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Re: Penzance Heliport Application

Dear Strategic Planning Committee Member,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend both the Penzance Heliport SPC technical briefing at 3pm on the 23rd July and also the 6pm public meeting on the same evening.

At the public meeting I explained my unique experience of having been Tresco Heliport manager for 12.5 yrs and more recently Skybus Operations Manager based at Lands End Airport for 11.5yrs. I am also a qualified Met Office weather observer with 22yrs experience, having taken my Met Office course whilst the Met Office was based at Bracknell. My placement was at Heathrow Airport.

From 01st September 2017 until 21st July 2018 I have been taking weather observations of the weather in Mounts Bay & Penzance and comparing them to the official weather reports issued by the local airports, namely Lands End, Newquay, Culdrose and St. Marys on Scilly.

Below is a table showing the findings –

	PZE	LEQ	ISC	NQY	LEQ Helicopter	Skybus
Total No. of days recordings taken	215	215	215	215	62	62
Total No. of recordings made	425	425	425	425	99	99
Recordings "Flyable"	400	313	357	374	84	84
Recordings "Marginal"	7	10	21	14	3	3
Recordings "Not Flyable"	18	102	47	37	12	12

Main points to note:

1. Penzance suffered only 18 x 'Non flyable' days compared to 102 days for Lands End airport.
2. Penzance had 400 x 'flyable' days compared to only 313 for Lands End airport
3. **Most importantly** – In the 62 days that Island Helicopters has been operating from Lands End airport, the weather at Lands End has impacted on Island Helicopters exactly the same as on Skybus. In fact, Island Helicopters hasn't flown on 1 single occasion when Skybus has been grounded; therefore a helicopter based at Lands End Airport offers no more resilience than the fixed wing service.

Conclusion: Contrary to some of the misinformation spoken at the public meeting the above evidence is irrefutable in that Penzance is definitely the right location for a new Helicopter service between Penzance and Scilly.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

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