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From: 
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Subject: Managed Breach of shingle spit et.c

P/97/15/PL Managed Breach of spit

Dear Mr Simon Davis,

Please find my letter supporting this application.

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona Huntley - secretary of Pagham Action Group

To Mr Simon Davis
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18th December 2015

Ref. Planning Application: - P/97/15/PL

Managed breach of shingle spit and blocking of adjacent tidal inlet channel with shingle barrier. Formation of shingle island within harbour following excavation of adjacent area of spit.

Case officer: - Mr Simon Davis,

Dear Mr Simon Davis,

I am writing to support the planning application to restore the harbour mouth to its 1961 – 2003 position.

Although it was pointed out to the environment agency from 2004 that the harbour mouth needed to be maintained they ignored this advice and have allowed a mighty spit to form. This has caused a scour current to run along the beach removing metres and metres. Not only are homes in danger from this scour current but so is Pagham. The beach which used to be a safe playground for everyone (children building sand castles and dam building, rock pool play, and paddling; swimming, surfing, and sailing for adults) is now a hazard. We have dangerous ebb currents of up to 14 knots and revetments which are not stable. The RNLI have warned us that they can no longer access the west beach to rescue anyone.

The seats by the yacht club have gone and now there is a fenced off dangerous area. Sailing from the yacht club has greatly diminished because there is only one winch left (three have gone into the sea).

There is little beach left; this was a SSSI beach with lots of interesting plants and insects including butterflies and moths as well as lizards and hedgehogs. I am sure when the beach is restored gradually nature will return.

For the last two years Pagham Action Group (PAG) has worked hard to raise awareness and money to pay for the spit to be cut and reinstate the harbour mouth. We have had open days, fun days and social evenings and concerts. On the fun day we had 50 volunteers and over 1000 came to support our cause. We have won Arun district Councillors and our MP Nick Gibb round to our view as well as our WSCC councillor.

The anxiety caused by seeing the sea removing metres of beach has caused health problems. Most residents are suffering lack of sleep and stress. My husband had shingles affecting his eyes – first question from the ophthalmic consultant have you been under stress lately! Another member of the beach community has just had a quadruple coronary bypass. Many of have learnt to take breaks from our homes to maintain our sanity.

It is now extremely difficult to sell our homes as no one will give us a mortgage on the whole of the beach estate. This means that elderly people cannot move out into sheltered accommodation. One woman was offered £100 for her house normally worth well over £500 K.

Pagham like the rest of the country has to accept more house building than we want because of the national housing shortage. Yet if the sea is allowed to have its way nearly 1000 houses will become uninhabitable or lost.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Huntley (secretary of PAG).