

6. Condition – Removal:

Peninnis farm Luxury Camping has succeeded in nearly all its claims and ambitions. We are providing both a service and experience that was not available before on Scilly, it has challenged original concepts for a camping holiday on the Islands, has created employment and help secure the future of the next generation.

The visual, environmental and physical impact of the development has been very little and far below the concerns that were raised when the initial concept was conceived.

Our occupancy rates in our first year were better than anticipated which suggests that there is a good demand for this kind of offering. We are also delighted that the vast majority (in excess of 90%) of our guests were first time visitors to the Islands which again suggests that we are attracting guests from a sector of the market previously untapped.

We would very much like to implement the next stage of our plan and erect the poly tunnels that we have planning consent for and start growing produce for our guests and the local market.

The challenge we now find we are faced with is that the erection and removal of the tents every year takes more time than originally anticipated which is inhibiting us from moving forward with our ambitions for local produce.

It takes three men four to five weeks working seven days a week, when weather permits, to erect and furnish and the same again in reverse to dismantle. It just isn't viable to allocate time to both the tunnels and the unnecessary removal of the tents for the winter months.

It is for this reason that we are submitting this application to remove the condition which insists on the removal of the tents for the winter.

If permitted it would be our intention to "moth ball" the tents for the winter and to try and protect them from the winter storms by wrapping them in a wind break materiel which is the same in colour and form as already exists in the tent construction.

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