



Press release

Route Partnership withdraw Penzance Harbour application

12 June 2009

On Friday 12 June the Route Partnership withdrew its Penzance Harbour planning application, part of the Isles of Scilly sea link proposals. The application was for improvements to South Pier and to construct a new passenger terminal and freight facility on reclaimed land between the harbour sea wall and the Jubilee Pool.

The application submitted in February attracted widespread local interest which has prompted the Route Partnership to review options for alternative locations for the passenger terminal and freight facilities.

Philip Hygate, Chairman of the Route Partnership and Chief Executive of the Council of the Isles of Scilly explained "work on investigating the options agreed with Friends of Penzance Harbour, is still to be concluded. We have taken the decision to withdraw the planning application for all parties to have more time to consider the results of the options study before we take the project forward.

Penzance Harbour proposals form an essential part of the overall project which aims to safeguard the long term future of the sea link to Scilly. I hope by reviewing the proposal now we will be able to seize the opportunity we have to deliver the project with funding from Europe and

central Government."

Tom Flanagan, Corporate Director of Cornwall Council said "The planning application generated a tremendous amount of interest in the scheme and it is important that we review the proposals in the light of comments received. The withdrawal of the planning application has been welcomed by the recently elected Cornwall Council members for the Penzance area."

Tim Wood, Project Director added "The project requires delivery of two harbours, a new vessel and an operator. Whilst the Penzance review is being undertaken work on all other elements of the project is continuing in order to ensure introduction of the improved service in time for the 2012 season."

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Note to editors

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1. More information can be obtained from Philip Hygate on 01720 422537.
2. The Route Partnership was established in 2003 and comprises Council of the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall Council and the Duchy of Cornwall.
3. Two alternative Penzance options are being considered as agreed with the Friends of Penzance Harbour; (i.) Reuse of existing harbour side buildings and (ii.) An out of town freight facility.
4. The planning application was submitted by Cornwall County Council on behalf of the Isles of Scilly Route Partnership.

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