Morva Porthcressa St Mary's Isles of Scilly TR21 0JQ RECEIVED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2 0 MAY 2019

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Dear Sir,

## Objection to Planning Application no P/ 19/ 020/ FUL, re: Proposed Dwelling on Land at Porthcressa.

We write to state our objections to the proposed new dwelling as outlined in the above planning application.

We believe that the proposed building is overly tall, large, and overbearing relative to the surrounding properties and out of character with the immediate environment. We are concerned about its impact particularly upon the outlook and general amenity of our neighbours at Monaveen, The Lifeboat Cottage, and The Lookout.

Because of the bulk of the proposed building and its proximity to both the path up to Buzza Hill and to the already narrow Buzza Road we are concerned that its unavoidably dominant presence would adversely affect the established character of this special corner of our island.

This character is important because very many visitors spend time on the green in front of this area largely because of its attractive natural and built environment, and walk either out along the coastal path towards Peninnis or up the path to Buzza Hill. The green is also used by many families with small children as at present it has hardly any traffic going past in what is effectively a safe traffic free area on which to play. School children also use this track walking on their way over Buzza Hill to school.

The existing traditional granite building on this site, which has been allowed to fall into disrepair, if restored would make an ideal studio for an artist or other craft worker, rather than to build a large new building there that will look totally out of keeping with its neighbours both in style and scale. It would also be far more interesting for our visitors, who after all are the lifeblood of our island economy, than a big new house.

We also note that much of the proposed exterior finish is cedar cladding whereas all surrounding properties, from the traditional granite cottages nearby to the more modern houses along Buzza Road beyond are finished in white painted render. This too, is an unsympathetic aspect of the proposed design and does not help it to fit comfortably in with the existing housing stock around it.

We are unaware of any of the earlier claimed "consultation with the neighbours" involving ourselves as neighbours.

Yours faithfully,

