

Avalon
St. Mary's,
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Planning and Development Department,
Town Hall,
St. Mary,
Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW

Tuesday 9th February

Dear Sirs,

Planning Reference P/16/003/FUL

Thank you for advising us of the planning application submitted to you for the property known as Sunholme, Thomas Porth, St. Mary's.

We have considered the plans and appreciate the over-all dimensions for the proposed building does not exceed the current footprint or the current height of the existing building. However we would like to comment as follows:-

- The current building presents a low profile when viewed from the surrounds, including the harbour, and beyond as do most of the buildings in this area. Many visiting yachtsmen comment on the rural aspect of this region which is so unlike most harbours dominated by high rise glass structures along the South coast of Britain. It would be good to retain this reputation especially as this is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- The applicant states he want to bring 21st century architecture to this unique area. We are in full support of 21st Century living and appreciate the interior of any dwelling should work towards this. However, it is a pity the applicant does not seem to understand the need to keep Scilly 'special'. Tresco has managed to keep their Island attractive to visitors and residents alike by retaining the accommodation outwardly 'cottage style' and upgrading the interiors to suit the 21st Century. The recently renovated house on Harry's Walls has achieved this so why not Sunholme? The house on Harry's Walls has the benefit of trees providing some screening – something that would not be easily attainable at Sunholme due to lack of space.
- It seems a pity there is no mention of 'green energy' being generated. We would have thought there should be encouragement for new and renovated buildings to incorporate some form of re-newable energy generation.

- From a personal point of view, we are not happy at the thought of living next to what appears, from the plans, to be a rather oversized wood and glass box – somewhat barn like but with a large flat roof! The north aspect, which will be our main view of the building, will no doubt obscure some of our southerly views and will reduce light levels on our patio (an area we frequently enjoy using throughout the year) and in our dining room and kitchen, both much used parts of our house.

In all our past planning applications we were restricted, on several counts, to keeping Avalon and Sunholme a pair. Does this restriction no longer apply?

We are pleased Sunholme has been sold and will be loved and cared for. We sincerely wish the new owners and the new house all the very best in this friendly neighbourhood.

Yours faithfully,



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