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Your Ref: OWPC7737
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 3rd January 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I would like to register my support for the planning application to cut through the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

I own a holiday let bungalow on Pagham Beach, and have had regular holiday makers asking serious questions regarding the current safety of the beach with a view to possibly cancelling their holidays. So far this has not happened, but if the beach continues to be eroded, the tranquil and peaceful location will be lost and I believe holiday makers will not come, which will have a detrimental effect on other local businesses.

Already, the safety of the beach is a serious concern. The rip rides and currents that are caused by the existing location of the harbour entrance are incredibly dangerous, and I believe it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured - or worse, killed. The beach used to be a haven for water sports and families playing on the beach, but now it gets more dangerous every month, and I will no longer let my son out on the kayak to enjoy the water because of the risks.

I believe that the proposed solution of cutting through the spit and reinstating the original harbour entrance is the experts choice and certainly gets my vote. Not only will this remove the safety concerns caused by the cross beach tidal scouring, but also drastically reduce the risk of breaching the beach shingle wall that would flood huge acres of land with loss of homes and businesses.

The money currently being spent by Arun CC on reinforcing the beach is a huge waste of money and will be saved if this proposal goes ahead - actually saving money in the long term.

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