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Dear Councillors & Officers,

We write regarding the proposed Sea Defence works on Bryher, which we understand are planned to commence imminently and continue throughout the summer season due to delays in licensing approval.

We understand that the works would involve 3 – 6 barges per week unloading 14,000 tonnes of rock armour into Great Par from 8 am – 6 pm, potentially seven days per week, with 30-tonne dumper trucks distributing the armour to Popplestones and Stinking Porth.

The noise of the construction traffic and work – particularly at Popplestones – will significantly impact the campsite, while the heavy construction traffic and disruptive work will fundamentally impact the peaceful nature of the entire island.

As a Community First Responder on Bryher, I am also concerned about the safety implications of substantial construction vehicles sharing tiny island tracks with tourists – including young children.

For such disruptive work to take place during the main tourist season with just a few weeks' notice is completely unacceptable. Most of our bookings for the season are made months in advance, and for guests to experience such a fundamental impact on their holiday without warning is unfair and will leave us – and all other island businesses – liable to cancellations and complaints. The economic impact on the island – both now and for future years – could be significant.

We completely understand and appreciate the need for sea defence works. However, no method statement or full information on the scale and nature of the works has been provided to island residents and businesses. Until this has been received and a proper community consultation carried out, we would urge the Council to pause the commencement of work.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom & Joanne Matthews
Bryher Campsite