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Dear Sir/Madam,

re: Planning Application Number:P/18/090 Men-a -Vaur, Church Road, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, TR21 ONA

I am disappointed to hear of this planning application for the garden of Men-a-Vaur which overlooks Branksea Close.

My concerns are for the following reasons:-

1. Sewerage. We already have sewerage and drainage problems in this area. These drains are frequently rodded in our Close, as the local authority knows. The sewers are antiquated and unable to cope. Does anyone know the depth of our sewers? Would they be damaged if they are subjected to heavy loads of building blocks and diggers? What would the council propose to do should there be no sewers for the substantial amount of houses that rely on these?
There is already subsidence towards this end of the Close. Houses No 8 and No 4 both have cracks down the frontage of these properties. The paving slabs all slant towards the Men-Vaur garden.
2. How is access to the building site being proposed? The lane into Branksea Close is too narrow for this type of huge development. The applicant states he has widened the lane, by cutting back trees. However the old granite wall that separates his property from the lane remains in the same place. And always will. Also this lane narrows as it passes by my garden. It is only 200 cm wide outside my garden and gate. We have been told numerous times we must always have clear access for fire vehicles. This being the only access to the Close.
The only other access for construction vehicles is through Rams Valley. This is a private road. Permission will have to be granted by residents.
3. I wish to know why the owner of Men-a-Vaur cannot allow his visitors to use his own side entrance. Why would the local authority permit them to use council owned access? I refer to my previous comments about this narrow lane.
According to the plans all visitors will be entering their holiday lets immediately opposite my back gate and alongside my tiny back garden. I OBJECT STRONGLY TO THIS.
4. Re access for disabled people in wheelchairs along the lane into Branksea Close. This lane is extremely uneven, already posing a serious trip hazard to elderly residents. Does the council have a plan to relay this path?

Facilities for disabled users are limited. Most of the beautiful attractions of Scilly are inaccessible. I reiterate and agree with the points made by Mr. Brian Sandford regarding disability. I have a disabled daughter, born here who has been in a wheelchair all of her life. So I speak with more than 30 years of experience of the difficulties involved of manouvering her along the lane without causing

pain. Pavements are unsuitable and wheelchairs are pushed in the road, confronting ever increasing volume of traffic.

5. The decking areas shown on the plans suggests summer visitors may sit outside late at night and there is a possibility of noise disturbance. There has already been an issue over this from last year with visitors who were staying in Men-a-Vaur itself.

Branksea Close is a quiet residential place, private and enabling families with small children to allow them to play safely without being overlooked by strangers.

In my opinion any buildings in this lovely garden in Men-a-Vaur will be over-development and may act as a precedent for other nearby gardens to be built upon.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Purkiss, 8 Branksea Close.