

2009 Annual Beach Recharge

The Suttons to Coastguard's Cottages Beach Recharge

Later this year we will be undertaking our annual recharge project to replace beach shingle lost by natural processes between The Suttons and Coastguard's Cottages. We aim to do this work between Mid November 2009 and March 2010.



The beach in this area provides protection to the old seawall behind it. However, some of this shingle can be washed away by storms, especially over winter.

We will measure the height of the beach and calculate the amount of shingle we need to bring it back to the required standard of defence. We will then import the required shingle onto the beach and profile it using a bulldozer.

what's new?

Recently we undertook consultation on the Folkestone to Cliff End Strategy (FoCES). The strategy includes longer term proposals for this area under the 'Broomhill Sands Sea Defences project', which scheme development has recently started on.

This annual beach recharge project aims to provide protection to the old seawall until the Broomhill Sands Sea Defences project is completed.

what will we be doing?

We will place more shingle on the beach in front of the old seawall, to a width of approximately 12 metres. At Broomhill Sands car park we will create a stockpile of shingle. In the event of a storm we can put this material on the beach and use it to replace any material that has been washed away. We aim to undertake these works between the months of October and March, depending on weather and tidal conditions.

Natural coastal processes will carry some of this shingle along the coastline to the Lydd Ranges. We will reshape the beach profile in front of the Ranges to maintain the defence to an appropriate standard. We shall undertake this work during the close-down of the Ranges at Christmas.

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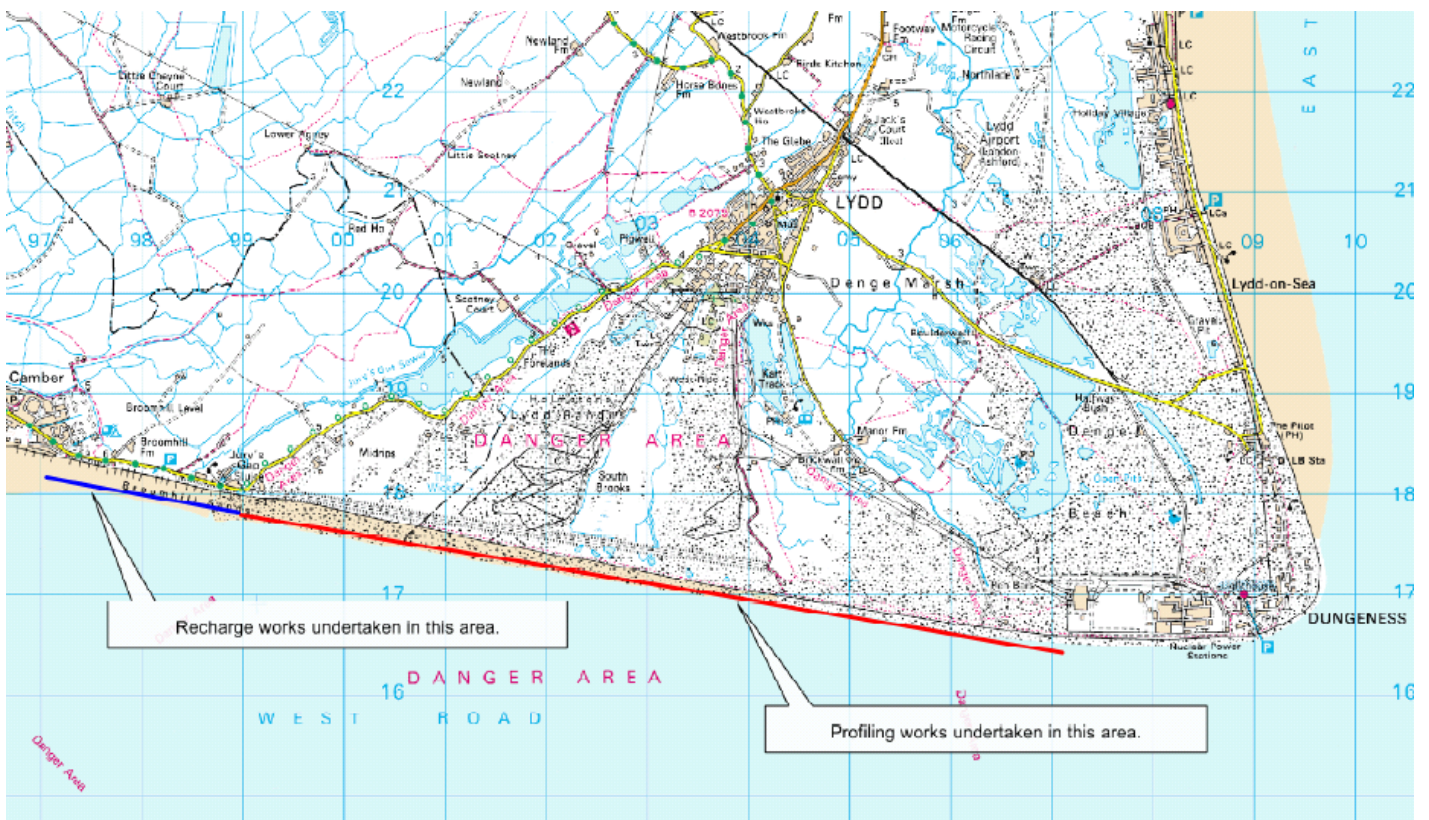
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In the past, we collected the shingle for these works from a 'borrow pit' at Dungeness. We have applied for planning permission from Kent County Council to continue to use this source and we are working with them to find the best solution. In the meantime, we will continue to maintain the defences by importing material from other licensed sources.

future work

We are developing a beach management plan for this frontage in partnership with Natural England. This will help us manage the coastline in terms of both maintaining the standard and condition of the beach defences, and protecting the environment. As part of this beach management plan we will be conducting beach profile surveys during late summer.



keeping you informed

We will let you know when we are starting this work by placing posters at points along the beach, shortly before it is due to begin.

We will also continue to update you on the progress of the other projects proposed within the Folkestone to Cliff End Strategy.

If you have any queries on this project please contact Tom Dauben on (01732)223143.

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