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Sent: 03 January 2016 21:13
To: Planning
Cc: simon.davis@arun.org.uk
Subject: Fwd: Planning Application P/97/15/PL

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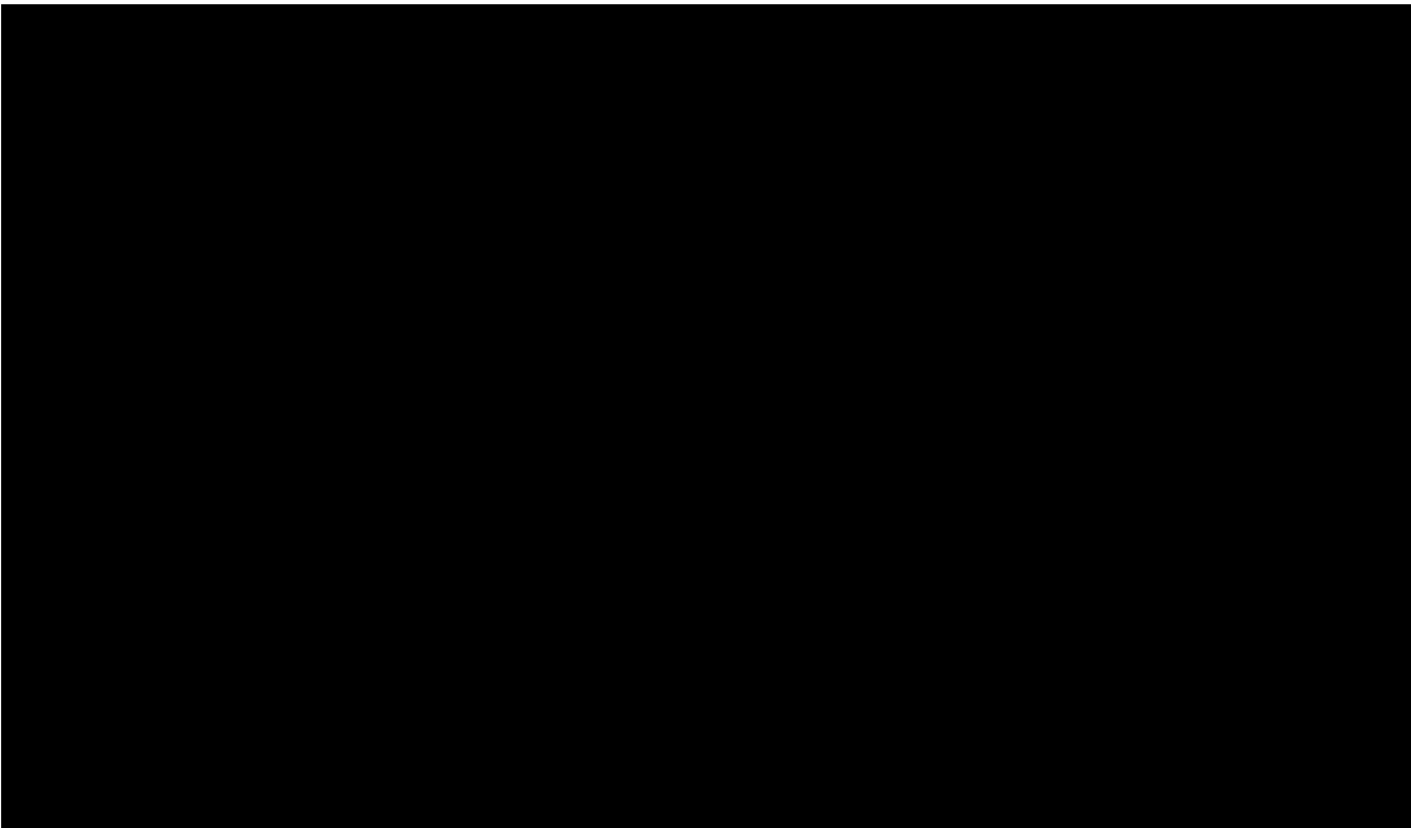
From: charlie johnson
Sent: Sunday 3 January 20:53
Subject: Planning Application P/97/15/PL
To: planning@arun.gov.uk
Cc: simon.davis@arun.org.uk

Hi there,
My names Charlie and im 11 years and i come from oxford.
Im writing about the planning application and i have some points to put forward.

