

Hunstanton Sea Defence Update (December 2024)

High tides associated with Storm Darragh resulted in some damage to several concrete groynes and navigation markers located along the Hunstanton beach frontage. As a result, two work packages are scheduled to commence in January 2025:

1. Concrete Groyne Removals:

Storm Darragh resulted in further deterioration in the condition of concrete groynes 6, 7, 8 and 9, including some areas of partial collapse. As a result of this, we have decided to undertake full removal of these concrete groynes. Once these groynes are removed, they will not be reinstated.

We have appointed Southbay Civil Engineering to undertake these removal works and anticipate works will begin the week commencing 27th January 2025. Works are expected to take 5 working days to complete.

Concrete
Groynes 8-9

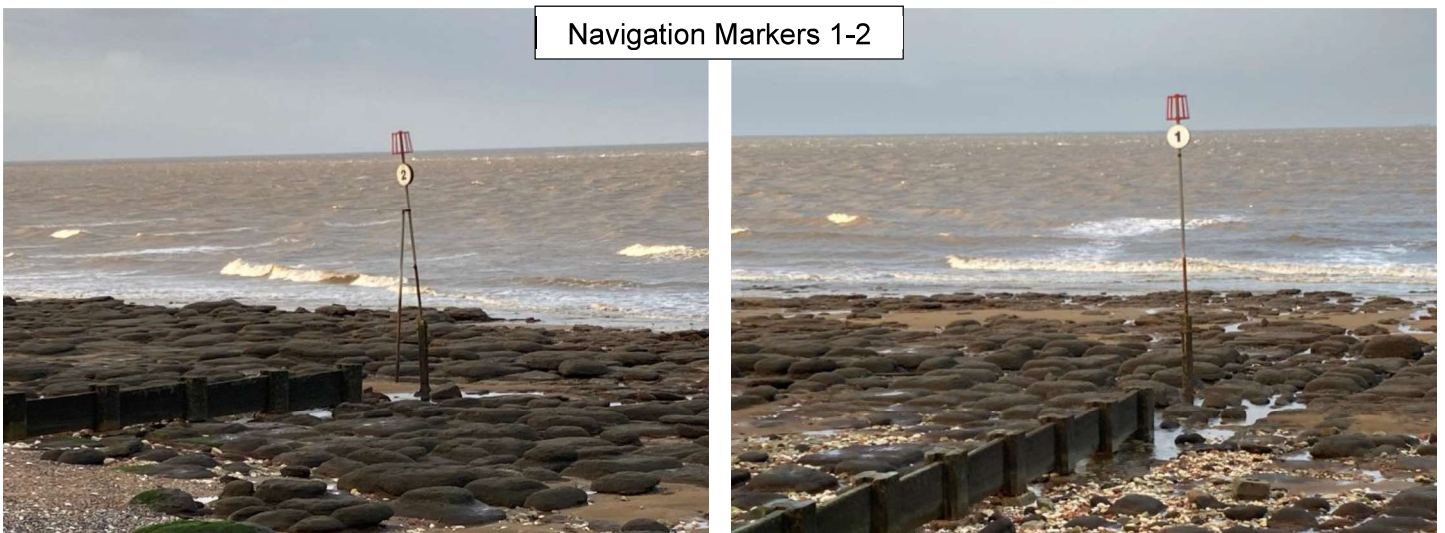


2. Navigation Markers:

Storm Darragh also resulted in damage to navigation markers 1 – 5 (located at the ends of concrete groynes 1 – 5) and navigation marker 15 (located at the end of timber groyne 15). Where required structural elements of these markers will either be replaced or repaired, and then reinstated.

