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Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

Ref: P/25/050/FUL

Consultation Response

Date: 05.06.2025

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Site: Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Hugh Street, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

Proposal: Construction of a single storey extension, shopfront alterations and installation of plant.

You are being consulted on this application as you may wish to make comments before a decision is made. Should you wish to make any comments on this application, please complete the response form below and return to planning@scilly.gov.uk by the **26th June 2025**.

Link to application: <https://scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p25050ful>

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the **26th June 2025** then I will assume you have no comments to make.

Consultee Name: Isles of Scilly National Landscape Partnership

(Comments)

Thank you for consulting the Isles of Scilly National Landscape Partnership (hereafter 'the Partnership') on planning application P/25/050/FUL.

As a general principle, the Partnership is supportive of the plans to expand the Co-op store as an essential service to the islands.

One of the priorities of the Partnership is to ensure that Scilly's landscapes and seascapes can be accessed by people from all walks of life, and that barriers to this are reduced where possible. Ensuring that the islands' key infrastructure and services are accessible is a key enabling aspect of this. In that respect, the Partnership is pleased to see the plans include a new DDA-compliant sliding door, and the removal of the step currently required to enter and exit the store.

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It is important that the appearance of the new door, and the vernacular of the entire store, is in keeping with the special historical and architectural character of Hugh Town, as required by the Conservation Area designation. The current plans suggest the vernacular of the store facing Hugh Street will be similar to that at present. We would encourage the Planning Authority to ensure that this is in keeping with the historical character and to identify if any improvements could be made in keeping with the Isles of Scilly Design Guide.

The planning application does not include a Lighting Assessment or Lighting Strategy. We would strongly encourage the production of a Lighting Strategy to ensure that the refitted and extended store has a minimal impact on Scilly's internationally-important dark skies, which are a signifying feature of the landscape. The lighting required for the store should follow the Lighting Guide produced by the Council and Local Plan Policy OE4. The key principles of this are to ensure that all lights which affect the outdoor environment are switched off when the store is closed, unless demonstrably necessary, and that all external lighting should be downward-pointing and hooded.

The Partnership has no further comments to make.

Kind regards,
Jacob Blackett, Isles of Scilly National Landscape Partnership Manager

On behalf of the Isles of Scilly National Landscape Partnership



Name: Jacob Blackett

Date: 25/06/2025