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My Name is Chris Dodd of 30, East Front Road, Pagham, Bognor Regis West Sussex PO21 4SU

Dear Sir,

How can Natural England use the protection of snails and shrimps as the reason for their objection to cutting through the Spit at Pagham ?

Why are they not bothered by the continual destruction of the sea bed caused by the continual growth of the spit ?

Acres of superb winkle beds have been buried by the shingle. Lobster, Dover Sole, and rag worm spawning areas are now buried under the shingle up to 3/4 of a mile off shore. This has made the sea shallower producing larger surf waves in rough conditions causing even more beach erosion which also destroys the breeding areas for sand hoppers along the high tide mark. these are an invaluable food source for all species of fish and marine life.

The above items have far more effect on the marine ecology than the preservation of the purported snails and so called lagoon shrimps.

I have been a registered commercial fishing boat on Pagham Beach for 40 years and my business is being destroyed by the effects of the ever increasing spit.

Let hope that common sense will prevail with the overriding need to protect a larger marine environment.

Yours sincerely Chris Dodd