

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 5 JAN 2016

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Mrs M Westlake
104 Elbridge Crescent
BOGNOR REGIS
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PO21 4JJ

TO THE

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Planning Controller

Arun District Council

Planning lived in PAGHAM
for 12 yrs. I have watched
the Beach change. I
fully support the application
to BRANCH the SPIT before
homes and lovely hoods are lost.

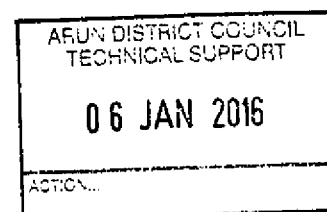
MARGARET WESTLAKE

A MEMBER OF PAGHAM YACHT CLUB

AND PAGHAM HARBOUR W.I.

PLANNING APPLICATION P/97/15/PL SUPPORT

Think of it like this.



The Church Norton Spit is a DISEASE.

When discovered you take advice from experts. (ABP Mer)

You get a second opinion. (EA, NE, ADC, RSPB)

The experts talk to each other to decide the treatment that is best.

Left untreated the DISEASE spreads and in doing so starts to eat away at the body (the Beach)

It's taking too much time to decide on the treatment (but the doctors need to get it right) and now vital areas of the body are becoming weak threatening vital organs (Beach Homes & The Village) making the treatment harder to bear and MORE COSTLY.

The experts after great expense and much deliberation agree the treatment that is best but we need to get it approved by the head of Hospital (Chichester and Arun District Councils) and then find the funding.

The patient (Pagham Beach and Village) is in very poor health by now. Even fearing DEATH is close at hand..... but.....

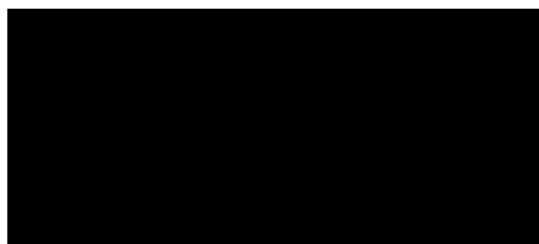
The Cure is APPROVED.... (The planning application is granted)

Now the funding..... Fundraisers for the charity (Pagham Flood Defence Trust) work tirelessly. Family, friends, neighbours, in fact the whole village pitch in and raise the community contribution required.

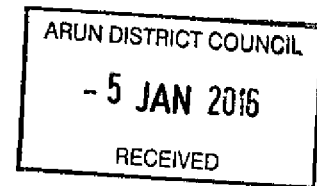
HOORAY. THE TREATMENT STARTS (THE SPIT IS CUT)

THE BODY RECOVERS AND WE ALL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

From Elizabeth Bell, 121, West Front Road, Pagham, West Sussex. PO21 4TB



Sarah Hollywood
65 West Front Road
Pagham
PO21 4TA



Atten Simon Davis
Planning
Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

4th January 2016

Re: Planning Application P/97/15/PL

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.

Best Regards,



Sarah Hollywood

CASE OFFICER SIMON DAVIS
PLANNING APPLICATION:- P/97/15/PL
PAGHAM BEACH MANAGED BREACH OF SPIT.

MARY COOK.
RAINBOW'S END
34A PAGHAM RD
PAGHAM.
PO21 4NP.

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Dear Sir.

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

I have lived in Pagham for 13 years and during that time have seen the seafront change, slowly at first and then more rapidly until we are faced with the situation we have today, where lives are at risk.

Approximately 10 years ago the Arun District Council stopped managing the spit due to the costs incurred which has brought us to the present situation.

My family visited Pagham every year from the late 60's onwards and for all that time until 10 years ago there was no problem.

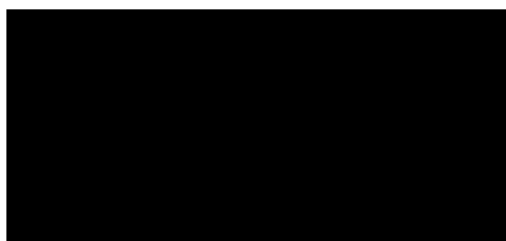
Surely as we are an island there is an obligation to maintain our coastlines and take responsibility for it even if that means raising taxes. The problem is not going to go away and as we now know from recent events all over the country, flood prevention must be a priority as it is in Holland.

Without a favourable decision to cut the spit the beautiful and historic Pagham will continue to be blighted and will further decline.

The current stop gap measures are not working and are very expensive, and, while I appreciate the environment will be affected it will very soon recover and go back to what it was in the 60's.

Your help is needed now, not later, a managed breach of the spit is VITAL to the wellbeing of the residents and the area as what is happening at Pagham, will also, in time be repeated at Aldwyck and Bognor Regis largely because of the change of flow at Pagham Beach.

Yours Sincerely



(MRS. M. COOK)

Ref P/97/15/PL
Pagham Beach

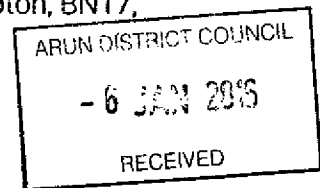
managed breach of spit

Case officer: Simon Davis.

