

## Field visit to demountable sites, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly

On Thursday 26 January 2023, the Council of the Isles of Scilly will host a field visit to the sites on the island of St Mary's where demountable flood defences are proposed to be constructed.

Potential tenderers are encouraged to visit the island on this day to familiarise themselves with the proposed works and the constraints associated with each site.

There will be opportunities at each site and during the morning to ask questions of the Project Director, Stephen Swabey (07871 982 620). Any questions asked will be noted and the questions and answers will be provided in written form to all potential tenderers, whether or not they attended the field visit.

No tenderer will be disadvantaged in the scoring process for the tender if they do not attend the field visit.

### Logistics

The Isles of Scilly can only be reached by airplane and helicopter. The flight is about 20 minutes long each way. The two companies offering flights are:

- 1) Isles of Scilly Steamship Company's Skybus service ([www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk](http://www.islesofscilly-travel.co.uk)) [airplane]
- 2) Penzance Helicopters ([www.penzancehelicopters.co.uk](http://www.penzancehelicopters.co.uk)) [helicopter]

Skybus operates from Land's End airport, which is 20 minutes drive from Penzance. A shuttle bus service is available from Penzance train station to Land's End Airport, which also can be booked on the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company website.

Penzance Helicopters operates from a heliport to the east of Penzance town centre. This is a short taxi ride from Penzance train station.

Parking is available at Penzance train station, near the heliport and at Land's End airport.

Both companies offer day tickets as well as multi-day return tickets. There are limited seats available on these flights, because they use small aircraft. There are 3 flights operating which arrive on or before 10 am. Accommodation is available at various locations on St Mary's.

### Schedule

The site visit will commence at the St Mary's airport terminal at 10:15 am on 26 January 2023. Unless notified by potential tenderers that they have a mobility problem, and weather-permitting, all sites on St Mary's will be visited by walking.

A low hill of about 80 m elevation will be crossed between Porthcressa and St Mary's Airport. The approximate distances involved are:

- St Mary's Airport to Old Town Bay – 600 m
- Old Town Bay to Holgate's Green – 1200 m
- Holgate's Green to Mermaid Inn – 450 m
- Mermaid Inn to Porthcressa W – 350 m
- Porthcressa W to Porthcressa E – 320 m
- Porthcressa E to St Mary's Airport – 1650 m
- **TOTAL DISTANCE – about 4570 m**

The site visit is expected to finish at 1 pm at Porthcressa. Attendees are welcome to visit sites after this time on their own. All but one of the sites are on public land.

There are three flights from St Mary's to the mainland available from 3.10 pm and later.