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Subject: Cutting through Pagham Spit

Reference Chichester planning application SY/15/03053/FULEIA
Reference Arun planning application P/97/15/PL

Dear Sirs, I wrote to you recently supporting your applications to cut through Pagham Spit which will, hopefully, remove the threat to properties along Pagham Beach. At that time I expressed my frustration at the long period that has elapsed before plans have been put forward to resolve the problem facing the beach householders. This frustration was recently increased following the intervention by English Nature suggesting that the Spit should not be cut as it would threaten the well being of various species of wildlife. In essence their suggestion meant that the Pagham Beach householders should take their chances with Mother Nature. Following the recent floods in Cumbria a Government spokesman indicated that the well being of people should take preference over wildlife. I hope that you planning gentlemen at Arun and Chichester will take due note of these comments.

I feel that this very late intervention by English Nature has the potential to cause even more delays. They are after all only an advisory agency.

I would also like to point out that 15 years ago there was no Pagham Spit and that the vulnerable sea snails lived elsewhere. Their new habitat is now a kilometre long. Your proposal to cut the Spit will, I guess, will leave a channel no more than 50 yards across. This still leaves 950 metres of habitat for the snails. I do hope common sense prevails. Yours faithfully, J.D. Weston