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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.

Pagham Harbour SPA/Ramsar - Appropriate Assessment

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Appropriate Assessment undertaken by your authority and sent to us on 4th July with regard to the managed breach of Pagham Harbour spit.

This assessment concludes that there would be an Adverse Effect on the Integrity of the site as a result of this proposal. As the statutory adviser for Appropriate Assessments we advise that we concur with your assessment of the impacts and the conclusion you have reached.

We have made some minor suggestions within the assessment (attached) for your consideration. These are intended to help with clarity but we advise that we do not consider these affect the assessment's conclusion.

If you are minded to proceed with this application, any mitigation measures suggested in the assessment or implicit in the application that are required should be secured through appropriate planning conditions.

We also advise that compensation measures have been developed and if these are required we consider that they would be sufficient. We are happy, however, to continue to provide advice on these measures if this would be helpful.

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,



James Seymour
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