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Dear Joanne,

Re: Neptune Terrace - correspondence on behalf of Sheppey Area Committee

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the creation of disabled cycle access at Neptune Terrace dated 24 August 2022.

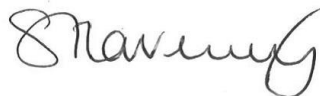
I recognise that introducing disabled and cycling access would benefit the community and you are right to say that the Environment Agency would be supportive. However, we do not have funding for access improvements on existing flood defences, therefore this is not something that the Environment Agency is able to do.

Earlier this year my officers were involved in discussions with Swale Borough Council (SBC) and Sheerness Town Council (STC), which also involved the Environment Agency's legal services team, to inform of our position on this with regard to the Equality Act 2010.

The Environment Agency has no objections in principle to any access improvement works proposed by SBC or STC, however this would be subject to the granting of the relevant Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP), and planning permissions.

I have enclosed the most recent email sent to STC, which details our position on this matter. I am sorry that I am not able to help.

Yours sincerely



Sally Harvey
Area Director – Kent, South London and East Sussex