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To: Planning (Isles of Scilly)
Subject: RE: Planning Application Representation P/22/056/COU - Holgates Green, Lower Strand, Hugh Town, St Marys, Isles Of Scilly - URGENT

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Dear Sir / Madam

As a regular visitor to the Island for the last 35 years, I am writing in strong objection to planning application P/22/056/COU for siting of a takeaway food outlet on Holgates Green. I find this decision remarkable considering the location is a unique green area in the town which is accessible to everyone, including those with disabilities, and a place where one can enjoy the views of the harbour in peace. Holgates Green is one of the towns few remaining flat green areas and to start littering it with "fast food" outlets is just ridiculous, and questions how this can be allowed.

It is mentioned that it is a suitable site due to the availability of picnic benches, however the van and Land Rover take up a substantial space on the green meaning there is less space for those who want to enjoy the green and the picnic benches to relax and enjoy the view or, for example, for school trips to meet up... not everyone goes there to eat!

Within the application there is **NO** consideration to sustainability measures that the applicant has considered to minimise their proposed plans, nor any regard for Net Zero Carbon considerations to offset their carbon footprint impact in this area. Surely both of these items need to be addressed in ANY planning application. I note their use of a generator. Two issues here – firstly I see no noise assessment within the planning application and the impact this will have on the visitors on Holgates Green and the nearby residents. Secondly, the use of a generator emits significant carbon emissions / fumes, thus having a negative impact on the surrounding environment. Surely the council should be encouraging the use of PV and self-generated power sources as a mandatory requirement.

The addition of food waste will attract more seagulls to the area no matter what anyone will say, and thus further negatively impacting on the visitor experience to this spot.

In addition, having reviewed the planning application I believe the application has misinformed / shortcomings within the submission in two key areas.

Section 13 – Biodiversity – as noted above, the applicant's proposals will negatively affect the biodiversity due to its proposals. Again, I do not see any biodiversity assessments within the application to demonstrate that this will not be the case. I note that the applicant has not even recognised that Biodiversity even exists in the area which shows the complete disregard or consideration on the impact. Any green area which has two vehicles driving over it twice a day destroying the grass will be affected and negatively affect the biodiversity and ecology of the area.

Section 23 – the applicant should have declared the storage of fuel for the generator as a Hazardous substance. There are no risk assessments for Fire and the measures to protect the public in the event of a fire. Again, surely this would have to have been submitted as part of the planning application as this is a safeguarding issue of the public. A fundamental question and concern one would think.

I therefore question the validity of the application as presented, and how this proposal has even got this far.

Please take this communication as my strongest objection to these proposals and look forward to hearing your responses.

Regards

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