

# TEAM2100 Newsletter

Canvey Island - Southern Shoreline  
Revetment Project  
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## Welcome



Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter for the Canvey Island Southern Shoreline Revetment Project.

This edition includes details of the project's weekly community drop-in sessions, footpath closures and what we have worked on so far.

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## First site compounds being established

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January we began setting up our main compound in the grassed area south of Athol Close, the satellite compound 1 in the grassed area south of Western Esplanade and the materials compound in the grassed area south of Thorney Bay Road. The permanent construction works will start in early spring. The compounds can be seen below.



Main compound



Satellite Compound 1

## Footpath closures

We will need to close footpaths at different times during the works. The first footpath closure will be at Leigh Beck Nature Reserve. It will be from the eastern end of Eastern Esplanade along Marine Parade and to the north along the foreshore adjacent to Beveland Road.

The footpath closure, approved by Essex Highways, will be in place until December 2023. The map for this closure can be seen below:



## Archaeological works

Last year we carried out a series of archaeological surveys to scan the foreshore for buried archaeological remains.

The scans identified anomalies that might indicate the presence of archaeology, but these could not be clearly defined. There may be remnants of 'Red Hills' present. 'Red Hills' are mounds of reddish soil found along coastal and tidal river areas of East Anglia and Essex. They are the result of the salt production industry during the Iron Age and Roman period. Brackish water was collected in large troughs and heated to evaporate the water, allowing the salt to be collected. The mounds of earth may contain archaeological remains such as the water troughs and channels, and fragments of broken pots used to store the salt.

Further archaeological work is now planned which could involve some investigations being undertaken using shallow investigation pits at the possible points of archaeological interest.

We will communicate the dates for this work in due course.

## Project website

The Canvey Shoreline Revetment Project's webpage contains the latest news and background on the revetment project. This includes the timings for the works, compound locations, frequently asked questions, and the project's Environmental Assessment Report.

You can find the website here: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-anglia-ce/canvey-southern-shoreline-project/>

## Recent work and what to expect in the coming weeks

Since arriving on site on 3<sup>rd</sup> January we have been busy preparing for the main site works which are due to start in the spring.

Recent work has included:

- Putting up mesh fencing at the main compound near Athol Close and at compound 1 near Western Esplanade.
- Stripping and storing the topsoil from the site.
- Preparing the ground which has included spreading and rolling crushed stone to form a hard standing.
- Responding to stakeholder queries from residents regarding the setting up of the compounds.

In the coming weeks some of the work we will be focused on is:

- We will be installing temporary drainage within the site compounds to manage any rainwater run-off.
- We will also be working on temporary connections to the mains supply for electricity, foul water, clean water, and fibre internet.
- Solid hoarding will also be installed at the compounds which will replace the mesh fencing.
- Preparations for satellite compound 4, located on the grassed area to the east of Beveland Road.

## Weekly surgeries

From Tuesday 24 January, Param Kingston-Kaur, our Community Engagement Manager, will be holding surgeries on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week at 11am-1pm.

We will be using Sue's Café on Furtherwick Road as an interim location while we prepare a permanent premises. Please drop-in to find out more about the project.



## Key project contact

If you have a question about the Canvey project, please contact:

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