CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL AVON BEACH PROMENADE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What work are we doing?

A: The council proposes to raise the promenade by about 900mm (3 ft) and widen it by 1.5m (5 ft). We will be moving the concrete blocks closer to the sea, resurfacing the promenade and adding additional sand in front of the blocks.

Q2: Why is the council doing this?

A: The work to strengthen coastal defences in this section of the promenade was identified by the council in its Shoreline Management Plan in 2009. In November 2016 Storm Angus caused flooding of the Avon Beach promenade and it is important this work is carried out.

Carrying out this work will reduce the risk of coastal erosion and benefit visitors to the area.

Q3: What benefits are there from the project?

A: The project will reduce the long-term flooding and coastal erosion risk to the section of promenade which is currently low-lying. By raising the promenade in line with the higher levels we will provide the same level of defence all the way along this section of the coast.

Q4: How is the project being funded?

A: The total cost of the project is estimated to be £120,000.

The council's tenant has purchased the existing concrete blocks that cost £34,800, which will be used as part of this project. The remainder of the cost will be funded through a combination of council funding and additional funding from the tenant.

Q5: When will the work take place?

A: Subject to planning permission, the provisional start date for construction of the raised promenade is October / November 2017.

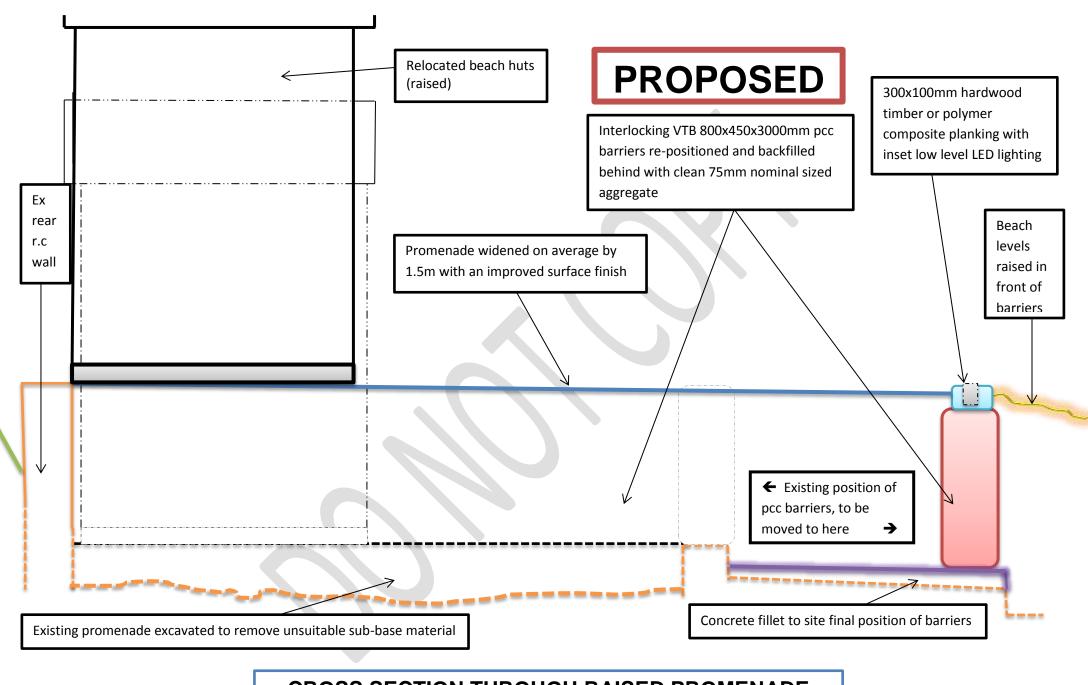
Q6: How are we protecting the area until the work is carried out?

A: The concrete blocks you can see are providing a temporary flood defence to protect the promenade and beach huts from storm damage. The blocks will remain in place until the promenade raising and widening project starts in autumn 2017.

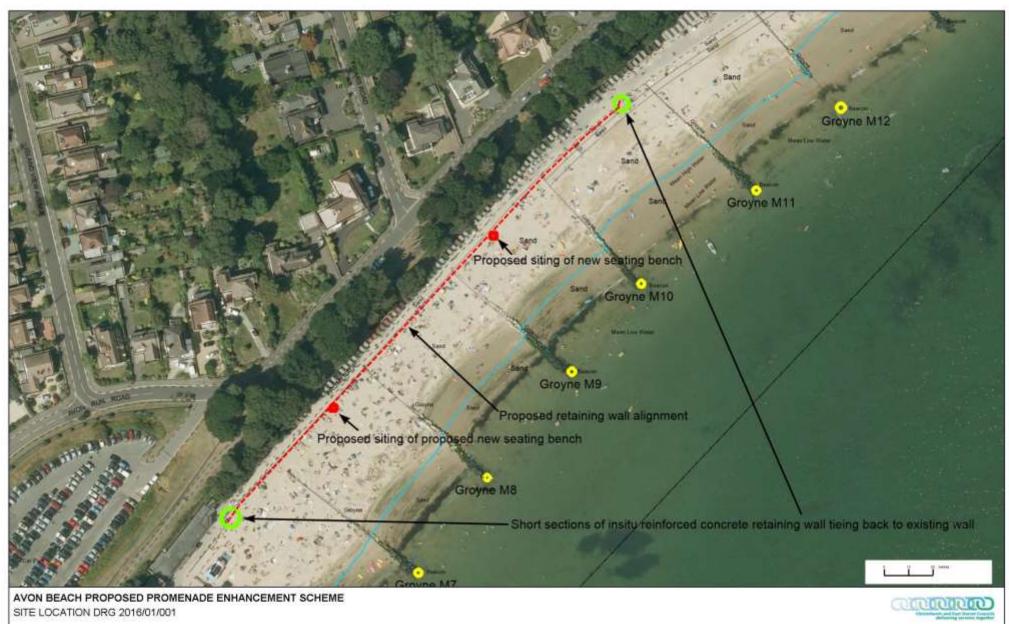
Q7: How can I have my say about the proposals?

A: The promenade raising and widening proposals will require planning consent. You will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed works as part of the planning application process, which will start in spring 2017.

Should you have any further questions please email: coastalengineering@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk



CROSS SECTION THROUGH RAISED PROMENADE
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