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To: Planning (Isles of Scilly)
Subject: Planning Application: P/20/048 Men-a-Vaur

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application P/20/048, Men-a-Vaur, Church Road

As per our email of the 6/1/2019 we are once again writing to lodge our objections to the planning application submitted for a new property in the garden at Men-a-Vaur, even though the current planning application is a scaled down version of previous applications most of our concerns are still valid.

An additional property being built in the gardens of Men-a-Vaur is going to overlook neighbouring properties, resulting in a loss of privacy (including ours), it is going to bring about additional noise and disturbance (including to us), it will generate more vehicular use, in turn causing highway safety issues, generating more traffic, and additional parking needs on a road which already has inadequate parking.

Protected trees and green space would be lost, and since 9th June 2020 Councils now have the powers to prevent the destructive practice of ‘garden grabbing’ (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-powers-to-prevent-unwanted-garden-grabbing?fbclid=IwAR0-bJ00h0ULOzRfzv8O8QOvUCGqbboPquoY9Te_f47dk2vuq6CZqrGs1Fg) and on this point alone the application should be refused.

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 sewage running down the road. Through reading other letters of objection, we can see that there are similar problems on Church 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

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?

Whilst you may not be able to take this into account with regards to passing the plans or not we would like to make clear that as the applicant is a property developer who is not resident on the islands his motivation for this development is for his own financial gain, rather than what is in the best interests of our beautiful islands. And surely, we should all be doing everything to ensure our islands remain unspoiled?

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 once again.

Yours faithfully

Paul and Samantha Mallon

