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To: Planning

Subject: Pagham Spit

I write in support of the proposal to undertake a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

- Arun District Council Planning Application Ref: P/97/15/PL

It is vital that this outcome is moved forward as soon as possible. It is also vital that the two relevant Local Planning Authorities, together with the Environment Agency, Natural England and RSPB, should all work together in a positive manner. My support is based on the following positive outcomes:

Whilst I understand there are known ecological interests that will need to be safeguarded, these should not be at the expense of people, their homes and livelihoods, indeed Pagham Harbour has always had a direct channel and during the year I have lived in Pagham I have not noticed any harm to the birds and animals that occupy the harbour

The activities and attractions provided by Pagham Beach and its facilities are both varied and significant. Through the period of coast erosion, which has brought with it damage, heavy machinery and barriers, there has been a decline in the

attractiveness of Pagham Beach for residents, businesses, activity groups and visitors! Disabled people and those with limited mobility are now unable to enjoy the beach. This needs to be reversed.

The people of Pagham, and further afield, both local and visitors, acknowledge that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the managed breach of Pagham Harbour is a stage leading to an engineered solution.

Having considered the report and supporting documents submitted by ABPmer, I commend the proposals and respectfully request Arun District Council and Chichester District Council to do the same.

Cut the spit without delay!

Thank you for taking into account my representations.

Yours faithfully

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