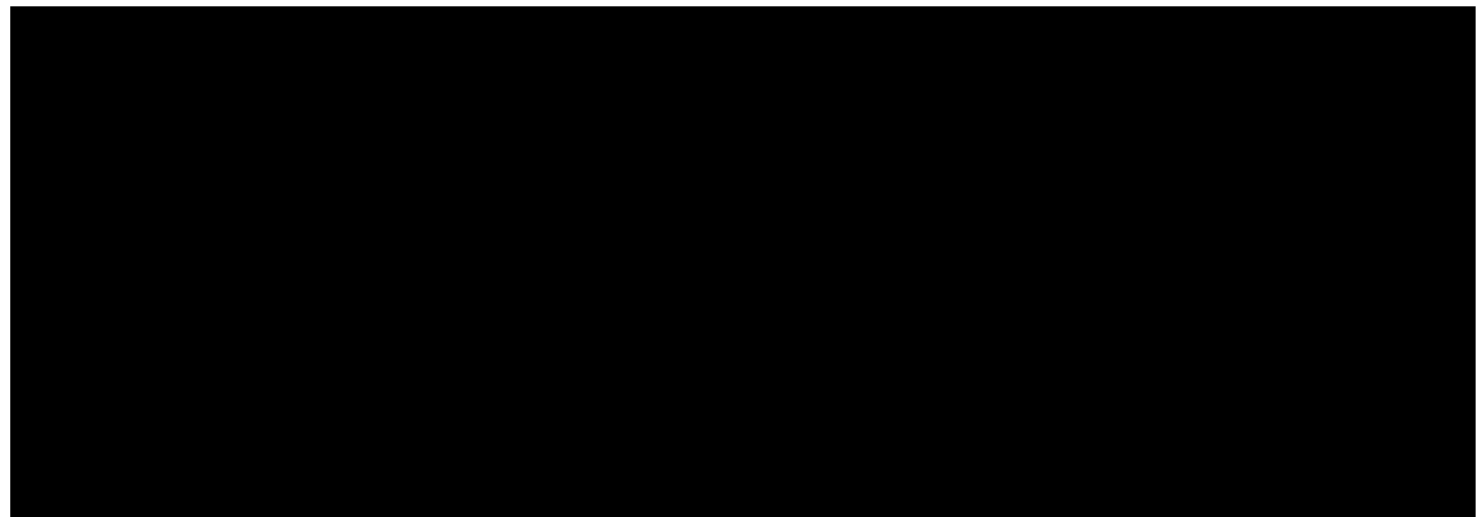
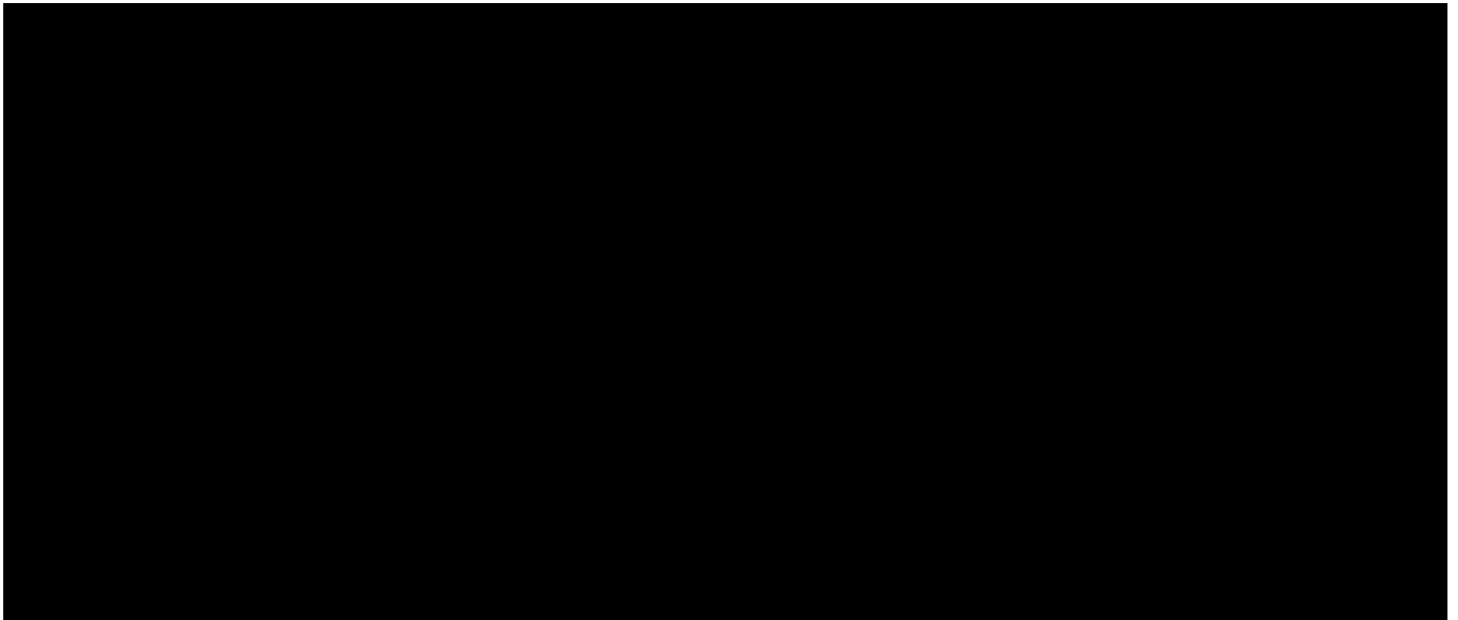




