

# Clacton and Holland Coastal Defence Work

## Questions Raised By Holland Residents Association

### Section I – General

I.1 Why does A.9 Appendix 2 only give five options?

Why are these options not considered:

- fewer larger fishtails (as at Jaywick)
- Offshore Reefs (Rock and/or scrap oil rigs)

If it has been decided to discount these options then where are the documented reasons as to why they have not been considered and who discounted them?

At this stage cost should not be a reason for rejecting an option as the five options given in the report will have differing costs.

All technical viable options should be put on the table. It will then be possible to evaluate each one against a set of agreed criteria (see question I.2).

I.2 a) What criteria will be used to evaluate the options given in A.9 Appendix 2?

Suggestions are:

- Project cost
- Lifespan of selected solution
- Maintenance plan/costs
- Risk of storms removing beach and other damage
- Total Area of accessible beach at high and low water
- Quality of beach provided
- Improvements to Clacton/Holland as an attraction for tourists

These and any other criteria should be weighted so that an objective selection can be made.

b) Who will be evaluating the various options and making the decision as to what option to proceed with?

I.3 Why is the do nothing strategy even being considered as it is acknowledged it will lead to destruction of Clacton and Holland?

I.4 Why are Tendring District Council (TDC) only focusing on Holland and Clacton when there are imminent danger of the sea breaching the sea wall at the Naze and St Oysth?

I.5 Why are TDC acquiescing to Environment Agency (EA) plan to knock down sea wall between Holland and Frinton? Isn't this part of Tendring too?

I.6 Do the proposed schemes ensure that a beach will be available, from the Pier to Holland Haven, at all states of the tide?

From a tourism point of view it is important that the beach is available all of the time. At present the beach in the majority of areas at Holland is only available for approximately 2hours each side of low water.

I.7 None of the schemes shown in A.9 Appendix 2 show work being done to improve the beaches at beach hut area 'J' (near the Gunfleet Boating Club). Why is this?

I.8 Will TDC be employing a Managing Contractor or will TDC be Project Managing the works?

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## **Section 2 – Technical**

### **2.1 Groynes**

- a) What are the dimensions of the proposed groynes?
- b) In Option B (in A.9 Appendix 2) why are the groynes shorter for Holland?
- c) Is there any difference in the performance of short and long groynes?
- d) Is there any difference in the cost of long and short groynes and why is the cost 1/2 to 1/3 of the estimate by Royal Haskoning less than 1 year ago?
- e) What is the proposed groyne height?

### **2.2 Has TDC/EA/DEFRA considered the cost of damage to infrastructure if groynes not implemented?**

## **Section 3 – Project Programme**

### **3.1 a) Why is it going to take until 2015 before work starts? b) What is happening until then?**

### **3.2 The local paper reported that the work could take up to six years to complete. a) Is this true? b) Why? Surely the area will be divided into sections and the detailed design, construction, beach replenishment will roll from section to section creating parallel activities. Every year there is a delay may well result in costs being incurred for emergency repairs to the frontage. Money that will be wasted.**