



The Little House
The Drive
Church Lane
OAKLEY
Bedfordshire
MK43 7ST

Mr S Davis
Planning Department
Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

2 January 2016

Dear Mr Davis

Planning Application reference: P/97/15/PL: Pagham Beach managed breach of spit

My family and I have visited Pagham regularly over the past 40 years and have enjoyed many walks along the beach and in the adjoining countryside, as well as occasionally sailing and swimming off the beach. Over the past ten years we have watched the growth of the spit, initially with interest and more recently with concern as the scour current through the channel between the spit and the land has eroded away much of the beach, threatening the existence of neighbouring houses and indeed the whole village with flooding. Walking along the beach is no longer a pleasurable pursuit and the huge granite blocks placed on the landward side of the channel carved out by the scour current have been completely ineffective in protecting what remains of the beach as well as being an eyesore and a hazard to walkers. Sailing and swimming are downright dangerous. There is no doubt that the spit and its associated current have seriously degraded Pagham as a tourist destination with negative implications to the local economy.

I am aware of the ecological arguments and in particular the recent presence of seabirds on the spit during the nesting season, but the planning proposal need not disturb the birds unduly, particularly if the project to cut the spit is done after the birds have departed in the spring.

I urge you to give this proposal favourable consideration as the implications of inaction will be far-reaching, not just for local people but for visitors such as ourselves.

Yours sincerely

M C FRAMPTON

cc: Mr N Gibb MP