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Lisa Walton
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VALHALLA – SWIMMING POOL STATEMENT

Dear Lisa,

We write to you with further information regarding the proposed swimming pool at Valhalla.

The provision of a swimming pool for this particular property is in response to its atypical position and ownership.

This property is unusual in that it is set some distance from the central facilities and the shoreline. Its character is more secluded, and self-contained, which is a relatively rare commodity on the island. The house would be occupied by island owner Robert Dorrien Smith and his wife Lucy in their retirement. They value peace and privacy and wish to maintain a small private pool for healthy exercise tailored to growing older. The D&A statement outlines the importance of this proposal in relation to the position of the Abbey and the succession plans for the island.

The pool is of an appropriately modest size for the scale of the property.

Water for the pool will be provided from a private well supply located in the abbey gardens and UV treated (this supply is already used for watering plants across the abbey gardens). Consequently the scheme will place no additional demand on public water services.

The energy required to heat and service the pool will be locally generated via the proposed solar PV array. This will power an air source heat pump used to efficiently heat the water. The heat pump will be programmed only to draw power when the solar array is generating energy in surplus to the dwelling's requirements; effectively a zero-carbon heat source. This approach again ensures that no additional demand is placed on existing public services.

Local Plan Policy SS6 deals with Water and Waste Water Management. It is a permissive policy and the application proposals do not conflict with any of the criteria set out in policy text.

In addition to this, the improvements in the thermal efficiency of the house will also act to offset / reduce energy consumption across the property as a whole.

Yours sincerely

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