

West Bay Coastal Improvements Project

Project team responses to comments made at the public consultation event held in July 2018

Community consultation for the coastal improvement works in West Bay took place at the Salt House, West Bay on 19th July 2018. The event was well attended with lots of comments from West Bay residents, visitors and local businesses - thank you to those who provided a comment. Comments have been collated and reviewed by the project team and responses to comments are listed here.

Category	You said	Our response
West Beach	Temporary barriers introduce an ongoing operational deployment question. Materials look good. Will height of strengthened set back wall be a) sufficient b) accepted by residents?	The EA is developing a national response strategy for deploying temporary barriers, which can be deployed at 12 hours-notice from shared central locations. Yes, the height of the set back wall has been carefully designed to be adequate. Residents have been consulted through the management company and, to our knowledge, are happy with the proposals.
West Beach	As residents on the Old Shipyard Estate who experiences sea within 12" of our door during last major storms; we are advised the current wide steps entry to west of Estate will be slightly raised to height of new wall. Could these unnecessary wide steps be narrowed at same time in liaison with Management OSC?	We will be happy to consider this suggestion in consultation with the management company. Details of the proposal will be published in the planning application.
West Beach	Very difficult for a non-specialist to comment on such technical issues but happy to trust EA with what seem to be sensible proposals. P.S. The tenants of the nearest ground floor apartments facing the sea may feel they are losing their view a bit? With the new stone-faced wall?	The new wall will not be so high as to significantly reduce their view.
West Beach	Please sort out the "barriers" added and of West Bay esplanade - untidy and ineffective at present.	Noted, and passed to West Dorset District Council for their consideration as not part of the flood defence scheme.
East Beach	From talking to EA, the proposed improvement to East Beach flood defences sounds a formidable effort. The present defence always has to be added to, so I hope the new idea is more cost effective.	An advantage of the design we propose at East beach is that it will require less frequent and less intensive maintenance.
East Beach	Really like West Beach proposals and East Beach rock defence - more dubious about the walkway (won't survive a gale).	The East Beach walkway/boardwalk will be anchored as practically as possible, though there may be

		occasions after significant storms when maintenance is required.
Groyne	Originally there was going to be a pier for fishermen along the existing pier. Can this also be included in the design - maybe off the new groyne?	A pier for fishermen was suggested at an earlier public consultation. Unfortunately, this arrangement is considered to be unsafe in this location.
Groyne	We believe the existing groyne should be extended turning towards proposed new groyne by 12 metres to protect the beach from any serious breakers.	We have carried out extensive hydraulic modelling and believe the current proposal will give the optimum level of protection to the frontage.
Construction	It would be best to complete the West Beach sea defence structure outside of the holiday period in order to least affect local businesses.	Yes, we will carry out construction works outside the peak holiday period of July and August.
General	Are there any downsides to this proposal? It sounds good, but I don't know enough about the current problems. Perhaps this could be made clearer on the information presented.	We are not aware of any disadvantages. The proposed scheme will afford better flood protection to the residents and businesses of West Bay and be less costly to maintain than the current arrangements.
General	Will the garden be reinstated pretty much as it is now?	Yes, but if residents come up with other suggestions these can be considered.
General	At Freshwater, there is a similar idea, more basic - but in the winter when a storm washes away the shingle, a most unsightly mess is displayed. No exposed structure to be left in winter storm time please.	We will endeavour to avoid this circumstance.
General	So sorry but not impressed. Remember Joni Mitchell's song "Big Yellow Taxi". Please do not do the same!	We understand and are sensitive to views concerning 'urbanisation' of otherwise rural locations. Other than trying to help less able people access East Beach, the idea is to maintain East Beach as natural as possible. West Beach is more of a 'built' environment.
General	Concern that when the existing bridge wall is taken down at the west end of West Beach (in front of the turning circle) there needs to be strong temporary fencing to deter travellers from entering the site.	Noted, and passed to West Dorset District Council for their consideration as not part of the flood defence scheme.
General	West Far Beach and area denoted dog beach - (Best Beach and Safest Beach). This should be for humans considering East Beach is dangerous.	Noted, and passed to West Dorset District Council for their consideration as not part of the flood defence scheme.

If you have any further questions about the West Bay Coastal Improvement Project, please contact Dorset Coast Forum on dorset.coast@dorsetcc.gov.uk or 01305 224833.