



Portsmouth
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Dear Business Owner

We are writing to advise that work is due to start on **Phase One** of the **Southsea Coastal Defence Scheme** (the Scheme) in your local area from 7 September 2020 until summer 2022.

This essential work will replace the existing, ageing sea defences, thus protecting businesses such as yours from the risk of flooding while improving the seafront and preserving the area's unique heritage.

The site boundary of Phase One (Long Curtain Moat) extends from the Saluting Platform to the entrance of Clarence Pier Car Park. In addition, work will also commence on the Scheme's primary site compound and offices adjacent to Pier Road (please see the maps overleaf). This compound area will be closed from September 2020 until 2026.

During construction, sections of the Southsea frontage will be closed and you will be informed about the expected timeframe for your business to be impacted. The extent to which you are affected will depend on your proximity to the construction and upgrade works.

Here are a few points you may find helpful over this time:

- Works will include the construction of a primary compound area, demolition of the existing seawall, installation of sheet piling and placement of precast concrete units and rock.
- Some of the equipment used will be cranes, excavators, tipper trucks and a large dredging ship that will bring shingle to shore to form a temporary working platform.
- The Clarence Pier Carpark will be closed while works are in progress.
- Parts of the footpath from the Saluting Platform across Long Curtain Moat will be closed, with a diversion around the Royal Garrison Church and behind Kings Bastion.
- The scheme has planned for the majority of work to take place on weekdays between 7am and 7pm, to avoid inconvenience and noise for residents.
- Occasionally, it may be necessary for work restricted by the tide to occur outside these times and we will do our best to advise you if and when this is likely to occur.

If you have any questions over this time, please get in touch with us using the contacts below:

- **For queries relating to the construction works and timings:**

Email: SouthseaCoastalScheme@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or you can call our helpline on 023 9284 1418 from 1 September.

We also encourage you to sign up to our E-Bulletin via our website at www.southseacoastalscheme.org.uk/get-involved/

- **For queries and concerns relating to the effect of works on your property and business:**

Email: CommercialProperty@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or call: 023 9284 1641 and your call will be appropriately directed

In future months, we will also have a dedicated information centre at the site offices where members of the public will be able to see Scheme plans in more detail. In the meantime, you can view our planning application (Reference 19/01097/FUL) by visiting www.portsmouth.gov.uk and searching for 'planning applications'.

The Scheme is part of Portsmouth City Council's ambitious regeneration vision to bring even more growth and prosperity to our proud and historic city. You can find out more about all our regeneration plans and projects at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/regeneration

Yours sincerely

Southsea Coastal Scheme Team