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Representation:

Visually, Scilly has benefited greatly from having few chalet/lodge developments which blight many coastal locations in the UK, particularly West Wales. If this application were granted, it would make it extremely difficult for the Council to reasonably refuse other similar applications. It would also make it less easy to lawfully refuse planning applications for caravan sites too. Such developments would be extremely detrimental for the tourist economy making Scilly less attractive.

The argument that building these chalets would remove complaints from visitors about the noise from wind is not substantial. If you go camping you get noise from wind and rain. If you don't like 'camping noise' you go self-catering or book a hotel.

The original application was for an upmarket camp site. It was accepted that the development would make a visual impact and to reduce this, it was agreed that tents would not be in position out of the season. The then accepted visual impact has not changed and would become permanent if chalets were constructed.

The original application was made on the grounds that there was a demand for camping/glamping that was not being met. This demand has not gone away and this application would reduce this amenity and simply increase and compete with self-catering, an area that is already well provided for.

When the condition to remove the tents in the winter was waived, many suggested the next move would be to build chalets and indeed, that had been the original intention. People should be held to their assurances when planning applications are made otherwise the system is brought into disrepute.