

From: Kathleen [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 December 2015 15:00
To: Planning; Steve Harris
Cc: Nick Gibb
Subject: 'Pagham Spit'

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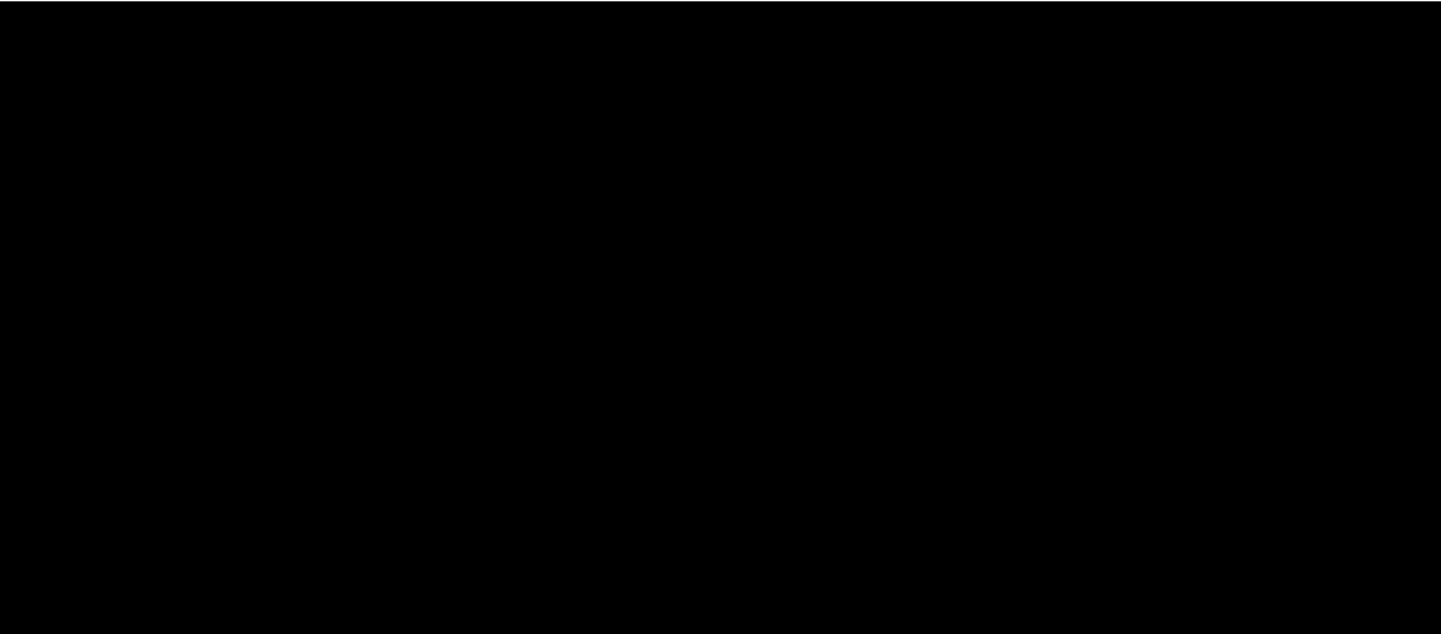
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Kathleen Gregory.
PO21 4NP