Address: Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17, 5LF

Email: planning@arun.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>



Chichester District Council Planning Application Ref. SY/15/03053/FULEIA:

Pagham Harbour Managed breach of spit.

Case officer: Steve Harris.

Address: Planning, Chichester District Council, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TY

Website: Chichester.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications

Please make all comments personal. Below are some ideas to help you.

Please feel free to include some or all of these points using your own words and feelings.

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
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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!

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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!

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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.

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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.

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Yours faithfully

[Name] 

Please send a copy of your letter or email to:

Nick Gibb, MP

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Case officer: Simon Davis
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19TH December 2015

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I am from North Yorkshire and I have seen up to 5 miles of land in one area swallowed by the North Sea in 1980 – the sea destroying cliffs, farm houses that have been there for 200 years and acres of beautiful land because there has been no money put into sea defences since the 1960s.

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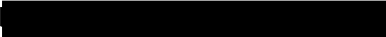
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Jill Palmer

CC: Nick Gibb, MP
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA


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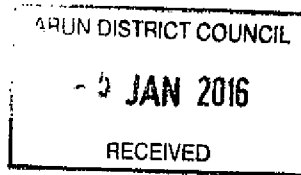
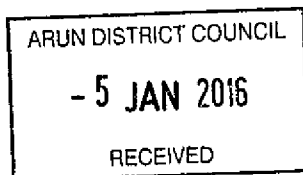
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Paul T Palmer

CC: Nick Gibb, MP
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA



Re 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

3 January, 2016

Dear Mr Davis,

I am writing to urge you to allow the managed breach of the spit at Pagham Harbour to go ahead. I am sure you have been presented with the many valid arguments in favour of the planning application. As a resident, faced with losing my home and community, it seems inconceivable that anybody would wish to refuse such permission and thereby devastate the homes and lives of those of us who have strived so hard to find a solution to the problem.

If the spit is not breached, it is not just the fact that our homes will flood that is so terrifying, but the fact that once the beach on which our homes stand is washed away, we actually have no homes. There will be no clean up and no repairs - just a mortgage to be paid on a home that no longer exists. If only it was just about falling house prices rather the houses actually falling themselves. Residents will be homeless, not just until homes dry out as in normal flooding disasters, but forever.

The attempts to save the beach by adding rocks and shingle have proved wholly insufficient. It is now time to allow effective action before it is too late.

If you feel that "too late" is a little scare-mongering, then I would recommend that you stand on the precious few feet of shingle left in front of some of the bungalows at high tide. You will witness the

January 3, 2016

shingle being washed away in front of your eyes as the spray of the destructive waves crash in.

Please don't let us be the next casualty in the media.

Mrs Candy Skewis



51 West Front Rd.
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PO21 4SZ

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Re Planning Application: Pagham Beach managed
breach of spit

Ref: P/97/15/PL Case officer: Simon Davis.

Planning
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29 December, 2015

Dear Mr Davis,

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

You have all the technical arguments in front of
you. I believe they are compelling and
painstakingly researched to accommodate the
wishes of all those agencies who want a say. But
surely this decision is about more than paper
arguments: it's about real people who are relying
upon you.

My next door neighbour, for instance, is a
recently-bereaved widow who urgently needs money
from a property/income drawdown scheme to keep
the mortgage company at bay. At present, none of
the companies will deal with her, telling her the
property is worthless until a long-term solution
is found to the scour from the spit.

This issue isn't just about people's greed over
property prices: these are their homes, their
health, and their livelihoods that are at stake.

Yes, I appreciate there are ecological issues
involved too. But please don't put birds before
people! Besides, when I first moved here 16 years
ago, the beach was beautiful. Now what little

December 29, 2015

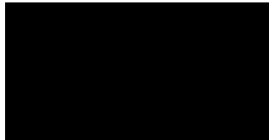
that remains of it is trashed. A long-term solution would hopefully enable the vegetative shingle - once so coveted, but now seemingly forgotten - to recover too?

This might all sound like sentimental claptrap when viewed on a computer screen at an office desk. But if you have stood on the narrow strip of shingle separating the houses from the waves at full tide, it is more real than ever.

We are **your** people, and this is our hour of need. Please can Arun District Council approve the planning application?

Thank you very much for your time and, hopefully, help.

Regards,



Mark Skewis

MRS. D. GRAY

TO THE CAUSEWAY

PAGHAM,

W. SUSSEX

PO214PQ.

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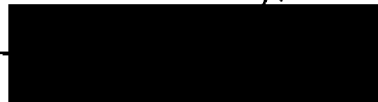
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To The Council,

I really support cutting
into the spit. I can't see any other
ways. You have been putting shingle
down for some time now, but it
hasn't helped. I walked up there
yesterday, and every time I go up
there it is devastating to see how
more it has come in. So it needs to
be done soon.

