

## **Community and business briefing**

September 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.

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

### Site investigation and testing – Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point

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.

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 understand and appreciate that this area is very popular with tourists, which is why we are currently undertaking a trial at one of the less populated tourist locations at Boygrift near Huttoft. This trial will help to better plan investigations at the remaining locations along the coastal frontage, which will start after the summer school holidays.

This work will be carried out by excavating holes along the beach side of the sea defences 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.

The trial site at Boygrift has been providing information to better inform the main investigation and testing work and to help to reduce the duration of the work we will have 2 teams working simultaneously.

Works will start on 14 September at Mablethorpe and Vickers Point North, each area will take 3 days to excavate and then the testing team will move into these areas whilst the excavation teams will move onto the next areas at Trusthorpe and Ingoldmells. This sequence will continue to Trunch Lane and Vickers Point, Chapel Point and White House Corner. Please see attached map for location detail.

The excavation areas will remain open for duration of the investigation works and will be fenced off with signage to the public. We do not anticipate any closure of coastal route or splash deck. If for safety reasons our contractor should need to temporarily close these areas, we will use signage to safely divert the public. We will maintain access to all businesses.

Working hours will be Monday – Friday during daylight hours and the work will take approximately 14 weeks to complete. Plant will remain on standby throughout the works in case of adverse weather resulting in the excavations needing to be filled.

Works to the outfall at Ingoldmells and the renewal of navigation markers at Anderby Creek and Ingoldmells will also start on 14 September, this work will take approximately 1 week including the weekend. There will be no disruption to the public whilst these works are being carried out.

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.

If or have any questions or comments about these investigation works, please do not hesitate to contact our Public Liaison Officer

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To find out more about the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy, please contact our Public Liaison Officer:

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https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/lincolnshire-and-northamptonshire/sgp-lbm



Mablethorpe to Anderby Creek



Chapel St Leonards to Skegness