilly

Dear Craig,

**Planning Application P/12/084/FUL**  
**High Pines, McFarlands Down**

Thank you for alerting us to the above application. It goes without saying that this property is ripe for improvement, as many homes on the road have been improved in recent years when they have changed hands. We have no objection in principle to an application, the devil being in the detail.

The project could have been better titled as it is a fundamental enlargement and not just a raising of the ridge line. What is proposed seems to be an increase in the footprint of the current property to meet the needs of a growing family. However, from the planning point of view, the emphasis must be to balance any new development with the current presentation of neighbouring properties, to avoid creating precedents as further homes become available for improvement.

We trust that the Planning Department will look at this application closely to ensure that the development is sympathetic to the site and does not become out of place in terms of neighbouring properties. We would not support moving the building line forwards, out of kilter with other houses. You will, of course, be aware that the ground level of High Pines is lower than that of Fair Lawns and is level with the property facing.

We hope these notes are helpful and that there will be a satisfactorily negotiated outcome.

David and Irene Pearson