From: Michael [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 January 2016 14:30

To: Planning
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Subject: Arun District Council Planning Application Ref. P/97/15/PL: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit

Attn: Mr Simon Davis, Case Officer, Arun District Council

CC: Mr Nick Gibb, MP

Dear Mr Davis

We 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. Our 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.

Please note that, as many other local residents did, we have made a pledge to contribute a significant amount of our own money to cutting the spit.

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, 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 our representations.

Yours faithfully

Michael Walter and Olga Manizer
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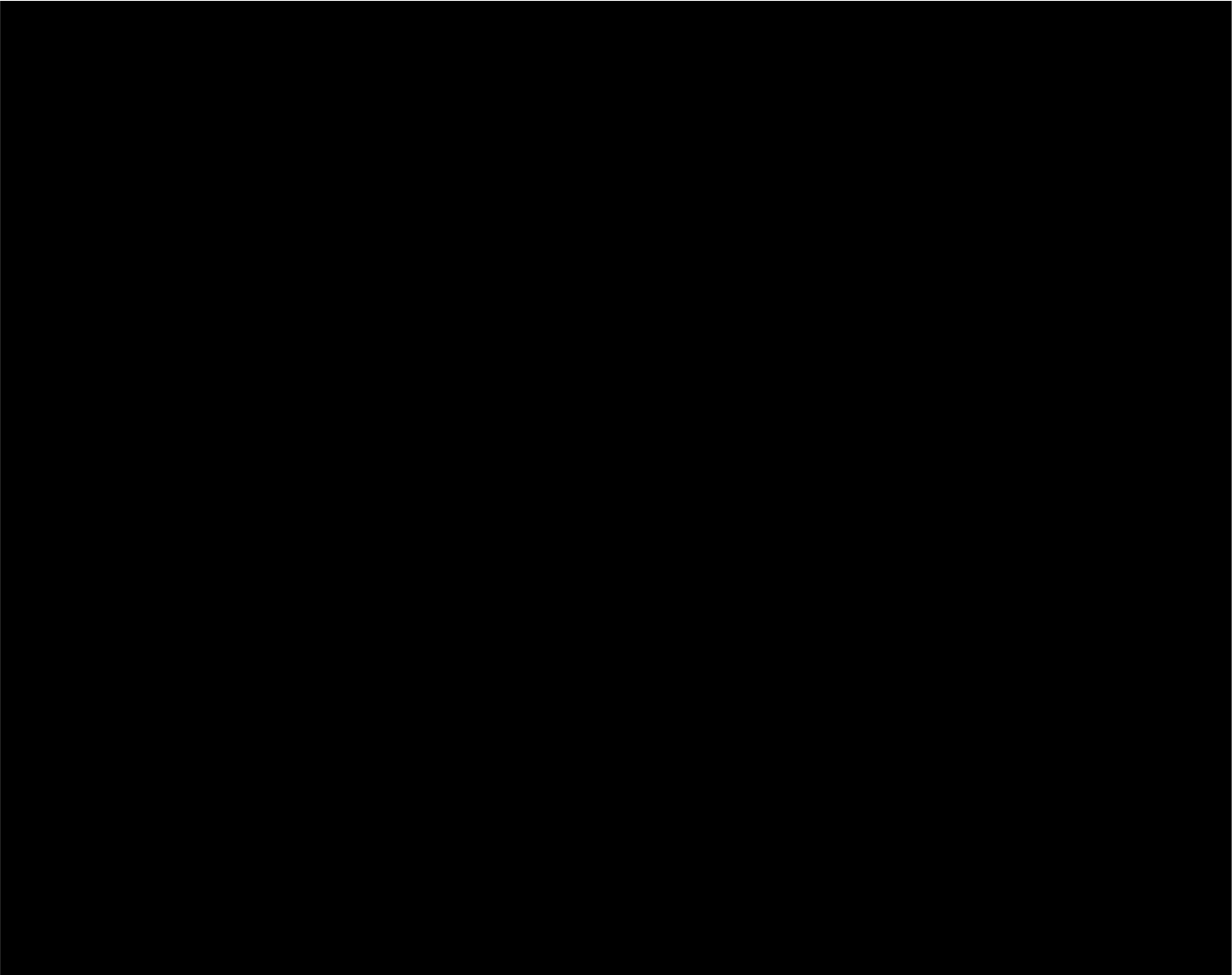
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From: Rebecca Du Pont de bie [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2016 12:29
To: Planning
Subject: P/97/15/PL Planning Application: Pagham Harbour

