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From: Dawn Salter [REDACTED]
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Subject: Planning Application P/97/15/PL - Pagham Beach Managed Breach Of Spit

Dear Simon Davis

Please accept my letter attached in support of proposal to the planning application P/97/15/PL Pagham Beach managed breach of shingle spit.

Yours sincerely

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Simon Davis - Support For Planning Application Ref:15/03053/FULEIA

Dear Sirs

I write to offer support for the planning application reference quoted above to positively agree that the Community Scheme promoted by the Parish Council to intervene and reposition the harbour mouth to its pre 2003 position effectively cutting through the Pagham Shingle bank now known as "The Church Norton Spit" should be approved.

Pagham is a huge part of my childhood; a 40 year history of being well known in my family as the Sunshine Costa Del Pagham, where for many years as a tourist to this little village it attracted my family and friends due to the increase sun hours and beautiful beaches along this part of the West Sussex coastline. It holds such special memories that as an adult, I along with many others chose to relocate here to start a family.

Our beach was once awarded a royal accreditation during his convalescence by his Royal Highness King George VI and is the greatest asset to the village. It is now rapidly being eroded by continuous scour currents due to the harbour mouth displacement from the growth of the shingle bank. Some 75 metres of beach has been swept away and is sitting out on the spit. Since the serious storm of 2013/14 our beach is verging on becoming a danger zone as the scour current has eroded groin after groin. The force of each tide ;3.3 million tons of water has been measured at a speed of 14 knots which are incredibly dangerous and we have been advised that not even the RNLI will perform any form of rescue in such a current. It is so bad that there are areas of the West beach that now are out of use to anyone as well as seriously encroaching upon the seafront homes, our village is getting too close to a tidal breach. It has a wealth of heritage with Grade 1 listed Church, St Thomas a Beckett in Church Lane that may soon be under water if we are not granted the approval to complete this project.



The harbour mouth used to be maintained by the Environmental Agency however, with historic bad monetary decisions made by previous governments, the dredging of the harbour mouth was stopped which now leads us to the current state our village- now under threat of tidal flooding if nature is left to continue to take its course. This is an emergency situation and as a resident, I write to stress that we cannot stand by and continue to let this happen when history shows us that if the mouth was returned to its rightful position, the "longshore drift" will erode the shingle bank and bring the shingle back to our beautiful beach. We need to retain this beach as an ever popular location, to ensure the attraction for the holiday makers and keep tourism or the alternative would see a devastating effect on our local economy and to our local businesses.

Pagham has strength as a healthy district community with spirit, please help us save our village and make the right decision as the time has come for urgent human intervention to the build up of the shingle bank and give us the opportunity to save this village for our children and their future by preventing the worst disaster in the south.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dawn Salter