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West Sussex,
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30th December 2015

Ref: Pagham Harbour Managed Breach of Spit.
Arun District Council ref: P/97/15/PL
Chichester District Council ref: 15/03053/FULEIA

Dear Sir,

We would like to register our **strong support** for the work proposed in the application to cut through the spit at Pagham Harbour.

It has been alarming to see the growth of the spit over the last 15+ years, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

The damage to the beach caused by the scouring of the water diverted by this spit is very significant, endangering people's houses and livelihoods. This in turn has a big impact on the local economy and people's wellbeing.

Whilst the area is designated a SSSI and MCZ, the spit did not exist 15+ years ago, so protecting it at the expense of the significant impact on local people can not sensibly take priority. The SSSI can return to its previous state quickly once the work has been completed.

The various attempts at securing the beach with rocks, rearranging the heights of the breakwaters and emergency actions to add back shingle to the depleted areas only to see it washed away with the next strong wind must have cost a huge amount, and for no long term effect.

It is our view that the only sensible option is to cut through the spit in the way proposed. Indeed, if this solution had been pursued seriously by the various agencies 7+ years ago when first proposed, the cost of implementing it would have been significantly less as the spit was smaller.

Yours faithfully,

