

"Popplestones", Rams Valley, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, TR21 0JX

Council of the Isles of Scilly (Planning Department)  
Town Hall  
St. Mary's  
Isles of Scilly  
TR21

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Planning Application P/18/090, Men-a-Vaur, Church Road**

We are writing to lodge our objections to the above planning application. We are very concerned by any new properties being built on the islands whilst we have such serious water shortage problems and an aging and failing sewerage system. Surely these very important issues need to be addressed before we can contemplate any new properties?

As the owners of one of the four town houses at the top of Rams Valley we have a drain just opposite our properties which regularly overflows, this is a health hazard and unsightly. In a place such as Scilly, where our children should be able to play outside freely, it is not acceptable that our son, and the other neighbourhood children, cannot play out on our private road due to sewerage running down the road.

Also we have concerns about the location of the proposed development and fail to see what benefit it is going to bring as there are already establishments which cater for mobility impaired visitors. Due to our geographical location and make up, we are not sure that this is a market that has any growth to it. With the best will in the world, we all know that people with mobility issues, and those confined to a wheelchair, will struggle to get around the islands. Please refer to Mrs Purkiss's first hand comments with regards to the issues she has transporting her daughter when she is home. Also a new property in the area, catering for so many additional people, is going to bring about more vehicular usage (golf carts/bikes/service vehicles etc etc), where will these vehicles be parked? Church Road already has vehicles parked on both sides of the road.

If any new properties are going to be built in the foreseeable future, we would like to see them for local need/key workers, and we would like to see a more suitable location being identified. There is a vast expanse of land at Carn Thomas where the old secondary school was, wouldn't that be a more desirable location for development if we had the necessary infrastructure in place?

As home owners overlooking the proposed development we are concerned by the potential for noise disturbance from a property catering for large groups of holiday makers and we also note that the applicant is a property developer who is not resident on the islands. We feel that his motivation for this development is for his own financial gain, rather than what is in the best interests of our beautiful islands. What happens when he wants the return on his investment? We can see this large property/development being split in to numerous flats/dwellings to be sold off separately, which in turn will add to the parking issues, and possibly again increasing the number of occupants, and adding to the water and sewerage problems.

We trust that when you have taken in to account all the information provided by the applicant, and the comments received, that your decision will be to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

  
MR PAUL MALLON

  
MRS SAMANTHA MALLON