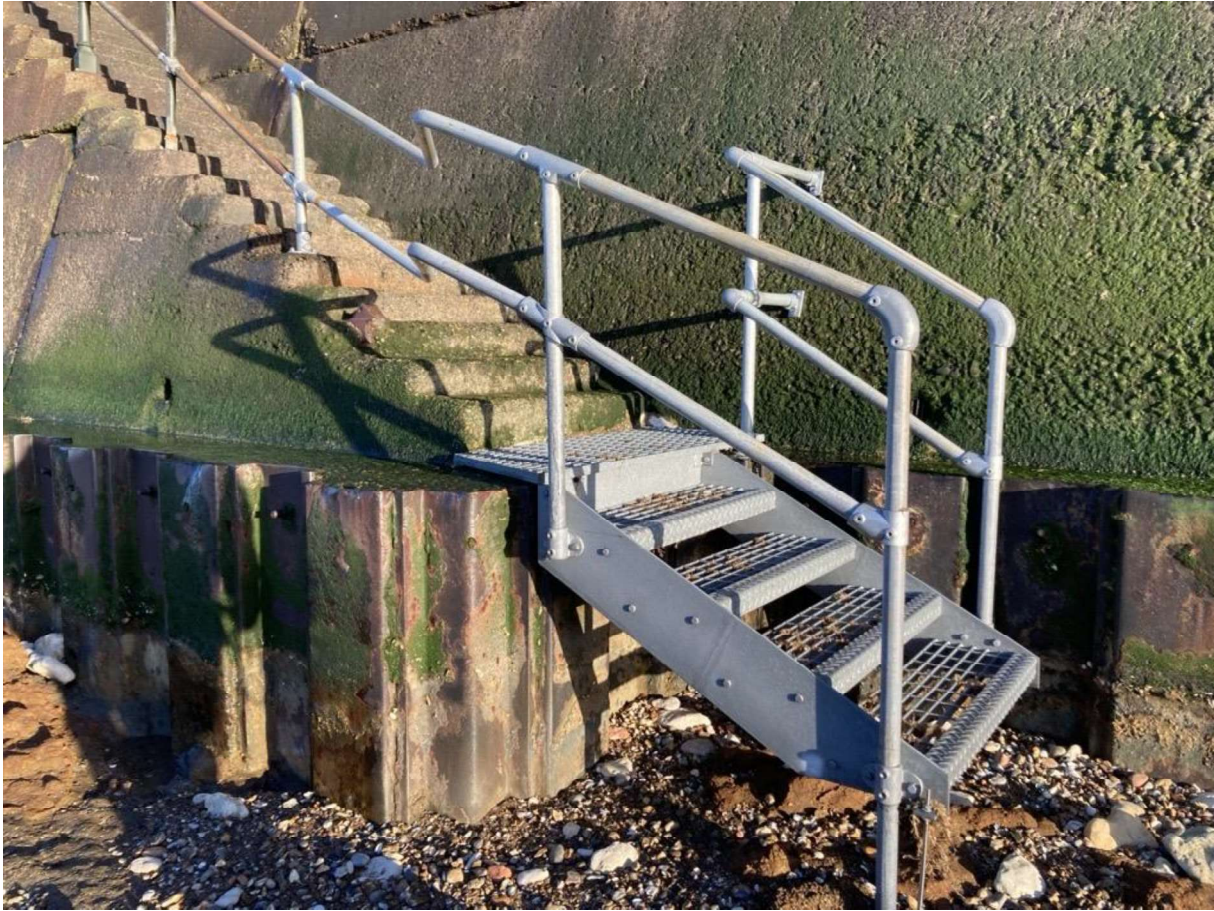
We have appointed Able Engineering to undertake these works and anticipate works will begin the week commencing 27th January 2025. Works are expected to take 5 working days to complete.

Navigation Markers 1-2



Completed Works:

In mid-December, works to extend beach access steps and handrailing located near the pier head building were completed. The new steps and handrail were installed following continued erosion of beach levels resulting in a large drop from the original end of the steps to the beach. The new steps allow for safe access onto the beach.



Future Works:

We will continue to undertake routine inspections of the Hunstanton Coastal Defences throughout the winter storm season, and plan to undertake our next full inspection of the defences in the early Spring. This inspection will inform any future repair and routine maintenance requirements for the 2025-26 financial year.

Find Out More:

If you have any other queries relating to these works, please contact floodandwatermanagement@west-norfolk.gov.uk

If you would like to find out more about the work we have completed this year or other works we complete along the coast, please visit our website: <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/385/coastal>