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Sent: 31 December 2015 01:17
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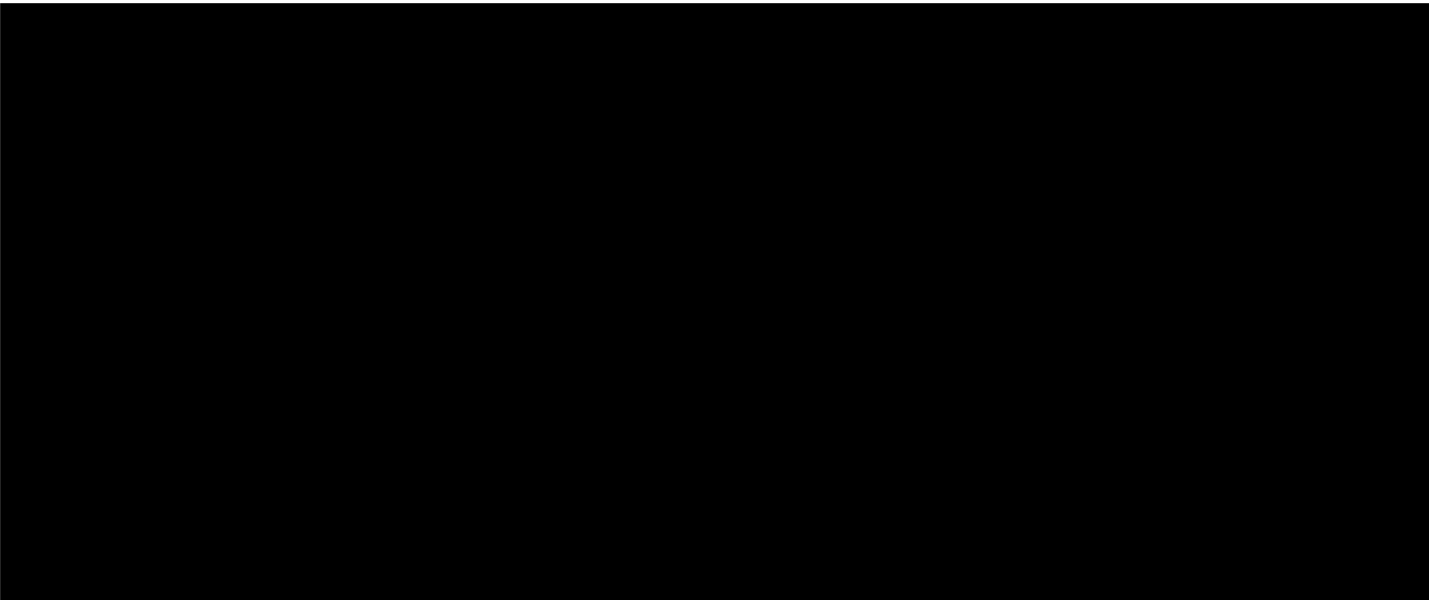
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Kevin Snoad
PO19 6BE



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Sent: 31 December 2015 08:46
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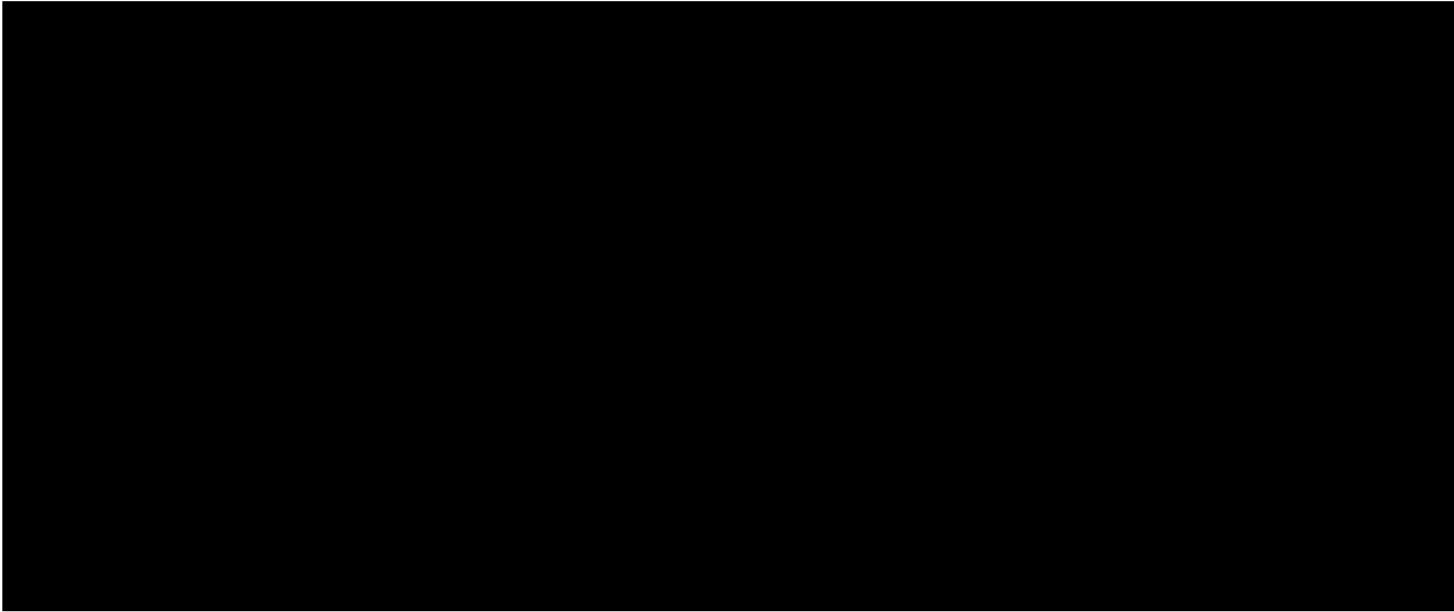
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Name. Brian Sells

