

North Norfolk Pathfinder

Helping coastal communities adapt to coastal change

This information sheet will keep you up to date with the construction work due to start imminently at Happisburgh

Happisburgh beach debris removal, new car park and new beach access

The Pathfinder projects were set up as trials to find ways to help communities adapt to coastal change. Work will soon begin on projects to clear beach debris, create a new beach access ramp, public car park and ancillary facilities. The proposals are shown overleaf.

The Council has purchased the land for the new car park and planning permission has been granted for the new facilities. Contractors are now being appointed to complete the work and have been selected through a rigorous tender process.

Works will commence in mid to late June. Initially a temporary site construction compound will be set up and construction of the beach access ramp will begin. Once the ramp is complete the beach debris will be carefully removed and taken to the compound for sorting, where materials will be recycled, reused or disposed of as appropriate. Finally the car park and picnic area will be completed and a toilet block installed. All work should be completed by the end of September 2011.



Photo kindly provided by Mike Page

During the debris removal areas of the beach will be closed to the public as machinery will be moving around. At the end of each working day the beach will be left in a safe state. The beach access ramp will not be open for public use until all the work is completed. The steps at Happisburgh and the access at Cart Gap will remain open during and after completion. Progress will depend to a large extent on the weather and sea conditions.

Whilst the works take place there will inevitably be localised disturbance as heavy vehicles pass through Happisburgh to deliver materials and take away debris. There will also be a small amount of traffic as workers enter and leave the site at the start and end of the day.

Following these projects the village will have a new car park with public lavatories, a picnic area, a new ramp and an improved beach environment. It is anticipated that the Parish Council will manage the car park and facilities for the benefit of the village. Further works to enhance the remainder of the cliff top environment will follow on once this project is complete, including the demolition of the houses which the Council is purchasing.

Key Points

- Work on the beach debris removal and car park will begin in mid to late June
- During working hours some areas of the beach will be closed
- The beach steps will remain open
- There will be some traffic through the village during the work
- The summer weather should allow the work to proceed more quickly than at other times of the year
- The project should be complete in September
- The Parish Council is expected to manage the new car park, toilets and picnic area

On completion the village will have new car park facilities (including public lavatory), pedestrian beach access ramp and an improved beach environment.



Map showing location of imminent construction and removal work (not to scale)

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