

Please find the latest update on the Environment Agency's work at Torcross below. The update will be published on the Slapton Line Partnership website www.slaptonline.org and we continue to welcome your support to share this with the community and partners in Torcross.

The Environment Agency is working to complete a repair to stabilise the existing flood defence in Torcross. Work is progressing as planned and on programme.

How is the work progressing?

Work began on Monday 7 November 2016. Piling started at the corner adjacent to the existing slipway and has progressing from north to south, parallel to the existing structure. We are working an 11-day cycle. Our current cycle started on the 16 January 2017 and is due to finish on 26 January. Our next 11 day cycle begins on Monday 30 January 2017. Work to form the concrete capping beam at beach level is progressing well with 120m of the 320m poured.

What hours will you work?

Standard working hours will be 07:30-18:00. We may need to extend beyond these depending on the low tide, with the earliest start being 06:00 and latest finish 22:00. Working hours are displayed on the notice board by the public toilet.

Will the work cause disruption?

Now piling has finished, noise and vibration levels will be significantly reduced but levels will be routinely monitored as required. As we highlighted before Christmas, the installed piles are currently below beach level but if there is a storm these may become exposed. Although this is not an issue to the design of the piles, they may become a low level tripping hazard to beach users in the short term. To aid us manage this hazard we have temporarily closed the intermediate steps onto the beach for your own safety but access is still available at both ends of the beach utilising the slipway and end stairs. We feel these are safer as they bring you down to beach level where the piles are easily visible. We have also erected signs warning of the piles so please take note of the signs and only use the open access points for the short term.

Will the slipway need to close to complete the work?

We are maintaining public access to the slipway during our works although a temporary fence is put in place whilst the slipway is in use by construction traffic.

When we setup and cast the north capping beam return, it will be necessary to close the slipway. The slipway will need to remain closed to form the concrete capping beam and until the concrete has cured sufficiently to allow our shutters to be stripped. We currently plan to carry out this last work on week commencing 27 February 2017. We will keep you up to date and display a notice on the slipway at least 7 days before. The slipway will be closed for up to a week. Beach access will be maintained utilising the other access points.

How can I contact the site to ask questions?

Contact the Site Manager Andrew Pointon-Bell on 07734 577883

When and how will I get further communications?

Further updates will be sent by email to those who are on our email circulation list. If you want to join this list please send your request to DCISenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk There will be notice boards on display on the fence by the public toilet in the beach car park before the start of each work cycle. These will give details of the expected working times.