



## Hunstanton Coastal Defence Autumn 2025 Repairs FAQs

A series of frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been produced by the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk regarding upcoming repair works scheduled to take place to the Hunstanton coastal defences.

These FAQs are being distributed to local stakeholders, businesses and traders located on and directly behind the coastal defences to provide information regarding what works are being undertaken.

### Why are the Borough Council completing repairs to the coastal defences?

The Borough Council is a 'Coastal Protection Authority' under the Coastal Protection Act (1949) for the Hunstanton Town coastal defences. This means we have a duty to carry out coastal protection works, including maintenance and repairs to the existing defences, to help manage the risk of flooding and coastal erosion.

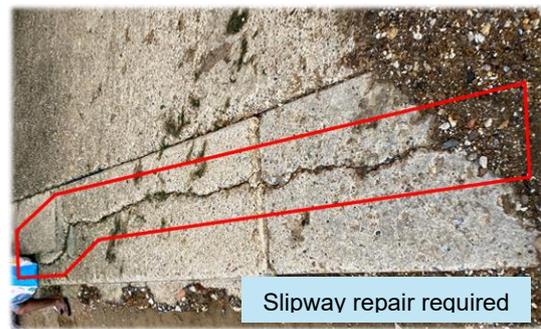
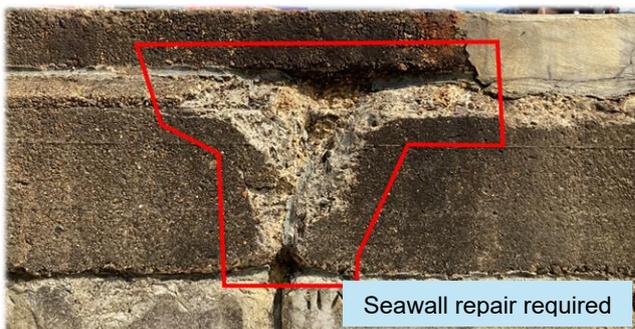
Each year we complete a visual inspection of the coastal defences which follows national guidelines set by the Environment Agency. This inspection helps to identify any repairs required to maintain the standard of protection which the coastal defences provide. This year's inspection was completed in March 2025 and identified some defects which we would monitor as they may require repair at a later date. A further inspection completed this summer has identified that some of the defects being monitored now require a patch repair before the winter storm season begins.

### What maintenance and repair works will be undertaken?

A total of 33 repairs required to different aspects of the concrete defences. This will include:

- Concrete patch repairs to promenade, seawall and slipways
- Reinstatement of mortar joints on blockwork seawall
- Replacement of promenade joint sealant
- Re-casting beach access step

The photographs below show some examples of repairs which will be completed:





### **Where will the repairs be undertaken?**

The map below shows where the repairs will be undertaken.



### **When will the repair works begin and how long will they last?**

The repair works will take around 2 weeks to complete, commencing on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and completing on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Louder works, such as saw cutting and breaking out of concrete will be undertaken Monday to Friday, while quiet works such as pointing and joint sealant on Saturday's and Sunday's.

Repair works are being undertaken in October as weather conditions are more favourable for repair curing compared with colder months. This will also mean repairs are completed before the winter storm season commences.

### **Who will be undertaking the repairs?**

These repairs will be undertaken by Southbay Civil Engineering who have successfully undertaken repair packages in 2023, 2024 and earlier this year.

### **How much will the repairs cost and how are they funded?**

These repairs will cost £49,695.74 and are being fully funded by the Borough Council.

### **Will access to the promenade or beach be restricted while repairs are undertaken?**

No – Access to the promenade and beach will be maintained throughout the duration of the works.

At times, some temporary restrictions (barriers) and plywood covers will be placed around a repair location while works are undertaken to ensure the safety of the operatives undertaking repairs and members of the public. These will remain in place around a repair until any materials (e.g. concrete) have cured. All barriers will be accompanied by appropriate safety signage.

In addition, occasional movement of plant on the promenade will be required. A strict speed limit of 5mph will be followed, alongside use of a banksman to guide vehicle movements and members of the public.

### **Will access to businesses on the promenade and behind the wave-return wall be impacted?**

Access to all businesses located on the promenade and behind the wave-return wall will be maintained throughout the duration of the works.



### **Will a work compound be established?**

Yes – For the duration of the works, a fenced off compound (including welfare cabin, materials and equipment) will be set up on the North Promenade Car Park (What 3 Words location: [engraving.banks.abolish](#)). Appropriate signage will be placed on the fencing around the compound to notify members of the public of the repair works taking place.

### **Will the repair works be noisy?**

At times, power tools will be required for cutting and breaking out repair locations. When this is required, appropriate warning signage will be displayed around the working area, and works will take place for short durations to ensure the safety of both operatives and members of the public. All noisy works will be undertaken Monday to Friday only.

### **What measures are being put in place to protect the environment while the repair works are being undertaken?**

Regard for the environment is of great importance when completing repair works on and near the marine environment. Prior to commencing the repair works, the Contractor will produce a detailed methodology and risk assessment for the works which will be provided to Natural England for agreement.

### **Who is responsible for the Hunstanton Coastal Defences?**

The Borough Council owns and maintains the Hunstanton Town coastal defences from the power boat ramp (What 3 Words: '[Sourcing.Reason.Likes](#)') to where the defences end at the Hunstanton Cliffs (What 3 Words: '[Blatantly.Amounting.Give](#)').

### **Why are you undertaking patch repairs when capital works are being undertaken in the near future?**

The Hunstanton Capital Works project will require 12-18 months of planning before a multi-year build process commences. In the meantime, we will continue to undertake business as usual works which includes regular asset condition inspections and health and safety inspections of the coastal defences. Outcomes of these inspections will inform routine repair requirements while the larger capital project is developed.

### **How to find out further information**

If you have any queries relating to these routine repair works, please visit our website here:

<https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/currentcoastalworks>

If you have any queries relating to the Hunstanton capital works project, please visit our website here:

<https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/HunstantonProm>

Alternatively, you can email [floodandwatermanagement@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:floodandwatermanagement@west-norfolk.gov.uk) at any time.