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ST MARY'S ISLES OF SCILLY

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10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

Planning Department  
Council of the Isles of Scilly  
Town Hall  
St Mary's  
Isles of Scilly  
TR21 0LW

Dear Sirs,

**Re : Planning Application P/18/073/FUL**

We write in support of Sibleys planning application (P/18/073/FUL) for two units of staff accommodation at Plots 28-29 Porthmellon Industrial Estate.

Recruiting and retaining quality staff is one of the major challenges facing businesses on Scilly. One of the principal factors affecting this is being able to offer quality accommodation, a point apparently recognised by the Islands' Partnership's Destination Management Plan and Draft Local Plan. Sibleys proposal appears to support these policies.

The proposal for the conversion of rear storage accommodation into residential accommodation at the subject site seems inherently sensible. The accommodation has no direct road access, with partially limited head height, and is therefore of limited commercial value, and the amount of floorspace lost seems modest compared with the benefits gained. The proposed residential flats will support the businesses carried on in the remainder of the unit, and at other locations on St Marys. There certainly seems to be little point in having business premises sitting idle because of an inability to recruit staff.

Thank you for considering this representation.

Yours faithfully,

**N T Wolstenholme**