

Eccles to Winterton Sea Defences Groyne Refurbishment 2024-2025 November update

What are we telling you about?

We want to keep you up-to-date about the essential groyne refurbishment work between Eccles and Winterton, which is well underway now.

Where is this work happening?

The work is taking place in two main locations.

- The first area between Waxham Gap and Horsey Gap.
- The second area located between Eccles Cart Gap and North Gap Groynes.

We had some changes to our plans recently due to the presence of a seal pup on the beach close to where we had intended to unload rock. We obviously did not want to disturb the pup at all, so adapted our plans accordingly. We will continue to check the beach for seals and their pups. Work has now started at Eccles.

When is the work happening?

Work started in October 2024 and will continue for approximately 32 weeks.

What will we be doing?

This Project involves the removal of old timber and steel groynes that have deteriorated and are now due for replacement. The new groynes are being formed using rock and are constructed on the same alignment and position as the existing groynes.

There are temporary compound areas located at both Cart Gap, Eccles-on-Sea and Poplar Farm, Waxham, which are used as a base for staff and project management.

Rock was brought to site by sea from Norway on a flat-topped barge, then deposited on the foreshore. This process will be repeated as the project progresses over the coming months.

The rock is placed to form the new groynes on the alignment of the removed timber and steel groynes.

We aim to keep disruption to a minimum. Transporting the rock by sea minimises traffic on the roads. Residents in Eccles may be able to hear some noise when rock is discharged here, but we don't anticipate this to be too much of a disturbance as the sound will be absorbed by the sea. We do however apologise for any disturbance or inconvenience caused to local residents.



Photograph of the rock on the barge before delivery in November 2024

Why are we doing this work?

The timber and rock groynes along this frontage help to retain beach levels that protect the sea defence wall from erosion.

Why are we writing to you?

We want to keep you informed about this project as it progresses. Public access along the sea wall continues to be maintained. When we are working close to the wall we have staff to direct members of the public to protect them from our work. Please also look out for any safety signs.

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