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Subject: RE: Replacement Windows, The Tower, Tresco Abbey

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Subject: Re: Replacement Windows, The Tower, Tresco Abbey

Dear David

Many thanks for your email of 21 Nov, enclosing the latest response from the agent.

COMMENTS re: Replacement windows at Tresco Abbey Tower

I first raised the issue of the uPVC plastic windows at the Tresco Abbey Tower following a visit to Tresco in the summer of 2014. Regrettably, I needed to follow this through to a formal complaint about a lack of response by the Isles of Scilly Council, but I am pleased to see that the case is now being admirably handled on behalf of the Isles of Scilly by David Wyborn of the Exmoor National Park Authority.

The fundamental point I wish to make about the uPVC windows in the Abbey Tower is that uPVC is not only an inappropriate material for a listed building, but the windows (particularly when open, as I saw them in 2014), appear especially bulky and incongruous when compared with the narrow metal frames in other parts of the Tower.

The wooden replacements suggested by the agent in his correspondence dated 21 November 2017 may appear somewhat similar to the existing plastic windows when viewed in a closed position, but they will appear much more appropriate when open (in my opinion, the clumsy bulky hinge mechanism of old-fashioned plastic windows, when those windows are open, really does HARM to listed buildings).

I am pleased to see that David Wyborn hopes to negotiate the replacement of the inappropriate plastic windows during the winter season of 2018/19. However, I would urge the Isles of Scilly Council to be prepared to authorise enforcement action without any further delay should the necessary window replacement not be carried out before the summer season of 2019.

Thank you for taking my comments into account, and please may I be kept informed of the outcome of the application when a decision has been made.
