

HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

Sea Defence Works – 9 Harbourside, Langstone

The proposed works are on the southwest edge of the Mill Lane Conservation Area

They do not involve any alterations to any dwellings or buildings.

The intention is to improve the sea defences to protect property and land within the Conservation Area from the risk of flooding damage, in the event of an unusually high tidal surge as happened in April 2024.

During that event, sea water encroached into Harbourside, killing or damaging trees and shrubs, and coming very close to several dwellings.

The proposed works closely follow a section of the scheme designed and approved by the Coastal Partners organisation (AECOM project 60656877). This project has been the subject of extensive and detailed public consultation.

The proposal is to reconstruct the concrete walling and apron within the footprint of the existing concrete defences. The concrete apron of the new defences will be shorter than the existing apron. The foreshore vegetation will be able to extend and cover this released area. An improvement.

The blackthorn hedging in the western part of the scheme will remain.

The existing post and rail fencing will be replaced on the line of the existing fence, with a similar pattern.

In all respects, the proposals represent an improvement.

In summary, there will be no impact to:

- Listed buildings. None in the vicinity.
- Dwellings
- Other buildings
- Hedgerows
- Streams, waterways and drainage
- Traffic access
- Roadways
- Footpaths
- The semi-rural nature of the area

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The following observations and comments reference document sections in the Mill Lane Conservation Area Character Appraisal & Management Document, published on the Havant Borough Council Website here ...

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/media/8051/download?inline>

4.1 Entrances

There will be no change to existing vehicular or pedestrian entrances.

4.2 Boundaries

There will be no change to boundaries

5.1 Development Pattern

There will be no impact, other than the positive effect of preventing sea water ingress, which could damage protected trees and vegetation

5.2 Use and Activity

The proposed upgrading will have no impact.

5.3 Open Spaces & Trees

There will be no impact on principal trees in the area, other than the positive on of removing the risk of damage by incursion of sea water.

5.4 Views and Vistas

The height of the walling is similar to the existing wall. At a finished level of 4.0m OD it will be at the same height or 5cm higher. The view from Southmoor or Langstone Harbour will be unchanged.

The blackthorn hedging remains.

5.6 Notable Buildings

No changes will be made to any buildings within the Conservation Area.

5.7 Walls and Boundary Features

No walls, fences or hedgerows will be substantially changed.

5.8 Roads, Pavements and Street Furniture

No changes will be made to these areas. The embankment will remove the risk of saltwater damage to grassed areas, hedging, trees and shrubs.