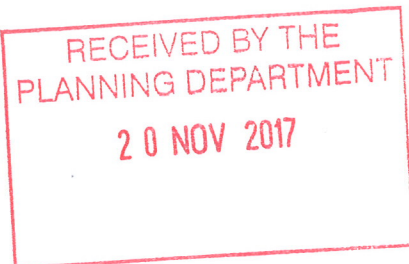


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Avalon
St. Mary's,
I.O.S. TR21 ONE



To; Ms Lisa Walton,
Senior Officer, Planning and Development Management
Council of Isles of Scilly,
Town Hall,
St. Mary's TR21 ONE LW

13th November, 2017

Dear Ms Walton,

P/17/093/FUL
Erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling

Thank you for your letter of 3rd November 2017 arrived at this address 9th November.

We have studied the above application and have several concerns about this proposed development itemised below:-

We consider that should this application be approved the addition of another dwelling in this area will constitute unacceptable over development. We moved to Thomas Porth as it was a very quiet backwater. We feel it should remain so as the access is limited and is currently in a dangerous state posing a serious health and safety hazard. The state of this road has been raised with the Council and no action to improve the condition has as yet been taken place.

In 2011 Mr Whomersley applied for planning permission for a similar dwelling on this piece of land. He obtained independent dwelling status for a building adjacent to Beachfield which he had rented out over a period of time. He produced signed evidence of occupation to support his request for the building to be regarded as an independent dwelling. Presumably this would enable him to remove the dwelling and replace it with his desired cottage. Should Beachfield be sold will this dwelling be part of the sale? If so, would the new owners have legitimate grounds for further development of this site thus adding even greater pressure on this quiet 'backwater'?

Referring to the documentation on your web site; we believe the plan of the area to be incorrect regarding the North boundary of Avalon.

We are unhappy about the S.E. elevation which shows five windows and one large chimney in direct view from our property. Should the cottage be built to this plan it would be acceptable to us if it were set back in line with the independent dwelling. There seems to be an anomaly regarding tree cover to hide the proposed cottage and the plan to have large windows from which the view can be enjoyed? Do we take it that the current tree screen will be removed once the cottage is in place? Would not the better plan be for the cottage to be set back as mentioned above.

We have become sensitive about new builds having been greatly inconvenienced by the re-building of Sunholme; the narrow road was constantly blocked by the builders' vehicles, the burning of industrial waste, noise dust and the further degradation of the road surface making it more or less impassable particularly on a bicycle. We have reported to the Council the health issues of the burning of waste materials as well as the damage caused to one of our bicycles. As little has been done about these issues we will consider taking legal advice regarding compensation.

We sincerely hope the Planning Department will make every effort to deal with this application with the future of these Islands in the forefront of their minds. Strict planning laws are essential to keeping Scilly unique. As we all know, being 'different' keeps Scilly's tourism industry afloat. Once the Islands become like any other holiday destination you can say 'goodbye' to the majority of our visitors. We urge you to consider carefully this development application.

Yours sincerely,

Murray T. Hodgson

Murray and Susan Hodgson