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Milly Southworth  
Town Clerk  
Torpoint Town Council  
Buller Rd

8<sup>th</sup> October 2025R

Dear Milly

Re my tel con with Harriet of Tues last covering my grave concerns over the unsafe steps betwixt Mr Spurrals home and that of the new build leading down to town beach below, sorry for the delay but been rather busy with more pressing matters.

As you well know from our earlier com,'s over the past 35 yrs we have witnessed people falling down these concrete steps accessing the beach from this grassed & benched area to the sounds of their Resultant painful falls, for them they have by luck been very very fortunate inasmuch that they hurt their sides or arm's deflecting the fall. In each fall had they landed on their necks the consequences Would have been catastrophic.

As you all @ TTC are fully aware these steps at best do not conform to modern safety standards for Step or Riser . To compound the danger the bottom steps are literally covered up to MHWS and if that is not bad enough the depth of un cleared Seaweed is at times inches thick. Walking on a seaweed littered beach is itself dangerous enough climbing up and particularly DOWN steep steps just vacated by retreating tides is going to lead to a fall that WILL HAVE Major consequences FOR TTC as the next fall could result in a broken NECK . I state major consequences to TTC for you have now been forwarned as to the IMINENT danger if steps are not taken to make these dangerous set of steps safe.

For what it is worth my advice would be to -

A ) Install a stainless safety rail to the side or centre of said steps and fence off the remaining steps or remove same BEFORE THIS ACCESS IS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC for which you hold a duty to keep safe whilst they are on the Councils land.

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Before I close as you may or may not know these steps have suffered quite badly during the adjacent Build as is clearly in view along the step edges and worse so has been the storm outfall under the Beachlevel step. Heavy stone thrown from the site has crushed the top of this VITAL STORM OVER FLOW leaving the mouth of same subject to flotsam / jetsom with NO GRAVITY FLAP TO PREVENT SAME.

Please for your own sakes seek advice on the above from an independent Cival Eng so that you will have a defence against what could lie ahead. Before doing so read up the written judgement of the County Court Judge in Voaden against TTC & TMA & realise the importance of ignoring advice and its Consequences

Just trying to keep other's SAFE

Regards  
Mike Watkinson

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