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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the change of use for Holgate's Green and the siting of a mobile hot food takeaway unit and Land Rover (with generator) on the green.

Whilst I fully support entrepreneurs who wish to bring additional food vending to St Mary's, the change of use for Holgate's Green for commercial vending of this style is inappropriate.

Holgate's Green is one of the only common park areas in the centre of Hugh Town, and offers residents and visitors a seating area with a pleasant view across the Harbour and Islands from St Mary's to enjoy. It is also the only common green area which is regularly used for a variety of events, such as the Gig Championships, The Pride Event and The Charity Fun Day in 2022.

The siting of a take away food van, even if it is only for short periods, will distract from it's use as a green common public area. It will cause damage to the grass areas, plus encourage further vermin and seagull issues due to dropped food items.

By allowing one van to use this area it will set a precedent to The Council for further requests by others to site their commercial food vans in this area, either on the green or on the nearby streets. This would distract from the aesthetics of The Isles of Scilly and of the area, and lead to the loss of this green area for general use.

The Council must consider a more permanent solution to this matter. I would suggest as part of the redevelopment of The Town Hall, the area behind on Porthcressa, which is currently used by two food vans, be developed into a permanent food vendor area., with utility services to match.

Maybe consideration should be given to building a small "Box Park" style accommodation for future food vending.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boxpark>

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