Dear Simon Davis,

I write in support of the planning application for a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour .
I really believe this needs to happen to avoid flooding and safeguard homes and to preserve the beautiful beach and nature reserve which is of such special scientific interest.
Pagham is quite unique and unspoilt and should be preserved.
The system of managing the spit worked so well in the past.
Yours Sincerely

Rebecca Bennett (46 lagoon Road, Pagham)



From: Geoff Harwood [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 January 2016 11:52

To: Planning

Subject: Arun District Council Planning Application Ref. P/97/15/PL: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit

I am writing in support of the above planning application.

In 1925 my Grandfather bought an old railway carriage from the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway and had it delivered by horse-drawn limber to the present site of 81 West Front Road. Our family have turned it into a nice holiday bungalow which we enjoyed for 78 years until the structure deteriorated to the point that it was getting hard to maintain. At this point My Sister and I decided to replace it with a properly built bungalow for which you gave planning permission in 2003. This cost us over £100000 but we were advised that the value would be more than that for a beautiful new bungalow only about 50m from the high tide mark.

Soon after it was completed there were changes to the way Pagham Harbour entrance was maintained and the spit began to grow eastwards from the entrance and as a consequence the beach in front of our bungalow began to be eroded. Instead of the nice SSSI beach with patches of sand and safe bathing we began to see a strong westward current on the flood tide and a raging eastward river on the ebb. This has

