

# Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

Ref: P/21/002/OUT

## Consultation Response

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Site:** Land to North of Ennor Farm, Old Town Lane, Old Town, Isles of Scilly.

**Proposal:** Outline planning application for 13 detached and semi-detached self-build homes with appearance as a reserved matter (Major Development)

You are being consulted on this application as you may wish to make comments before a decision is made. Should you wish to make any comments on this application, please complete the response form below and return to [planning@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:planning@scilly.gov.uk) by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 or by post to the Planning Department, Town Hall, The Parade, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW.

Link to application: <https://www.scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p21002>

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 then I will assume you have no comments to make.

**Consultee Name:**

**Comments:**

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Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record, the submitted geophysical survey report (Parkes 2019) and Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) (Portico Heritage 2021).

The application site is considered a major development and is sensitively placed being in close proximity to the remains of Ennor Castle, the only medieval castle on the Isles of Scilly and a Scheduled Monument (NHL 1014994). As the HIA makes clear the castle relates to the use of Old Town as the medieval administrative centre for the Isles of Scilly. With the development of Hugh Town and Star Castle in the 17<sup>th</sup> century the importance of Old Town diminished, and the castle was most probably robbed for building material.

In the vicinity of Old Town there are several records of prehistoric features including a probable Bronze Age cist at Launceston Close (MCO30986), Bronze Age finds at Trench Lane (MCO31699) and the findspots of a cauldron rim (MCO30991) and saddle quern (MCO30995) on the edge of the of Old Town Road.

The geophysical survey was undertaken to investigate if there were any remains of medieval or prehistoric activity within the application site. While the geophysical survey has not returned any

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significant anomalies, the results require testing to ensure their validity in relation to the soil conditions, geology of the site and any magnetic interference. It is common for small Neolithic and Bronze Age pits to be missed by geophysical survey. But these features can be found in close proximity to prominent rocky outcrops (for example, at Tregarrick Farm, to the north of Roche Rock, Cornwall where ten small pits were excavated with some containing Early Neolithic pottery; MCO47228).

We therefore consider that further evaluation of the site and its potential historic resource is necessary. Evaluation trenching over a selection of the identified anomalies and blank areas should be undertaken in accordance with a trench layout plan submitted and approved by the LPA.

We cannot advise further until the appropriate evaluation report has been provided. This application should not be determined before this evaluation report is received and we have had an opportunity to comment further. This evaluation should be carried out by a suitably qualified organisation or individual in accordance with accepted national guidelines. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2019) Chapter 16, paragraph 189 and Isles of Scilly Local Plan Policy 1. Should an adequate report not be forthcoming, then further consultation is advised before determination.

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**Date: 29/01/2021**