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Dear Craig & Planning Department

Proposed redevelopment at Tregarthen's Hotel.

Many thanks for keeping us 'in the loop' in regards to the proposed 'redevelopments' at Tregarthen's Hotel.

While our initial concerns centred on the plans for staff hostels x 2 in the garden of our neighbouring property 'Menavaur', which thankfully were withdrawn. We had thought that the new owners of Tregarthen's Hotel would by now have realised the 'foolishness' of their plans to relocate staff away from the hotel in residential areas, and that they would always encounter strong local objections.

Therefore we feel that by still intending to remove the 'staff block' on the hotel site, converting it into guest accommodation and relocating their staff to other properties in residential areas is WRONG.

I believe 'Treboeth' in Buzza Street is currently being used to house staff from Tregarthen's, as well as 'Menavaur' here on Church Road. As you will see from my previous correspondence, hotel staff, by nature of the beast, their age, often lack of maturity and large disposable income a contributing factor to this. They often are an 'unregulated drunken mob'...Already we have seen the St Mary's Hall staff having parties in their accommodation in the

Thompson's former property on the Bank. 'when we ourselves are out in the evening, I'm sure the 'peace and tranquility' our visitors expect to see on Scilly is somewhat spoilt by seeing wide open windows, music and noisy, drunken staff 'on public view'....this would not occur if the staff were confined to the hotel area, where they could be 'monitored', as the hotel would not want their own guests disturbed.

From our own experience the distress caused by staff in a residential area is something we would not wish upon the residents of The Bank area, Buzza Street, or anywhere else residential for that matter.

Also these properties, whether former guest houses or private houses are being gradually turned into staff accommodation, they are now forever unavailable for local permanent 'all year round' housing. Menavaur looks tatty....and uncared for and is empty in the Winter. The same will surely apply to the other properties if this is allowed to continue.

Starboard Light has already been turned from permanent staff accommodation to holiday use. The little cottage on the Bank has also been sold off by Tregarthen's Hotel...For years they have managed to keep their staff on site! We would like that to be encouraged!

Yours sincerely

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