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Your Ref: OWPC7761
Our Ref: P/97/15/PL 16-09-2015
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

6th 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 5th January 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I am writing in support of the planning applications for the Managed breach of shingle spit & blocking of adjacent tidal inlet channel with shingle barrier - Planning Application P/97/15/PL.

I feel it is of the utmost importance that this outcome is moved forward as soon as possible. I also feel that it is vital that Arun District Council and Chichester District Council, together with the Environment Agency, Natural England and RSPB work in a positive manner towards resolving the coastal erosion Pagham beach and harbour are experiencing.

While I acknowledge there are known ecological interests that need to be safeguarded, these should not be at the expense of people, their homes and their livelihoods. For some years now the health of numerous residents', their homes and businesses have suffered due to delays in key decisions. A solution is needed imminently.

The local economy is suffering as the activities and attractions provided by Pagham Beach and its facilities have been negatively impacted by the effects of coastal erosion. The 'temporary fixes' employed so far have proved very costly and their success mediocre, cutting the spit is the best course of action as it is cost effective and will also provide a long term solution.

The funds already raised by the local residents', businesses and visitors to Pagham are testament to the significant interest and support that exists for the proposal to cut the spit. This has to be done before there is a further decline in the value of people's property and businesses.

If the decision to cut the spit is not upheld I fear that beautiful and historic Pagham will continue to suffer from the negative effects of coastal erosion and consequently the local economy will not recover.

Having considered the report and supporting documents submitted by ABPmer I wholeheartedly support the proposals and request that Arun District Council and Chichester District Council do the same.

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