Dear Environmental Agency,

My wife and I have lived on the coast for over 50 years and now our way of life is being threatened

by the monstrosity called coastal erosion. Our family has lived here for centuries.

I believe the best solution would be to build rock armour to stop our house and our neighbours

houses from falling into the sea. I believe that a rock armour would be the right choice because it's

cheaper than a sea wall. Rock armour absorbs the impact whereas a sea wall just deflects, therefore it will also allow the natural formation of a beach. Unlike groynes, rock armour doesn't

need any maintenance.

I need the help more than a farmer because a farmer can just move their farm and their animals.

This coastal erosion is threatening the homes 200 entire families. We understand that managed

retreat has environmental benefits and would be cheaper. Managed retreat is not an option

considering that the compensation that we would get would not provide us with a house that suits

our needs.

The addition of cliff drainage will prevent slumping of the soft boulder clay cliffs and improve the

effect of the rock armour. The coast is eroding at 2 metres per year and investing in s long-term solution will also protect

properties further inland. It is a good idea to invest in saving this community

Your sincerely

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