

LOCAL REVIEW STATEMENT - ADDENDUM

Reference No: 22/02100/PP

Applicant: Mr A McGillivray

Proposal: Erection of short-term holiday let accommodation, outbuilding and pontoon and installation of sewage treatment plant

Site Address: Eilean Loch Oscair, off Isle of Lismore

Eilean Oscair is a working croft, owned by a Liosach farmer/crofter whose family have lived and farmed on Lismore for generations. The croft is part of a farming enterprise on Lismore that produces high quality sheep and cattle that win prizes at agricultural shows and command good prices at market. The proposed house development will support farm diversification, thus increasing sustainability of the business. This is also an important element in successional planning, which will enable the applicant's son to remain on Lismore and continue the farm enterprise into the future, raising his own family here and providing a rare continuity in people and place that is increasingly fragile in today's society. Securing a sustainable future for his son and grandson on Lismore will help address population decline and the aging demographic – contributing to delivery of national policies, for example as outlined in the National Plan for Scotland's Islands.

The building is a low impact, sustainable design that will fit in the landscape as a modern reflection of the countless buildings that once existed on Lismore and its scatter of islands, in days when the local population was much larger. Development, of its time, is nothing new to this environment and in fact arguably, the building will have a positive impact in contrast to the backdrop of the Glensanda quarry and the local fish farms. Although scenic, it is important to remember that this is a working environment. The presence of summer residents and the related site management will help to maintain the island's environment, for example through beach/shore cleaning and vegetation management. Studies commissioned for the application have demonstrated no negative impact on designated features or protected species, for example the seal colonies in the locality. Use of the island will bring much needed income to the community, not only the direct income from the property but also through guests who stay longer, and do and spend more, which will benefit local businesses, such as shops, restaurants, cafes, island taxi etc. as well as the wider Argyll economy.