

Statement of Community Involvement - DRAFT (BLS Consulting to complete)

6th August 2008 -

Public Meeting held at Veryan Sports and Social Club to discuss Grimshaw & Partners (Architects) Design.

See text below taken from the Falmouth Packet issue 8th August 2008:

'A plan to carry out a £25 million hotel development on one of Cornwall's most picturesque beaches has been shelved'.

'A consultation meeting with the public, which threw a barrage of protests to the developers, has led to the Pendower hotel redevelopment on the Roseland Peninsular going back to the drawing board.

Up to 100 residents attended two sessions at Veryan Sports and Social Club on Wednesday to hear about the proposed redevelopment of the Pendower Beach House Hotel.

Truro-based planning consultants Laurence Associates presented the plans to create a 63-suite hotel, complete with spa, gym and pool, together with Eden Project architects Grimshaw, who were responsible for drawing up the plans.

But the feedback was not good, with some residents furious at what was being put forward. Now the plans have been shelved and new proposals will be drawn up that will reflect the public opinion.

John Goldsmith, chairman of RPH, said: "I hope that the public can see that Roseland Peninsula Homes is progressive, but not at the expense of the local environment as enhancement through development is our primary objective. "The constructive comments made by members of the local community were welcomed and RPH will now move forward to a further proposal that will seek to accommodate the views of the community insofar as that is possible."

Paul Bateman, planning partner at Laurence Associates, said residents had been given the chance to comment and that was what they did.

"It has been decided to have a complete re-think and not take these particular proposals any further," he said.

The original plans included a 120-cover restaurant with outdoor terrace space and bar. The existing Pendower Beach Hotel closed in May.

The Pendower Beach Hotel has been little unused for almost a year. Nestled at the head of a wooded valley owned by the National Trust, the nearby beach is well used in the summer by local residents.

One resident who did not wish to be named told the developers: "This is a disgrace and you should be ashamed of yourself."

Another said they were in "cloud cuckoo land and wasting everyone's time by suggesting the scheme.

None present at the meeting was in favour of the plan.

10th August 2008 8:07 pm - One subsequent comment following the article posted on line:

'I come from the beautiful village of Portscatho and I cannot believe they even thought of putting a monstrosity like that at Pendower with National Trust land all around. I have been all over the world and the view looking from Portscatho is in my opinion one of the best in the world and should never be spoilt'.

Summer 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018 - Beach Hut Café (later known as Shallikabooky) operating on site by J Goldsmith (Landowner) - informal dialogue with locals and visitors to Pendower Beach to gauge public opinion regarding a development at Pendower Beach Development.

Pre-Planning Application 2014 - Koha Architects submit plans for hotel and eco lodges. Refer to Cornwall Council Website.

Friends of Pendower AGM - 19th November 2015 - GW invited to introduce himself as Lead Architect as part of the development team and express the principles for development on the site and willingness to work in a collaborative manner. Refer to FOP notes provided by Helen Hastings.

4th October 2017 - Design Review Panel (DRP) No. 1 - Presentation given at St. Austell Council offices. Open discussions followed regarding principles for development. See notes under 'Resources'.

20th November 2017 - Presentation given to Philleigh Parish Council. Open discussions followed regarding principles for development. See notes

19th December 2017 - Presentation given to Veryan and Gerrans Parish Council Committee. Open discussions followed regarding principles for development. See notes

22nd January 2018 - Meeting with Councillor Julian German at Council Offices, County Hall to discuss proposals prior to PACE event

29th January 2018 - PACE Event. Pre-Application Community Engagement - see notes and link to Roseland Online article:
<https://roselandonline.co.uk/local-residents-reject-latest-proposals-for-development-at-pendower-beach/>

16th June 2018 - Pendower Plans and 3D model presented during Koha Architects 6th Year Anniversary Event. (Invited Attendees). 50no. attendees, some general public attendees

6th September 2018 - Design Review Panel (DRP) No. 2 - Presentation given at St. Austell Council offices. See notes under 'Resources'.

27th November 2018 - Koha Architects Attendance at Friends of Pendower AGM and Cornwall Wildlife trust. Koha Architects invited to provide an update regarding development plans. Refer to notes of the meeting taken by Koha Architects Ltd and discussions / interactions with group members / others.

March 2019 - DJ/GW Attendance at the Climate Change and NDP Conference - see notes. Helen and Colin Hastings in attendance also and discussions with them occurred re: Pendower Beach.

March 2019 - Various calls / emails to Helen Hastings (Friends of Pendower Chair) during this period, Cornwall Council and Julian German regarding site vegetative clearance, measured, topographical and Arboricultural surveys and ground investigations

March 2019 - Consultations with Friends of Pendower (Helen Hastings) regarding the dates and framework for a Public Event

April/May 2019 - Regular correspondence with Friends of Pendower to provide updates on brief / design changes.

9th April 2019 - Meeting with Cornwall Council officers / consultees - Awaiting notes / minutes from Mark Ball, in attendance were:

Russell Dodge - BLS (Planning Consultant)

Derek Jackson - Koha Architects

Mark Ball - Cornwall Council Case officer

Chris Daly - Senior Planner, Cornwall Council

Chris Turner - Green Ecology

Bryn Morris - SW Archaeology

James Walker - Hydrock

Marc Jones - Hydrock

Michael Hawes - Mei Loci

Nina Paternoster - Conservation Officer

Jim Wood - AONB

Nick Cooper - Tree Officer
Sarah Roberts - Affordable Housing
Huw Gibbon - Highways Officer
No Council Geologists present
Council Archaeologist - Peter Dudley

29th April 2019 - Presentation to Philleigh Parish Council during AGM meeting

20th June 2019 - Follow up Q&A meeting with Philleigh Parish Council for detailed explanation of amended design

25th June 2019 - Presentation of current design to Gerrans and Veyan Parish Councils followed by Q&A session

25th June 2019 - Notes of meeting with Philleigh PC received clarifying questions asked and responses give. Some questions deferred until public event

July 3rd 2019- Public Event on site. Meeting with National Trust. Mini-tours of the site with the public.

July 3rd 2019- Launch of Project Website. Public made aware of web address during the event.