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Dear Mr Slatter

**APPLICATION 09-01118-P – CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SEA WALL (ABOVE RECLAIMED LAND), SOUTH PIER, PENZANCE HARBOUR, PENZANCE**

As you will be aware, the Secretary of State has been considering whether or not to call in the above application.

Our general approach is not to interfere with the jurisdiction of local planning authorities unless it is necessary to do so. Parliament has entrusted them with responsibility for day-to-day planning control in their areas. Local planning authorities are normally best placed to make decisions relating to their areas and it is right that, in general, they should be free to carry out their duties responsibly, with the minimum of interference.

There will be occasions, however, when the Secretary of State may consider it necessary to call in a planning application to determine himself instead of leaving it to the local planning authority. His policy is to be very selective about calling in planning applications. He will, in general, only take this step if planning issues of more than local importance are involved and if those issues need to be decided by the Secretary of State rather than at a local level. Each case is, however, considered on its own merits.

We have carefully considered all the matters raised about this application. Bearing in mind that the issue before him for decision is not whether the application should be granted planning permission but whether or not he should call it in for his own determination, the Secretary of State considers that the main matters relevant to his decision are the planning policies for

#### **PPS4: Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth**

The Secretary of State has considered the extent to which the proposed development accords with Government policy in PPS4: Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth published on 29th December 2009.

#### **PPS5: Planning for the Historic Environment**

With regard to planning and the historic environment, the Secretary of State considers that the main matters relevant to his decision are his policies for the conservation of heritage assets and their settings.

#### **PPS25 Supplement: Development and Coastal Change**

The Secretary of State has considered the extent to which the proposed development accords with current national policy in the PPS 25 Supplement: Development and Coastal Change, published on 9th March 2010.

Having carefully considered the relevant planning issues raised by this proposal, together with the representations from yourself, we have concluded that the Secretary of State's intervention would not be justified. The proposal does not, in the Secretary of State's view, raise issues of such wider significance requiring a determination by him. The decision as to whether to grant planning permission will therefore remain with Cornwall County Council. The Article 14 Direction issued pursuant to the Secretary of State's letter of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 is hereby withdrawn

Yours sincerely



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