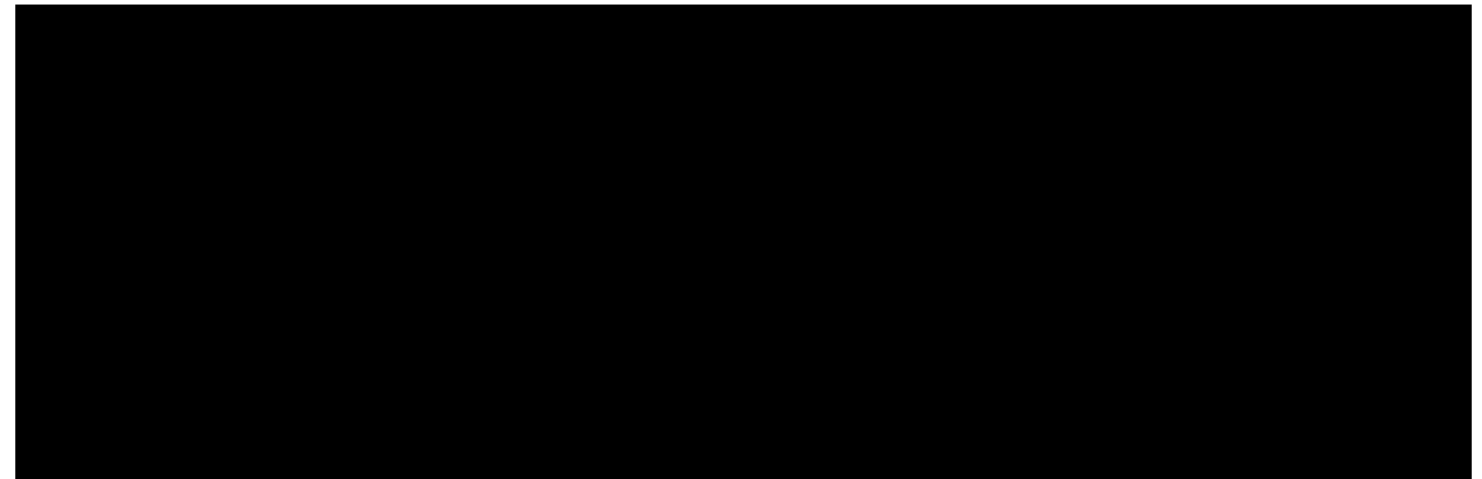
caused the beach to get narrower until it has reached its current width of less than 10m. On a windy week of spring tides we lost 3m in one go.

A managed breach of the spit in the next few months will stop this damaging ebb current and allow the beach to regenerate. If this is not done it is clear that the West Front Road bungalows will all be taken by the sea very soon.

This will not be even just a case of “flood damage” which can be repaired or replaced. If the land that the bungalows are built on is not there any more what can we do?

Please get the spit breached at the very earliest possible opportunity. We have very little time left.

Geoff Harwood, 147 Stanpit, Christchurch, BH23 3LY half share of Hildora 81 West Front Road.



