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To the Senior Officer, Planning Dept.

I am writing in response to the proposed development at Men-a-vaur, Church Road, Hugh Town. I am a resident of Branksea Close and thus; my council house is directly adjacent to the area earmarked for development.

Firstly, I wish it to be noted that I am totally opposed to the proposed construction of two blocks for staff accommodation or other use (Ref: P/15/067/FUL & P/15/068/FUL), but am unconcerned by the 'change of use and associated alterations' to Men-a-vaur (Ref: P/15/066/FUL).

As a 'Conservation Area' I cannot see how it would be possible, or consistent, with the principle of such a designation i.e. *to manage change in a sensitive way to ensure that those qualities which warranted conservation status are sustained and reinforced, rather than eroded, as development occurs.* And bear in mind that such a *consideration extends to all areas visible from the public realm including the setting of the area and views in and out of the vicinity.* The site, i.e. the back garden of Men-a-Vaur is what's left of the old orchard that belonged to the farm/Branksea House – it is a beautiful green oasis. Nothing can replace this.

Having carefully studied the plans (on line) for the above development, I would like to make the following comments:

1. **Overshadowing/loss of outlook** to the detriment of residential amenity – there is absolutely no doubt that the erection of two blocks (that will occupy the entire length of the back 'garden' of Man-a-Vaur) will overshadow all of the properties in Branksea Close, especially those in close proximity and totally erase any outlook for residents of the Close.
2. **Overlooking and loss of privacy** – according to plans, windows from the two blocks will overlook the close (children play here) and in particular, into windows/gardens of those houses adjacent.
3. **Noise or disturbance** – Assuming that the two blocks are used for staff accommodation, then noise and disturbance will certainly be a problem. Parties and loud music played at all hours is not unusual in such places. No one wants this next to their homes.
4. **Adverse impact on nature conservation** – the site of the proposed development is a verdant haven/home for much wildlife and provides a vital 'green corridor' for the movement of many creatures. Migrant and wintering birds use the vital food resources (fruit trees) at this

site – this numbers 100s of individuals. On the few occasions I have been into the garden, I have seen several Scilly shrews (the population must be healthy at this site), hedgehogs, frogs and butterflies etc. In the evening, bats use this site frequently. **IF THERE IS NO HOME FOR NATURE, THERE WILL BE NO NATURE.**

Yours sincerely

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