

St. Martins Campsite
Oaklands
Middle Town
St. Martin's
Isles of scilly
TR25 0QN

28th November 2017 (AMENDED 19th December 2017)

Dear Planning Officer

**Application P -17-091 Land at Lawrence's Brow, Churchtown, St. Martin's.
Isles of Scilly.**

We would like to flag up some concerns we have over the granting of planning permission for the above application.

We run the campsite on St. Martin's and our licence restricts us to the number of occupants allowed staying at any one time by the number of toilets and showers, being provided per head of people.

We are also governed on occupancy numbers due to the water supply to the campsite. This is from a bore well that we manage, at vast expense, a cost, which is forever increasing due to having to meet all of the strict rules and regulations enforced by the DWI (Drinking Water Inspectorate).

During the summer we often get people asking if they can use our facilities; These can be people off yachts, families off the beach or families that have found the novelty of a communal composting loo has worn off and they just want to use a proper clean fresh loo and have a refreshing long hot shower, as they and their kids are all sandy and prickly from the sea.

It is very hard constantly saying no and we must come across as very mean and unhelpful when we do say NO.

We try to explain that we are restricted on our numbers and that our campers have had to book a year in advance to use these facilities, we also explain about the lack of water, but it does not help.

A concern with this application is that there is extremely limited water storage, reliant purely on rainwater. What happens if it runs out?

So if the application is successful, please could a clause be put in whereby under absolutely no circumstances are the facilities on the campsite to be used, in any way.

We also feel that the age old “extending the season” reason for this form of accommodation is rather tenuous, during the season we are full to capacity for the school summer holidays (mid July to end of August) for the rest of the season we have plenty of space, and get next to no enquiries despite very strong and expensive advertising.

Due to the rest of the infra structure on Scilly, boating, places to eat, things to see and do, we have found that there is no demand for ‘The Shoulder Months’, to the extent that we often turn the hot water off to save energy and only turn it on if someone does decide to book.

We are certainly not against the erection of more holiday accommodation, and are intrigued as to how The Local Plan Policy 4 (e) is now being interpreted so we will watch this application closely as we too have a small parcel of ‘agricultural’ land next to Lawrences Brow, that we would like to find a more profitable use for.

Kind Regards

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St. Martins Campsite

King, Andrew

Subject: FW: Application P -17-091 Land at Lawrence's Brow, Churchtown, St. Martin's. Isles of Scilly.

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18th November 2017

Dear Planning Officer

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Following our letter dated 28th November 2017, please could we have removed/ retract the paragraph:

As the applicant mentioned, this summer he had a large number of friends camping in his garden.

As it turns out too many for his house facilities to accommodate, so on more than one occasion they sneaked down under the cover of darkness to use the campsite facilities; on one occasion when confronted by one of our regular campers they were apparently very intimidating and insisted that Toby had told them it was okay, when it most certainly was and is not the case.

We have no proof that the people using the campsite facilities late at night were anything to do with the friends camping in the applicants' garden. We were purely going on hearsay, and so should not have accused them, for which we apologise.

Kind Regards

Ben & Caroline

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