

Sinead Burrows, Town Clerk,
Saltash Town Council
The Guildhall
12 Lower Fore Street
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27 January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows,

Saltash Connectivity Project – letter of support

I am writing to support your efforts in securing Community Levelling Up funding for the proposed 'Better Connectivity Project' in Saltash.

Making it easier for people to walk, wheel and cycle in the town would certainly bring economic, social benefits and environmental benefits to Saltash.

We need to create places that connect us to each other and what we need, where everyone can thrive without having to use a car. Improvements to the town should be designed with everyone's health and wellbeing in mind, maximising the potential for improving air quality, green spaces and social cohesion.

The Better Connectivity Project has the potential for making it easier and more pleasant to travel within and beyond Saltash. We would welcome a scheme that provides sustainable transport links with existing cycle routes and footpaths and makes multi-modal journeys easier for residents and visitors. Given the hilly nature of the town, electric bikes are likely to be part of that solution.

I wish you luck with your proposal and hope that you'll keep Sustrans in mind when building community consultation into the process.

Yours sincerely,

Angie Squires

Active Travel Officer in Cornwall

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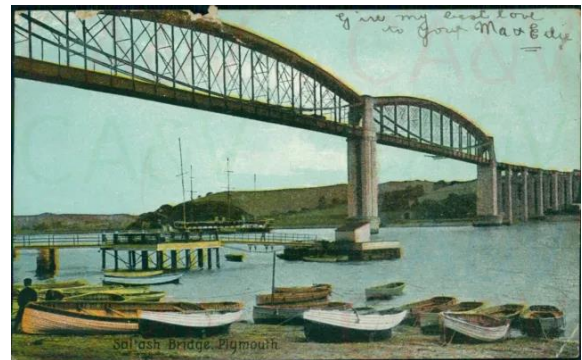
Letter of support via email on 25th January 2023

Hi Mel,

Thanks for your email.

Unlike Torpoint, Saltash has a pontoon system (currently used by the leisure sector) but more interestingly for this project it already has a Pier and until recently passenger boats from Plymouth called at it. In effect we could commence a passenger service at short notice with minimal cost if there was a willing operator. We could also offer a slipway for a suitable craft to land at with a bow door to collect passengers and bikes.

Saltash Pier in the past appears to have had a pontoon system extending it into deeper and offering ramped access to the waiting steamers as seen here:



I am happy to support any initiative to utilise existing infrastructure at Saltash for the carriage of passengers and consider enhancements that can be made should funding become available.

I would highlight that the Cornwall Transport plan also highlights waterborne transport which would further support this project.

Regards,
Chris

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Mel Richardson

By e-mail

26 January 2023

Dear Mel,

Community Levelling Up bid – Saltash Connectivity Project

Thank you for contacting me with reference to Saltash Town Council's Community Levelling Up bid – Saltash Connectivity Project.

We support the bid and hope it is successful. We would welcome and fully support initiatives that will further increase use of Saltash's rail service and enhance links between the station and both the town centre and the waterside.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Burningham,
Manager.

Letter of Support 04



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Dear Sir

I am writing to support the initiative for the better connectivity project. I am totally in favour of any initiative to look into green options for transport from the town centre/ railway to the waterside. As the hill is particularly problematic for people over 30 it is not such a problem for the young people that attend Livewire but it certainly does create a barrier between Saltash town and Saltash waterside.

I would also be very keen to see water transport connecting Saltash waterside to some of the river communities around the Saltash area, again I believe this would lead to better connectivity and a better sense of community around the waterside area of Saltash.

Yours faithfully

JARance

Julie Rance
Youth work co-ordinator

Letter of Support 05



27th January 2023

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28th January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows

Thank you for contacting Visit Cornwall with regards to the better connectivity project.

It's great to hear that Saltash Town Council are keen to explore better connections which could have a very positive impact on the appeal of the town for tourists.

Creating 'green' travel options which link together the town centre, railway, waterside and destinations across the river could generate a very significant if not transformational growth in visitors to Saltash.

I understand that if the bid is successful, a wide variety of transport options will be considered including a lift the Tamar Road bridge, electric vehicles, electric ferries, and e. bikes etc. Making comparisons to of other transports option which are also visitor attractors as well as a transport solution delivered would be a magnet for visitors especially with day visitors from Plymouth with a population of 300k +as well as staying visitors in east Cornwall and West Devon.

I am aware of the existing River Tamar links and the routes that run from Plymouth – potentially, any improved water links could neatly fit into a wider leisure offer appealing to residents as well as tourists; this works very well in other areas of Cornwall e.g., Falmouth River Links initiative.

Given its proximity to Plymouth and the number of staying and day visitors in SE Cornwall the totally visitor market of circa 2.2M if 10% per year were attracted to the waterfront and Saltash the potential realistic economic contribution would be £7.5M to £10M per year

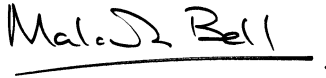
There are clearly other social and environmental benefits from this project; for example, improving mobility and linking with existing cycle routes and footpaths to provide circular routes.

