

## AG15.ii Correspondence from Calstock Parish Council



### Calstock Parish Council

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Dear Councillors,

#### Holiday lets and second homes


At a recent Parish Council meeting we had a detailed discussion - with a number of members of the public voicing their opinions - about the number of holiday lets and second homes within our Parish in South East Cornwall. We recognise that this is an increasing problem not just in our parish but in Cornwall and in the country as a whole.

The biggest problem appears to be about the lack of rental housing in our Parish which is depriving people of a dwelling that they can afford to live in. We cannot ignore, however, the benefits tourism brings to our local economy. We do feel some measures should be introduced whereby a better balance may be maintained. We feel the following actions should be considered:

Dwellings to be subject to a change of use when they are being used for holiday/tourism purposes

- Council to be able to cap the number of second homes and/or holiday lets
- Holiday lets/second homes to have a licensing regime regulated through Cornwall Council
- A facility to increase the council tax by up to four times on holiday lets or properties left empty for significant periods of time

Yours sincerely



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