Post Code. PO21 3BN



From: Sacha [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2015 11:20
To: Planning; [REDACTED]
Subject: Save Pagham Beach

Reference:

Arun District Council Planning Application Ref. P/97/15/PL: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit
Chichester District Council Planning Application Ref. 15/03053/FULEIA: Pagham Harbour
Managed breach of spit.

Dear Mr Davis and Mr Harris

I write to urge you to approve the above planning applications to split the spit at Pagham Beach and thereby preserve and conserve the local beach, community, nature reserve, houses and livelihood of all residents in the community, whether they are directly or indirectly affected by the erosion of the beach. Conservation interests must of course be taken into consideration, but should not be at the expense of people, their homes and their livelihood.

I grew up in Pagham and spent much of my childhood, youth and young adulthood at the beach. I moved back to the area about 10 years ago. I am a regular visitor to the beach and the potential devastation any further erosion and flooding could have on local housing, landmarks and the nature reserve does not bear thinking about. Not only for Pagham but, potentially, also for Aldwick and Bognor Regis.

I am also appalled at the destruction to the seating area in front of Pagham Yacht Club. The beach is now unusable for the elderly, disabled, young families with prams, or indeed anyone with mobility issues, and is unattractive and unsafe for both locals and tourists.

Any temporary fixes are both costly and short-term and a more permanent solution needs to be implemented to stop any further decline and kickstart a recovery.

I have carefully considered the report and supporting documents submitted by ABPmer and strongly support the planning application as the best and most cost-effective long-term solution to the beach erosion and potential flood risk for Pagham. I urge you to do the same, and that the works are implemented as soon as is technically feasible.

Yours sincerely

Sacha Churchill
3 Apple Grove
Aldwick
Bognor Regis
PO21 4NB

[REDACTED]

From: Philip Ridgway [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2015 19:55
To: Planning; [REDACTED]
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As a person who grew up in Aldwick and appreciate the town of Pagham and the surrounding area, I write in support of the proposal to undertake a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour.

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SG9 9BQ.



From: Nigel B Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2016 02:54
To: Planning
Subject: Arun District Council Planning Application Ref: P/97/15/PL

To the members of the Planning Commission
In Re: Arun District Council Planning Application Ref: P/97/15/PL

Sir/ Madam

As a past resident of Pagham and Aldwick, having returned recently for a visit, I was very distressed to see the deteriorating conditions along Pagham Beach. I spent time with friends reviewing the geographic changes since my last visit and it is apparent that the Harbour entrance is blocked by a large shingle spit, which in turn is the cause of considerable erosion along the beach.

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

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Immediate affirmative action is crucial in order to prevent further erosion and possible irreversible damage. I sincerely hope your committee will find a way to work together with the Environment Agency, Natural England and RSPB in a positive manner. I appreciate that many would like to maintain a natural state. But, left to nature and its own devices, there will soon be nothing left of Pagham Beach to leave in a natural state.

Also note... Pagham has always been a popular tourist destination on the South Coast and a lack of positive action on the council's part could not only have a negative environmental impact, but it could also negatively impact the entire parish of Pagham financially. Local businesses could be severely impacted if the beach continues to erode and this will hurt tax revenues.

