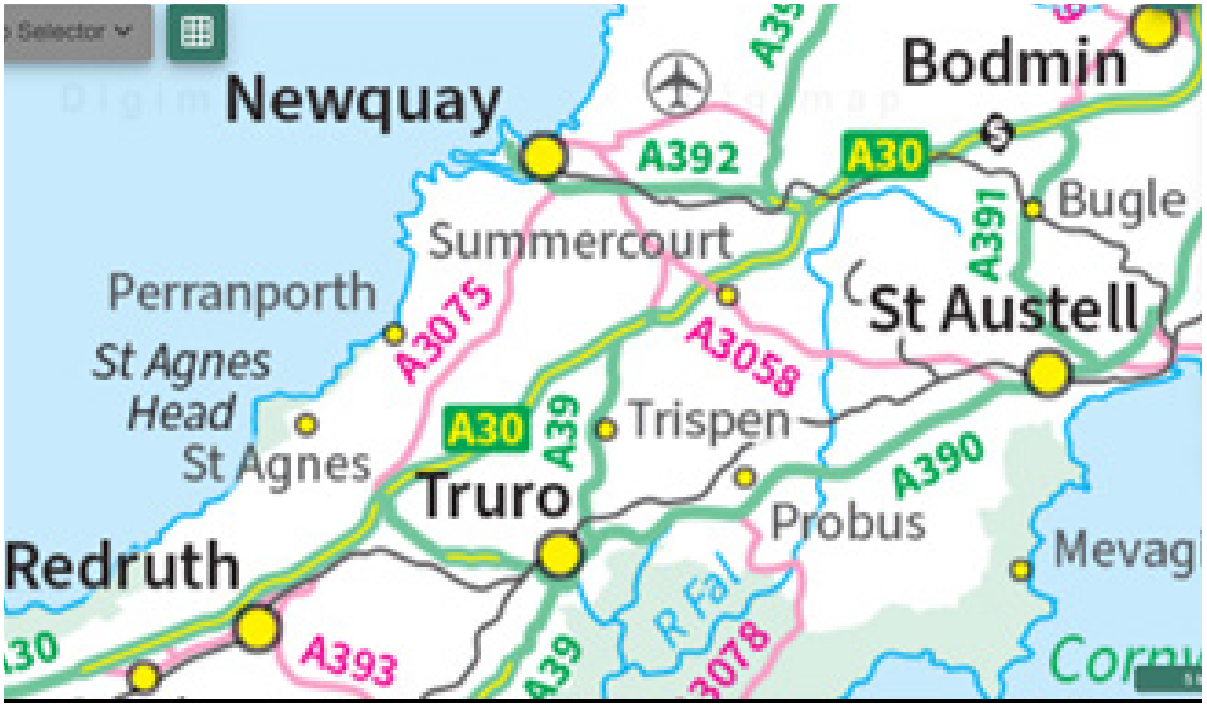
Should a new holiday park be built at Penhale: a decision-making exercise

The aim of this activity is for you to decide whether a new holiday park should be built at Penhale on the north coast of Cornwall. To make your decision, you need to consider the evidence and weigh up the arguments in favour and against the proposal. The following activities will guide you through the evidence and then it is up to you to decide!

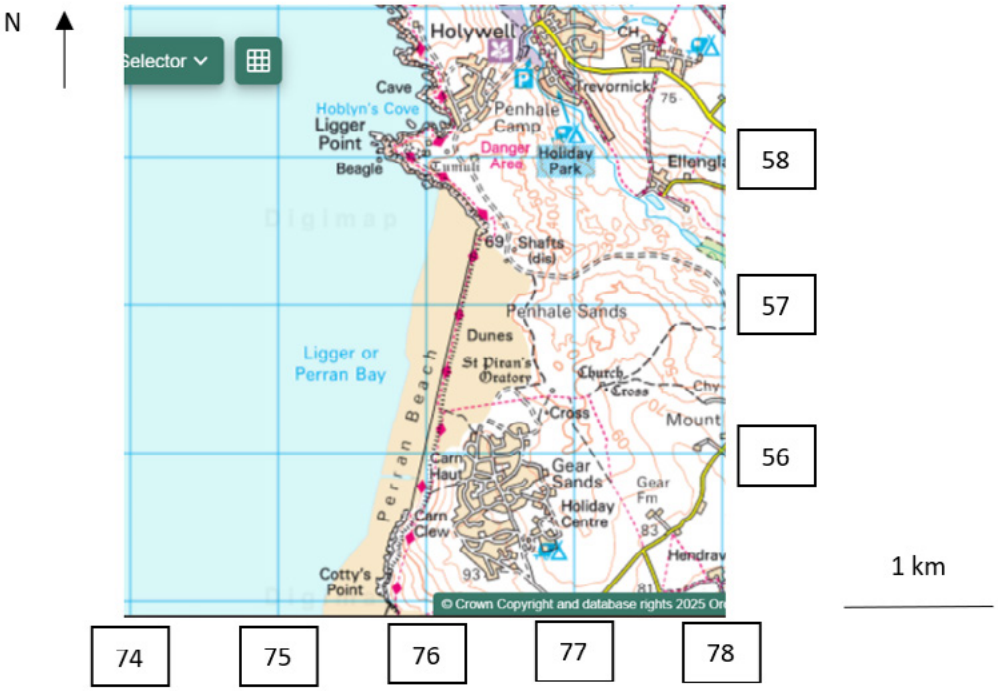
The map below shows part of Cornwall.

