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**Subject:** Email from Andrew George MP

Mike,

Thanks for your message.

I note the decision taken by Cornwall Council's Cabinet.  
The facts are:

1. The planning application for **Option A** was rejected by the Council's own Planning Committee. English Heritage is sustaining its objection. It also intends to upgrade statutory protection of the South Pier (from Grade 2 to Grade 2\*). The Government intends to 'call in' this planning application. A Council which grants itself planning permission in such circumstances will at the very least provoke an external procedural review and/or Inquiry.
2. Any proposal to move the project to **Falmouth** would result in having to start the whole pre-application process all over again. It would seriously threaten the project and would put in jeopardy the chance of restoring the funding package. Many people have already complained about the manner in which you and your supporters have gone about the process of securing signatures for your petition. In respect of Falmouth your supporters have repeated the claim that it would result in Penzance becoming a "branch line". I know how Penzance has responded to this nonsense, but would you like to report that to the people of Redruth, of Camborne, of Hayle, of St Erth and of St Ives?

As I say, I'm aware of your activities at the Wharfside. I must caution you that the manner in which you have gone about that task does not aid your case.

I have repeatedly called for a calm and rational debate. I have also repeated my determination that the project must succeed. I'm sorry, but pursuing just Option A and Falmouth is not a rational response. That is why I have called the meeting next week. I note that you do not agree. I will, however, let you know how the meeting goes and inform you of its outcome.

With good wishes,

Yours,

Andrew

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