



To: The Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak MP , Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Sir Brandon Lewis CBE MP and Rt Hon. Steve Barclay MP , Environment Secretary.

Subject: Sea Defences for Hemsby's coastline.

Dear Sirs,

Save Hemsby Coastline (Charity Number 1177832) And Hemsby Independent Rescue Service(Charity Number 274451) are registered charities working together to protect our village.

We are writing to formally submit a petition to ask for urgent action with regard to the installation of sea defences in Hemsby, a village near Great Yarmouth in Norfolk.

The absence of any sea defence means local people are suffering catastrophic and life changing losses of their homes and businesses , and we are reaching out to urge the government to take action on this pressing issue.

The people of Hemsby are asking for help. If no action is taken then the erosion and damage will continue and accelerate.

The financial and mental health impact on those who have lost everything is immense.

For those watching neighbours homes fall into the sea the anxiety is equally awful, knowing if nothing is done this will be their fate too.

The solution for Hemsby is known and costed and agreed with all relevant agencies. Planning permission has been granted, and all licences are in place.

Only funding is missing.

We need a Rock Berm for our whole beach front and we need it now.

We need central government to step in and take ownership of the situation. The problem is too big for our borough council to deal with.

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Hemsby puts £80M into Norfolk's economy every year, which over the expected lifetime of the Berm adds up to £2,000,000,000 and the potential loss of that income seems to have little bearing on the potential Grant in Aid funding. Hemsby was told it doesn't qualify for any support.

The criteria used by the EA are flawed and need to be revisited to allow the unusual circumstances to be considered and supported.

No credible alternatives to sea defences have been suggested.

This petition has garnered significant support from 16,703 individuals who share the same concerns and who firmly believe that addressing this matter aligns with the government's commitment to levelling up and protecting disadvantaged coastal communities.

We appreciate your time and attention to look at this petition and hope for a constructive response that reflects the government's commitment to the welfare and concerns of its citizens.

We eagerly await your response.

Yours sincerely,

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