I have been assured that breaking through the recently formed spit will allow the beach at best to acquire a new equilibrium. At worst it will buy precious time until a longer term solution can be found. The recent

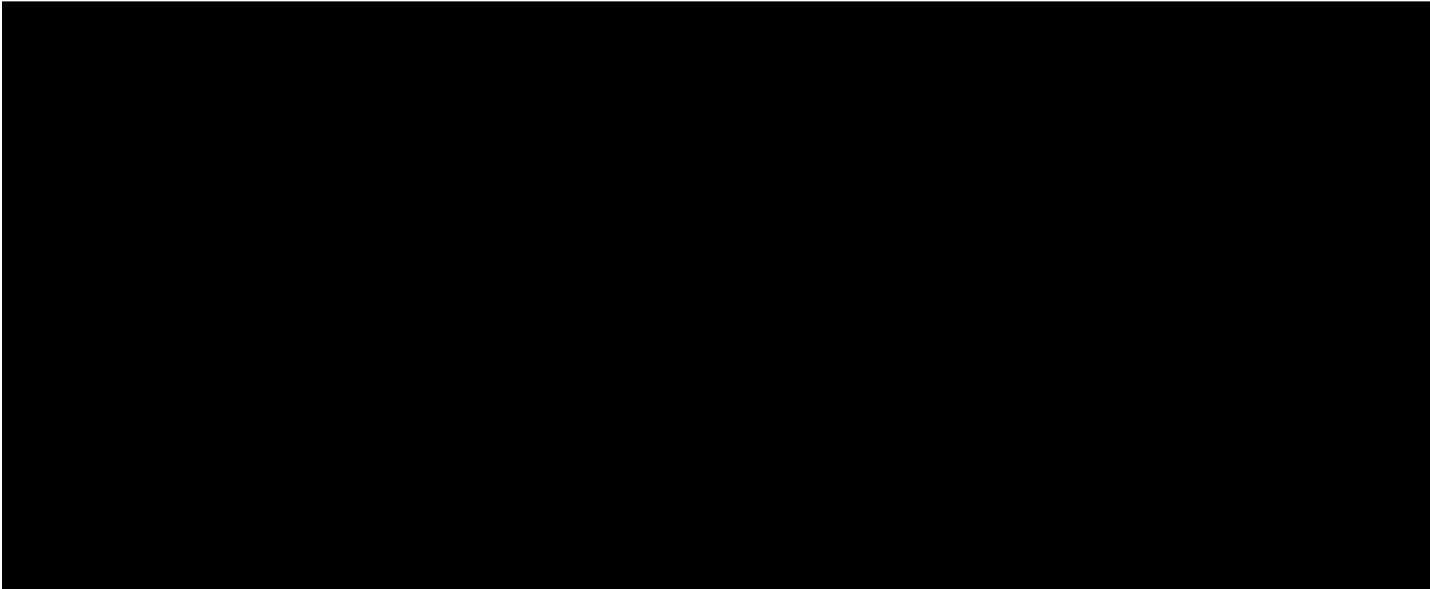
emergency maintenance appears to have been ineffective and has not solved the long-term problems.

I do hope something meaningful is done before it is too late.

Yours sincerely,
Nigel B. Taylor
Santa Monica, CA

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From: Emma Flood [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2016 12:40
To: Planning
Subject: Fwd: Coastal Defence-Pagham Ref.15/03053/FULEIA & P97/15/pl

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Emma Flood [REDACTED]
Date: 31 December 2015 14:19:45 GMT
[REDACTED]
Subject: Coastal Defence-Pagham Ref.15/03053/FULEIA

Please,Please,

Authorise the cutting of the spit at Pagham Harbour.

It is heart-breaking to see this lovely beach being allowed to erode, with the subsequent loss of homes and peoples livelihoods.

We have been visiting Pagham every Summer for the past thirty years and even though we live in London and are in our 'eighties' would like to continue doing so.

It is also fairly easy accessible for families with young children.

If the spit is not cut, It will cause devastation to hundreds of surrounding homes and business' and there is still ample room for wild life conservation.-Birds can fly, people can't.

Hope its A Happy New Year for everybody.