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With a growing interest and more importantly a desire to have green solutions to transport but also "guilt free" tourism attractors this project would be truly a win win win.

You have our full support and good luck with the funding bid.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mal. J. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Malcolm Bell

Chairman and Development Director

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Letter of Support 06



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28th January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows

Thank you for contacting me with regards to the better connectivity project for Saltash and the adjacent areas across and up the river from the Saltash waterside area.

It's great to hear that Saltash Town Council are keen to explore better water-based connections which could have a very positive impact on the appeal of the town for visitors as well as getting local people out of their cars and travelling in a much more sustainable way.

I have been running water based services along the River Tamar for 20 years and currently run many services (<https://www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk/>) in total, catering for a wide range of interests (<https://www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk/wp-content/themes/pbt/info/pbt-brochure2022.pdf>).

My company, Plymouth Boat Trips is passionate about green travel and last year won a Clean Maritime Award for Maritime UK for the UK's first electric ferry <https://www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk/plymouth-boat-trips-wins-prestigious-clean-maritime-award-electric-vessel-design/>. The vehicle is charged from Plymouth Barbican. We have ambitions to electrify our entire fleet and it would be superb to consider the possibilities of further landing opportunities potentially with green charging infrastructure. Saltash could lead the way on this given their sustainability ethos.

I am keen to look at further opportunities to expand our operations with new routes where there is demand and the infrastructure exists to do so. I supported the aspirations of Torpoint with their landing jetty proposals which I understand are still being progressed. I can foresee that if Saltash were able to upgrade some of its facilities particularly the pier, there could be an attractive route that brings, social, environmental and economic benefits to both communities.

Along with proposed enhancements to Saltash town and waterside together with local cycling and footpaths near Saltash passage and other riverside communities, there could be a very exciting opportunity to join the dots raising the profile of South East Cornwall as a 'green visitor destination.'

Good luck with the funding bid to appoint consultants to explore the potential of improved water connectivity – let's think big for the gateway to Cornwall!

I would be very keen to be kept updated on this project and to engage again when the time is right.

Yours sincerely

Ben Squire
Owner, Plymouth Boat Trips

Letter of Support 07



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

Sinead Burrows
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26th January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows,

Thank you for contacting Saltash Chamber of Commerce with regards to the better connectivity project.

Our understanding is that Saltash Town Council intends to apply for Community Levelling Up funding to appoint a consultancy who will explore better connectivity within the town covering the following:-

- a) 'green' transport options from the town centre/railway to the Waterside where the steep hill acts as a barrier to travelling between the two places and
- b) 'water' transport from Saltash Waterside to some of the river communities around the Saltash passage – Wearde Quay, Forder etc.

Saltash Chamber of Commerce fully supports any initiative that improves transport links within the town, particularly those that are sustainable and innovative.

Indeed, some of the transport ideas that have been mooted in the past such as electric tuk tuks or a lift up the western tower from the Tamar Road Bridge with a skywalk into Lower Fore Street could be an attraction in themselves, bringing more visitors to Saltash, raising the town's profile and providing a much needed economic boost.

Equally, any improved water links could neatly fit into a wider leisure offer appealing to local residents as well as tourists; this seems to work well in other areas of Cornwall e.g. Falmouth River Links initiative.

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There are clearly other social and environmental benefits from this project; for example, improving mobility and linking with existing cycle routes and footpaths to provide circular routes.

The project is timely in that there are other initiatives currently underway to support the regeneration of Saltash both within the town centre and at the Waterside, so having easier connections between the two will become even more important in the future.

Clearly, it is important that better connectivity is fully and comprehensively scoped, so we support your proposal to employ consultants to work out what is viable, assessing costs, opportunities and any risks.

You have our full support and good luck with the funding bid.

Peter Ryland
Chair of Saltash Chamber of Commerce

Letter of Support 08

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27th January 2023

To whom it may concern

As chair of the Saltash Waterside Coastal Communities Team (CCT) I write in support of any work that will seek to improve connectivity both between the historic Waterside area of Saltash and the town of Saltash as a whole, as well as looking to improve water based connections in the local area.

The CCT are working on plans that will bring forward proposals to improve the Public Realm and deliver flood prevention measures and have already recognised connectivity improvements as a key part of making the Waterside area more usable in a sustainable manner. This approach applies to both land based routes to the town, and water based routes to local communities on both sides of the Rivers Tamar and Lymner.

Improving these links will lead to stronger, more connected communities and should increase economic activity across the area, providing a destination for locals and tourists alike, and will help us link to the Town Vitality work focusing on Town Centre improvements which are only a mile away, but so distant because of the steep hill between.

Best regards

Richard Bickford

Councillor Richard Bickford
Chair - Saltash Waterside Coastal Communities Team

Letter of Support 09

ASHTORRE ROCK
Waterside, Saltash, PL12 4GT



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27th January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows

Thank you for contacting Ashtorre Rock with regards to the better connectivity project.