Over the years i have been to pagham as my grandparents live there and i had been having a great time until the erosion started. This led to me not being able to go swimming,fishing,crabbing etcetera. Aswell as this affecting me it has affected many others in pagham. I know a fair few of these people and it would be sad to see there houses go. Property's would be destroyed and so would bussinesses. But not only paghams people would be affected if action isn't taken but aldwick and bognor would be the next area for devastation. Also habitats for animals such as birds, foxes and many other creatures could die from the floods so not cutting the spit is not necessarily protecting animals.

Although there are animals living on the spit and they have to be protected people should still be put first. Letting properties into the sea and choosing the people of pagham should always be put first to arun and all other agencies. But not cutting the spit will cause massive floods and for propertys, farmers land etcetera to be destroyed. People need to be prevented from such floods and in the short term until the spit is cut should be protected greatly. If the spit is cut people can go back to doing normal beach things such as swimming, crabbing and fishing which will make a good tourist attraction to pagham.

Historical buildings such as churches and other landmarks will be destroyed. This can make a decline in tourism. Also the caravan centre church farm will be destroyed leading to tourism declines and loss of jobs. So please cut the spit.
Please disregard previous email sent in error
Regards,
Charlie Johnson



[REDACTED]

From: Sue [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 12:41
To: Planning; [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Application Pagham Harbour

Dear Sirs,

We write in support of the planning application to make a managed breach of the spit of land growth at Pagham Harbour, as described in the report and supporting documents provided by consultants APBmer:

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

It is vital that this plan is moved forward as quickly as possible, and that all parties involved work together to bring this about. We have watched the erosion of Pagham beach continue at an increasingly fast pace. More and more homes continue to come under threat. The adaptive management approach adopted hitherto cannot keep pace with the scour erosion and lack of natural shingle replenishment caused by the growing spit and tidal wash.

Unlike in many areas, there is a solution through the managed breach of the spit, and one that is considerably more cost effective than the current adaptive management which cannot keep pace with the problem.

This proposed solution will safeguard homes, businesses, tourism and infrastructure. At a time when our society needs more homes and land, we should surely do all we can to safeguard those we have where there is a way of doing so.

Yet there are also other positive outcomes from this proposed work:

- Much work has been undertaken to ensure that the plan would be carried out with the most sympathetic approach to wildlife and nature. We have watched the SSSI beach deteriorate to a fraction of its former self through erosion and direct sea destruction of leisure facilities and livelihoods. A managed breach of the spit would allow this natural area of interest and recreation to recover, in the interests of both nature and humanity.

- The local economy is suffering increasingly day by day, as more and more properties lose value and residents lose their freedom to sell and move. They are forced to sit and wait and watch the sea come closer whilst there is a low cost solution available.

- Businesses dependent on the sea and tourism are also suffering. All this can be rectified at very low cost compared with that spent on adaptive management which has been well meant but has lost the battle against the aggressive growth of the spit and movement of the shingle.

- We observe daily the rapid impact of the erosion travelling down towards Aldwick and Bognor. We need to arrest this now. Already too many homes have been put at risk. The beach will recover naturally after the spit is breached through long shore drift, but this will take time.

- The beach is the sea wall for Pagham so it will not just be those living on the beach estate who will be affected if the sea breaks through.

Many living in this area are retired and not wealthy. Despite this, a considerable amount of money is forthcoming from the residents in support of this plan. A solution is now urgent. Without this intervention the problems will only continue to worsen. And the speed at which they are doing so is alarming.

