

High Knocke to Dymchurch Sea Defences Frontage A

We have prepared this newsletter to update you on the Environment Agency's sea defence project which will reduce flooding for nearly two and a half thousand homes in Dymchurch.

Construction Update

We have begun installing the pre-cast concrete stepped defence units at Dymchurch. These units act as the main flood defence, by reducing the wave energy and will provide continued access to the beach.

Each unit weighs approximately 20 tonnes. They are being manoeuvred into place by a crane, with a vacuum lift, specially made for this project.

Work began on this phase of the development on Tuesday May 19th and will continue until summer next year. The Environment Agency and its contractor, Birse Coastal, will be working hard to complete construction within this timeframe. The stepped defence units will be placed in the following phases:

1. We have begun at the northern section of the sea defence, near to Martello Tower 23.
2. Construction will then move to the Southern end of the site, near to the Martello Car Park.
3. As we work north from the Martello Car Park towards Dymchurch we plan to be able to commence work within the 'amenity beach' in September 2009. This will allow access to the amenity beach for residents and holiday makers for the summer period.

Following completion of the stepped defence units, construction will begin on the development of the upper promenade, which will be widened and refurbished.

Overall project completion is scheduled for late summer 2011

Keeping you informed

We have placed a notice board on the existing sea wall, adjacent to the central slipway. This

gives residents and visitors a brief summary of the work, together with an artist's impression of the completed design. The notice board will be updated as the work progresses.

We have been opening Plater Hall, which is located next to the Royal British Legion Club, once a week to enable residents and visitors to find out more about the scheme and speak to our Public Liaison Officer. This is open every Thursday between the hours of 09.30 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 16.30.

In addition to Plater Hall, we have placed an unmanned exhibition in a port-a-cabin, adjacent to our South compound. This will be open from 8am to 6pm, seven days a week.

This unmanned exhibition will display plans of the scheme, and the artist's impression of the completed project. We have included a Frequently Asked Questions section, which we hope will answer any queries people may have. At both exhibition sites, there are facilities for you to leave any comments or ask questions; simply provide us with your contact details and we will get back to you.

Public Liaison

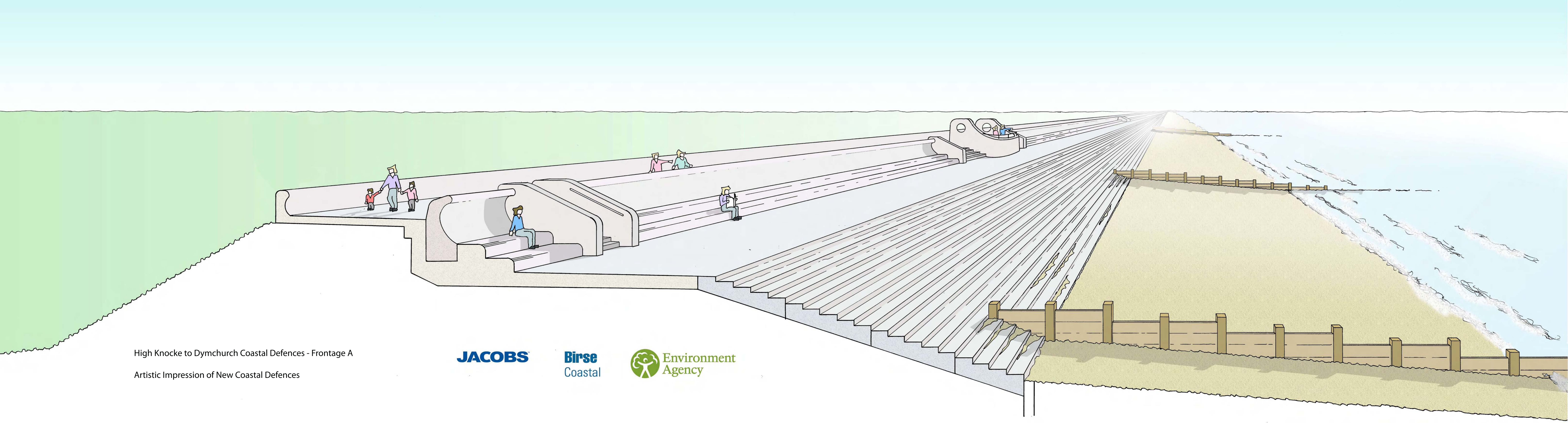
We are maintaining regular contact with Dymchurch Parish Council, Dymchurch Traders Association and the Angling Association, and regularly attend their monthly meetings. Here, we can provide the latest information on our work schedules and can answer any queries that may have arisen.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their continued support.

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Artistic Impression of New Coastal Defences

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