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Fwd: Handrail design, Reach 5 Shoreham

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From: **Jon Potter** [redacted]
Date: 4 September 2018 at 09:57
Subject: RE: Handrail design, Reach 5 Shoreham
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Dear Gary,

I would like to re-itterate comments made by fellow houseboat residents concerning the proposed handrails.

We have been talking with the EA for many years now, and there was a clear agreement to put a handrail in on the north side of the footpath, where there is no existing fence. As has often been the case in this process, we find now the agreed plans have been changed without our consent.

We believe we need handrails from Number 2 to Number 3 (as we were told would be installed in the planning documents) as well as from the road to Number 2? Those (for the EA?) assessing the need for a handrail on the Northern side between Number 3 and Number 2 and Number 2 and the road keep referring to falling off the path .i.e. the risk during 'normal' times with 'normal' tides? What we're **also** concerned about is also the risk **during flood surges,** when the path is flooded. Going ***either way*** from Number 2 to reach safety, we have to go past a length of path with *no fences or hedges,* so that the edge of the path would be hidden under muddy flood water full of detritus ... there being is nothing to show where the path edge is if the path is under water? That is why we are asking for handrail on the Northern side between Number 2 and number 3's fence .. which is my land, and as an owner I am not objecting to having handrail there. I know other owners further along don't want handrails, but they don't have long unprotected stretches of bank, and they DO have steps they can use to get to the road in an emergency because they are all on the Beach Green stretch.

ALSO we do not think that the emergency services would come to us under such circumstances either because they said they would be able to reach us if the path was flooded ***because there would be handrails on both sides.*** Their personnel would be at risk of falling off the path between Numbers 2 and 3 as well as ordinary pedestrians, so would their risk assessments allow them to come along at night, through all the detritus with poor lighting conditions?

The flood defence is being put in to protect all the houses from flood surges, and we are asking for some degree of protection for pedestrians on the footpath during the same flood surges.

Yours sincerely,

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