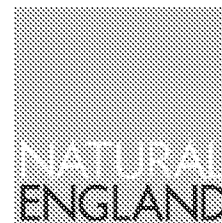


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Dear Simon,

Planning consultation: Managed breach of shingle spit & blocking of adjacent tidal inlet channel with shingle barrier, etc. - Additional information provided (Arun DC).

Location: Pagham Harbour, West Sussex.

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the further information sent to us by your authority on 25 May, with regard to the managed breach of Pagham Harbour spit.

Following your initial request for further information from the applicant, Natural England provided a package of helpful advice to help address any environmental impacts of the proposal. We welcome the further information that has been submitted and the mitigation measures that have been proposed.

Pagham Harbour SPA/Ramsar - Appropriate Assessment

We advise that we consider that sufficient information is contained in the application for the Local Authorities to carry out their Appropriate Assessment (AA) as the next step in the planning process.

Pagham Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest – Impact Assessment

We advise that we consider there is sufficient information for the assessment for the SSSI.

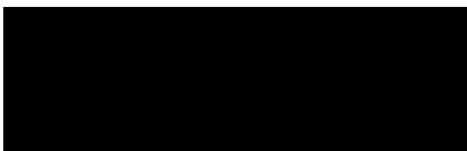
As you are aware, since we offered our advice to the applicant on the possible mitigation measures for impacts on the geomorphological SSSI interest, the site has continued to undergo a period of rapid evolution. However, we advise that our advice remains unchanged. We welcome the key principle in the further information submitted by the applicant that the managed breach should be allowed to evolve naturally.

Planning conditions

Should planning permission be granted, we advise that conditions should be applied and agreed with the applicant as identified in the application – Natural England can advise further at that stage.

We trust that this response is sufficient at this stage but please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further advice.

Kind regards,



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