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Maltravers Road  
Littlehampton  
West Sussex  
BN17 5LF

**Our ref:** HA/2021/123363/01  
**Your ref:** P/93/21/PL  
**Date:** 3 August 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

**CREATING A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE OUTFLOW CHANNEL TO REDUCE/AVOID FLOOD AND EROSION RISK TO PROPERTIES AND BUSINESSES AT PAGHAM BEACH AND HAVEN CHURCH FARM OVER THE AUTUMN 2021.**

**CHURCH NORTON SPIT, PAGHAM BEACH, PAGHAM, PO21 4TD.**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

**Environment Agency position**

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted.

**Advice to the Applicant and Local Planning Authority**

**Biodiversity & habitats**

It is important that Natural England's comments and recommendations in regard to any mitigation/compensation measures are considered. We are happy to defer to the recommendations of Natural England regarding the working methodologies and access routes that will ensure the protection of areas of vegetated shingle, and with regard to the timing of works to avoid disturbance to protected bird species.

**WFD Assessment**

We note that a WFD assessment for the proposed creation of a breach was supplied within the submitted ABP Environmental Statement. This concluded that the overall effect on water quality would be insignificant, and temporary effects during construction would be of a short term nature.

Environment Agency  
Guildbourne House Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD.  
Customer services line: [REDACTED]  
[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)

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In terms of the purely chemical compliance of the Pagham Harbour waterbody, we are inclined to agree with the findings of this report and the predicted long term effect upon chemical compliance of the water column.

Marine licence

The location of the works will require a marine licence from the Marine Management Organisation. We understand the Applicant is aware of this requirement.

Pollution prevention

All precautions must be taken to avoid discharges and spills to the ground or water during construction.

In the event of a pollution incident, all works should cease immediately and the Environment Agency should be contacted via our incident hotline **0800 80 70 60** (24-hour service).

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Sophie Brown**  
**Sustainable Places Planning Advisor**

