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Subject: Levelling Up - Duchy of Cornwall

Dear Robert

Thank you for your email on Saturday.

I do wish to ensure that there is no misunderstanding and wish to re-iterate to you my commitment to work with the Council and the community to achieve the best outcome possible for the Islands.

I came to the LUF bid after the proverbial ship had sailed and found myself getting up to speed quickly without any preconceptions. I have endeavoured all times to base my views on the facts before me.

Reading the Outline and Full Business Case, it was clear to me that a rapid and certain route to delivery is key. The current issues with the Gry Maritha demonstrate how vulnerable the route is to mechanical failure. My involvement with IoSSG and Tresco has purely been to support a route to delivery that delivers certainty of outcome, achieves the primary objectives of the bid and preserves our long standing working relationships, something which we all value.

Our element of the works carry no financial return and are primarily concerned with the safety and accessibility of the quay – hence my desire to see progress in this regard – but I accept that the vessels take priority.

I wish to reiterate that any threat of legal action is not something the Duchy has contemplated and nor would it do so in this context. Our support for this alternative approach does not in any way preclude our support for other proposals brought forward by the Council [or others] if they too will achieve the same or better outcomes.

I do look forward to receiving the comments on the proposal from DfT later this week. I also hope that we can all find a way to continue to work together in a positive fashion as we navigate a path to success.

Yours

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