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Your Ref:

Internet ref: PP-04497147

Please ask for:

Technical Support Unit on extn. 37711

17th September 2015

Dear Mr Colin Scott

Development:

On behalf of the local community at Pagham (West Sussex), the Pagham Parish Council (PPC), and its working group, the Pagham Flood Defence Steering Group (PFDSG), are proposing to undertake a managed breach of the shingle spit at the mouth of Pagham Harbour. The main aims of this shoreline adjustment are to move the coastline towards a more sustainable morphology and address the coastal erosion, amenity and human health problems presently being experienced along the adjacent Pagham Beach.

The main erosion problems are largely being caused by the growth of the 'Church Norton Spit', in front of Pagham Harbour. Over the last decade, this spit and the tidal inlet channel has extended northwards along Pagham Beach; and this has caused/allowed the inlet channel to cut into the beach leading to rapid localised shoreline retreat. The formation of the spit, tidal channel and its fronting 'ebb delta' feature are also 'locking up' shingle and not allowing it to reach the more slowly eroding up-drift sections of the Pagham foreshore via the usual sediment transport pathways.

The proposed managed breach of Church Norton Spit is designed to alleviate the problems arising in a proactive manner that works with natural coastal processes and then also allows these processes to continue being the dominant factor influencing the coastline. Compared to alternatives, this approach can achieve more natural, cost-effective, and spatially extensive, coastal protection improvements as well as benefits to human health and site amenity.

A further benefit arises from the fact that it is very much a 'community project'. It was the local community who originally emphasised the need for it and have continued to be supportive as the design has been developed. This proposal will inherently help the community to re-engage with the environment on their doorstep rather than viewing it as a threat to homes on the beach.

Location:

The Village Hall Pagham Road Pagham Bognor Regis

Thank you for your application submitted via the internet on 16th September 2015. It is being dealt with by the Technical Support Unit and has been allocated the reference number

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We will contact you shortly with further details.

This letter does not confirm validity of the application/documentation submitted.

Yours sincerely
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