

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 18 August 2010

at 6.00 pm

**in West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Atkinson, Barclay, Barker, Cook, Fleet, Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, J W Marshall, McKenna, Plant, Rogan, Thomas and Wright

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Maxwell, Joan Noman, Linda Shields, Bob Steel and Joan Steel

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 30 June 2010
 - 4.2 Matters arising
 - 4.3 To receive the minutes of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum meeting held on 28 July 2010

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Presentation on Local Nature Reserve – Central Estate - *Ecologist*

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Presentation on Town Wall Coastal Defence: Outputs from Study and Proposed Works – *Principal Engineer (Environmental Issues)*
- 7.2 Housing Hartlepool's proposal to form a group with Tristar Homes – *Housing Hartlepool Representative*

8. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

No items

9. **WARD ISSUES**

10. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 20 October at Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove commencing at 2.00 pm.

The next meeting of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 10 November 2010 at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, commencing at 10.00 am.

WARDS

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Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

30 June 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Bob Steel (Resident Representative)

Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Rob Cook	Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Stephen Thomas	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives:

Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Maxwell, Joan Noman, Linda Shields, Joan Steel,

Public:

Pat Andrews, J Crangle, M Lamb, Shane Moore, David Nin, Mary Power, Alan Vale, Dennis Wilson,

Officers:

Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager (North)
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
Sarah McCluskey, Project Manager, Throston Youth Centre
Kate Ainger, Pride in Hartlepool Officer
Katie Wilson, Neighbourhood Services
Mick Dunn, Enforcement Co-ordinator
David Riley, Senior Civil Enforcement Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Headland Future Representative: S Lucas

West View Project Representative: Rebecca Wise

Police Representative: Inspector Mick Brown

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed the new Vice Chair of the Forum, Resident Representative Bob Steel and thanked the previous Vice Chair, Linda Shields for her work. A welcome was also extended to the newly elected Members and Resident Representatives. The Neighbourhood Manager informed those present who had been elected to sit on the Forum recently.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Alan Barday, Peter Jackson and John Marshall.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2010

These were confirmed as an accurate record with the following amendment

53. Matters Arising

Barnard Grove. This minute actually referred to an area of King Oswy Drive, not Barnard Grove.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Smythe Place – The complainant had been informed that power cuts were due to work being undertaken by a utility company.

Tempest Road – A new fence had been erected at the premises.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM HELD ON 21 APRIL 2010

These were received by the Forum

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Floral Baskets – A resident asked whether hanging baskets could be placed in West View Road. The Neighbourhood Manager informed the meeting that floral baskets had been funded through Neighbourhood Action Plan funding with decisions on their location from residents. There are no plans to provide any additional baskets this season.

Galleysfield Court – A Resident Representative felt that residents of this complex should not be rehoused in areas they did not wish to live. The Neighbourhood Manager reminded members that the scheme is not local authority owned and therefore rehousing responsibility was that of Anchor Housing Association.

Wesley Square Parking – A resident highlighted that parking was difficult outside JobCentrePlus. The Enforcement Co-ordinator said that work was being done with users of the area to park more considerately but part of that location was privately owned and therefore the Authority was unable to enforce parking restrictions.

Cemetery Road – A resident highlighted fly tipping in this area and was informed that there was enforcement action being undertaken although any information given by members of the public would be welcomed to assist prosecutions.

Caravan in Northgate – A resident complained about inconsiderate parking of a caravan and the Enforcement Team agreed to investigate this.

Steetley – A resident asked whether the Authority was responsible for clearing this site and was informed that the landowner is responsible for removing any fly tipping.

Durham Street – A resident mentioned that a scrap dealer was using his home for business use causing an eyesore for neighbouring properties. The Neighbourhood Manager would investigate whether any legislation was available to prevent this.

Grass Cutting – A resident highlighted that grass cutting did not appear to be taking place as regularly as in the past. He was advised to ring the Neighbourhood Manager if there were any unresolved issues.