Regards,

M. & E. Flood

[REDACTED]

From: Anita & Bruce Broadbent [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2016 14:24
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[REDACTED]

From: Viv Carline [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 13:31
To: Planning; [REDACTED]
Subject: Correction - SUPPORT for ARUN Planning Application P/97/15/PL & Chichester DC Planning Application Ref: 15/03053/FULEIA

I am resending this as I understand I used an incorrect CDC ref in my previous submission below.

From: Viv Carline [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2016 08:24
To: 'planning@arun.gov.uk'; [REDACTED]
Subject: SUPPORT for ARUN Planning Application P/97/15/PL & Chichester DC Planning Application Ref:15/03053/FULEIA
Importance: High

To:

1. Arun District Council -- Planning Application: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit
Ref: P/97/15/PL Case officer: **Simon Davis**. Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road,
Littlehampton, BN17, 5LF - Email: planning@arun.gov.uk
2. Chichester District Council - Planning Application: Pagham Harbour Managed breach of spit.
Ref: SY/15/03053/FULEIA - Case officer: **Steve Harris** - Planning, Chichester District Council, 1
East Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TY – email: dcplanning@chichester.gov.uk -

I write to both councils in the same document as both are involved, and have been, with significant consequences to the well being of the residents and property of Pagham as well as the surrounding areas.

I completely endorse and support the above referenced planning applications. 'Cutting through the spit' as this application has been more widely referred to, would provide a positive contribution to almost all of ADC's 'material considerations' and will also have a positive outcome as by far the most suitable for the area.

By allowing the proposed breach of the Church Norton Spit this will further allow the waste water from Chichester area a clearer, wider, direct passage to the sea. It had been established Pagham Harbour mouth was silting up and 'may become blocked', which would be devastating for both Pagham and other surrounding areas as well as causing a problem for the Chichester area. By making this breach there would be a direct route to the sea thus helping to alleviate this problem.

During the last 10 years the pipe under the road at Lagness was enlarged to at least four times it's previous size. This was as a result of Chichester & surrounding area flooding (notes 1 to 4 below). This allowed extra waste water to run down the Pagham Rife (which was also dug out to allow this) & other 'Rifes/streams' into Pagham Harbour. I believe this upset the balance & contributed significantly to the changes in the harbour and in particular the exiting through the harbour mouth. The amount of water leaving was often increased significantly and I would question what planning permission were granted to allow this change? I further believe that Chichester DC should now contribute to the cost of correcting the partial consequences of this outcome.

Please grant permission for the proposed breach for these reasons:

- It would stop the imminent threat to Pagham estates (& others further along Pagham Beach) of flooding (see notes below)
- It would help stop the overtopping of the beach front (by the sea) (see notes below)
- It would absolutely be suitable for the area,
- It would be in keeping for the area
- It would restore the harbour entrance it to its original place (where it has been for 40+ years, pre 2003)
- It would restore the visual affect upon the landscape
- the shingle will be moved from one location to another adjacent to its current position, therefore should not significantly effect wild life nor marine life/or plants
- It would stop the further loss of the SSSI beach area
- It will help restore the devastation to the SSSI area which has been allowed to erode by the scouring current now exiting & entering the present harbour entrance
- It would help protect & restore the remaining species of plants along the whole of Pagham Beach
- It is would help keep the harbour entrance unblocked and therefore allow waste waters to escape
- There is 'Overriding Public Interest' to allow this (see note below)
- It would be cost effective to allow this (see note below)
- It would alleviate Pagham Beach's current safety problem with the scouring current
- It would re-instate Pagham beach to it's former tourist destination
- It would re-instate Pagham Beach as a watersports destination & assist PYC to restore former membership & sustainability
- It would help conserve local houses of which many are unique railway carriage homes, not found in many other places & protect them from flooding/being destroyed
- It would help restore the ill heath of residents of Pagham (see notes below)
- It would restore the beach as a safe recreational ground for locals & help restore their well being
- They do not conflict with planning policies
- It would allow onshore drift to replace the shingle lost from Pagham beach from the build up of shingle on the Church Norton Spit
- The cost of this breach will be far less than it has cost to continually repair the beach

By not granting permission:

- Pagham Estates WILL flood
- Overtopping of the beach WILL be a regular event

- Homes may be lost into the sea
- Residents would need to be re-housed
- It may become impossible for any Pagham properties to get House Insurance therefore destroy the village
- Properties/buildings may become abandoned/derelict
- Many local businesses would disappear for ever
- Those relying on local businesses for income could become destitute
- The health of those living there will suffer further as they are frightened their homes will fall into the sea or become flooded
- Residents will continue to be unable to sell their homes, thus making many desperate
- If "left to nature", an uncontrolled (natural) breach of the spit is very likely with unknown consequences

There is Overriding Public Interest for "Cutting the Spit" as residents, visitors, past residents, etc, all believe this is what is needed to restore & protect the area and prevent flooding & further loss. Financial pledges have been made by many who want this to go ahead. I am sure you will be advise as to the amount raised by others.

Dredging the harbour entrance would be no different to any other; Chichester Harbour, Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth Harbour, Newtown Creek IOW (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newtown_River) etc, which are all dredged each year. The cost of dredging Pagham harbour entrance would be far less than has been spent by ADC protecting homes. Possibly the Environment Agency would be responsible for this dredging? In order to prevent flooding. "In the last two years the Environment Agency has spent about £20m on dredging rivers"

As an owner of a property on Pagham beach I should like to add that these are not all holiday homes. I am a resident with a further 2 & sometimes 3 residing there. We have everything to loose should our home fall into the sea or the area be flooded.

The scour (side shore) current sweeping along the beach from the present harbour entrance often runs at over 10 knots which is destroying the beach and all that grows & lives there. It is a danger to all. Swimming and watersports have become impossible. It is eroding into the shingle bank and will, if left, eventually erode so that a breach into a Pagham Estate below will cause the area to flood. Homes may also be lost into the sea.

If left, 'Overtopping' (sea water coming over the top of the beach crest) will occur on a regular basis (spring high tides accompanied with a low pressure and/or any very low pressure storms) which will flood the roads & properties below the level of the beach top.

May I remind you both that although you do not have duties to protect the coast from erosion, you DO have a duty to reduce the risk of flooding, and these applications are without doubt a major factor that will add to a reduced risk.

I urge you to follow the lead of the Environment Agency and help stop our homes from becoming flooded by granting the proposed breach, with out any further delay: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-35213310> "People will always come first" in the battle to defend the UK against flooding, the Environment Agency's chief executive has said".

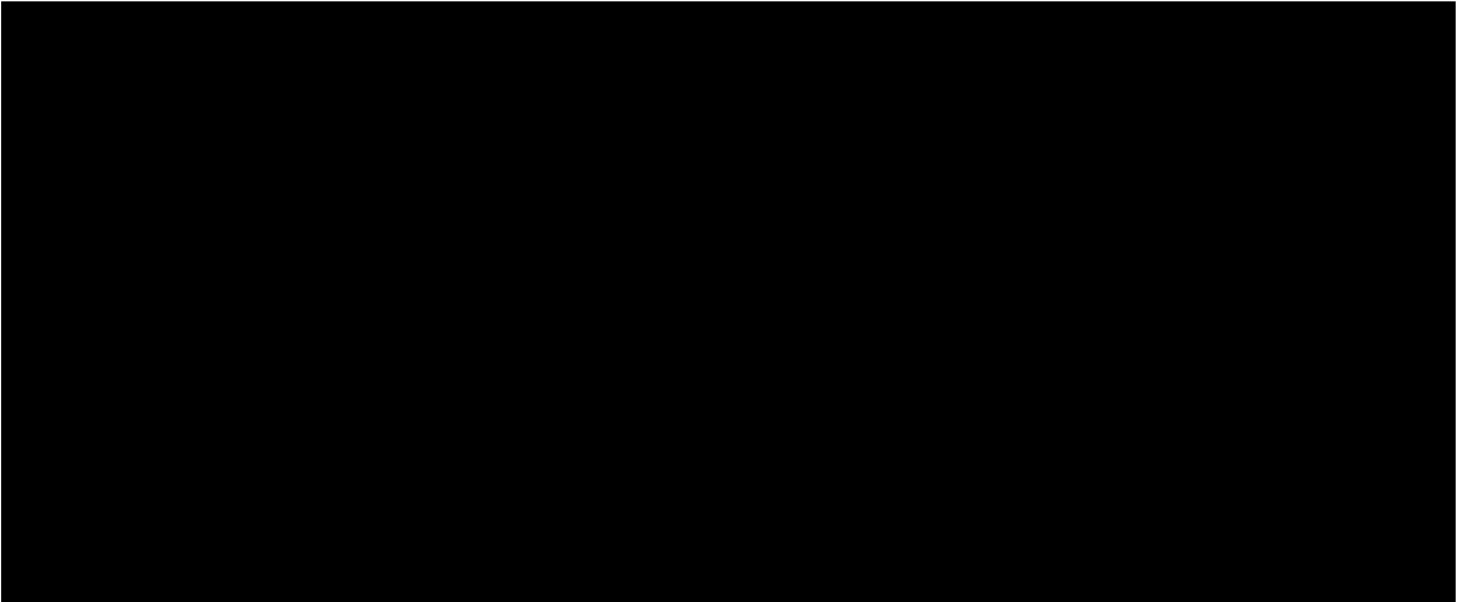
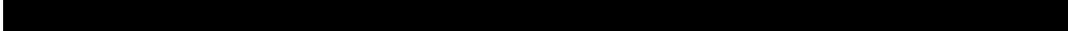
Notes:

- 1) According to the local paper two cubic metres of water a second were being sent down the Rife: <http://www.bognor.co.uk/community/rife-is-being-watched-amid-flooding-fears-1-4637430>
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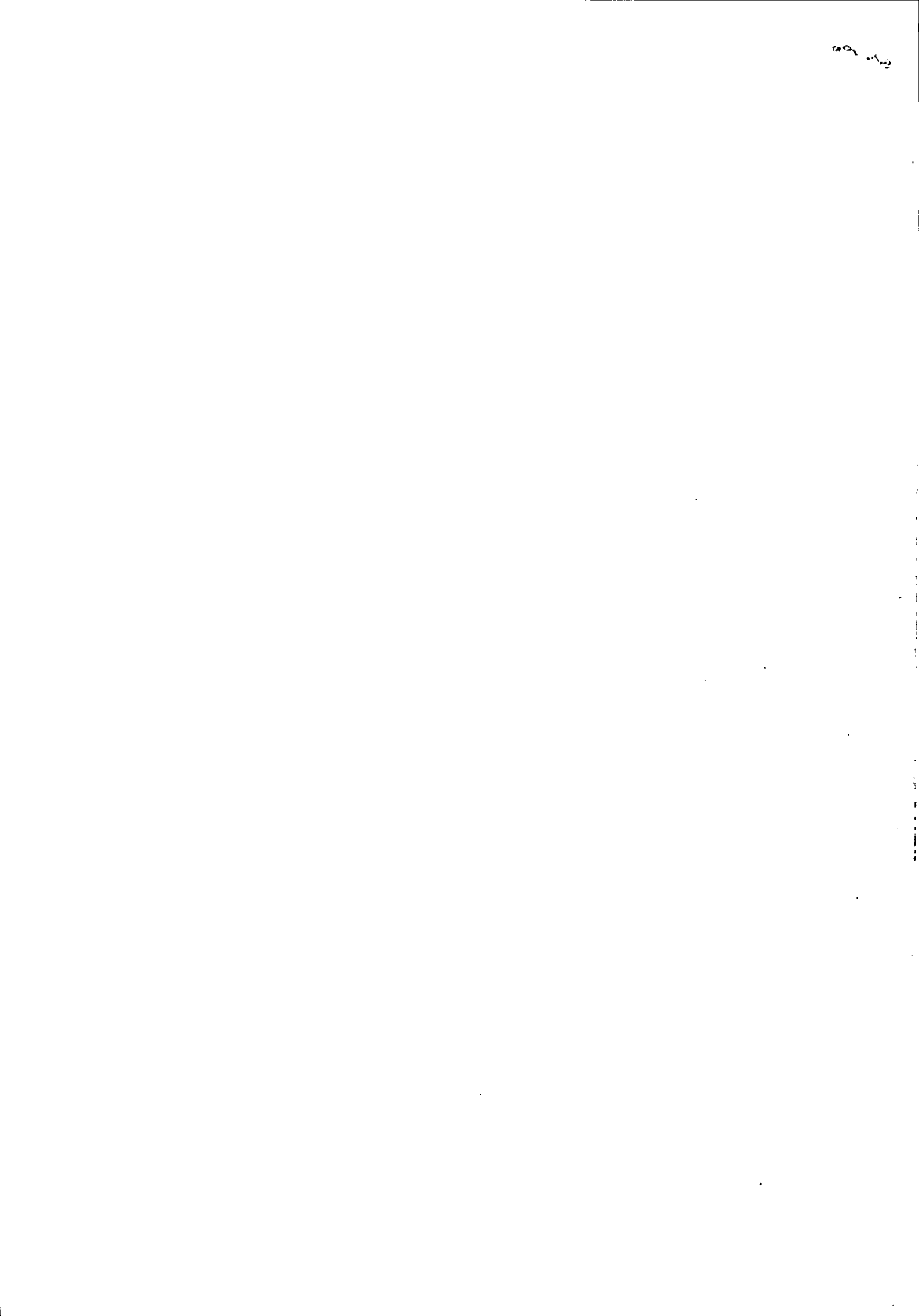
