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For the attention of Neil Crowther- Group Head of Planning

Dear Mr Crowther

Re: Various Planning applications In Pagham

Please find attached a leaflet from Pagham Harbour Nature Reserve, which includes a map of the reserve and the surrounding area.

As you are no doubt aware, Pagham has been swamped with planning applications for approximately one thousand new homes to be built on farm land. This country produces less than half its food and is reliant on imports to feed us all. With the effects of global warming becoming more and more apparent in the past weeks, in particular with regard to a rise in sea levels caused by the ice caps melting at a substantial and increasing rate. I wonder how we can even consider building this amount of housing so close to the sea, a nature reserve and on productive farm land.

As planning officers you have a duty to follow planning rules etc and also have to make sure developments are sustainable and more importantly have stringent environmental controls brought about by mitigation measures. I fail to see how any of the proposed developments in Pagham meet these criteria, bearing in mind the catastrophic effects of global warming. No doubt your response will be you are following the rules you are given, but you do have freedom of choice. Can you look into your heart and soul and still think these developments are sustainable and aid the environment in anyway?

I would ask that you look at the map I have enclosed and you personally mark on the map yourself the developments proposed by, **P/58/15/OUT**, **P/25/17/OUT**, and **P/140/16/OUT**. Perhaps also consider with these **P/30/19/OUT** which is also proposed to be built on productive farm land.

Once you have done this you will then see the impact these developments will have on the Nature Reserve, their proximity to the sea, the concreting over of highly productive farm land, and cannot be mitigated by any sensible means.

I hope this letter will prick your conscience and bring some sensible and reasonable thinking in the planning department as these applications are discussed and progressed, as the current thinking seems to be build at any cost! They should as far as we are concerned be halted forthwith until a proper assessment of the impact these developments will have on our environment.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Gerald & Jan Cooper.

Gerald & Jan Cooper

Pagham Harbour

Finding your way around

Begin your adventure at our visitor centre where we can tell you about the exciting wildlife you could find and which areas to avoid at high tide.

Pagham Harbour is criss-crossed with public and permissive footpaths, taking in diverse wildlife, historical features and magnificent harbour views. We've suggested three of our favourite walks, which take in the reserve's highlights. All of our recommended walks can be extended by following the footpaths and connecting with paths to and from the visitor centre.

Discovery trail

Starting from the Visitor Centre, allow an hour to explore this 1¼ miles interpreted circular loop. Discover the fascinating cultural and natural history of the reserve.

Take a peek over Sussex Wildlife Trust's Ferry Pool and see how many ducks and wading birds you can spot. Wander along the historic tramway towards Sidlesham Quay to enjoy panoramic views whilst looking for elegant little egrets. Meander back through hedgerow-lined fields rich with bird song in springtime and busy with buzzing insects in summer. There is an option to take a shorter loop (¾ mile) which is suitable for wheelchairs.

Church Norton trail

Allow an hour or so to explore this area. From Church Norton car park it's 250 metres to the hide or 560 metres to the beach.

Perch on a bench to look across to Tern Island or head for Church Norton hide – it's a hotspot for migrant and rare birds in spring and autumn. Stroll towards the beach and enjoy a bracing walk along the shingle and the chance to see some seabirds. You can reach the visitor centre by following the footpath along the west side of the harbour (1¼ miles one-way).

