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Your Ref: OWPC7705
Our Ref: P/97/15/PL 16-09-2015
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

4th January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Managed breach of shingle spit & blocking of adjacent tidal inlet channel with shingle barrier. Formation of shingle island within Harbour following excavation of adjacent area of spit. This application is accompanied by an environmental statement
Church Norton Spit Pagham Beach Pagham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 31st December 2015 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

We would like to register our strong support for the work proposed in the application to cut through the spit at Pagham Harbour.

It has been alarming to see the growth of the spit over the last 15+ years, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

The damage to the beach caused by the scouring of the water diverted by this spit is very significant, endangering people's houses and livelihoods. This in turn has a big impact on the local economy and people's wellbeing.

Whilst the area is designated a SSSI and MCZ, the spit did not exist 15+ years ago, so protecting it at the expense of the significant impact on local people can not sensibly take priority. The SSSI can return to its previous state quickly once the work has been completed.

The various attempts at securing the beach with rocks, rearranging the heights of the breakwaters and emergency actions to add back shingle to the depleted areas only to see it washed away with the next strong wind must have cost a huge amount, and for no long term effect.

It is our view that the only sensible option is to cut through the spit in the way proposed. Indeed, if this solution had been pursued seriously by the various agencies 7+ years ago when first proposed, the cost of implementing it would have been significantly less as the spit was smaller.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most

are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration