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Planning Dept Council of the Isles of Scilly Town Hall The Parade St Mary's TR21 OLW

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Planning Application P/25/075/HH

7 Buzza Street, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0HX

I am writing on behalf of Scilly Self-catering Ltd, which manages holiday lettings for both 8a and 8b Buzza Street, to formally express our objection to the proposed alterations at 7 Buzza Street. We are concerned that these changes will have a significant and adverse effect on guests staying at our properties.

Concerns Regarding Noise and Privacy

Our primary concerns relate to potential disturbance from increased noise as well as the risk of intrusion and being overlooked, particularly into the outside areas where our guests frequently enjoy spending time. The prospect of new windows or elevated terraces at 7 Buzza Street, as indicated in the plans, would directly overlook the external spaces of 8a and 8b, resulting in a substantial loss of privacy, also reduction of light in the properties. Another concern is that the proposed alterations will increase the potential for noise disruption, particularly in the evenings and during peak holiday periods. The close proximity of 7 Buzza Street to our properties means that even

evenings and during peak holiday periods. The close proximity of 7 Buzza Street to our properties means that even minor changes in building use or occupancy could significantly intrude upon the quiet enjoyment our guests expect. Furthermore, the plans appear to overlook the need for adequate screening and soundproofing measures, raising the likelihood of reduced privacy for those staying at 8a and 8b Buzza Street.

Impact on Local Tourism and Guest Experience

Scilly is chiefly a holiday destination, and the local economy relies heavily on visitors who choose to stay on the islands. In our view, developments of this nature do not support the goal of attracting more tourists. The peaceful and secluded atmosphere of our properties is regularly cited by guests as a highlight of their stay and a key reason for visiting Scilly. Any reduction in privacy or tranquillity would inevitably diminish the appeal of our holiday lets, negatively impacting both our business and the wider local tourism sector.

Sincerely

Clifford Freeman
Director Scilly Self Catering