



Ref. Planning Application to ADC and CDC: - P/97/15/PL and SY/ 15/03053/FULEIA

Managed breach of shingle spit and blocking of adjacent tidal inlet channel with shingle barrier. Formation of shingle island within the harbour following excavation of adjacent area of spit.

Case officers: - for Arun Mr Simon Davies and for Chichester Mr Steve Harris.

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Community Support for the Managed Breach of the Church Norton Spit to Restore the Harbour Mouth to the 1961 – 2003 position.

To ADC and CDC Planning authorities: -

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to re- emphasise the strong community support for the managed breach proposal to restore normal perpendicular flow in and out of Pagham Harbour and to allow Pagham beach to replenish by natural longshore drift. At the moment vast quantities of shingle are being held off shore by the scour current.

Various stopgap measures have been tried and the problem grows steadily worse with more and more beach being threatened. The natural breach is not far enough west and at the wrong angle to be self – scouring and we are not getting any shingle back on the beach. It is vital the work takes place – we will not survive another winter

Pagham parish council and the community are willing to ensure the harbour mouth is maintained in the 1961 – 2003 position. Indeed we have steadily campaigned since 2006 to be allowed to manage the harbour mouth and prevent all the present problems arising. We beach residents are well placed to monitor the beach and urge necessary action!

Implementation of the managed breach plus community maintenance should result in a considerable saving of money in the long run. (So far several million pounds have been spent treating the symptoms and not the problem). The community supported managed breach plus occasional maintenance will solve the problem and save the district council a lot of money.

Please approve this planning application without delay – we may not survive another winter!

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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