

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Torcross Sea Defence Project

Dear Residents and Businesses in and around the Torcross Area,

We are writing to inform you of upcoming works associated with the Torcross Urgent Works Project, which are essential to protect the coastline and surrounding infrastructure.

Since the devastating storm impacts in Torcross during January and February 2026, the Environment Agency has worked to promote an urgent project to address the severe and rapid beach lowering that occurred last winter, which was a key factor in those impacts. We have been appointed as the contractor to deliver these works.

We recognise that these works will result in a level of disruption not previously experienced in the area. Due to site constraints, the designated route to and from the shoreline is the only viable access available.

From Monday 12 October, lorry movements will increase, with vehicles manoeuvring approximately twice per hour, Monday to Friday, between 5:00am and 7:00pm, with reduced movements on Saturdays as initial rock placement progresses. In the lead-up to this, plant deliveries and materials will begin arriving at the site compound in the Tank Car Park.

In addition, larger rocks will be delivered by barge from 17 October (subject to MMO licence approval). These rocks will be offloaded near the shoreline at high tide and collected by excavator at low tide. The 1–3 tonne rock will be stockpiled, while the 6–10 tonne rock will be placed to form a temporary protective line of rock armour parallel to the works. By aligning activities with tidal windows, we can maximise productivity during limited access periods, reduce the overall duration of the programme, and limit the length of time the community is affected.

At certain stages of the works, a 24/7 working pattern may also be required to take full advantage of tidal conditions.

We appreciate this will cause inconvenience, particularly for those along the delivery route and those travelling in and out of the area. However, this remains the only feasible way to undertake these critical works. The project team will work to minimise disruption by carefully managing operations, monitoring noise, and providing advance notice of key activities.

We also recognise that the works are likely to attract interest from visitors wishing to view activity along the foreshore. While this interest is appreciated, we kindly ask that consideration is given to those living in the immediate area, and that visitors remain mindful of their safety when near active working areas.

To stay informed, we encourage you to sign up to the Torcross newsletter via the Slapton Line Partnership website, where detailed updates on working patterns, tidal changes and construction progress will be shared: <https://www.slaptonline.org/torcross-urgent-works/>

Once site offices are established, we will host an open event for the community to meet the team, ask questions, and receive updates. We also welcome suggestions for local social value opportunities. If you require further information, please contact stakeholderplo@kier.co.uk.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,
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