7. WARD ISSUES

Traffic Congestions around St Hild's School – A Member highlighted issues with increased traffic at school collection times which could be dangerous for pupils. Inspector Brown confirmed that this was a problem at schools across the town but would liaise with the head of the school and ask an officer to give advice to parents collecting children from school. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to look into putting yellow line restrictions near to St John Vianney Church.

Bishop Cuthbert – A Resident Representative updated the meeting with the following issues:-

- Silverbirch Road – liaised with builders regarding safety measures and thanked Council Officers for their assistance
- Merlin Way – traffic calming measures introduced
- Falcon Way – traffic calming monitoring. Thanks were expressed to those Council Officers involved.
- Play Area Adjacent to Hartfields – delay of work and possible relocation
- Hospital Rally – residents concerned that services at current hospital may be scaled down.

- Residents' Associations support of security issues in Middle Warren Estate.

Enforcement statistics – A Member asked that figures be provided of how many fixed penalty notices were issued.

Coast Road – A Member informed the meeting that a particular vehicle consistently parked on the footpath causing pedestrians to walk on the road. Inspector Brown agreed to make the Neighbourhood Policing team aware of this and asked that Members of the Public inform Officers of any inconsiderate parking. The Forum was reminded of an initiative where the Police and Local Authority Enforcement Team had a leaflet campaign targeting vehicles parking inconsiderately.

King Oswy Drive – A Member expressed concern at the number of vehicles parked on the roads and paths in the vicinity of two buildings currently under construction.

Miller Crescent – A Resident Representative highlighted problems residents were having putting bins out for collection. The Neighbourhood Manager informed the meeting that assisted bin collection was available for those who had difficulty in putting their rubbish out.

Miller Crescent – A Resident Representative informed the meeting that there was a problem in that area with youths gathering and drinking. Inspector Brown said that he would look into this.

St Helen's School field – A Resident Representative pointed out that the grass had not been cut for some time. The Neighbourhood Manager said that this would be taken care of.

Dog Fighting – A Resident Representative reported that he had

heard what appeared to be organised dog fighting. He was advised to ring police should he hear this again.

Neighbourhood Policing Team – A Resident Representative congratulated the Neighbourhood Policing Team on winning a policing award.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN FORUMS

The Neighbourhood Manager outlined the role of the 5 Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) forums and provided an overview of key projects involving the NAP forum including street improvement schemes, provision of family case workers, beautification schemes, and youth work projects.

Inspector Brown praised the diversionary youth work projects which had contributed to a 31% reduction in criminal damage occurrences.

A presentation was given by youth workers who were involved with the North Hartlepool Youth Forum. This group was currently working with young people to devise a youth strategy and action plan to develop youth participation in the north area of Hartlepool.

Members of the Neighbourhood Forum expressed support for the Youth Forum and it was suggested that other organised youth groups could be involved within the Youth Forum. The Pride in Hartlepool Officer suggested that a number of the issues raised by the Youth Forum could be linked into the Pride in Hartlepool grants scheme.

Litter – Various members of the Forum expressed concern that the town had a problem with littering and it was noted that although young people had been involved in litter picking projects,

residents as a whole should be educated not to drop litter.

9. MINOR WORKS SCHEMES

A number of items were put forward for consideration under the Minor Works Scheme and the following were approved.

Various Wards – Dropped Crossings
£3,500

Clavering Shopping Parade/St Mark's Church Hall - £1,600

Town Square tree base replacement -
£5,750

King Oswy Drive Grass Verge Scheme -
£10,750

North Youth Participation Strategy -
£10,000

Parton Street removal of raised bed
£15,000

Pride in Hartlepool - £5,000

It was agreed to defer a decision on the Telford Close footpath until the ward councillor was present. The Sandbanks Drive grass verge scheme was not approved by the forum.

The meeting concluded at 12.14 pm.

