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Our Ref: JAH/SH

16th December 2015

Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration,
Arun District Council,
Arun Civic Centre,
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By e-mail only

Dear Sir,

re. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Proposed coastal defence work
Church Norton Spit, Pagham Beach
Arun District Council ref: P/97/15/PL
Chichester District Council ref: SY/15/03053/FULEIA

I refer to the above Application which includes land in the Company's ownership and would confirm that the Company has received appropriate Notice of this Application from Pagham Parish Council as Applicants.

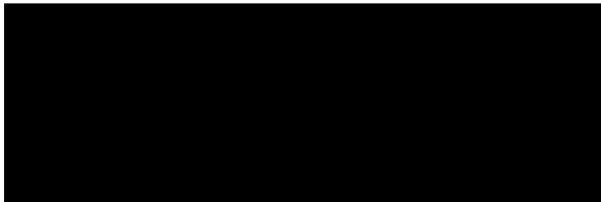
The extension of the Church Norton Spit in recent years, conflicting with the flow from the tidal outlet from Pagham Harbour, has caused serious coastal erosion of the western foreshore of the Pagham Beach Estate. This erosion is endangering many dwellings on the Estate, and if this shingle foreshore, which acts as a sea wall, is breached, considerable inland loss of homes and amenities will also occur. It is therefore imperative that this foreshore is maintained.

I would also mention that the extent of the Church Norton Spit shown on the Application Drawings relates to January 2015, whilst in reality the Spit has extended over the interim, and has now overwhelmed groyne no.1 continuing to progress in an easterly direction towards Pagham Yacht Club and threatening dwellings to the north and east.

Over the last two or three years the District Council has undertaken emergency but temporary remedial work to re-profile the shingle foreshore and protect homes and businesses, and the residents are grateful for this. However, the scheme now presented seeks to provide a more durable and sustainable remedy, which the Company supports.

A number of schemes have been prepared and considered, which have been discussed with local residents, Authorities and other Institutions, and this present scheme utilising shingle banks will blend well with its surroundings, and will be sympathetic in appearance, which is important in this environmentally sensitive location. The works have also been designed to benefit ground nesting and other birds using the Local Nature Reserve and will minimise the ecological impact within the locality.

For the forgoing reasons therefore the Company fully supports this Application and would urge the Planning Authority to Approve the proposal. The Company has joined local residents in pledging financial support towards the cost of these civil works, through the Save Pagham Beach Fund.



J.A. Higham MRICS
Secretary

cc. Chief Planning Officer, Chichester District Council
Pagham Parish Council