Yours Faithfully





PAGHAM FLOOD DEFENCE TRUST

For more information contact:

Geoff Barter, 45 West Front Road, PO21 4SZ. 01243 262522

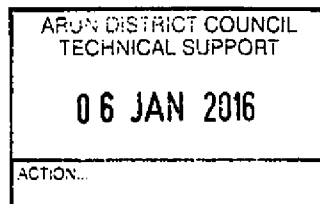
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geoff.barter@gmail.com

We the undersigned support the recent planning application for a managed breach of the shingle spit at Pagham Harbour as the best way to meet the needs of Pagham residents and visitors, the needs of conservation and the SSSI status and the need to limit the cost escalating out of control.

	Signed	Write name	Address	Post code
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2			68 THE CAUSEWAY	PO21 4PQ
3			85 CHURCH WAY, PAGHAM	PO21 4RA
4			85 CHURCHWAY PAGHAM	PO21 4RA
5			27 BISHOPS CLOSE	PO21 4QR
6			" " "	PO21 4QR
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Simon Davis Esq.
PLANNING
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Kenneth Bell
Los Vientos
121 West Front Road
Pagham
West Sussex
PO21 4TB

16th December 2015

Dear Sirs,

Planning Application P/97/15/PL

I write to give my support to the above planning application for the following reasons.

1. The absence of any viable alternative solution.
2. The project is absolutely vital for the continuation of Pagham Beach and Village.
3. The benefit of cutting the spit is financially prudent. The cost of the work and its long term benefits far outweigh the cost of emergency repairs to the beach which offers only temporary benefits.
4. This is a solvable problem unlike some parts of our coastline which cannot be defended.

Leading experts on coastal environment APB Mer have studied the area in great depth. They have examined all the options available and concluded that the best result would be achieved by reinstating the harbour entrance to its original position.

The local knowledge of people who have lived in the area for many years support this application. Although they may not be classed as expert they see the cause and effect of what is happening on a daily basis and are in tune with the history and the remedies that have worked in the past. This local information should not be ignored as in the Somerset Levels.

Adaptive management by Arun District Council has done sterling work in protecting homes along the beach. Unfortunately due to funding constraints they have been unable to carry out any pro active protection resulting in the devastating loss of the shingle taking with it the flora and fauna that makes Pagham so beautiful. The cost of the Emergency work carried out so far is in the region of £2.5 million. This work includes the rock revetment (which has saved properties and was partly funded by residents) re shingling work and rock protection between groyne three and four and shingle movement in the area of the Yacht Club. However as the Church Norton Spit continues to grow towards Aldwick the depletion of the beach continues but the funds available to protect it are limited.

Financially the cost to cut through the spit including ongoing maintenance and compensatory habitat is estimated between £750,000 to £1,000,000. The cost of patch and repair will be much greater than this based on the cost of work carried out so far. Unfortunately the work carried out to date is only temporary and has no lasting benefit and does not address the cause of the problem. The work offers emergency repairs and provides a small amount of protection for a short period of time. This work is often viewed as throwing money to the sea due to its short period of benefit.

The do nothing approach does not bear contemplating. This would result in the continued depletion of the beach towards Aldwick and Bognor Regis. The beach is the highest point and forms a protective barrier between the sea and the village. If this is allowed to weaken the result could be a breach allowing sea water to flood into nearby homes and amenities. This flooding would be disastrous (as we have seen recently in the news). If we do nothing and the sea demolishes homes they are gone forever and the people will be homeless. The cost of this eventuality including emergency evacuation and long term re housing etc. will be vastly more expensive in the long run than the cost of work required to cut through the spit and prevent any further destruction.

Environmentally the soft engineering approach makes sense. The plan incorporates the re use of the shingle removed from the spit to block the cross shore channel thus cutting off the fierce scour current that causes the damage to the beach and prevents the natural shingle supply of long shore drift. Once this channel is blocked the shingle will then be able to progress towards the beach gradually replenishing the lost shingle over a period of time.

Shingle will also be used to make a compensatory island within the harbour for the little terns to nest on.

It is imperative this project is granted planning permission.

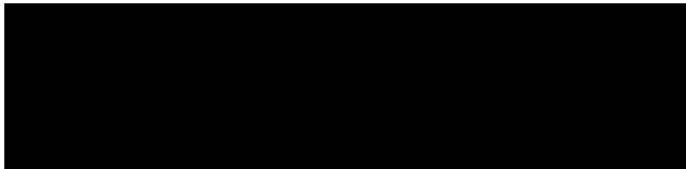
The beach will recover.

The public will return to enjoy it again with the knowledge that it is once again safe.

The community will thrive.

The residents will be able to live in peace and enjoy Pagham for the beautiful place it is and not the NIGHTMARE it has become.

This is for the good of all. The environment, the village and all the agencies who have worked so tirelessly to bring about this solution. We can then start again to encourage nature to take its course, the flora and fauna to re establish, the little terns to nest on tern Island in peace.



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