

Friends of Penzance Harbour

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Help with your further written objection to the sea wall application (No. 09-1118-P) being considered by the Strategic Planning Committee on October 14th 2010

In the letter from the Council (see Annex I below) it explains that any further objections must relate to the following changes of circumstances:

1. the granting of Listed Building Consent with conditions by the Secretary of State for the works described in application reference number 10-0095-LBC;
2. the replacement of national planning policy documents PPG15 and PPG 16 with the new national policy document PPS5 Planning and the Historic Environment;
3. the upgrading in Listed Building status of South Pier from Grade II to Grade II*; and
4. the granting of grade II listed Building status to the Battery and War Memorial.

When writing a new letter of objection you should include your own observations on the above but you might also usefully mention the following points:

- English heritage still object to the scheme and believe that alternatives should be investigated.
- The officer's report to the committee accepts that the scheme will cause serious harm to the heritage (and environmental) assets of the town but justifies this by claiming that – in his opinion - the scheme will bring economic benefits that outweigh the harm. However, better, cheaper, less destructive alternatives exist, although they were not considered by the SoS (as being outside his remit) and are being ignored by Cornwall Council. The existence of alternatives entirely undermines the rationale for Option A and the logic of the officer's recommendation of approval for the sea wall application.
- The scheme of which the new sea wall is a part is clearly in conflict with the recommendations of the recent AECOM study into the economic regeneration of Penzance. The harbour area is highlighted as a focus for regeneration with plans to stop through traffic and create shared pedestrian and vehicle space along Wharf Road. Clearly this cannot be compatible with locating a freight depot and associated heavy traffic in the area.

- And please mention again that an overwhelming majority of people in Penzance are against the scheme. The other side are quoting dodgy petition and Facebook figures but the most recent independent poll (in the Cornishman) showed that 70% were against the Council's plans.

The **deadline for objections to be with Cornwall Council is 12:00 noon on 12 October**. Given the shortage of time your letter of objection should be sent by email to: dave.slatter@cornwall.gov.uk Please also copy your email to members of the strategic planning committee (their email addresses are at Annex II below).

Annex I

Letter from Cornwall Council regarding SPC meeting on October 14th



Your ref:
My ref: 09-1118-P/DWS
Date: 29 September 2010

Dear ,

Application Number: 09-1118-P
Proposal: New sea wall (above reclaimed level)
Location: South Pier, Penzance Harbour, Penzance
Applicant: Cornwall Council

This application has previously been considered by the Council's Planning Committee, who resolved that Application No. 09-1118-P (South Pier, Penzance Harbour, Penzance) be referred to the Secretary of State with the recommendation that the Council as local planning authority is minded to grant planning permission subject to the conditions reported to the meeting that considered the application.

The Secretary of State has considered the relevant planning issues and in his letter to the Council of 19th August 2010 concluded that "The proposal does not, in the Secretary of State's view, raise issues of such wider significance requiring determination by him." Consequently the decision as to whether to grant planning permission for this application therefore remains with Cornwall Council. However since the Committee last considered the application in March of this year there have been several changes in circumstance of which the Council is aware, namely:

1. the granting of Listed Building Consent with conditions by the Secretary of State for the works described in application reference number 10-0095-LBC;
2. the replacement of national planning policy documents PPG15 and PPG 16 with the new national policy document PPS5 Planning and the Historic Environment;
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4. the granting of grade II listed Building status to the Battery and War Memorial.

Copies of the above together with details of the planning application can be viewed via the "What's new in planning" web page on the Council's website at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=23150>

This change in circumstances will be reported to the Strategic Planning Committee at its meeting on the 14th October 2010. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY and commence at 10:00am.

You can see my report on the application from 7 days before the date of the meeting either by visiting the Council offices, by contacting us for a copy to be sent to you or on the Council's web-site at

<http://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CIId=618&Year=2010>

You can attend or listen to the debate and the Committee's decision, however, as this application has been reported previously to the Strategic Planning Committee you will not be able to speak thereon, unless you registered to speak at the March 2010 Committee, in accordance with the Council's Procedure for Public Speaking.

If you did not register to speak at the March 2010 meeting you will still be able to make written representations even though you will not be permitted to speak at the meeting. Any further representations should relate directly to the material changes listed above. Your representations, should you wish to make any, should be made in writing to me at the address below no later than noon on the 12th October 2010.

If you registered to speak at the March 2010 meeting you will be permitted to speak at the meeting on 14 October to make representations but only in relation to the material changes listed above and nothing more. If you intend to speak at the forthcoming meeting can you please liaise with Senior Democratic Services Officer, who will be contacting you shortly, so that we can add your name to list of persons intending to speak to help us manage the meeting. If you do not contact me to confirm that you intend to speak we will assume that you have no further representations to make to the meeting. You will be allowed up to three minutes to speak. In addition to this additional opportunity to speak you will also be able to make written representations as above.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours Faithfully

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Annex II

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