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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When the application for the tents was originally made there was widespread concern that this would be the “thin end of the wedge” and further down the line there would be an application for chalets.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.

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