a. On the map, locate and label Penhale.

b. Where is Penhale in relation to nearby towns and major forms of transport (road, rail and air)?



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Use the PowerPoint presentation and the 1:50,000 OS map extract to outline what makes Penhale special? Consider its natural landforms, ecology, history and attractions for visitors.

Natural landscape:

Ecology:

History:

Visitor attractions:

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The site for the proposed new holiday park is the abandoned military barracks at Penhale Camp (GR 7658).

a. Using evidence from the photo, describe the characteristics of the abandoned military camp.

b. Using the map, describe the layout of the military camp (buildings, roads).





c. Why is the layout well suited to the development of a holiday camp?

d. What is the evidence from the map that the area surrounding the camp is dangerous?

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The photo below is an impression of what the holiday park could look like.
Using labels, describe the main features of the proposed holiday park.



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Now consider the arguments in favour and against the new holiday park.

a. Read the arguments listed below. Can you add one more of your own?

b. Rank each list in order of importance, with number 1 being the most important.

Ranking	**In favour:**
☐	The holiday park is an effective use of previously developed and currently abandoned land (the military barracks)
☐	The holiday park will provide employment for over 60 people and will improve the area visually
☐	This would be the fourth CABÜ Cabin Holiday Hideaway in England and Ireland. The company is experienced in building in environmentally sensitive areas.
☐	The developers suggest that the park will provide 11,000 short-term holidays and will bring 25,000 visitors to the area, boosting the local economy.
☐	

Ranking	**Against:**
☐	Penhale Sands is home to fragile and protected wildlife habitats, home to many rare species of plants together with birds, insects and butterflies
☐	The dunes adjacent to the planned holiday park have been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Penhale Sands has been designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC) since 2004.
☐	There are concerns that traffic will worsen at an already dangerous road junction
☐	The area already has three holiday parks. Another park would add to issues of traffic congestion particularly in the summer.
☐	

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Decision Time!

a. Do you think the proposed holiday park should go ahead? **Yes / No** [Ring your answer]

b. Justify your answer giving evidence for your decision.

Extension activities: additional evidence

Read through the following extracts taken from the Falmouth Packet, local newspaper.
Use two different colour highlight pens to identify arguments in favour and against the proposal.

Cornwall Council's planning department recommended that plans for what would be the fourth CABÜ Cabin Holiday Hideaway in England and Ireland should be approved as the site is an effective use of previously developed land and an appropriate location for the scale of holiday development proposed.

A meeting of the council's strategic planning committee heard today (Thursday, December 19) that there would be significant economic benefits including 68 jobs, visual improvements and a package of mitigation to overcome ecological concerns. Officers said impacts to local roads were not considered severe.

However, others disagreed. A Holywell Bay resident told councillors: "The development is entirely unnecessary and would impact on the local area. Holywell already has three caravan parks – it does not need more holiday accommodation, particularly when the new buildings on the site make it bigger than Holywell itself."

She said it was vital that natural reclamation of the site was allowed to continue as the Second World War military buildings were only meant to be temporary at a time of national emergency, and the site was never meant to be built on permanently.

As well as the wildlife concerns, the development would mean even more cars "invading" Holywell in the summer as there is no alternative route into the site. Queuing traffic in the area is a huge issue in the summer, councillors were told.

The applicant's agent, said the CABÜ holiday park would be the fourth such venue (others are in Kent, Ireland and the Cotswolds), many of which are in sensitive environmental locations. "The ethos of the development is to create high quality accommodation with wraparound facilities for non-exclusive use. The aim is to provide year-round accommodation that will be targeted at 11,000 short-term holidays which represents around 25,000 visitors, which is fully supported by Visit Cornwall."

"Consideration should be given to those for whom Holywell is not just one big holiday camp, it is their home. We've had enough development in the area and the coastline should not be ruined as has happened in other villages. Development on this site would be a catastrophe," she added.

https://www.falmouthpacket.co.uk/news/24808293.proposed-holiday-park-monstrosity-penhale-camp-barracks/

Extension activities: additional evidence

Access and read the following article which discusses the opposing views about the proposed development.

https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/penhale-camp-battle-between-holiday-7358255

Make a list of the opposing views in the table below.

Arguments in favour:	**Arguments against:**