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Dear Mr Bennett,

RE.LELANT PLANNING GROUP

Further to your recent presentation to the Lelant Planning Group (LPG) at its AGM, to which you outlined the current and proposed future role of the Hayle Harbour Advisory Group (HHAG).

I have discussed with a number of LPG members your presentation and in particular the role and composition of the HHAG. We note that the Group is extremely diverse and represents a range of activities and users of the Hayle Harbour environment. However it seems to us that representation is heavily biased in favour of Hayle; not unsurprisingly in view of the predominant focus on proposed harbour developments in and around the town of Hayle.

However as you know there are a number of issues which impact on the Lelant side of the estuary, and indeed Lelant will inevitably be implicated on all aspects of harbour development to a lesser or greater extent. Accordingly we would ask that the Lelant Planning Group becomes a member of the HHAG.

The LPG was established by villagers in 2005 in response to a number of inappropriate developments in the village, and in response to growing concerns that villagers had increasingly marginal influence over the development of our own community. At present we represent 60 households in the village, a number which continues to grow year on year. Membership costs £5 per household and membership revenue is invested solely in the activities of the Group. In addition to monitoring and responding to development applications we are increasingly proactively engaging with developers and other stakeholders on development plans for the village. We respond to strategic consultations and seek to represent the wider views of the village on development proposals.

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We know that the Lelant Quay and indeed almost all major Hayle Harbour activities are of substantial interest to Lelant villagers. The significant natural and land assets which are planned to be held by the Hayle Harbour Trust present a range of significant opportunities to the village and the wider area. They also present a number of threats and we are keen to ensure that Lelant has a voice in its own destiny. I hope you share this view and enable us to contribute to HHAG as a member.

Yours Sincerely

Tony Harris

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Group Secretary