

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to support the planning application to manage the spit of shingle at Pagham Harbour.

Reference numbers

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

I feel it is vital that the proposed breach of the spit takes place as soon as possible for a number of reasons.

The destruction of this once beautiful beach, a SSSI, has been going on for such a long time now. This has had a detrimental effect not only on the people living on the crest of what is left of the beach, but also to those further in the village. My elderly mother lives a few hundred metres back from the beach and has had the worry of the risk of depreciating house value and the potential risk of flooding due to the current rate of erosion. I understand there are wider ecological issues, but these should not be put above the health, livelihoods and homes of the villagers.

The longer the destruction of the beach goes on, the longer any chance of recovery of Pagham as a tourist attraction will be. Parts of the beach have become dangerous to use because of the speed and volume of water flowing, and the machinery being used to bolster what remains of the beach crest.

The earlier the breach of the spit is carried out will also enable the beauty of the flora and fauna of the SSSI to be resumed and with that more visitors and incomes for those depending on the tourists for their livelihoods.

I therefore support the report and documents submitted by ABPmer, and request that Arun District Council and Chichester District council do the same.

Please enable the breaching of the spit to be carried out as soon as possible - no more delays.

Thank you for considering my views.

Yours faithfully

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