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PAGHAM
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PO21 4PZ

Tuesday, 29.xii.2015

Ministry of Thomas Bicket

Dear Mr. Davis,

re Planning Application Pagham Beach
Managed Beach of Spit,

ref.: P / 97 / 15 / PL.

I am pleased to write in support of
this most urgent planning application which you
at Arun have the power to ratify.

So many church members & many, many
more Pagham residents feel strongly about this
issue as evidenced by risk of flooding being
named the most important local issue in
Pagham's Neighbourhood Plan.

As you know at Arun, such time,

energy & money has been expended on
Payham beach & its worsening situation.

We are most grateful for all of this remedial work,
but it now seems clear that this proposal to
cut a channel through the spit is the last
option with a chance of success in restoring
the beach, in safeguarding properties & in
being Payham's actual sea defence.

This last point is an important one.

Payham beach rises up to a crest higher than
the land behind it, so that a breach along
the beach would seriously threaten many
properties, infrastructure such as sewage &
electricity & ^{than} the human cost of all this
upheaval would affect a demographic some
of whom are elderly or frail & had hoped
to end out their days in a calm, secure &
peaceful environment.

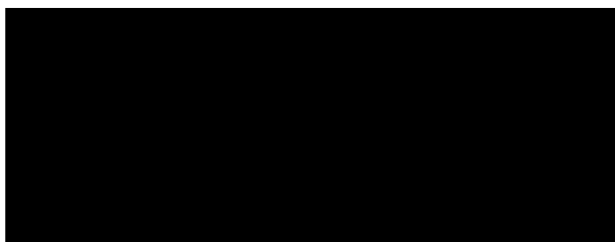
Already in recent years, these & other
residents have suffered stress & anxiety & now

the time is here to effect a solution as soon as possible, so that we do not go through yet another winter perilously close to disaster.

I therefore urge you in your work to approve this application.

God bless you in this & in all your important work.

Yours sincerely,





PAGHAM FLOOD DEFENCE TRUST

For more information contact:
Geoff Barter, 45 West Front Road, PO21 4SZ.

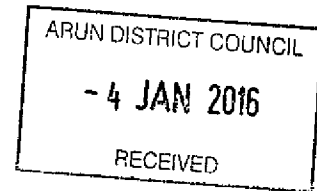
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P/97/15/PL

We the undersigned support the recent planning application for a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour as the best way to meet the needs of Pagham residents and visitors, the needs of conservation and the SSSI status and the need to limit the cost escalating out of control.

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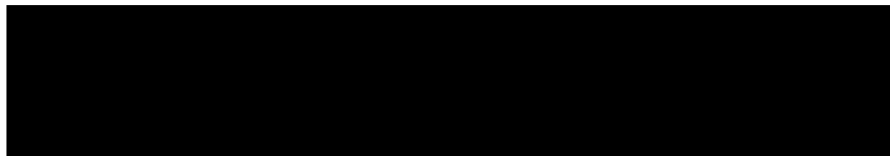
To whom it may concern,
We are residents of Pagham, we have lived here for 13 years and think it is a good place to live!
We have been regular visitors to Pagham Beach and have enjoyed the pleasure it brings.

In the last three years we have been amazed to see how much this has eroded since the spit was closed off?

We are rightly very concerned that if this spit is not reopened then the whole of Pagham beach will disappear?

This would result in major flooding not just for the beach area but for the whole of Pagham as Pagham is quite flat! There are Hundreds of homes and properties that would be flooded?

We would now ask for the spit to be reopened without delay and to point out that with the present situation regarding our recent weather the last thing anyone wants is more flooding!?



George and Linda Redman.

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ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MALTRAVERS Rd.
LITTLEHAMPTON
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BN17 5LF

31/12/15

Dear Sir

PLANNING REF. P/97/15/PL

I wish to register my SUPPORT
for the above Planning application
for permission to cut the relevant
spit.

Yours faithfully

[Ms. JOAN ANNIBALLI]

P.S I did try to register my support on
line

Simon Davis
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Bradley Austin
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30 December 2015

I write in support of the proposal to undertake a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

- Arun District Council Planning Application Ref: P/97/15/PL
- Chichester District Council Planning Application Ref: 15/03053/FULEIA

It is vital that this outcome is moved forward as soon as possible. It is also vital that the two relevant Local Planning Authorities, together with the Environment Agency, Natural England and RSPB, should all work together in a positive manner. My support is based on the following positive outcomes:

It is important that the lives of people and local business is given due consideration, Pagham and Aldwick are thriving communities in which a great number of people pay their Council tax to Arun District Council, Many of us individuals care greatly for wildlife and nature and make a massive contribution to protecting the environment in which we love. I as an individual take a refuse sack on my beach walk every day and safely collect and re-cycle the fishing refuse and rubbish that is left on the beach by irresponsible people. Quite a number of Pagham and Aldwick residents have invested their equity from a lifetime of hard work to reside in this beautiful environment.

We only need to look at the defence work carried out West of Selsey to see that human interest and nature protection can combine to form creative solutions that will enhance the long-term benefit of rare species and people alike.

The constant use of heavy machinery in the area over many years must have a longer-term negative impact on the SSSI with the constant short-term protection of homes and business in the area. Surely it would be more cost effective and environmentally positive to elect a longer-term strategy that could stand the test of time, rather than continuous disruption to our beloved wildlife. Cutting the spit seems to be the kindest option and any likely disruption to the cycle of nature would recover quickly and the creation of an island would enhance species protection.

It is important to consider the human cost that people and business have suffered in recent years. Not only has the worry taken its toll on human life and the wellbeing for people living in ever increasing direct threat from the scour current. I think that we should also consider how lucky we have been in the fact that to date the increasing dangerous currents in the sea have not claimed any lives to my knowledge. The sharps and dangerous debris caused through the scour current, if left unchallenged will in time cause serious injury or loss of life

to potential holiday makers visiting the Pagham and Bognor Regis stretch of coastline for leisure activities and relaxation.

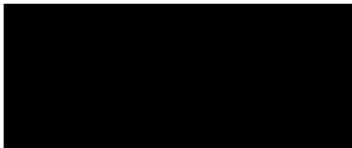
The local community have already raised significant funds to show their support for the cutting of the spit. It is vital that all statutory and volunteer organisations act with harmony and speed to show a commitment to local residents, business, visitor's to the area and also for the longer term creation of a haven that wildlife can thrive. With the continuous movement of monster vehicles, on a weekly basis driving up and down the coastline, which is at best firefighting and not a realistic sustainable long term solution. The financial cost of all the previous short term fixes has been vast and would continue to be a negative cash cow indefinitely if the proposal is not moved forward with haste. In the weeks leading up to the New Year, absolute devastation has occurred to the beach front from East Front Road extending towards Aldwick. We have been fortunate that the recent tail end of the storm Frank did not occur simultaneously with the Spring tides.

It is vital that the progressive decline of beach depth to the communities of Pagham, Aldwick and Bognor Regis are given the opportunity to recover as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment through a managed breach of Pagham Harbour leading to an engineered solution.

Having considered the report and supporting documents submitted by ABPmer, I commend the proposals and respectfully request Arun District Council and Chichester District Council to do the same.

Cut the spit without delay!

Thank you for taking into account my representations.



Bradley Austin

Copy of letter sent to:

Nick Gibb, MP

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA