

# Media Information

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## Developer meets Carlyon Bay residents

Carlyon Bay developers have held a series of face to face meetings with local residents, councillors and other stakeholders to outline the new approach for the £250 million world-class holiday resort which could achieve a significantly better scheme compared to the existing permission.

Members of SAND (Support A New Development) and CarlyonBayWatch met Jon Kenny, Development Director of Commercial Estates Group (CEG), who explained the background to the company's initial approach to Cornwall Council to see if they would be prepared to have exploratory discussions.

"We wanted to establish if there was any common ground from which we could progress and following a number of meetings with planning officials it became clear that this was a possibility if we were firstly able to agree basic ground rules," said Mr Kenny.

"Once we were able to establish these 'red lines', which included a commitment for less development on Shorthorn Beach and no beach recharge, we identified an agreed vision and 12 key objectives which are encapsulated in a Planning Performance Agreement.

"There is still much that needs to be discussed and clarified which is why we want to set up a liaison group to include representatives from the local community before we submit any planning application. We also need to agree an informal planning brief and prepare outline design ideas which will form part of the planning application.

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“This will be considered and voted for by members of Cornwall Council’s planning committee as they would any other application. We will not receive any special treatment. All these initial discussions confirmed is that there are some shared opinions for development at Carlyon Bay which we will be exploring further in the coming months.

“We also intend to hold a series of public exhibitions to encourage input from the local residents of Carlyon Bay and St Austell and keep them updated at each stage of the way,” he said.

Mr Ray Pipe, chairman of SAND and a Carlyon Bay resident, said many local people were fed up with the delays and just wanted the development to go ahead so they could have their beach back.

“We fully support CEG’s plans to do something with the site which has been a derelict mess for years. It’s crying out for a quality resort which will help to attract the much needed holidaymakers to St Austell and provide local people with a fantastic facility on their doorstep.”

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