

King, Andrew

Subject: FW: Planning Application Representation; P/16/103

From: Alan Davis
Sent: 03 November 2016 09:54
To: King, Andrew
Cc: Grottick,Frances
Subject: RE: Planning Application Representation; P/16/103

Dear Andrew,

Many thanks.

This response is not about the the applicant, who has played a positive role in the community (and continues to do so), but the visual appearance of the islands, the implications on the tourist industry and the overall effect the introduction of Lodge/Park homes will have on the islands.

The AONB response appears not to cover the view from the air, a view which most of our visitors see. The fact that the Scilly climate is mild could find the accommodation being used all year round. As you are aware the legislation surrounding Lodge/Park homes is extensive and allows for permanent occupation, holiday letting and sales of homes as holiday homes.

This application has far reaching consequences, as it means that Lodge/Park homes could become a feature of Scilly. Are the community aware that this fundamental change could take place? I could find no mention in the local plan as to whether Lodge/Park homes are even allowed on the islands. Can you verify?

If the Council are mindful of approval of the application, then it would be appropriate that the community are made aware of the change before approval is given.

Kind regards
Alan

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Dear Alan,

Please see attached letter acknowledging your representation.

Regards,
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Dear Sirs,

When the application for the tents was originally made there was widespread concern that this would be the “thin end of the wedge” and further down the line there would be an application for chalets. This has now come to pass. The original intention was to provide so called “glam” camping by providing a tented experience with equipment that realistically could not be brought to the islands for a tented holiday. A venture providing something new for Scilly.

It is of concern that approval for chalets will create a precedent for other chalet/static homes across the islands that would be difficult to object to, particularly if the matter went to appeal. Whilst such chalets do exist across the islands, they belong from a different period when it was thought such chalets would particularly benefit the farming community during its decline.

Is it part of the local plan that chalet/static homes be now approved? If so, ultimately you may see the landscape become typical of many parts of west Cornwall.

It is realised that the structures cannot be easily seen, but approval may lead to other applications that are not so well screened.

Also, the change of use from “glam tents” to chalets will appeal to a different segment of the visitor market and provide competition for the self-catering segment. I.e. Scilly will lose a unique experience to one of more of the same.

Kind regards
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