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Representation:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Kenyhton, Bryher, Isles of Scilly

We write to express our total support of the proposed redevelopment of Kenyhton to provide work and retail space for Island Fish.

Bryher treads a fine line between being arguably the most 'rugged' and 'authentic' of the Isles of Scilly, whilst needing to provide adequate facilities and activities for visitors. Island Fish bridges that perfectly, providing guests with a genuine Scillonian 'experience' which truly adds to their holiday whilst protecting a traditional local industry which could so easily be lost to the islands without proper stewardship. At least three generations of the Pender family are involved with Island Fish, contributing to the very future of the islands' economy and community.

Island Fish has, over the past couple of years, added a great deal to Bryher. We know how much guests value being able to purchase fresh, local fish and shellfish straight from the fishermen who caught it. This is a vast improvement on the previous practices of much of the islands' fishing industry, where lack of facilities has forced fishermen to ship their catch to the mainland where it is processed before being shipped back. This project will enhance the environmental and economic sustainability of the islands.

The Islands' Futures report of 2011 suggests more care should be taken over the 'public realm' on Scilly. Kenyhton is one of the first things people see when stepping off the boat onto Bryher, and therefore will create many people's first – and lasting – impression of the island. Over the past couple of years the property has been unoccupied and is falling into disrepair, and the garden – previously a magnificent gateway to Bryher – has only been maintained through the goodwill of islanders and support of the Duchy. Not only will a new building significantly improve the aesthetic of this part of Bryher, but we also understand Island Fish have undertaken to maintain the garden.

We also know that the existing working space is not sustainable for a growing business.

Therefore we commend the proposal to the Council and wish to offer our wholehearted support.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom Matthews & Joanne Hulands

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