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum
Wednesday 30th June 2010

Issues Raised/Action Sheet

Issue Details	Action Taken	Officer
Caravan Northgate Parking issue raised	Police and HBC enforcement team have checked – caravan not contravening any legal requirements – no further action at this stage – continue to monitor	Garry Jones
Property in Durham Street, Headland. Complaint regarding untidy appearance, possible business being run in residential premises	Still under investigation by Planning Dept.	Paul Burgon
Enforcements statistics Cllr. requested information regarding number of fixed penalty notices	Information to be provided to the Forum	Phil Hepburn
St Helen's school field grass overgrown	Completed	Karen Oliver

King Oswy Drive yellow lines adjacent to St John Vianney church	Yellow lines to be provided Negotiation with Methodist Church underway to ensure that yellow lines won't affect church parking	G Jones
Telford Close/Brunel footpath proposal	Consultation with residents underway – report to next Forum meeting in October for consideration under minor works	G Jones

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***NORTH AREA POLICE &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

28 July 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Bob Steel

Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Allan Barclay	- Throston Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Rob Cook	Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor John W Marshall	- St Hilda Ward

Resident Representatives: John Maxwell, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

Public: Liam Gouldburn, Liz Torley, Alan Vale

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police: Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston
Inspector Mick Brown
Sergeant Mark Lennard

Safer Hartlepool Partnership: Shelley Watson, Community Safety Officer

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie Ianson

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jackson and Wright,

Resident Representative Linda Shields, and Officers, Denise Ogden, Karen Oliver and Brian Neale.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2010

These were confirmed as an accurate account.

4. MATTERS ARISING

No items.

5. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston was introduced to those present.

Inspector Brown gave details of arrests and outcomes for the North area of Hartlepool as well as Forcewide and Hartlepool District's performance for June 2010. It was noted that violent crime was up by just over 30% in Hartlepool although this was attributed to areas in the town centre. Measures had been put into place to combat this particularly in relation to licensing and policing of the night time economy.

Details were given of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) involvement in relation to arrests and community events as well as work with partners by Officers. The Hart Neighbourhood Police Team had been nominated for the Neighbourhood Police Team of the year. Details of the 'Neighbourhoodies' youth engagement scheme were outlined.

Feed back from issues raised which had been raised at the previous meeting were given to those involved.

Inspector Brown stated that although there were likely to be cutbacks in

funding, he was confident that the Police could deliver the same level of service with help from Partners.

A Resident Representative raised concerns that the site currently being decommissioned in relation to St Hild's School was suffering from theft and he had reported this. He was advised to ring the local policing team if further instances took place. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods agreed to liaise with the developer to advise that security would be advisable.

A Member asked how the Policing services would respond to cuts in budget and was informed that back office functions currently covered by Police Officers would be done by Police Staff to enable Officers to carry out front line policing.

Concerns were raised about violence in the town centre and discussion took place about the possibility of licensing hours being amended. Concerns were also brought up about the possibility of the loss of some PCSO posts in Hartlepool. Members expressed appreciation of the work PCSOs carry out.

Chief Inspector Beeston stated that although the Coalition Government had dispersed with the Policing Pledge, Cleveland Police were still committed to upholding its merits.

Officers were thanked for their presentation.

6. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

No one was in attendance from the fire brigade to update the meeting.

7. UPDATE FROM THE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer distributed a questionnaire to those present at the meeting and urged them to complete these as consultation was currently taking place on updating the priorities for the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy for the town.

Also distributed were details of the ASB Unit's activity for the period April – June 2010 in comparison with the previous year as well as case outcomes for the previous 3 month period.

A Resident Representative highlighted a point on the questionnaire regarding training to encourage residents to challenge unacceptable behaviour and said that he would not feel confident doing so. He was advised that this was in relation to extremely low level occurrences and to contact the Authorities for assistance with anything which would result in confrontation.

