

Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Beach Management 2021

Background

Working together with the Environment Agency, Van Oord successfully completed this year's beach nourishment work in June. Commencing this autumn, as part of the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Beach Management programme, we will be carrying out some asset refurbishment work and investigations.

What are we doing and where?

We will be working at several locations between Skegness and Mablethorpe, namely: Winthorpe; Wolla Bank; and between Sandilands and Huttoft.

Residual life testing

We will continue to carry out investigation work on existing structures. This year we will be undertaking a geological survey of the underlying geology beneath the beach in-between Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point. We will do this using a cone penetration testing method at points along the coastline. We will cordon off that we need to test in with minimal disruption to the public and community. This work will be carried out throughout the winter months of 2021/2022.

Winthorpe

Work is planned to start at the beginning of November. We will be blocking the two old access tunnels that run underneath the splash deck using block work to create a more permanent and watertight seal. The work will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

Wolla Bank

We will be redressing the access road from Roman Bank to the car park. The road will be planed, strengthened with a layer of geotextile material and dressed with a granular topping. This work is expected to start in mid-November and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

Sandilands – Huttoft.

We will be carrying out some maintenance work to and around the splash deck which will include repairing any trip hazards and resealing the construction/ expansion joints on the splash deck itself. This work will start early in the new year and will take approximately 7 weeks.

Public access

We understand and appreciate that this area is popular with the local community and tourists, especially since the pandemic with lots of people now staycationing, which is why we have chosen this time of the year to complete these works. It is however essential that we exclude the public from the areas where we are working to maintain public safety. We will only cordon off areas where works are taking place and would like to ask you to remain vigilant and keep pets away from the works. Please read and follow the localised signage that will be erected in advance of and during the works at each site. We will maintain existing public access as far as is possible, however:

- At **Winthorpe**, the plant and vehicles involved in the works will be using the Splash deck for occasional access – the splash deck will however remain open to the public.
- At **Wolla Bank**, the access road to the car park and the car park itself will be closed during the works. We will use advanced warning signage and directions to the other car parks in the area. Some localised beach access points may also be closed off temporarily.
- For the works between **Sandilands and Huttoft**, it is likely that we will need to close off sections of the splash deck so that the works can be completed safely. Alternatives arrangements for public access will be implemented temporarily.

How to find out more

If you have question or concerns about the additional work please do not hesitate to contact Our Public Liaison Officers.

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