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Your Ref: OWPC7715
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:

At the moment about 50% of the beach is unusable due to the very fast tidal stream in and out of the harbour. This has made it dangerous for the recreational activities that have for many years been enjoyed there: swimming, sailing, fishing, and wind surfing. It is also very dangerous for those just using the beach for sun-bathing and walking their dogs, especially where children are involved. It is having an ever growing impact on the local economy, including making it more dangerous for those visiting the SSSI (RSPB) site to enjoy the beauty of the harbour and it's birds.

The tidal stream has also exacerbated the erosion of the beach as it is no longer being refreshed during the year as it has previously. This is causing problems as far as Aldwick and has destroyed the Pagham seating area enjoyed by elderly residents and visitors, and also the boat launching ramps used by the yacht club and many visiting clubs. If this is allowed to continue it will wash away the shingle bank, not just destroying the homes on the front, but also leaving many homes in Pagham liable to flooding and causing damage to the electricity supply and drainage which will affect a much larger area of Pagham.

Five years ago the residents of Pagham requested that the spit was cut. Since then the beach has been refreshed and reinforced on many occasions. The cost of these actions has far exceeded the cost of cutting through the spit as proposed by this application. The cost of continuing to protect not just the houses on the front, but many other homes and businesses in the area will only increase. This application gives the opportunity to solve the problem with only minimum future intervention and disruption to the SSSI site. To my knowledge the entrance to the harbour was stable for forty years with only a small amount of dredging each year. PLEASE CUT THE SPIT.

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 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