

Longstone Bungalow,

St Mary's

Isles of Scilly.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Ms Walton.

I write to convey our serious concerns over the planning application for Longstone Lodge.
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Our main concerns are relating to issues of water pressure and safety but we are also concerned about the scale of this building.

Since the Lodge was constructed, we have had very poor water pressure and there are many days when the shower simply doesn't work, because there is not enough water to run through the system and it takes double the time to fill the bath. We have been told by Mr Thompson that the demands on the available water now that the Lodge uses so much means, that the system available is not adequate. I wonder where the water storage tanks will be as they were always up in the roof space? Is there grey and rain water harvesting in place, as this was a stipulation when we were considering building a simple Bunk House?

We are also concerned that the basic infrastructure in terms of access and water supply, are not adequate and this is a worry.

We also have concerns about the size of this building. I know that when we applied for planning permission to create a basic Bunk House on this site that we were restricted to the original footprint of the building and we were not, allowed to exceed, the existing elevation. This building is very much larger than the sheds it replaced in height and width and although it clearly states that the new - build will occupy the existing roof space, the plans show significant dormers which will enlarge this building even more. The original café and museum, nestled in the corner of the plot with high ground behind and was not visible really from anywhere. According to the local area plan there is provision for a Bunk House on St Mary's but this was further restricted to educational groups so that group leaders would be in charge of the groups minimising disturbance, and, protecting, the limited infrastructure on this site. There was a further restriction to 20 bed spaces, are these restrictions still in place? The Lodge building is obvious from many locations and we are concerned that there may be more additions in the future.

I would urge Councillors to consider this application with great care, taking into consideration, the location and infrastructure in place, the impact on the limited available resources and near neighbours, who have quietly made allowances for trespass by visitors, lack of water and increased vehicle traffic. Does anyone inspect the buildings during and after construction to check that everything is compliant with the planning stipulations?

Kind regards