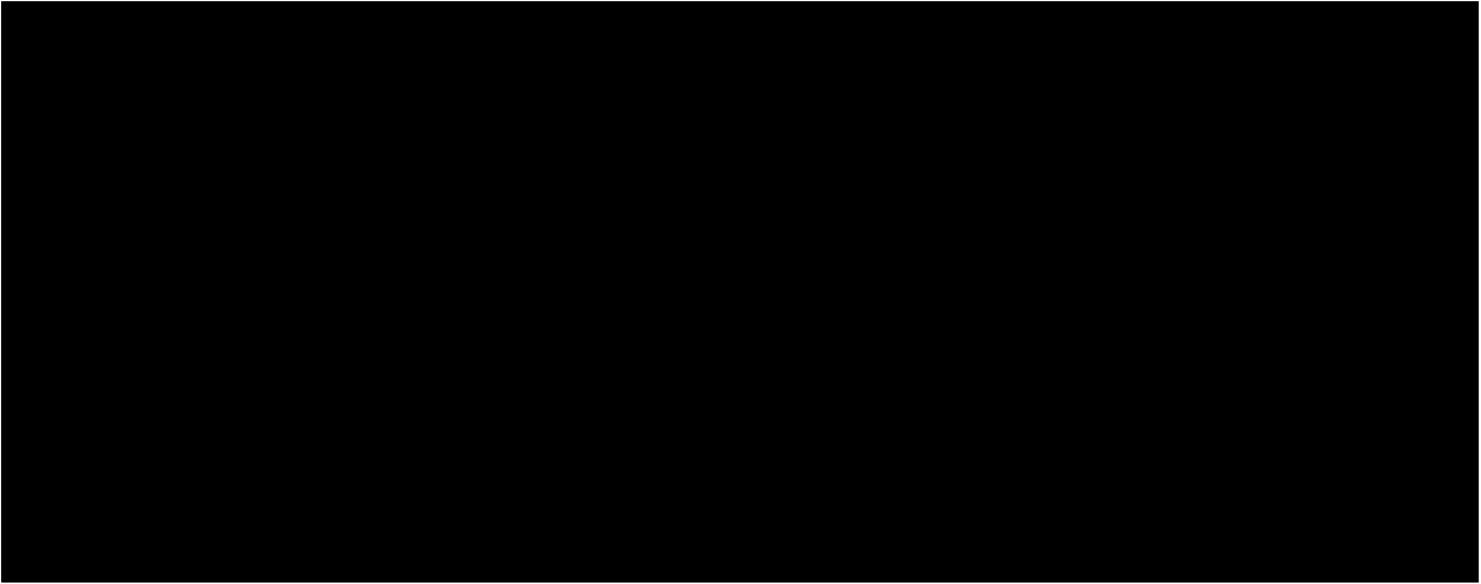
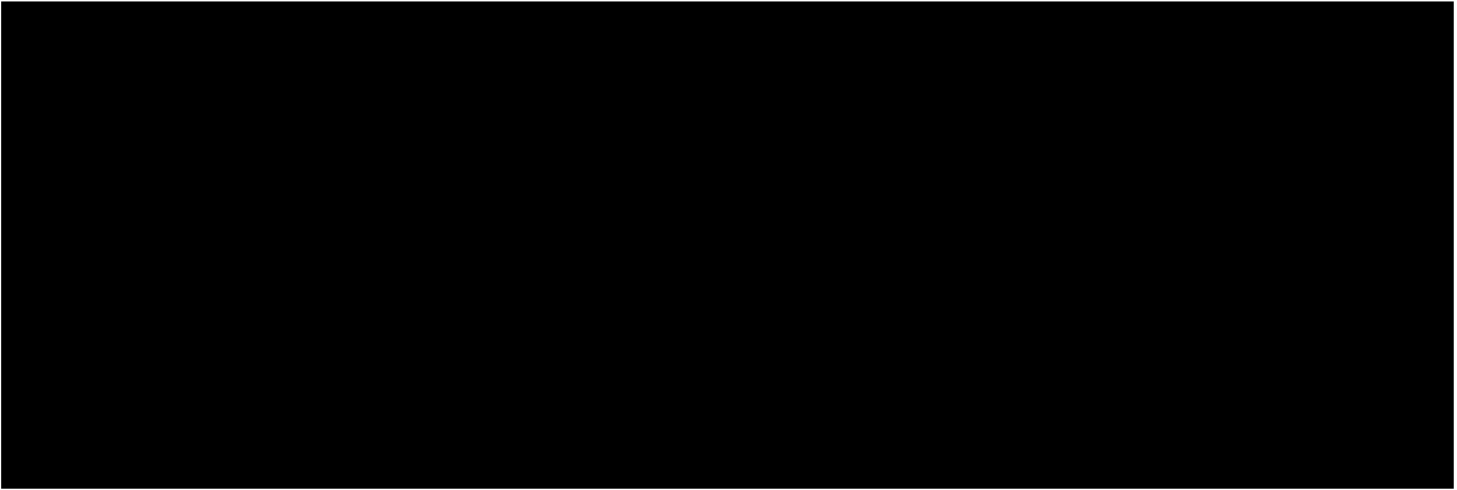
From: VAL TOMLINSON [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2016 11:47
To: Planning
Subject: planning appliction P/97/15PL

Dear Sirs,

Please add my support to the above planning application to cut a new channel in the spit at Pagham to save businesses, lives and homes.

VAL TOMLINSON

61 West Front Road Pagham PO21 4TA [REDACTED]

From: VAL TOMLINSON [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2016 11:40
To: Planning
Subject: P/97/15/PL

I would like to add my support to planning application P/97/15/PL.

This application is to cut as channel in the spit at Pagham and save lives and homes.

R Tomlinson

61 West Front Road Pagham PO21 4TA [REDACTED]