

Friends of Penzance Harbour

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How to help

The Route Partnership's planning application to build on battery Rocks beach has been withdrawn but the Route Partnership are continuing to promote their scheme and have recently been lobbying Councillors from the Penzance Area. Clearly they have not given up on the scheme, and until such time as they do we are urging people to continue to object and push for an alternative to building on Battery Rocks beach. At this point it is most important that you write to your Cornwall Council member and to Tom Flanagan, the officer ultimately responsible for the scheme (see details below).

1. Write to your Cornwall Council member

Perhaps the most important target at the moment is local councillors. The Route Partnership are trying to win them over; at the moment they are for the most part against the development, but they must be reminded of the strength of local feeling. This is important because any final decision to proceed with the scheme will be taken by Cornwall Council members (your elected councillor).

You can find the names and addresses of all Cornwall Council members at:

<http://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

In addition to your local councillor should also write to the two "portfolio holders" (both elected members) at County Hall that are responsible for the scheme. An alternative would be to copy your letter to your own councillor to them. Their contacts details are:

Transport & Planning Portfolio Holder

Mr Graeme Hicks
County Hall, Treyew Road
Truro, TR1 3AY
01209 217605
ghicks@cornwall.gov.uk

Economics Portfolio Holder

Carolyn Rule
County Hall, Treyew Road
Truro, TR1 3AY
07751 685733
carorule@cornwall.gov.uk

The Chairman and Leader of the County Council (both elected members) are also worth writing to, although you might simply want to copy them in on your correspondence with your councillor.

Mrs Pat Harvey
Chair of Cornwall Council
County Hall, Treyew Road
Truro, TR1 3AY
Tel: 01637 860691
pharvey@cornwall.gov.uk

Alec Robertson
Leader of Cornwall Council
County Hall, Treyew Road
Truro, TR1 3AY
Tel: 01326 572650
arobertson@cornwall.gov.uk

2. Write to Cornwall Council

In addition to contacting your councillor you should also write to Tom Flanagan, Cornwall Council's Corporate Director for environment, planning and economy (including transport). Mr Flanagan is the officer ultimately responsible for the project.

Tom Flanagan
Cornwall Council Corporate Director for
environment, planning & economy
County Hall, Treyew Road,
Truro, TR1 3AY. Tel: 01872 322000
tflanagan@cornwall.gov.uk

Any correspondence with Tom Flanagan should be copied to the Council's Chief Executive.

Kevin Lavery
Chief Executive of Cornwall Council
County Hall, Treyew Road
Truro, TR1 3AY
Tel: 01872 322000
klavery@cornwall.gov.uk

3. Object to the planning applications

The planning applications have now been withdrawn. A review of alternatives is underway and if this concludes that the original scheme is the best (and a biased report is perfectly possible) then there is a possibility that the plans may be resubmitted. For this reason if you have not already objected please do so.

The plans can still be viewed on the Cornwall Council website...

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=2787>

...and there is a link there to an online form for making your objection. If you need help with your letter of objection please look at our "Key Objections" document which can be downloaded from the FoPzH home page.

4. Write to your MP

If you are in the St Ives constituency then you should write to Andrew George at:

Andrew George MP
18 Mennaye Road
Penzance, Cornwall
TR18 4NG
Tel: 01736 360020
Fax: 01736 332866

Andrew George has been instrumental in securing the funding for the harbour improvements but is concerned about the proposed scheme and unhappy with the way it was chosen. It is important that he continues to feel the strength of public opposition to the scheme. If you are in Cornwall but outside Andrew George's constituency write to your own MP.

4. Write to the Department of Transport and South West RDA

It is the Department for Transport (DfT) that is providing the funding for the harbour works and they have stated that they are not bothered which scheme is chosen so long as it meets the objectives and is supported by the public locally. The DfT funding is being channelled through the South West Regional Development Agency (RDA). They can be contacted at:

Mrs Fozia Chughtai
Department for Transport
Regional & Local Major Projects Division
Zone 3/18, Great Minster House
76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DR
Fozia.chughtai@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Theo Leijser
South West RDA
Area Director for Cornwall & the IoS
Castle House, Pydar Street
Truro, Cornwall TR1 2UJ
theo.leijser@southwestrda.org.uk

You should tell them that the Route Partnership's scheme is not supported locally and that there are better, cheaper, less destructive alternatives that should be considered. Please refer to our "Lost Forever?" brochure for details.

5. Write to the Cornishman

To help keep the issue in the public eye think about writing a letter expressing your concerns to the *Cornishman* or other local media. Letters to the Cornishman should be sent to:

The Letters Page
The Cornishman
Harmsworth House
City Wharf, Malpas Road
Truro TR1 1QH
letters@cornishman.co.uk
fax: 01872 247435

6. Put a poster in your window

Contact us via the web site and we will send you one.

7. Sign the petition

This can be done on-line by going to:

www.thepetitionsite.com/2/save-the-holy-headland-penzance

8. Tell your friends

Word of mouth is vitally important to ensure that as many people as possible know about what is happening. The more that know the more that will object and the more difficult it is for Cornwall County Council, the Route Partnership and others to ignore us.