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Subject: Planning Consultation on: FP/13/20/PL

Dear Sir/Madam,

FP/13/20/PL

Coast Protection were mistakenly overlooked for consultation on the aforementioned application. Fortunately, a colleague has brought it to my attention.

The Applicant wishes to make alterations to Arun District Council's seawall to enable direct access to the promenade. Coast Protection has no other interest in the application but we strongly **object** to the alteration of the seawall. The seawall provides flood protection to Clyde Road and allowing alterations to the seawall would compromise the integrity of the defence. Of course, I have no doubt that the access could be designed in such a way to provide a robust defence but allowing uncontrolled access poses a significant problem for Arun District Council. By allowing the Applicant to install direct access to the promenade Arun District Council would no longer be able to control, and therefore provide, defence for the remaining properties along Clyde Road.

With Sea Level Rise & Climate Change, we should be seen to be strengthening out coastal defences not potentially weakening them.

Equally, the area at the top of the pedestrian access would become chaotic and further investigation would need to determine what alterations would need to be made to ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

As far as I'm aware there is no specific regulations for hard/soft landscaping. However, the applicant will have duties under the Equality Act 2010 and I would suggest that a way of demonstrating that they have complied with their

duties is to follow the guidance set out in; Part M, Volume of the Building Regulations, the Inclusive Mobility guidance (Link included) and BS 8300 2018 Part 1.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-mobility>

Regards,
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