

Supporting statement

The reasoning behind this application of two glamping pods on the farm is primarily to enable Andrew and Christie to achieve a sustainable income for themselves and their young family from the farm, whilst caring for Andrew's aging father Paul Watts.

Currently Andrew is working full time at the airport and spends any spare time working on the farm with his wife Christie. The full time work is needed to help subsidise and boost the farm income. This very full on busy lifestyle with full time employment, farming and caring for Paul simply cannot continue long term.

Since Andrew and Christie have taken over daily activities on the farm there have been massive improvements to both the farm land, to all of the property and an increase in all grazing livestock, and it is Andrew and his family's every intention to continue to improve the farms productivity ascetics and to boost its financial position.

We trust that these Pods shall provide us with a much more sustainable income so that more time can be spent on the farm enabling us to expand and diversify all farming operations.

The proposal is for a change of use of the land at Parting Carn Farm through the provision of two luxury self-contained pods.

The provision will have "green" credentials and provide and provide a high quality niche tourism product. As such it meets local plan policy by demonstrably improving the quality of the existing tourism offer, especially in this area of the island.

This type of accommodation is getting more and more popular with people wanting to stay in more rural places like the country side/working farms in high quality niche tourism accommodation that meets contemporary visitor expectations, like shepherds huts, glamping pods, yurts etc. Even non campers probably know that glamping – or glamorous camping – has been on the rise in recent years. People desire these types of accommodation as they offer a more relaxing, natural and unique experience without sacrificing comfort and quality. We feel that the whole farm experience will complete what these types of visitors are after, with people taking much more interest in how animals are reared and where produce comes from. As we breed and rear livestock and grow produce at Parting Carn we can offer a great experience and our produce would be available to guests staying at the farm.

To support our application Clifford Freeman, owner of St Marys Hall Hotel and Scilly Self Catering wrote the following supporting letter...

“To whom it may concern”

I would like to support this application, as an agent for self-catering accommodation of Scilly we have seen a great surge in enquiries for all different types of accommodation, but have many that are looking to combine a seaside holiday with a more rural stay, especially when on a budget.

On the islands we need to keep upgrading the accommodation stock to keep up with the increasing expectations of our visitors, and this seem and simple and exciting way of doing it.

Kind regards

Clifford Freeman