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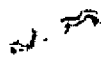
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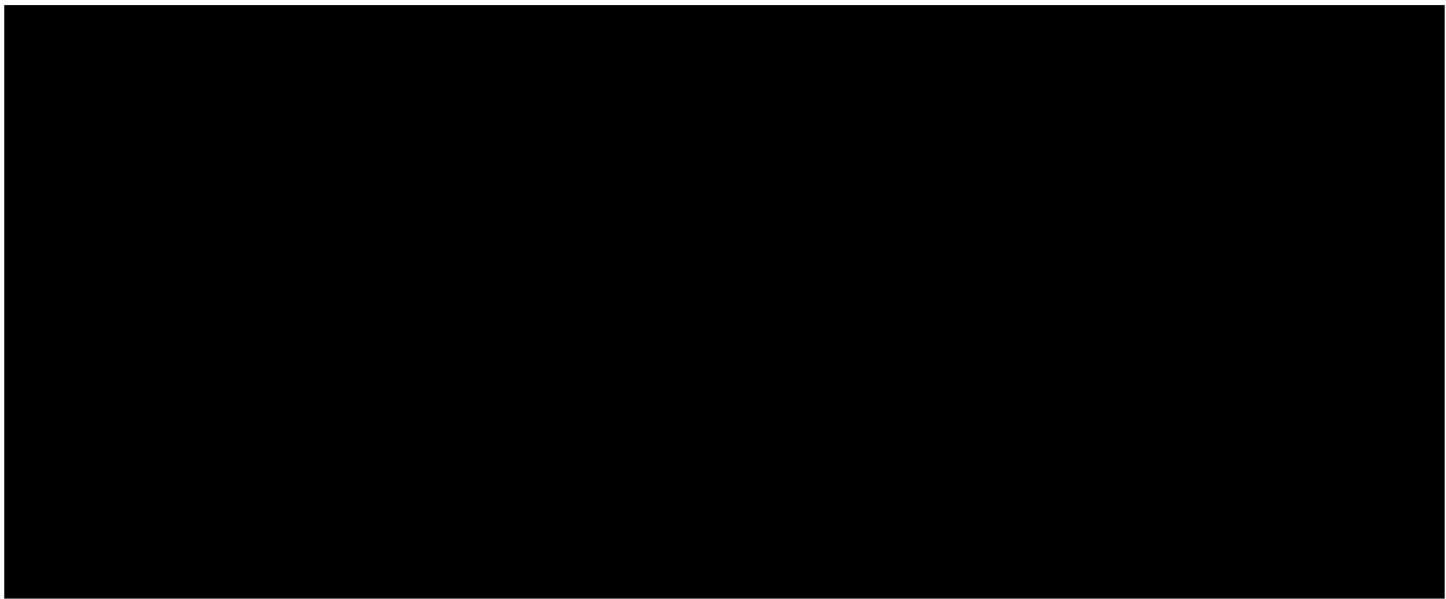
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