McCallum, Fiona

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Sent:	21 May 2021 16:21
To:	McCallum, Fiona
Subject:	Re: Intimation of Receipt of Notice of Review Reference 21/0002/LRB (Planning Ref: 21/00017/PP) - Byre between 3 and 4 Glassard, Isle of Colonsay [OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms McCallum,

Thank you for notifying me of an application for review of Case 21/0002/LRB (Planning Ref: 21/00017/PP), which I understand has been refused by the planning authority.

I have little to add to the comments I have already made on this proposal. I would, however, like to take issue with the following statement in the applicant's submission:

'The byre might also be sold to the nearest dwelling providing ancillary accommodation which could be used for visitors and their cars.'

As the owner and current occupier of the 'nearest dwelling' I am unaware of any such proposal. As I understand it, the byre and surrounding ground were recently sold by Colonsay Estate to Mrs Rose, who has not offered them for sale to me. My earlier, informal offer to buy the subjects from Colonsay Estate was rejected in favour of Mrs Rose's much higher bid. There is no reason to suppose:

1. That I would at this stage be interested in buying the property;
2. That if I did, I would wish to entail the considerable further expense of converting the byre to guest accommodation;
3. That any visitors I may have to stay at my home would necessarily bring a vehicle or vehicles to the island.

That being the case, I suggest that this sentence in the applicant's submission has no basis in fact, and should be disregarded.

I further submit that there is no reason in this case to depart from the Council's settled policy that an unmade private road should not serve more than five households, or ten given the very specific circumstances of Colonsay. The existing track is showing serious signs of deterioration, despite recent repairs by Colonsay Estate.

I would be grateful if you would bring these further observations to the attention of the review body.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair M. Scouller