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Your Ref: OWPC7741

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:

Had a fraction of the public funds spent on reports, investigations and emergency/remedial works over the past 7-10 years been invested in basic harbour entrance maintenance from the start, none of the considerable public and private money now required to implement the proposed works would have been required, and the destruction of an SSSI and the distress caused to residents over a prolonged period could have been avoided.

The past decade has seen the complete lack of a coherent or logical approach to harbour maintenance from any of the responsible individuals or their authorities. Their refusal from the start to consider the plan which is now likely to be implemented is testament to the complexity of the issues involved and the Council's incompetence in dealing with them. It is a disgrace that local residents should be expected to directly-fund a scheme that the Council has denied them access to for years.

These long overdue works must be the start of a publicly funded long term maintenance and management regime by the combined local authorities and other responsible parties. Local residents can not be expected to directly fund future works when so many interested parties are expected to have their views considered, many of which are in conflict with those of the residents.

The Councils must now create a fully costed and funded long term action plan for Pagham Harbour which includes protection of tax-paying residents at its core.

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