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Dear Mr Bennett

Hayle Harbour – Transfer to the Community

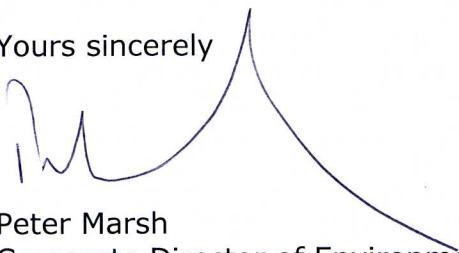
Thank you for your recent letter of 11 November 2013 regarding the proposal by the Hayle Harbour Trust Ltd (HHTL) to take over the management of the Harbour from the ING Real Estate Development Ltd. This would appear to be a commendable route to explore for the long term community management for the benefit of harbour users.

Given the current economic climate and uncertainty around local government finances it would not be prudent for the Council to take on the management of the Harbour. I would advise you that Cornwall Council has requested ING Real Estate Development Ltd. not to suggest for the harbour to be transferred to municipal management as one of its consultation options.

I am therefore writing to offer the support of Cornwall Council to the HHTL Community Interest Company approach. I would suggest that we meet to discuss this extent of the potential support but would state at the outset that I strongly urge the use of appropriately appointed specialist advice to assist you during this process with ING R.E.D. Ltd. I am certain that this process will be lengthy and complex and will require specialists with explicit experience of port management.

I would suggest that we meet shortly to take this matter forward.

Yours sincerely



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