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Attn: Senior Officer
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Dear Sirs

Re: Planning references: P/15/066/FUL P15/067/FUL P15/068/FUL

I write with regard to the above proposed developments at Man-a-Vaur, Church Road, St Mary's.

I am an owner occupier at a flat which is attached to the property in question and wish to object to these three applications in the strongest possible terms for several reasons.

Man-a-Vaur is currently and has previously been used for staff accommodation under the House of Multiple Occupation title. There have already been numerous occasions when the police and owners/renters of the property have been called out for noise and disturbance issues. Changing the use to a hostel and building two further hostels will hugely increase the number of seasonal and year round staff living there and will significantly worsen these issues and cause more distress to the occupants of all the neighbouring properties, many of whom are families and permanent residents like myself.

My property would be directly affected by the noise of occupants as the access to the proposed 2nd and 3rd hostels will be via the passageway next to my flat. This will make it very noisy, especially at the end of evening shifts or from staff returning after a night out. It has been suggested that the garage will be used to house their bicycles. With this amount of occupants, there would be a continuous noise from the garage door being open and closed. I note from the application that the garage is also proposed to be a storage facility for Tregarthen's Hotel meaning there will be delivery lorries reversing into the property regularly.

There are already issues with the drains overflowing in Branksea Close and Rosevean has had problems with drain back up. This is a big concern as a hostel (or the three proposed) require more bathrooms and the drain infrastructure would simply not cope and create further problems at neighbouring properties. All three applications state they intend to use the main sewerage system.

The applicant stated that it will create jobs for local people. I feel it will not create jobs for local people but will simply increase the amount of seasonal staff coming and going throughout the summer.

The market price of my property will be hugely impacted if these proposals are accepted and this development goes ahead. The majority of people would be put off from buying a property with an adjacent attached hostel.

I note there is no mention of the ancient well situate in the Men-a-Vaur garden nor of the trees, some of which have already been cut down, apparently without permission. The loss of this garden will certainly have an impact on wildlife in the area.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my deep concerns regarding this development. The Isles of Scilly is a beautiful place where holiday makers and residents alike can enjoy a peaceful and stress free time, this concentration of transient employees would not be conducive to that atmosphere or enhance it in any way.

Yours sincerely

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