

**REGULATION 24 STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017**

Application Ref: P/93/21/PL

Site Address

Church Norton Spit
Pagham Beach
Pagham
PO21 4TD

Description of application

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. This application is the subject of an Environmental Statement & is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

(i) Having considered all the relevant environmental information the above application has been approved with conditions.

(II) The main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based were that:

- The conclusions of the Assessment under the Habitats Regulations stated that subject to several planning conditions setting out mitigation and compensation measures, the application does not need to be refused and can proceed to a planning determination;
- There are no other impacts which are either unacceptable or could not be overcome with planning conditions;
- There would be significant positive benefits to the local community in terms of coastal protection & reduced flood risk; and that the adverse impacts would, in general, be apparent only for a temporary period (i.e. during the construction period).

More information is available within the officer delegated report and the Habitat Regulations Assessment, both of which can be viewed on the Council's website.

The application was advertised to the public by an advert in the West Sussex Gazette and by the placement of 5 site notices in and around the Pagham beach. The Council received 12 letters of support and also a statement of support from the Pagham Parish Council.

(iii) The main measure to avoid and if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the development are a proposed Tern Island to provide compensatory nesting habitat for any Little Terns displaced by the works to

the Spit. In addition, the decision is made subject to several conditions which set out mitigation measures in respect of the Little Terns/other wild bird species, water quality, archaeology and to ensure that the Harbour remains open. These are set out in full on the decision notice. On this basis, the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the negative environmental impacts of the development will not be significant.

(iv) Any challenge against the decision must be made as a claim for Judicial Review, which is dealt with by the Administrative Court. Challenges need to be made on the correct forms which can be obtained from www.justice.gov.uk

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Decision Issued:

14th October 2021

Signed on behalf of Arun District Council:

