

## Briefing update

August 2020

### Lincolnshire Beach Management works 2020 additional investigation and maintenance work

This year's beach nourishment work was completed successfully at midnight on Sunday 26 July 2020. Burial of the sinker line has been completed and full demobilisation from Huttoft Car Terrace will start on 3 August 2020.

As part of the planning needed for the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy, during the Autumn we will be undertaking some additional investigation and testing alongside some outfall maintenance works.

#### Site investigation and testing

Our contractor Team Van Oord have started preliminary investigations in to the condition of the existing flood defences. This important investigation work will enable us to understand the current condition and lifespan of the sea defences and what improvement work may be needed.

We will be inspecting and testing the structural condition of the concrete sea wall from Mablethorpe to Skegness and the natural sand dunes and frontage between Saltfleet and Gibraltar Point.

This work will be carried out by excavating holes along the beach side of the foundations and taking small core samples from the main structure at various points in Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Huttoft, Chapel Point, Trunch Lane, Vicker's Point and Ingoldmells.

We understand and appreciate that this area is popular with tourists as this time of year, which is why we will only be undertaking a trial hole at this time at and starting the main investigation works after the summer school holidays in September. Monday – Friday during daylight hours.

Next week we will be taking advantage of the plant that is still on site from the nourishment works and using the agreed beach access closure at Huttoft, from 3 – 7 August, to excavate a trial hole at Boygriff which will provide information to inform the main investigation and testing work.

At a later stage the investigation areas will be fenced off with signage to the public and we do not envisage any closures of the coastal route or splash deck. It is difficult to predict the exact timing and time required for each operation but at this stage we are anticipating an overall programme of 12 weeks beginning in September.

#### Land drainage outfalls and navigation markers

The land behind the sea wall is drained through channels that pass under the sea defences and out to the sea in concrete pipelines. These are important structures which must be maintained to ensure they work adequately in tidal conditions. This year we are undertaking improvement works of 3 outfalls at Trusthorpe, Ingoldmells and Anderby Creek.

We are also renewing the existing navigation markers at the seaward end of the structure at Ingoldmells and replacing the existing navigation marker at Anderby Creek.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience that these works may cause and to reassure you that we are continuing to follow government coronavirus guidance and continuing the 2 metre social distancing working.

We will continue to liaise with you and provide more specific details before the works start in September.

If you would like to find out more about the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy or have any questions or comments about the project, please contact our Public Liaison Officer:

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