We respectfully request that you approve the plan put forward for a managed breach of the spit at Pagham Harbour.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Kaemena
Mrs. S. Kaemena

[REDACTED]

From: Jackie Laundon [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 11:26
To: Planning
Subject: RE: Planning Application, Pagham Beach managed breach of spit (Ref: P/97/15/PL)

For the attention of Mr Simon Davis:

Dear Mr Davis,

I write in SUPPORT of the planning application for a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour. I feel it is crucial that this is implemented sooner rather than later. Here are a few points as I see it:

1. • I understand that there are ecological interests which need to be safeguarded, but I feel it is time for the people of Pagham, their homes and livelihoods to take precedence. With proper management, both the people of Pagham and the environment can be protected.
2. • The stress and anxiety is causing very real health concerns for many residents, not only those living directly on the beach but also further back into Pagham, because it does affect the whole village.
3. • With the amount of money spent on temporary fixes, which in the last few years have been ongoing throughout the winter months, it has to be more cost effective to provide the longer term solution of cutting through the spit.
4. • I am by no means an expert on these matters nor do I claim to be, but my family have lived on the beach since 1953 and further up the village prior to that, and I saw that the management of the harbour mouth in its 1960s position worked. We never felt ill at ease or threatened by the sea, unlike now. Leaving the shingle spit to its own devices does not work as has been seen in recent years, and now the people of Pagham most definitely do feel threatened by the sea and fearful for all we love, own and cherish.

I believe that by reinstating the harbour mouth by cutting through the spit, the ultimate outcome will be more beneficial not only to the people of Pagham but also to the wildlife, flora and fauna of the area. Please don't wait for loss of life or property before resolving this matter, as it is preventable and should never have been allowed to get this bad.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

From: Toby Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 16:43

[REDACTED] Planning

Subject: Arun District Council Planning Application Ref: P/97/15/PL

Dear Mr Gibb,

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:

People - Whilst there are known ecological interests that will need to be safeguarded, these should not be at the expense of people, their homes and livelihoods.

Mitigation - Whilst nature conservation interests have a degree of protection, the opportunity exists to mitigate any harm that might arise by way of creative solutions that could better safeguard the nature conservation interests in the long run. Cut the spit without delay!

SSSI - Arising from the need to safeguard homes, much engineering work has been carried out to the beach, to the detriment of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These too are nature conservation interests. A quick solution will allow the SSSI to recover.

Health - For some years now the health of numerous residents and businesses has suffered due to delays in key decisions. They need a solution now!

Recreation - The activities and attractions provided by Pagham Beach and its facilities are both varied and significant. Through the period of coast erosion, which has brought with it damage, heavy machinery and barriers, there has been a decline in the attractiveness of Pagham Beach for residents, businesses, activity groups and visitors! Disabled people and those with limited mobility are now unable to enjoy the beach. This needs to be reversed.

Cost and local economy – The cost to people's lives, property and businesses has been significant. In fact, the ultimate cost will never be known, nor could it be calculated. To those that live with this reality, it is vast. The funds already raised by local residents, businesses and visitors to Pagham are testament to the significant interest and support that exists for the proposal to cut the spit. However, it is time to address the decline in property values, harm to businesses and activity groups, to help them address their financial losses and to help repair the harm to the local economy.

Expenditure – The cost of 'temporary fixes' is vast and their success mediocre. Cutting the spit will provide a longer-term solution and be more cost effective.

Increase flood risk – The loss of beach depth has increased the threat to loss of homes and increased the flood risk to the wider community by overtopping and potential breaching of this natural seawall that is defending Pagham. Cutting the spit will increase the resilience of the beach naturally by stopping the scour current and allowing the beach to accrete by re-establishing long shore drift.

Other impacts – Without a favourable decision to cut the spit, beautiful and historic Pagham will continue to be blighted and will further decline. A decision in favour of cutting the spit will kick-start a recovery. Notably, today's impacts at Pagham will be tomorrow's at Aldwick and Bognor Regis.

