

Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy

Beach Management 2025-2027

May 2026

Project overview

The Environment Agency Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point beach management scheme helps reduce coastal flood risk to communities including 20,000 homes, 1,700 businesses, 24,500 static caravans, 35,000 hectares of farmland, and a bustling tourist industry along the Lincolnshire coast between Mablethorpe and Skegness.



The project focuses on maintaining beaches and sea defences so that they continue to work effectively. We are doing this by adding sand to the beaches and repairing flood defences.

A wider and higher beach helps protect the sea defences by absorbing wave energy, especially during storms and high tides.

This approach has been very effective in managing flood risk from the sea in Lincolnshire. We are also considering long-term options for the Lincolnshire coast, considering asset condition, rising sea levels and other local and national factors.

As part of the scheme, between January and April the project team completed additional beach management works including:

- Surveys and inspections along the sea defences to help us plan for the beach management and future maintenance works.
- Concrete repairs, joint sealing and maintenance repairs along the splash deck.
- Beach reprofiling work at Anderby Creek, moving sand from higher areas to restore the beach profile.

- Sand clearance from drainage holes and beach reprofiling near Trusthorpe, to help the surface water drain away and reduce pressure behind the sea wall.
- We continue to test and trial new materials and methods to improve how sea defences perform. We are currently testing a product that helps to reduce water absorption in concrete.

What we will be doing

We will start this year's beach nourishment works in June 2026. We plan to add sand to the beaches at: Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Sutton on Sea, Boygrift, Huttoft, Wolla Bank, Chapel Six Marshes, Trunch Lane, and Ingoldmells.

A dredger will collect the sand from offshore and pump it onto the beach through a pipeline on every high tide, each day. Our team will then shape the sand into the correct beach profile using bulldozers and excavators.

This work replaces sand lost to erosion, reduces wave overtopping during storms and better protects the sea defences from damage.

Before the works start

Our contractor Van Oord will deliver plant and equipment to the beach at Moggs Eye and to the site office and compound in Anderby Creek. Deliveries will start from 18 May 2026 and will take about 3 weeks.

We will use clear signage on local roads to guide delivery vehicles. This will include Van Oord branded signs at key junctions to show the route to site, as well as safety signage, including heavy plant crossing signs, where needed.

Public access

For everyone's safety, we will close sections of the beach to the public for short periods while work is taking place. We will only close areas where we are working.

Please observe the beach closure signs, watch your children, be cautious with dogs, and keep pets on a lead. The King Charles III England Coast Path will remain open.

Public information unit

During the works our Public Liaison Officer will be out and about with the Public Information Unit along the



splash deck, available to answer questions about the works.

The Public Information Unit shares clear information about the scheme, including the history of the area and plans for the future of the Lincolnshire coast.

We have invited experts to visit the Public Information Unit, with a different theme each week. Stop for a chat with our friendly specialists and find out more about the work we do.

Week	Theme
w/c 08/06/26	Beach management
w/c 15/06/26	Environment
w/c 29/06/26	Archaeology
w/c 06/07/26	The future



Environment

The project focuses on working with nature to create a more sustainable approach to coastal management and greater resilience to the local community. We are working in line within the Environment Agency's aim achieve net zero by 2045 to 2050.

The project team is investing for the long term to deliver multiple future benefits to minimise local impact:

- The dredger sails fully loaded and at a speed that causes no disruption.
- The dredger runs on liquid natural gas producing lower sulphur emissions, and does not need heating, which makes it easier and cleaner for vessels to use. Marine gas oil burns much cleaner than heavy fuel oil.
- Our contractor installed solar panels in the site compound, solar-powered welfare facilities, and EV charging points for our growing electric vehicle fleet.

Championing in sustainability

The project team has achieved a BREEAM Infrastructure rating of Excellent with a score of 83.6 percent, showing a very high level of sustainability performance. BREEAM is an independent, globally recognised standard that measures how sustainable a project is, including energy use, materials, waste and water. An Excellent rating means the project goes well beyond basic requirements and shows a strong commitment to reducing energy and materials.



Engage with us

Hello Lamp Post turns everyday street objects into interactive ways to communicate using artificial intelligence. By scanning a QR code and using a mobile phone, people can talk to our signs across the coast.

The project builds on our existing engagement by sharing ongoing information, encouraging interaction, and gathering feedback about our work, even after beach management work finishes. We launched Hello Lamp Post in 2024, and it now includes 63 signs on objects between Mablethorpe and Skegness, engaging residents and visitors all year round while helping to share information and collect their views.

Community engagement

Projects funded by central government like ours, give back to communities by creating added social value. This means government investment supports local people in practical ways, not just through construction work.

We aim to provide training and education opportunities, improve local services and protect the environment by using greener practices. We also involve local communities in planning, so everyone benefits fairly. This approach helps build stronger, more resilient communities.

If you have ideas on how we can support your community during the 2025 to 2027 beach management works or future projects, please let us know.

How to find out more

If you have any questions or concerns about the beach management works, please do not hesitate to contact our Public liaison Officer:

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Visit the Environment Agency information page:

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