

Southwold Coastal Repairs

Southwold, Suffolk

What are we updating you about?

Coastal Partnership East are part of East Suffolk Council (ESC) and are responsible for coastal management. They have appointed the Water Management Alliance (WMA) to complete repairs and maintenance of coastal protection assets along the Suffolk coast, which are owned or managed by ESC. The WMA will be completing works at Southwold as part of that contract.

Where is this work happening?

A map of where the work is taking place is on the back of this factsheet. The work is focussed north of the pier on the large floodgate adjacent the public toilet block in North Parade public car park. Mobile welfare and storage units will be set up in a temporary compound on the car park close to the work.

When are we doing the work?

Repair and maintenance work along the coastal protection assets is scheduled to start from 14th September 2020 onwards, allowing our maintenance contractor to maximise work around daily tides. This work will last approximately 1-2 weeks.

All work is subject to safe working conditions i.e. weather condition dependent.

What will we be doing?

The WMA will be undertaking repair and maintenance works focusing on repairs to some of the sea wall north of the pier.

Alongside this, the existing timber and steel floodgate, which closes off the sea wall defence line at the vehicular access ramp adjacent to the public toilet block, will be decommissioned and replaced. Preparatory works will take up to a week, with the new floodgate planned to arrive for installation from 21st September 2020. There will be small parts of the car park near the floodgate unavailable to the public while works are carried out.

Heavy plant and machinery may be present in public areas and access to the beach will be impacted upon during these times. We will work hard to keep any inconvenience to a minimum. Please take note of the warning signs when work is happening.

Why are we doing this work?

This work will improve our flood defence assets and is an important part of ESC's commitment to ensure that the coastal assets they are responsible for are working effectively and are safe for the public, helping to protect our beautiful and important coastline economically and environmentally and for the enjoyment of communities and visitors for generations to come.

Undertaking regular targeted maintenance ensures that we maximise the lifespan of each coastal protection asset, ensuring that we make the most of every pound of public money spent, achieving a better return for local investment. We are supporting the safeguarding of life and local economies by making sure that the Council's coastal assets are in the condition needed for continued protection.

How can you find out more?

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Southwold North, Coastal Repairs—location map



Floodgate replacement and sea wall repairs