The people of Pagham, and further afield, both local and visitors, acknowledge that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the managed breach of Pagham Harbour is a stage leading to an engineered solution.

Having considered the report and supporting documents submitted by ABPmer, I/we 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.

Yours faithfully
Toby Jackson

-----Original Message-----

From: Beverley McAlpine [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 January 2016 13:43

To: Planning; [REDACTED]

Subject: Support for Planning Application to Breach the Church Norton Spit

Arun Planning Applications Ref P/97/15/PL and Chichester DC Ref SY/15/03053/FULEIA

I am writing in support of the above planning applications and would urge both councils and other stakeholders to work together for a sustainable solution to this very pressing issue which threatens to impact on the quality of life of local people, as well as the economy of our area, which relies on coastal leisure pursuits as well as those which take place in towns and countryside.

I am a resident of Aldwick Bay Estate and, as well as fearing for the impacts of the scouring of the beach from Pagham to Bognor Regis, my family and I are already affected by the significant loss of amenity caused by the alarmingly rapid growth of the spit. In outlining factors influencing my support of the proposed breach, I will begin by those which are already affecting me personally and then identify those which, I suggest, will very soon have a considerably adverse effect on the wider community.

1. The scour current is now creating very unsafe conditions for both walking along the beach and swimming, as it is fast moving, causes very steep inclines/ cliffs and regularly unearths sharp and dangerous objects long buried. There are now areas which are almost impassible should I wish to reach the nature reserve.
2. The previously beautiful views along the beach have been replaced by something which resembles a construction site, regularly populated by vehicles for moving shingle, temporary metal fencing which is often undermined by erosion and a spit which is like a lunar landscape.
3. The flora, which were so beautiful, along Pagham Beach, have almost been destroyed, leaving a sterile environment, and this pattern is being continued right along to Aldwick. It would be heart- breaking if this were allowed to continue as this SSSI beach area also promotes the life of butterflies and other invertebrates and it would be impossible to reverse the damage.

Potential impacts of the growing spit on the beach community are as follows:

1. The unique quality of the beach properties would be lost.
2. Properties behind Pagham Beach (which serves as a sea wall) would be flooded, including residential buildings, the historical church, the Church Farm Holiday Site and the pumping station.

3. Indirect impacts would include loss of retail and hospitality businesses in Pagham and Nyetimber, due especially to loss of Church Farm business (Tesco Express have identified that they would not remain unless this site continues).
4. Tourism would be impacted as the beach would be avoided. Evidence of responses to the changes can be found on Trip Advisor.
5. Loss of the unique conditions which support the ecosystem of Pagham Harbour.
6. Last, but by no means least, I have witnessed the stress that the changes have caused to the wellbeing of friends who are Beach residents and it is vital that their concerns are placed at the centre of any debate.

I would urge you to proceed with haste. I have been watching the acceleration of the growth of the spit with alarm during the past 5 years, having been a resident of Aldwick for over 30 years, and it is clear to me that the short term interventions put into place so far are completely ineffectual and have regularly been demolished within days, only to feed the spit.

With kind regards

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From: Guy Fletcher [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 14:00
To: Planning
Subject: Managed Breach of Pagham Spit

Re. Planning Application Ref. P/97/15/PL: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit

Dear Mr. Davis,

As a local resident, I have followed with horror the debacle of the Pagham Spit since the situation arose many years ago. Now it seems, with this planning application to cut the spit, there may be hope for us all.

I am writing to strongly urge you to push forward the managed breach of the Shingle Spit by whatever means you can.

As you well know, revetment costs have already spiralled out of control and with the beach now being noticeably eroded as far down the coastline as Bognor, time is quite clearly of the essence.

