

**Planning Consultation Response on behalf of
the Isles of Scilly AONB Joint Advisory Committee**

**Application for Determination by the Planning and Development Committee on
September 19th 2013**

P/13/040 (Planning) Harbourside Hotel, The Quayside, St Mary's. Amendments to Planning Permission P/12/087 including addition of solar thermal panels, gas bottle enclosure, new pump housing, alteration to window and door openings and alterations to first floor staff accommodation from 2 self-contained flats to a 5 bedroom shared accommodation.

P/13/041 (Listed Building Consent) Harbourside Hotel, The Quayside, St Mary's. Installation of solar thermal panels; external works, including new bottle storage enclosure, new pump housing and alterations to fenestration; and internal works including reconfiguration of stairwell and first floor accommodation and other internal works.

This application mainly comprises minor amendments to planning permission P/12/087. The AONB Partnership wishes to comment on only one of these amendments: installation of solar thermal panels.

Addition of solar thermal panels to the western roof would, in principle, be supported by the Isles of Scilly AONB Management Strategy Policy DRP4 which supports renewable energy technologies that are in tune with the Sustainable Energy Strategy for the Isles of Scilly (2007). Erection of panels at the rear of the building intuitively suggests appropriate mitigation of impact on the character of this listed building. However, as the rear of the building faces the sea, the panels would be visible to visitors and residents entering and leaving the quay. But, on balance, the scale of the installation, its specific location and the utilitarian character of the building suggests that the proposed installation would not harm the overall character of this part of the AONB and Conservation Area.