8. UPDATE FROM THE CRIME AND DISORDER UNIT

Shelley Watson updated the meeting on her role which involved supporting community initiatives, NAP initiatives and crime prevention measures. She referred to a Community Engagement event which had taken place at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre recently.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Parking during Tall Ships Event - A resident raised concerns for public safety on the Central Estate during the Tall Ships event as parking restrictions had been placed on major routes but not on the estate and it was feared that the

estate would be congested leaving routes impassable by those caring for vulnerable groups. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods said that he would look into the possibility of imposing parking restrictions on the estate similar to those introduced on the headland. He did stress that enforcement action would be taken against those vehicles who parked in areas subject to parking restrictions. Disabled parking of three hours would not be allowed. Publicity had been distributed in relation to parking restriction for the Tall Ships Event via the Hartlepool Mail and Hartbeat. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods stated that if any permanent parking restrictions were to be put in place, these would be advertised in the appropriate manner.

A resident expressed concerns that the imposition of yellow lines would encourage drivers to park on pavements. Inspector Brown said that appropriate action would be taken against perpetrators if this caused a problem to residents. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods added that in certain areas of the town the Authority encouraged parking on the pavement by the removal of verges as road design were inappropriate for current usage.

A Member asked about areas of the Coast Road where residents parked on the grass. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods said that it may be appropriate for a dropped crossing to be installed.

King Oswy public house – A resident informed the Police that this was to be boarded up the following Monday and suggested that attention be given to this to prevent any possible arson.

The meeting concluded at 3.10 pm.

Wild North

A Local Nature Reserve for the
Central Estate?

North Hartlepool LWS



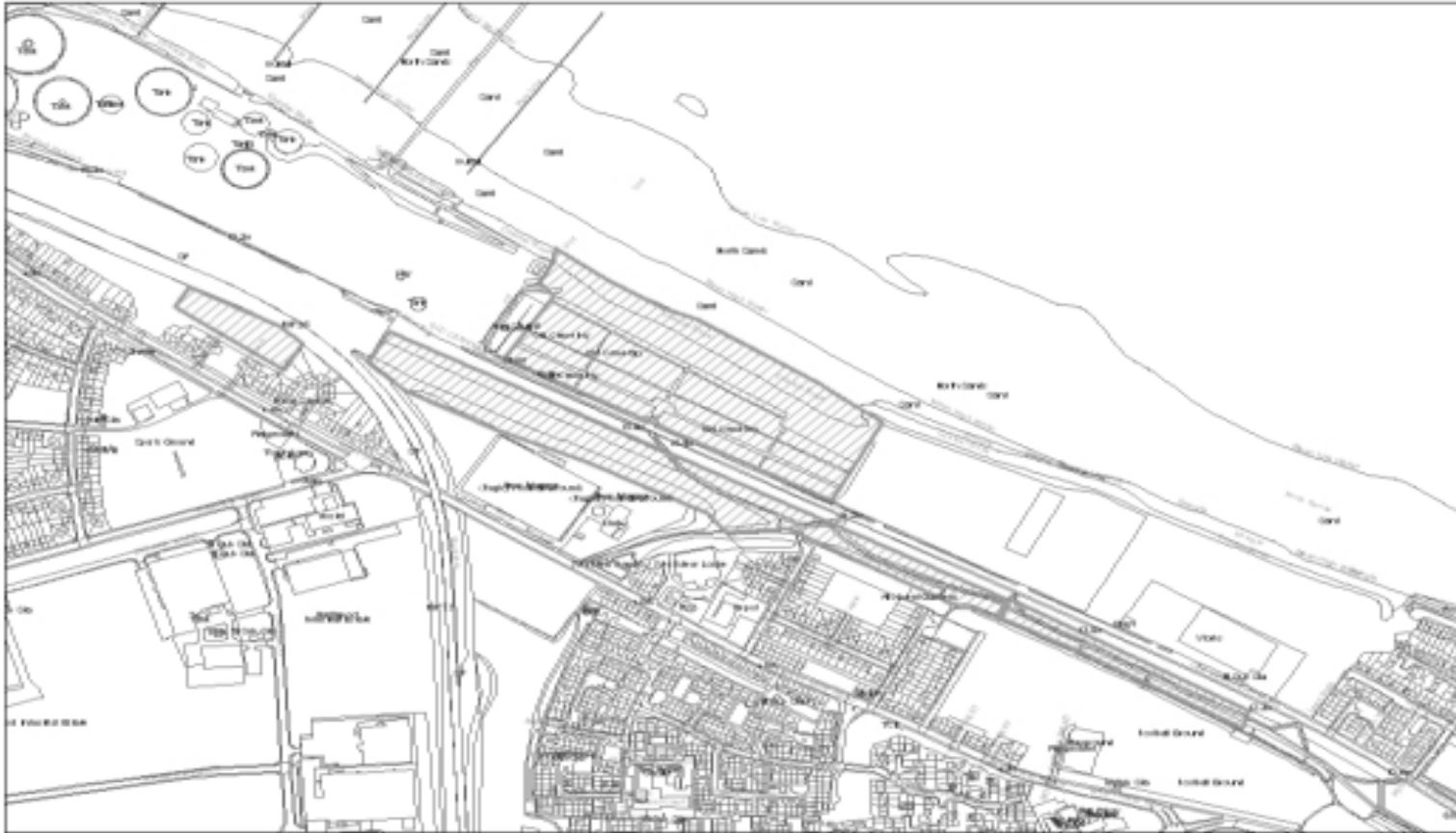
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Local Wildlife Site v Local Nature Reserve

