

# Dawlish sea wall residents' update

## Work on new Dawlish sea wall gets underway



Construction on the new sea wall started on 1 June and will continue around the tides work break for the peak summer season on 14 July

Work on a new bigger sea wall from Colonnade underpass to Boat Cove got underway on 1 June.

The new sea wall, which will be 2.5m higher than the existing wall with a curved edge to send waves back towards the sea rather than over the sea wall, railway and onto marine parade. It will also provide greater protection to the railway and town from rising sea levels and extreme weather for generations to come.

The upgrade will take nine months to complete

### Boat-less cove

Following the removal of boats from Boat Cove by Teignbridge District Council (TDC) both Network Rail and their contractor, BAM, were able to clear waste materials in readiness for work commencing.

Only a handful of boats were left behind, with several of those worse for wear, after owners were given notice by TDC to remove them.

and follows years of detailed studies, designs and joint working between world leading marine, coastal and railway engineering experts.

Once complete the new sea wall will have a wider safer promenade with seating.

David Lovell, Network Rail's senior programme manager, said: "We are pleased to have started work but we are aware that we are working in the heart of the community and close to houses and businesses.

"We are committed to working with as much consideration as possible for our neighbours by keeping noise and disruption to a minimum where possible."

### Pipes under the railway

Eagle-eyed residents will have noticed workers on Marine Parade recently.

This work involved the installation of pipes under the railway so concrete can be pumped from Marine Parade to where the new sea wall will be built.

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## First ever community information hub opens

Network Rail has opened the doors to a new community information hub which will provide regular updates on how work to deliver the new Dawlish sea wall is progressing.

It is the first time Network Rail has had a community information hub of this kind.

The hub will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm for residents to receive regular updates with Network Rail staff on hand to answer questions or discuss the project.

It is located at Colonnade underpass, near to the station, and will be available throughout the nine-month project when work is taking place.

The hub will also be available for appointments with Network Rail staff at times when it is already open.

David Lovell, Network Rail's senior programme manager said: "Keeping the community updated with how work is progressing is absolutely vital to us.

"We understand we are working in their community and we want them to be well



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informed as we deliver this vital upgrade that will help not only protect the railway but also the town.

"The hub will be open regularly with staff guaranteed to be on hand to answer any question or to discuss the project on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm."

## Have your say on future of railway line near Holcombe

Separate to the work on the new sea wall at Dawlish, Network Rail have been working on plans for the section of railway between Parsons Tunnel, near Holcombe, to Teignmouth.

Views are being sought from Dawlish residents and businesses on plans for the 1.8km stretch of railway which is vulnerable because of the cliffs on one side and the sea on the other.

Proposals include moving the railway away from the sections of cliff that pose the greatest hazard.

As part of the consultation 10 events will take place, including two in Dawlish.

They are both at Dawlish Town Council with the first event on Tuesday 11 June from 12pm to 4pm at the Council Chamber before the second event on Monday 24 June from 4pm to 8pm at the Mayor's Parlour.

Other events will take place in Teignmouth, Holcombe, Exeter, Newton Abbot and

From 10 June, the detailed proposals will be published online at [www.networkrail.co.uk/SouthWestRRP](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/SouthWestRRP)

## Questions?

### How can I get up-to-date information on what work is taking place?

We will be sending out regular letters to residents living near to the railway to update them with what work planned work is coming up.

A newsletter will also be distributed every two weeks and it will be available online, at our community information hub and at locations across the town.

The hub will also be staffed on Tuesdays and Thursdays where up-to-date information on the project can be found.

### How will the new sea wall be built?

A new foundation in front of the existing seawall will be built, to support precast panels which will clad the existing wall.

This will be infilled with concrete between the facing panels and the existing seawall. A new parapet will be installed along the edge of the new seawall (incorporating a recurve) to increase the crest height and reduce the overtopping.

Finally a new railway boundary upstand wall and fence will be constructed to improve safety of the public near to the railway line.

Ramps will connect the new raised promenade to the existing walkway levels at Colonnade underbridge and Boat Cove and enhanced public amenities will be provided in the form of coloured and textured concrete surfacing, benches, lighting and signs.

### What impact will there be on train services during the period of works?

Network Rail will aim to minimise any disruption to rail passengers and local residents during the works. Currently we expect no disruption to rail services.

### What implications will there be for traffic caused by machinery and plant?

Network Rail have been granted a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) and Suspension of Parking Order for Marine Parade to enable the pay and display parking spaces and the footway to be used to facilitate construction of the new sea wall.

This came into effect from Monday 3 June and will last throughout the duration of the work.

Vehicular access to properties along Marine Parade will be maintained as best as possible and pedestrians will be diverted around any temporary compound areas.

Between now and 14 July the work will require the delivery of a significant amount of ready-mix concrete for the foundation work.

This concrete will be delivered by road to static line pumps situated in the Marine Parade car parking bays.

## Questions?

### What impact will there be on access to the beach at Dawlish? Will the beach be closed?

The beach immediately in front of Marine Parade and the section where the new sea wall is being built will be closed for the safety of the public.

We will have fencing in place to cordon off the spaces not open to the public. However, the other beaches in Dawlish will remain open.

### What noise or light pollution/implications will there be for local residents?

Work will be undertaken around local tide times day and night. Network Rail will ensure work noise will be kept to a minimum by contractors during these times. Where possible, light pollution will be minimised.

### What impact will there be to Cove Café?

During phase one, public access to Boat Cove will be maintained via the footbridge over the railway line, with a segregated pedestrian walkway installed from the footbridge through Boat Cove to Coryton Cove.

During phase two, we will be carrying out work at the Boat Cove end of the sea wall. During this time there may be limited closures of the footbridge but BAM will limit these as much as

possible and provide alternative access to Coryton Cove.

Access to Coryton Cove from along the sea wall will be restricted from time-to-time throughout the work, which unfortunately is unavoidable as ensuring the safety of the public and our staff is our primary concern. When access to Coryton Cove is limited we will ensure that we communicate with residents, visitors and business owners on any short, medium or long-term restriction of movement.

### How can we get in touch with you?

If you have any questions or comments regarding the new sea wall at Dawlish or the South West Rail Resilience Programme's work between Dawlish and Teignmouth, do please visit the Community Information Hub located on Marine Parade between **10am** and **2pm** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Alternatively, please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: **03457 11 41 41** or email [SouthWestRRP@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:SouthWestRRP@networkrail.co.uk)

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