You can never win a battle with the sea so why not use the power of the sea'

We all now know for sure that once the Spit is cut, nature will take over, the beach will naturally rebuild itself and the pathetic deployment of diggers which are currently rebuilding Pagham beach in vain after every strong tide will no longer be necessary..

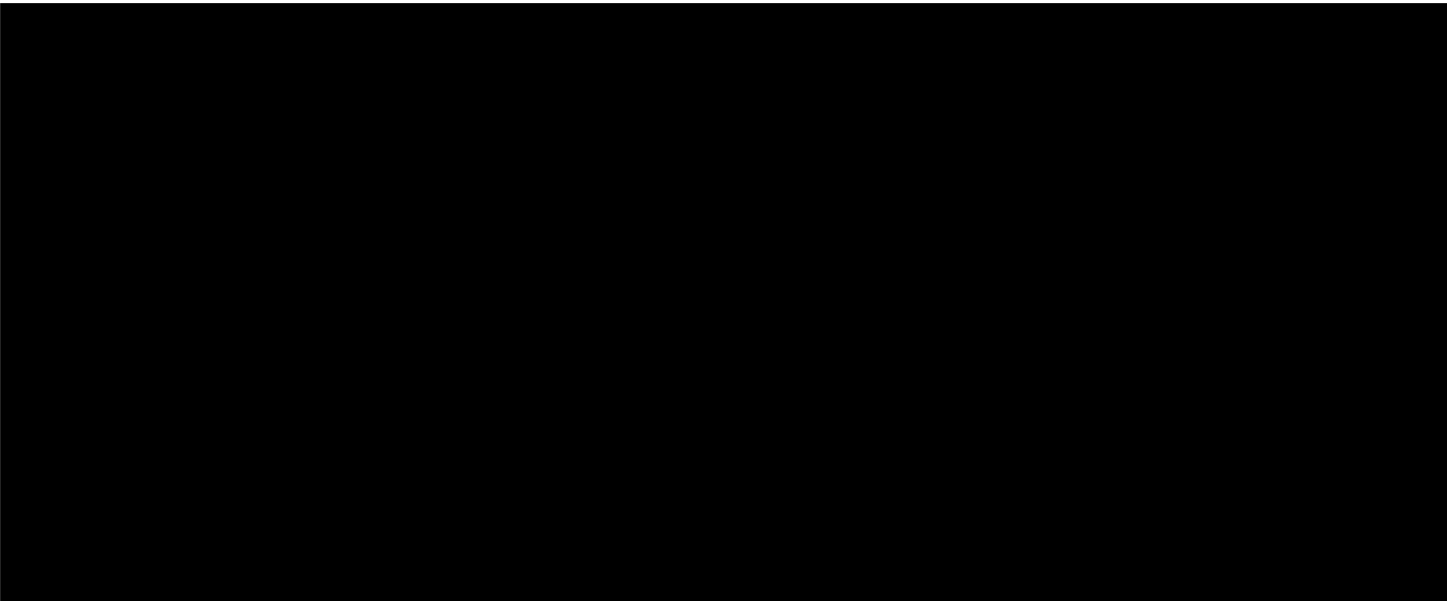
PLEASE PLEASE let us not wait until the sea wall is breached and hundreds of homes are flooded (or someone loses their life at the now dangerous beachfront at Pagham) before we carry out this very simple, logical and well overdue solution. (not to mention 'cost-effective' in light of continued beachfront protection and seemingly temporary revetment)

Many thanks

Guy Fletcher

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From: Maureen [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2016 16:40
To: Planning
Subject: PAGHAM BEACH PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Mr Davis

RE: PAGHAM BEACH PLANNING APPLICATION
REF: P/97/15/PL

I am writing in support of the managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

I retired to Pagham 6 years ago having spent many years previously visiting the area. Being a keen fisherman I have noticed the worrying growth of the spit which I believe is due to lack of maintenance to the harbour mouth creating the scour current along the beach and causing devastation.

