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Dear Members,

I have lived on St Marys for over eighteen years, employed primarily as an engineer for a local business, and in addition for the past five years I have been standby engineer for the Fire and Rescue service and St Marys airport, having been involved in the rebuilding of all the major fire appliances as well as structural repairs to St Marys Fire Station last summer.

My partner, Jaclyn Pearson, has lived on St Marys for seven years, is heavily involved in the local community, and is project manager for the successful Seabird Recovery Project on St Agnes, the removal of rats from St Agnes and Gugh, which is hoped to be extended to other islands in the future.

We are shortly to be married at Christmas and intend to continue to make St Marys our home, indeed I have just taken a new long term position with Western Power at St Marys Power Station, just three minutes walk from the proposed dwelling.

We currently live in a small one bedroomed unsecured rented flat in Hugh Town, and feel we would like to build our own home rather than burden the already overstretched council housing system. As such, I am applying to build a modest dwelling, suitable for our needs, with relevant local restrictions, on an infill site at the base of Buzza Hill at the eastern end of Porthcressa. There is currently a 1950's built stone / corrugated iron garage on the overgrown plot that is in a state of disrepair. I have specifically kept the design of the proposed dwelling as small as realistically possible, taking into account adjacent properties, so as not to impact on their views or the surrounding area. In consultation with neighbours, we have reduced the roofline as much as practicable so as not to affect the natural light. Due to the vicinity of the proposed dwelling to my place of work, and Hugh Town in general, the lack of off street parking is not, I feel, an issue.

It is of my opinion that the replacement of the current dilapidated garage, which can only be described as an eyesore in its current state, with a carefully designed dwelling, in keeping and constructed out of traditional materials, will improve the area in the same way that the adjacent library / registry office has done in recent years.

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