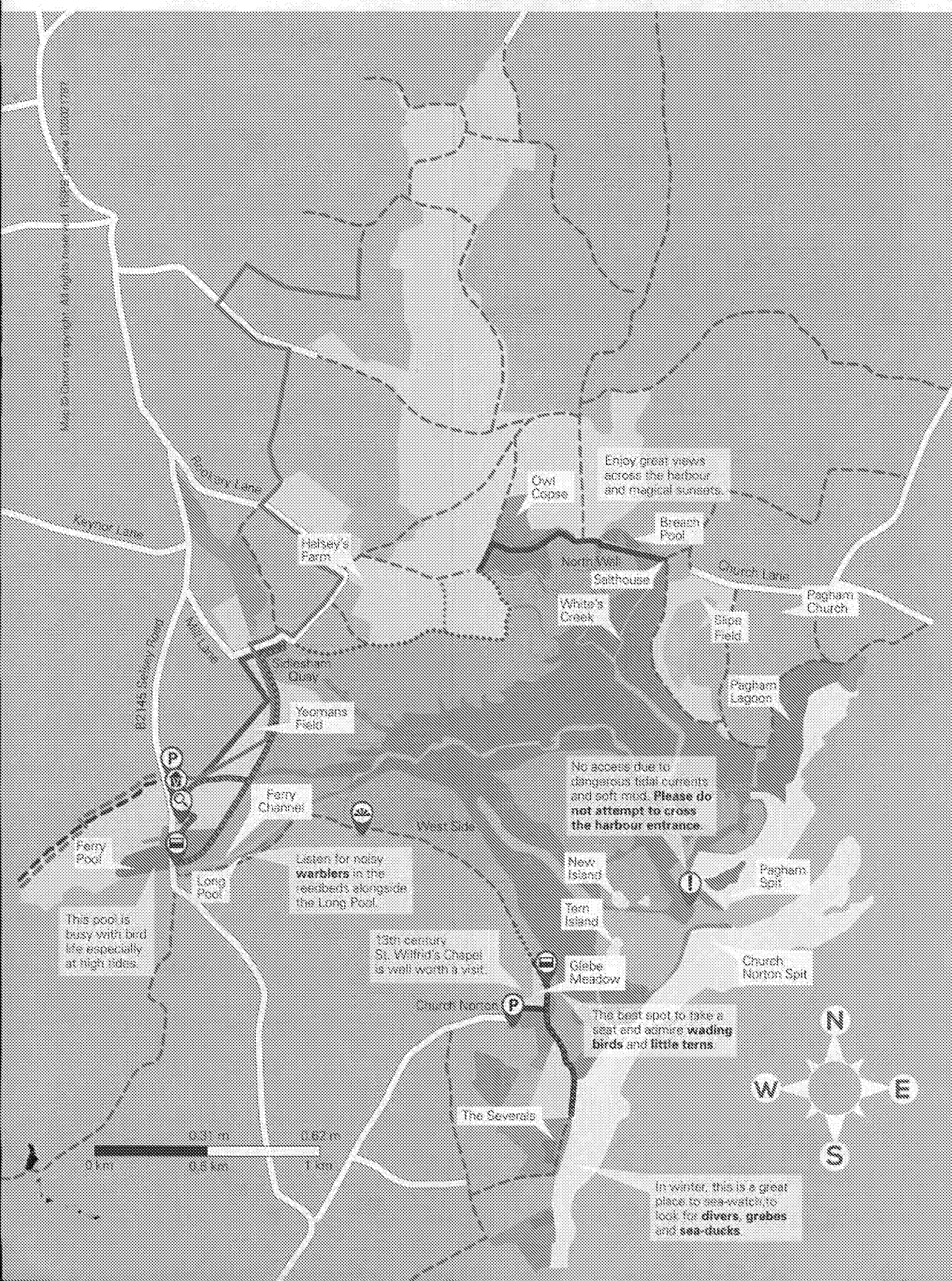
This footpath is not suitable for wheelchair users.

North Wall trail

Starting out from the Salthouse, our suggested walk covers 1,000 metres one way, or it is 2 miles if you continue on to our visitor centre along the public footpaths.

This is a great trail for keen birders, overlooking the Breach Pool which can be busy with waders and then wandering past reedbeds noisy with reed, sedge and Cetti's warblers. It's a lovely spot for a peaceful stroll too with magnificent views and beautiful sunsets.

In winter the incoming tide encourages vast flocks of brent geese and other wildfowl to fly overhead and gather noisily in the fields behind.



Key

- Sea
- Pasture
- Shingle
- Reedbed
- Intertidal mudflats
- Woodland
- Saline lagoons
- Intertidal saltmarsh
- Wild bird seed crop
- Visitor centre
- Hide
- Viewpoint
- Car park
- Discovery zone
- Hazard warning
- Paths inaccessible at high tide
- Public footpaths
- Permissive footpaths
- Bill Way Cycle Route 88
- Discovery trail
- Church Norton trail
- North Wall trail
- Footpath to RSPB Medmerry
- Medmerry Cycle Link

- For more information about the accessibility of RSPB Pagham Harbour, please visit rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour
- Land ownership within Pagham Harbour is complex, with the RSPB managing large parts of the nature reserve. Please keep to the public and permissive footpaths whilst exploring, take all litter home with you and be considerate of other footpath users, landowners and local residents.
- Dogs are welcome on the public and permissive paths. They should be kept under close control to avoid disturbing or worrying wildlife and other users. There are limited "exercise areas" around the harbour – signage is in place at these locations. Several bins are provided for the disposal of dog waste.