The most amazing SSSI beach has all but disappeared, taking with it wild plants and even strange low growing (quite happily) Apple trees. More worrying is the threat to people's homes and businesses/livelihoods.

Most People moved to Pagham for its quirky beauty with a mix of bungalows and converted railway carriages but now find themselves living in 'Terror' never knowing what the next tide or storm will bring. This in turn has a drastic affect on people's well-being.

Sadly, the once lovely seating area at the Yacht Club has become a disaster area. Holidaymakers from the Church Farm Caravan Site have always spent much of their time at the Beach but now with the scour current parts of the beach have become very dangerous.

By cutting the spit we will hopefully be re-establishing a long shore drift which will replenish our beach naturally and bring it back to its former glory.

I hope a favourable decision will be reached to give permission for the necessary works to be carried out to the spit in order to protect not only Pagham but Aldwick and Bognor Regis also.

We support the proposals by APBmer and respectfully request that. ADC and CDC do the same and cut the spit as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs D Short

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: RICHARD AMES [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2016 16:35
To: Planning; [REDACTED]
Subject: 'Pagham Spit'

Dear Sir/Madam,

I appreciate that you have received the following communication from another source but I wish to add my support to this and of the proposal to which it relates.

That is, to undertake a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

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Thank you and please act now in support of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Richard Ames
Post Code. PO22 6JQ

-----Original Message-----

From: maria Griggs [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 January 2016 12:57

To: Planning [REDACTED]

Subject: Ref P/97/15/PL Arun -- SY/15/03053/FULEIA Chichester

Simon Davis.

I write in support of planning application for a managed breach the shingle spit at Pagham harbour.

I am Strongly concerned with the future of Pagham Beach, homes and businesses.

I have been a resident in Pagham for 42 years and over the last 10 years have seen a significant change to our what was once a beautiful location for visitors residents and wildlife. BUT If something is not resolved as quickly as needed we will lose our homes businesses and the wildlife will been washed away.

I understand that there is an SSSI on our harbour but if left to flood this will also dissapear, i understand that this is a huge concern. If you put this planning through and cut through the spit to reform the harbour mouth to its original eventually the wildlife will return (common sense) nature will take its course and soon recover.

Pagham has seen less and less visitors and my business alone has suffered, its now an un-sitely beach that has been bodged and left to its own devices . Many residents have suffered health issues due to the worry of not being able to sleep at night, homes have now devalued tremendously and homes are unsaleable.

CUT THE SPIT WITHOUT DELAY.

