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Long Standing Unique Norfolk Area of Natural Beauty at Risk

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2012 Ref Winterton/1, I have been in touch with my local MP Brandon Lewis and the local authorities you suggested regarding sea defences for the Hemsby valley area. I appreciate as you have pointed out in your letter that the Great Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty now starts at Beach road Winterton, but I am now asking for your support for a local DIY sea defence scheme for the Hemsby valley area which has the support of the local MP, local authority Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Hemsby beach area land owner, because this scheme will also protect a significant part of the Hemsby to Winterton valley which is still a local area of natural beauty and very much valued as a nature walking area by local people.

The proposed DIY scheme is being organized by Lorna Bevan-Thompson at the Lacon Arms Hemsby (see their leaflet enclosed) and they are asking for donations and volunteers to help to build DIY sea defences.

This scheme which is supported by Great Yarmouth Borough Council obtained approval of G Watling Norwich (the beach land owner), the borough engineer and local councilors and also obtained unanimous approval at a public meeting on 26th April 2013 with no objections, and is now being presented for planning approval. The DIY sea defences scheme is to build 1,031 concrete blocks; volunteers would build one or two of the two cubic meters four tonne blocks per day and place them in front of what is left of the remaining marram grass sand dunes from Newport Fisherman's Cottages to Long Beach Hemsby.

I have discussed my campaign to protect the Newport-Hemsby and Hemsby-Winterton valleys with the organizers of the Hemsby DIY sea defence scheme (as we have joint interests) and this letter asking you for your support for their scheme, they are in full agreement that I write to you asking for your support as you say you will work with local authorities to protect natural flower and fauna.

Further information about the DIY save Hemsby coast line scheme can be obtained from their web site: www.savehemsbycoastline.co.uk. Donations can be sent to, or information obtained from: Lorna Bevan –Thompson the Lacon Arms Sea view Road Hemsby Norfolk NR29 4JG Tel 01493 733281 - cheques made to "Save Hemsby Coastline ".

Any financial donation or other support you could provide to the organizers of this scheme would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely for and on behalf of MARINET
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