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For the Attention of The Planning Department.

Dear Sir

Although We have addressed this issue in person with Mike Coates and expressed our concerns in writing to the Licensing Committee, it would appear that we now have to write to The Planning Department.

This subject has been discussed in the past with favourable results but has now returned!

This is a copy of the letter we sent to Mr Coates:

“Once again it has come to our attention that permission has been granted for a take away van on Holgates Green.

Previously this was rejected following objections from local residents in the area.

We have lived in the islands for over 50 years; my husband was born here.

There are many points to put forward but probably first and foremost, Holgates Green is a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and should remain so.

Placing fast food vans on the Green is Not in keeping with The Isles of Scilly, and should never even been considered.

The Green is a lovely area for locals and visitors alike to gather, relax, and enjoy the view, and has been used for this purpose for many years; also as an area where the Community can gather for fund raising events, and events such as The Gig Championships and the Otillo swim run event.....all to benefit the Community.

The prospect of a food van being parked on the Green, along with its towing vehicle housing the necessary generators is appalling....with smells, noise, queues and rubbish.

See Paragraph 23 of The Street Trading Policy....

We understand that this policy was revised back in January this year, but we obviously missed this application in The Town Hall notice board. Usually these requests are posted in the areas the application refers to.

The first indication we had was a post from the people involved asking for staff!!!

Is this now going to open the flood gates for further catering vans on the Green?

Many visitors, locals sit in the shade at this time of year, exactly where the van will be placed, and use the benches for lunch, ice creams, coffee and catchup with friends.

Surely there are less obtrusive sites these vans can be placed....Carn Thomas School site, Small Boat park Porthcressa, Industrial Estate or The Bank at Porth Cressa, but not the lovely area on Holgates Green!!

You must have considered the cars which park along The Strand....assuming the van will be towed on and off the Green, having to move the cars on a daily basis?

The whole scenario will destroy the whole concept of what The Isles of Scilly is about and especially the peace and tranquillity of The Strand.

Our fear is that this will open the flood gates and the Strand will lose its present reputation where locals and visitors alike can enjoy views across the harbour, sunsets and peaceful relaxation.

Hopefully Council will reconsider this application and find more suitable premises in keeping with The Isles of Scilly.

Yours sincerely

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