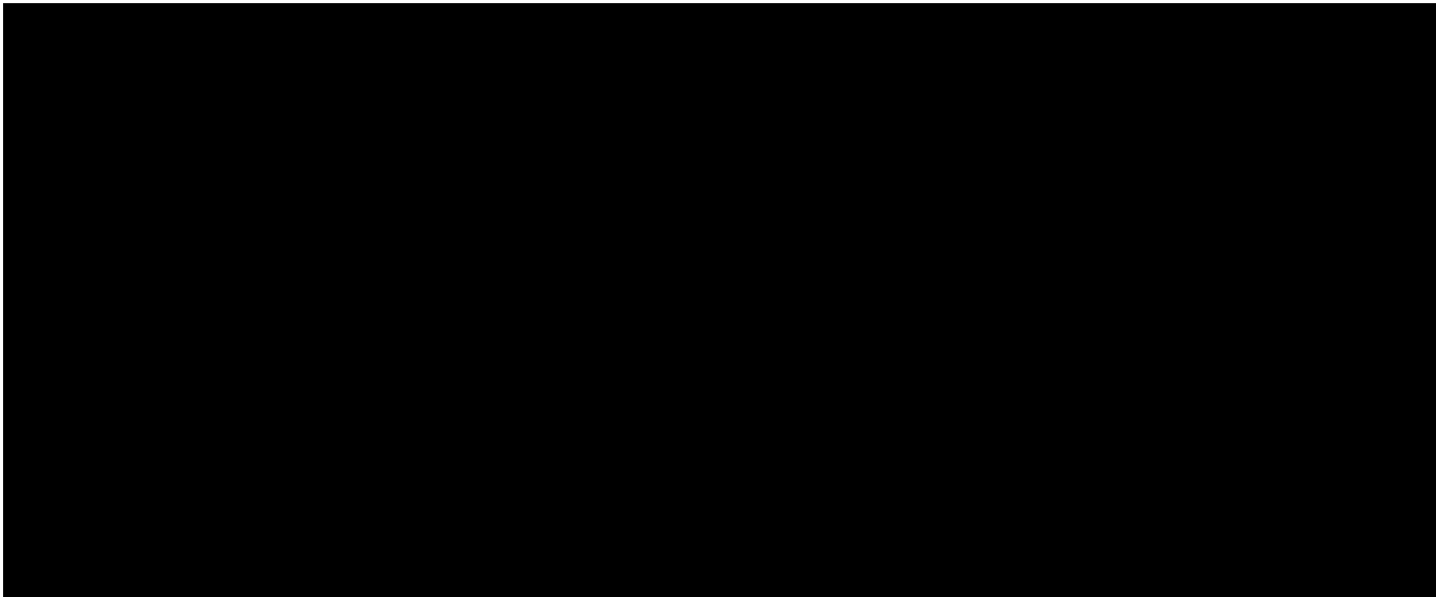
I have seen over the last few days (Christmas) that many areas on the beach have lost several metres of shingle, we cannot afford to lose much more, before homes are in the sea.

If all authorities worked together in a positive manner then we would have a positive outcome. I understand the huge amount of expense involved but we as residents and business owners should have some kind of protection in place and allow us to carry on living in what was a beautiful area on the south coast.

Pagham beach is now unsightly, dangerous and most of all disappearing at a very fast pace.

Please HELP save our lives !

Maria Griggs
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From: Stephen Pinkerton [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 January 2016 14:19
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application: Pagham Harbour Managed breach of spit.

Ref: P/97/15/PL Case officer: Simon Davis. Address: Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17, 5LF - Email: planning@arun.gov.uk - Web site: arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists

Dear Sir

As residents of Pagham, living at 33 West Front Rd, PO 21 4SZ, we have an obvious interest in seeing this planning application approved. After much research, consultancy and money spent this planning application is deemed to be the best approach to saving the beach, the surrounding natural environment and obviously houses and related livelihoods.

We have enjoyed Pagham beach for its low key, unpretentious and natural environment, making the beach very accessible to all. This proposal secures its future.

If this application is not approved, what is the alternative?

- Doing nothing will inevitably lead to flooding the area and damaging more of the natural area as the sea destroys homes and developments with increasing risk from the impact of possible pollutants from flooded developed areas.
- The temporary reparations to date have destroyed much of the natural beach plants and wildlife habitats whilst allowing considerable damage to the beach and putting many homes under severe stress and threat of flooding as the reparation work only belatedly mitigates the effects of the erosion rather than solving the underlying issue of the scour current from the harbour mouth. In the last three years the landscape of the beach and spit has been completely changed and the erosion will continue to affect more of the Pagham community and surrounding areas (Aldwick and Bognor Regis) if the problem is not resolved for the long term.

At some point a permanent solution as suggested by this planning application will be required to protect the environment and homes. Any further delays will lead to increased costs by all.

To date the ongoing cost to protect the neighbourhood has far exceeded the cost of this proposal which ultimately creates a natural long term solution. As residents we have pledged, along with many others, to contribute towards the funding of this project.

In summary, this planning application is:

- supported by; extensive research and consultancy, Environment Agency, Natural England and RSPB, and Residents and Businesses of Pagham
- a long term cost effective solution
- development to preserve the beauty of the area and make it accessible to all

We request that this planning application is approved and has our full support.

Yours sincerely

The Pinkertons
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