Our understanding is that Saltash Town Council intends to apply for Community Levelling Up funding to appoint a consultancy who will explore better connectivity within the town to improve transport links between the Waterside and the Town Centre as well as the potential opportunity of enhanced ferry links.

Ashtorre is a registered charity and sits in the River Tamar sharing its foundations with the Brunel's iconic Royal Albert Bridge. The ground floor is a café with riverside terrace and the first floor is hired out to classes, local clubs and organisations. We are currently visited by local care home and special needs groups who enjoy the safe and secure environment we offer whilst being able to immerse themselves in the riverside. We are run entirely by volunteers.

We wish to offer our support for this project – some of our users have difficulties accessing the tortuous hill between the town and the waterside where we are based so any opportunity to improve accessibility for our users and open up our service to new clientele would receive our approval.

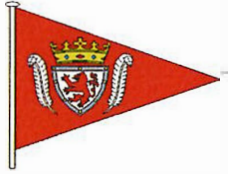
You have our full support and good luck with the funding bid.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Marsh
On behalf of Ashtorre Rock

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30th January 2023

Dear Mel,

Saltash Connectivity Project

Thank you for your email of 26th January to Saltash Sailing Club.

We would certainly support better connectivity within the town as a whole and to the waterside here in particular. The steep hill between waterside and town acts as a barrier in both directions, with visiting yachtsmen faced with a significant climb up to the shops and other amenities in the town.

Any plans for transport along our river artery would also meet with our support as we are a club based on water activity.

We wish you every success in your bid. Please keep us informed as to your progress.

With best wishes,

Nina Lillie
Hon Sec
Saltash Sailing Club.

Letter of Support 11

Letter of support from Social Prescribing Link Worker (Age UK)

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30th January 2023

Dear Ms Burrows,

I am writing in my capacity as the NHS Social Prescribing Link Worker employed by East Cornwall Primary Care Network, to work within the community of Saltash alongside the two medical practices at Port View Surgery and Saltash Health Centre.

My role entails working with clients with one or more medical conditions and assisting them with accessing additional social support to improve their health and wellbeing. I work primarily with adults over 18, but my main client group is the over 65's, and whilst many of them remain fit, a large number have multiple health and mobility issues which impact on their ability to get around Saltash in general but the Waterside in particular.

Without practical, accessible transport options (as many elderly clients no longer drive), Waterside residents are effectively cut off from town by the steep hill up to Fore Street. The railway station and the wider bus routes available on Fore Street are also inaccessible.

Between the two surgeries in Saltash alone around 5000 registered patients are over 65 (Cornwall Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment- Cornwall East PCN Profile 2022).

Other Saltash residents with limited mobility are cut off from accessing the Waterside which, amongst its many assets, includes the Ashtorre Rock café and community space. A number of groups use the meeting rooms upstairs for various activities, included in which is a Bereavement support group which meets weekly and has many members with 15 regular attendees. The view and ambience of this venue make it an ideal place to host this group. Fortunately, they can offer some limited lifts amongst the members, for those who do not have cars, but this is not always available.

The whole Waterside area is probably the best outdoor community asset Saltash has, as it offers the views of the historic bridges as well as wider views of the Tamar both to the North and Cargreen, as well as to the South towards the Lynher and Hamoaze. The whole of the area is flat and so easily accessible to wheelchair and mobility scooter users, as well as with some walkers who generally struggle with uneven ground or steep hills. The problem lies in getting down to the waterside, there is no public transport, nor nearby bus route, and taxis are not numerous in Saltash.

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I have clients living elsewhere in Saltash who were born or lived in Waterside, and would dearly love to revisit, but have been unable to as they no longer have transport options to make this area accessible.

One elderly gentleman would like to join the bereavement group, but his mobility scooter will not cope with the hill and the alternative flat route is lengthy and would seriously deplete his vehicle's batteries. He also needs other mobility aids which he struggles with on his scooter.

Other clients love to exercise along the waterfront and are reliant on visiting relatives or friends to provide transport. From a resident's perspective, many would love to have better access. I raised the subject with a number of attendees at the Community Kitchen this week, and they all said they would visit if the Waterside were more accessible.

In summary, the Waterside lends itself to many activities, including sailing and access to the water as well as the park area at Brunel Green. Walking along the waterside in a safe and very pleasant environment has many health benefits for the wider community and sadly a number of older residents and those with mobility issues are currently excluded unless they have access to a car. If wider plans to connect the waterfront areas around Plymouth, the Rame Peninsula and Torpoint were to be enacted, having access from Saltash to Waterside would also open up other areas to people currently limited by lack of transport alternatives.

Any options available to increase client's motivation to exercise and gain enjoyment from the outdoor spaces in Saltash would provide positive mental and physical health benefits across the community. For many over 65's, both social isolation and loneliness contribute negatively to wellbeing, and making the whole of Saltash and its community assets accessible to all will go some way to help tackle these inequalities.

I hope you find my comments constructive and supportive of any moves to make improvements to access to Saltash Waterside.

Kind regards

Mandy Thompson

Social Prescribing Link Worker (Age UK Cornwall)

East Cornwall PCN

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