

Application Ref: NP/12/0107

Application Type Full
Grid Ref: SM73362714
Applicant Mr Shaun Thompson
Agent
Proposal Temporary permission for the hire of sunloungers, deck chairs and wind breaks for a period of 3 years
Site Location The Slipway, Whitesands Beach, St Davids, Pembrokeshire
Case Officer Brian Canning

Summary

Temporary planning permission for a site for the seasonal hire of sunloungers, deck chairs and windbreaks at Whitesands Beach has been approved on a rolling basis since 2005. The most recent planning permission has now lapsed, and the application seeks permission to continue the activity for a further 3 years. The use does not require any permanent structures, and has no lasting impact on the character and appearance of the area. No adverse comments have been received regarding the use, which provides an additional fine weather facility at this popular visitor beach, and permission is recommended for a further 3 year period. Whilst the application has been submitted by a private concern, the application is placed before the Development Management Committee as the land involved is in National Park Authority ownership. As the committee date predates the public consultation expiry date the recommendation is for delegation to officers.

Consultee Response

Countryside Council for Wales: No objection
Environment Agency Wales: Standard Advice

Public Response

No third party consultee responses received to date.

Policies considered

LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty
LDP Policy 07 - Countryside
LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities
LDP Policy 10 - Local Sites of Nature Conservation or Geological Interest
LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design
LDP Policy 30 - Amenity
LDP Policy 53 - Impacts on traffic

PPW4 Chapter 04 - Planning for Sustainability

PPW4 Chapter 05 - Conserving and Improving Natural Heritage and the Coast

PPW4 Chapter 06 - Conserving the Historic Environment

Officer's Appraisal

Background & Description

The application site is located adjacent to the Slipway at Whitesands Beach, on the western side of the large public car park. The immediate area provides the bulk of facilities for visitors to the beach, with toilets, café, lifeguard station and access slipway all in close proximity. The site has been used for hire of sun loungers, deckchairs and windbreaks on a seasonal basis since 2005.

Current proposal

The application seeks to renew temporary permission for the use for a further 3 year period. In support of the application the applicant states that he has been providing this service for the last 7 years and considers that it is now an accepted part of the facilities provided at the beach which is expected by visitors. As well as hiring sunloungers, deckchairs and windbreaks, for the last 4 years the hiring of beach wheelchairs has also been included, and this has proven highly popular. He has received no complaints, and believes that the service is an asset to Whitesands Beach.

Located on an open area at the top of the beach, adjacent to the main beach access, the use does not require any permanent structures and has no lasting impact on the character and appearance of the area. The consultation exercise has raised no objections, and the National Park Authority retains overall control of the use via the licensing process in its role as landowner. In these circumstances, there is not considered to be any in-principle planning objections to the continuation of the use for a further 3 years, and approval is recommended.

Recommendation

That power be delegated to the Chief Executive(National Park Office)/Director of Park Direction and Planning/Head of Development Management to grant planning permission for this development, subject to appropriate conditions and subject to no valid planning objections (which cannot be overcome by condition).

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St Patrick's Chapel
(site of)

PC

Car Park

TCB

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Drain

Slipway

Whitesands
Rescue
Station

Boulders and Shingle

Sand

The Burrows or TOWN