

To; Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Dept

The Isles of Scilly AONB Partnership notes that this application affects the nationally designated area and, as such, the Planning Authority has a statutory duty to take the AONB designation into account in determining it.

Particularly important in this respect are national policies which give the highest levels of protection to AONBs, including NPPF para 14 footnote 9; para 115; and, in the case of major development, para 116. In addition to other local planning considerations, the application clearly also needs to conform with the Council of the Isles of Scilly local plan and associated planning documents that make specific reference to the Isles of Scilly AONB.

The statutory Isles of Scilly AONB Management Plan 2015-2020 formally approved and adopted by the Council of the Isles of Scilly contains further Council policies that are material planning considerations which should be given due weight.

As a non-statutory consultee, the Partnership is not resourced to respond to all planning applications affecting the Isles of Scilly AONB, and has not in making this response studied the detail of this application. The AONB Partnership may choose to make further comments on this application, but if not, the absence of detailed consideration and comments by the Partnership should NOT be interpreted as suggesting that this application raises no issues regarding the AONB designation. This remains a matter for the Council to take fully into consideration, fulfilling its statutory duty in respect of the AONB, in reaching a decision on the application.

Best Regards

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