Planning Application

Ref: P/24/044/FUL

Consultation: CEC Advice Request

Consultee:

Date: 14th June 2024

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Site: St Martin's Vineyard and Winery, Higher Town, St Martin's, Isles Of Scilly.

Proposal: Erection of a staff dwelling with associated landscaping and ecological enhancement

area at St Martin's Vineyard.

You are being consulted on this application as ecological input is required to inform the decision. Please complete the response form below and return to planning@scilly.gov.uk as soon as possible and no later than **5th July 2024** or by post to the Planning Department, Town Hall, The Parade, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Link: https://scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p24044ful

Comments:

- 1) There are a number of designated sites within relatively close proximity of the development site. However, due to the small size of the development there should be no direct or indirect impact upon them.
- 2) The habitats within the redline boundary are not scarce or high priority habitats and so their loss is not of great ecological concern and any losses will be addressed through the proposed mitigation measures.
- 3) There is no threat to protected species other than nesting birds that may be using the site. Suitable mitigation measures have been proposed for birds and other small mammals that may be present. A condition should be set requiring all mitigation measures proposed to be implemented.
- 4) The proposed BNG enhancement measures are appropriate and proportional to the small scale of the development.
- 5) The ecological assessment does not suggest the inclusion of a bird or bat box as part of the development and it is recommended that one of these be included in the design. A bee brick should also be included. A condition should be set for these additional enhancements.

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- 6) The report outlines monitoring and management that will be required for the created habitats and a condition should be set requiring this to take place.
- 7) There are no objections on ecological grounds subject to appropriate conditions being set.

Completed By	Time Spent	Date
Dr B. Forrest	60 minutes	18/06/2024
	15 mins review	
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