

5 Harbour View
St. Mary's

21 August 2014

C.O.T.I.O.S.
Town Hall
St. Mary's

Dear Sir,

Mermaid Inn: Alterations and Planning Issues

I believe that these premises underwent some changes recently, at the time of the change of management. Part of this refit involved renewal of the external signage.

The new signs look good to me and appear to be of traditional materials and finished in 'Scillonian' colours. I have no issues with these signs, or of course with the pub itself!

What does upset me, however, is the lighting of the signs. There seem to be many reasons people like these islands and come to visit. One of these is the low levels of light pollution and the resultant dark starlit skies.

It would appear that the (mainland?) designers of the signage renewals were not aware of this. The large sign overlooking the harbour has been provided with three large and bright downlighters. These are currently causing massive light pollution every evening; and to my mind they are ghastly and pointless. (How many potential customers are there on the quay after dark?)

I understand that planning permission is required for such lighting. I am not aware that this has been sought or obtained. If a retrospective application is made would you please let me know. However I hope that this letter will serve as my formal notice of objection.

I look forward to hearing from you and also to the removal of these abominations.

Yours faithfully,



B. Nuttall