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From: Spanish Ledge Management Company Ltd

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Objection to the removal of Condition 2 from Permission P.2365 to allow permanent occupation of Flat 6, Spanish Ledge

The officers of the Spanish Ledge Management Co. Ltd have asked me to write and lodge our objection to the proposed change to the planning permission relating to Flat 6, Spanish Ledge.

This application has put us in a difficult position and, if accepted, would mean that we would have to change our rules, the insurance and our structure. The company was originally set up by John Humphreys to act as Landlord for the Spanish Ledge block of apartments and to provide a coherent framework which would ensure the continuation of a communal working practice. The function of the company has always been structured around the holiday seasons with meetings, work parties, maintenance etc. organised accordingly. During this time, since the company was formed, we have seen two sets of stairs at the rear, the installation of a fire alarm system, the spraying of the roof against woodworm etc, regular painting- internally and externally, replacement of rear doors and many more. There are a number of other projects being considered that would ensure that the building remains as a suitable and comfortable destination for holidaymakers for years to come. The company has always taken its role as custodian of the building very seriously indeed and knows it must continuously strive to keep its accommodation safe and up to date.

The owners of the flats have been involved with Scilly for many years. Most either live on the Islands, are related to Scillonians, or have links with Scillonian companies and people. They have acted as ambassadors for Scilly not only by letting out their properties to holidaymakers but also encouraging others to visit the Islands in some capacity or another.

One of our fears is that, if the change of use of Flat 6 is accepted, it would be seen as a precedent and there would be no reason not to grant permanent residency to all of the smaller flats in Spanish Ledge thereby changing the ethos of one of St. Mary's well-loved buildings.

We feel that Spanish Ledge, which is well known for its provision of good holiday accommodation to couples or single travellers, should be kept that way - an asset to the economy of the Islands.

Yours faithfully

R. Tune

Treasurer, Spanish Ledge Management Co. Ltd