

**An open letter from businesses to the Leader of Cornwall Council regarding Penzance Harbour and the Scilly Link**

[Letter originally sent on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010]

Dear Cllr Robertson,

We are writing as local business people with the best interests of Penzance at heart to appeal to you to give up your Council's plan to build on Battery Rocks beach and put an industrial estate, with freight sheds, heavy lorries and forklift trucks, in the middle of our historic and much-loved seafront. It will seriously harm an important listed pier, destroy the setting of the listed and famous Jubilee Pool and draw heavy lorry traffic along our narrow seafront roads and alongside our Promenade, unique in Cornwall. And it will place a block on long-cherished plans to reunite the town's seafront with its centre.

When the Strategic Planning Committee voted 12-7 to reject the request for listed building consent the whole community breathed a sigh of relief and thanked a democratic process for properly representing the interests of the town. That you now seem intent on ignoring that decision and pushing the scheme through is deeply disappointing.

Your plans are not only unpopular with the public but also with the local business community who know that unnecessarily degrading the town's historic harbour and seafront will be bad for business, that talk of moving the link to Falmouth is nonsense, and that there is now time to develop an alternative scheme that meets the needs of the Scilly Link, respects what is special about Penzance, and actually enhances business opportunities in the town.

Instead of trying to force Option A through against the wishes of local people and your own strategic planning committee please put your efforts into developing a popular alternative.

Yours sincerely,

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David Ball  
Kelvin Hearn & Claire Bradley  
William Cox  
Kath Hawkins  
Melissa Hardie  
Richard Cruickshank  
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