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**Your Ref:** OWPC7774  
**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**

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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

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th January 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

*Dear Sirs*

*The past few years has seen the severe erosion of Pagham beach reducing the shingle from a wide expanse to just 15 meters in places. This beach is a site of special scientific interest and the erosion has meant the loss of an ancient shingle bank and special habitat. The erosion threatens the dwellings of those who live along the beach (my mother included) rendering them uninsurable and unsellable. The steep sides of the channel and fast flowing currents along the beach have turned a safe area to enjoy the water a treacherous environment. Families who have invested time and money to live and spend time on this special place are seeing the environment and where they live undermined by the single act of failure to dredge the mouth of Pagham Harbour. All attempts to maintain the current harbour entrance but slow the rate of attrition of the shingle have failed with enormous wastes of money on schemes that to those who have been observing the erosion as bound to fail. Indeed the boulders placed in attempt to prevent erosion have now themselves become a hazard. To avoid more destruction I would urge the council to approve cutting the spit and blocking the new channel.*

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