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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application: P/23/036COU

I am writing to object to the above application.

Firstly, I would like to say that I have every sympathy for the applicant as I have nothing against Lilys van, the issue is with the trading location of the van (and landrover).

Holgates Green is one of the few green spaces in town and is regularly used by both locals and visitors alike, who like to sit and enjoy the views. To put any takeaway van on the green ruins the outlook and atmosphere and I am concerned that the sight of a takeaway van along with the inevitable noise (as you can hear the noise of the generator in the land rover from outside) and smells emanating from it as well as issues with litter and gulls.

Visitors love to come to the islands to get away from their everyday lives and the hustle and bustle of the mainland and although a certain amount of change is always inevitable, putting takeaway vans in an AONB does NOT entice them to return in the future, we would be competing with every 'bucket and spade' resort in the UK and that is not what visitors want to see here.

Having reviewed the reasons that the application was turned down last year, I cannot see any changes that would allow trading to now take place on Holgates Green as briefly outlined below.

One of the points for refusal raised was that the '*proposal was contrary to the requirements of Policy OE7(5) and WC5(1) c) and d) of the Isles of Scilly Local Plan 2015 - 2030 and Paragraph 197 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021*'. This has not changed and Holgates Green is still a prominent area of public open recreation space within a conservation area and therefore **STILL** contrary to the requirements of the Isles of Scilly Local Plan.

The second reason that the application was refused was that '*the proposed change of use by virtue of the lack of formal vehicular access to the site would lead to daily hazardous arrangements that would have an unacceptable impact on the use of Holgates Green*'. Again, as per your reason for refusal last year, there is still a safety issue with crossing a pavement and vehicular movements could still introduce a conflict with pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

Although I can fully understand that a street trading licence has been issued (as it was last year), I still cannot understand why, when trading on Holgates Green was refused last year, you are still allowing someone to trade in exactly the same place this year when planning permission has still not been granted. I also cannot understand how an individual can apply (as per the title of the application) for 'a change of use of the land' when the land is not owned by the applicant but is a public space owned and maintained by the Council.

I do think that the Council are trying to push this application through to set a precedence for the future, so once the vans currently trading at the back of the Town Hall have to be moved due to any Town Hall development, they will automatically be put on Holgates Green or The Strand so this is a way to ensure that trading is already agreed.

I would therefore urge you NOT to pass this application and find a suitable space for all the vans which does not encroach on any green/open spaces.

Yours faithfully

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