



**Official statement on behalf of Biome and The Carbon Sea Garden, released 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Re: MLA/2023/00307 and MLA/2023/00308**

With regards to the license applications referenced above we are issuing the following statement dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Both Biome and The Carbon Sea Garden acknowledge the many concerns that have been raised by different members of the local community.

We still strongly believe in the positive environmental, economic and social benefits seaweed farming can bring to Cornwall.

But as responsible operators, we also recognize that it is important to support and have the support of the communities within which we operate.

As a result, we will respectfully withdraw our current applications.

We would like to thank members of the local community who have shown support throughout the public consultation process.

We will return in the near future and will aim to develop a feasible project in an area outside of Gerrans Bay. This will be developed with community representatives from an early stage – where we can build positive relationships and demonstrate the wider value and benefits of the seaweed project.

Kindest regards

Biome Algae and Carbon Sea Garden