- Meets set criteria for wildlife value on a Tees Valley scale
- Any ownership
- No right of access
- No set criteria but with significant local wildlife value
- Council owned or managed
- Purpose is for people to experience and learn about nature.

Central LNR?







NORTH SANDS

The area is of
importance for many
birds.

Knot, sanderling, and
oystercatchers feed
along the shoreline.

Gulls, terns and
cormorants feed off
shore.



















Issues

- Management
- Funding
- Access



Hartlepool Town Wall Coastal Model Study



Richard Hein – Project Manager, Scott Wilson



The purpose of this presentation is to inform you about the Hartlepool Town Wall Coastal Model Study.

Objective is to ensure that the most suitable coastal defences are in place to protect the coastline now and in the future.

Discuss the risks (the problem), the options considered and the preferred solution (costs and benefits).

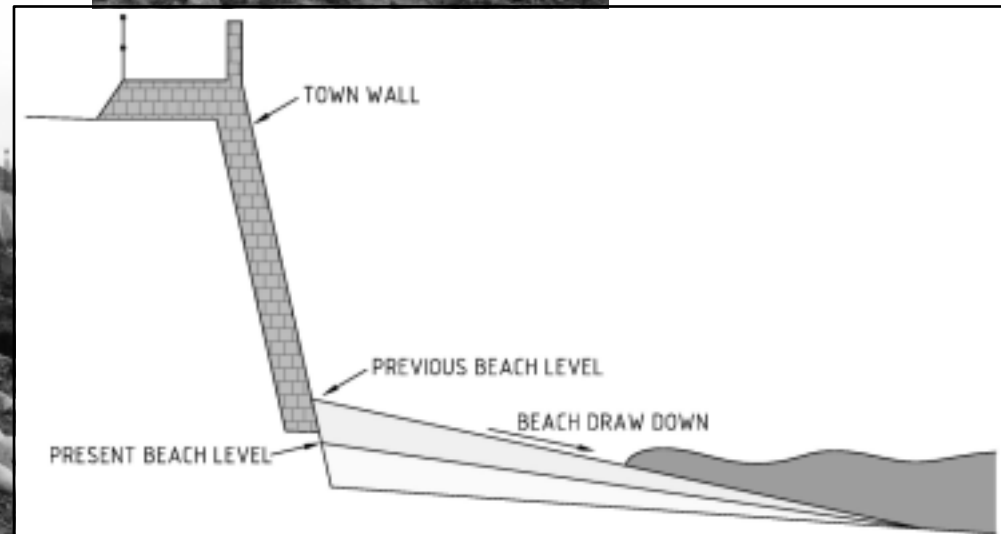


The Problem





Beach Lowering leading to failure of the wall





Overtopping leading to flooding



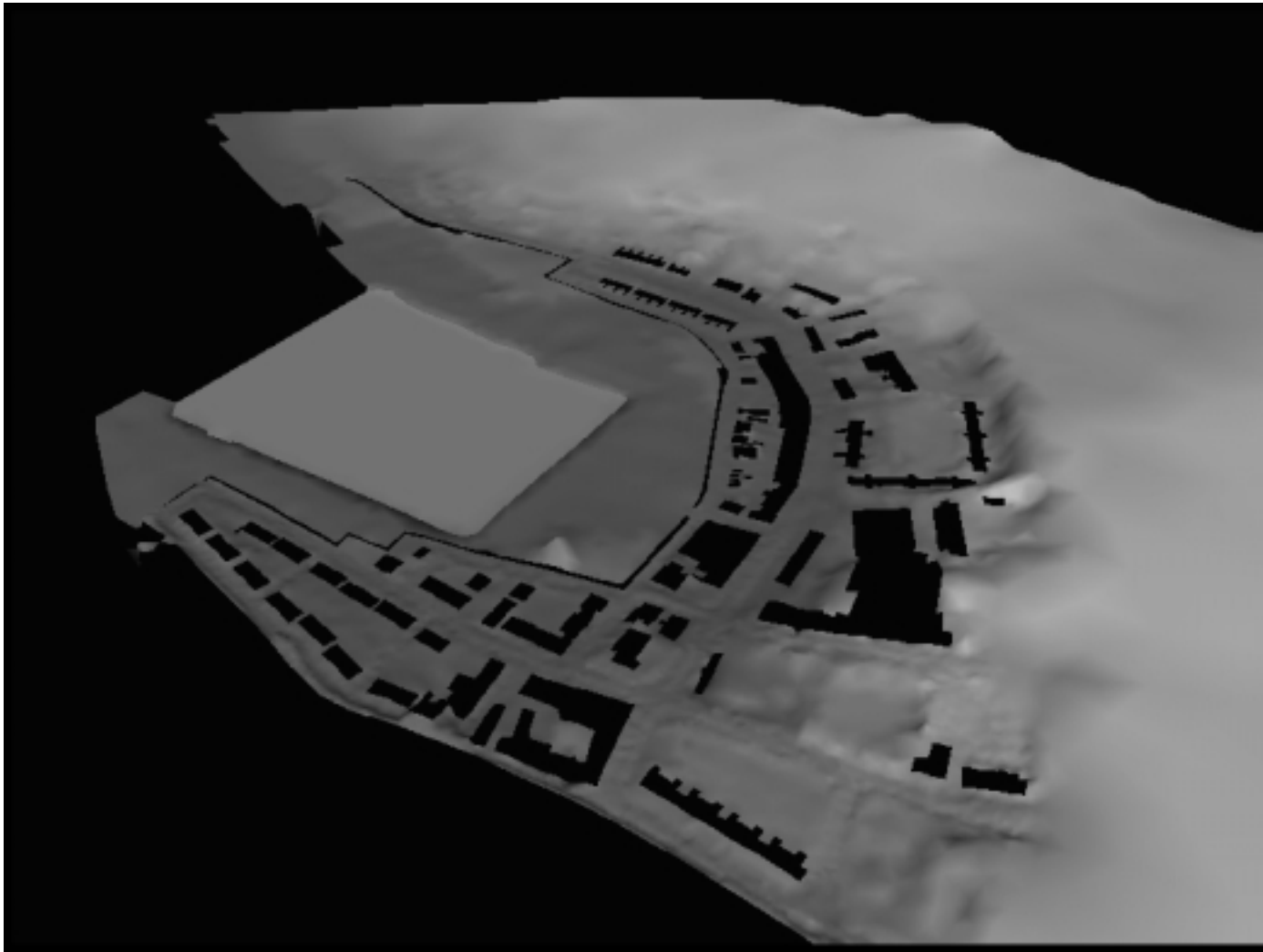


Physical Modelling of Overtopping





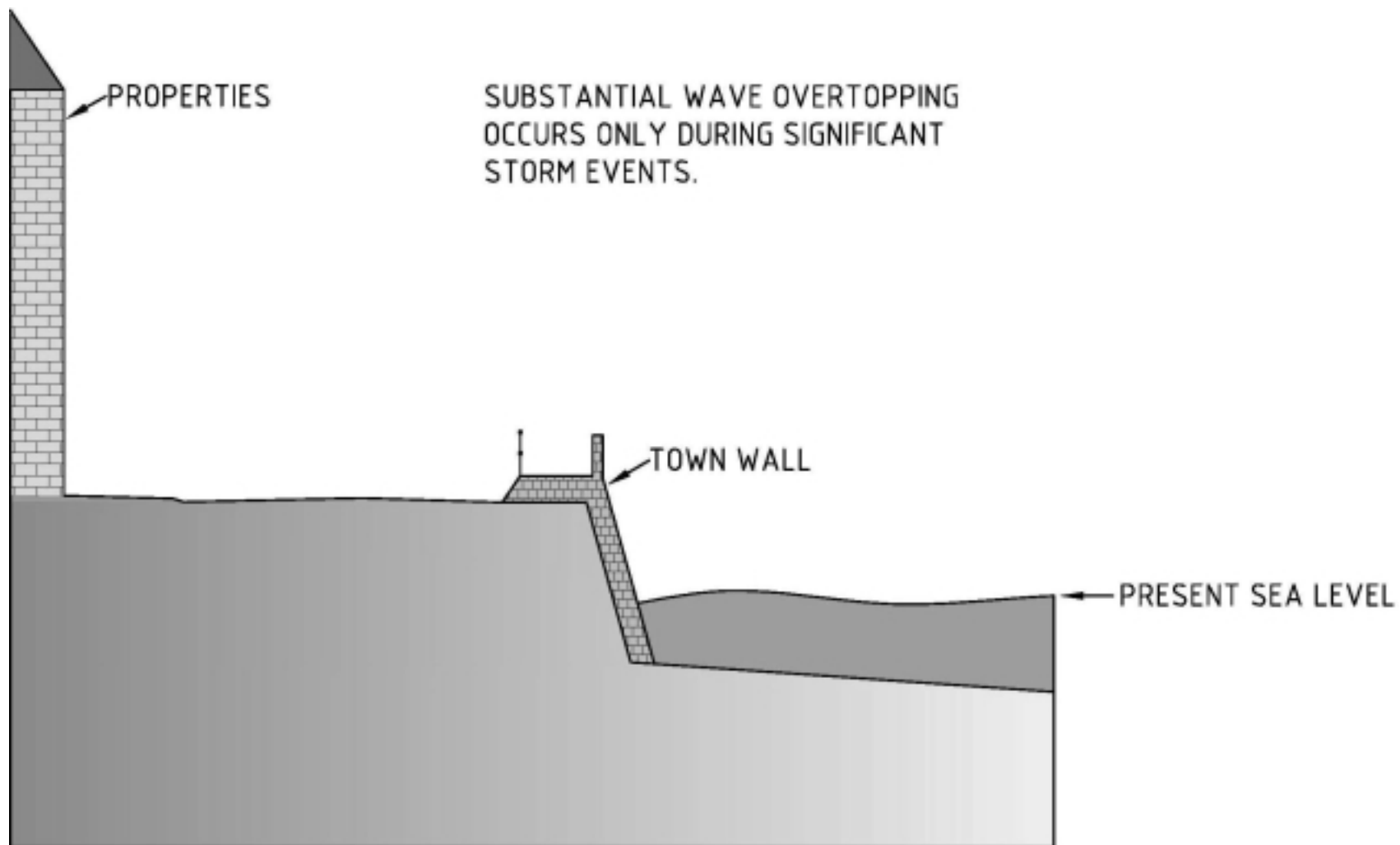
Numerical Modelling of Flooding





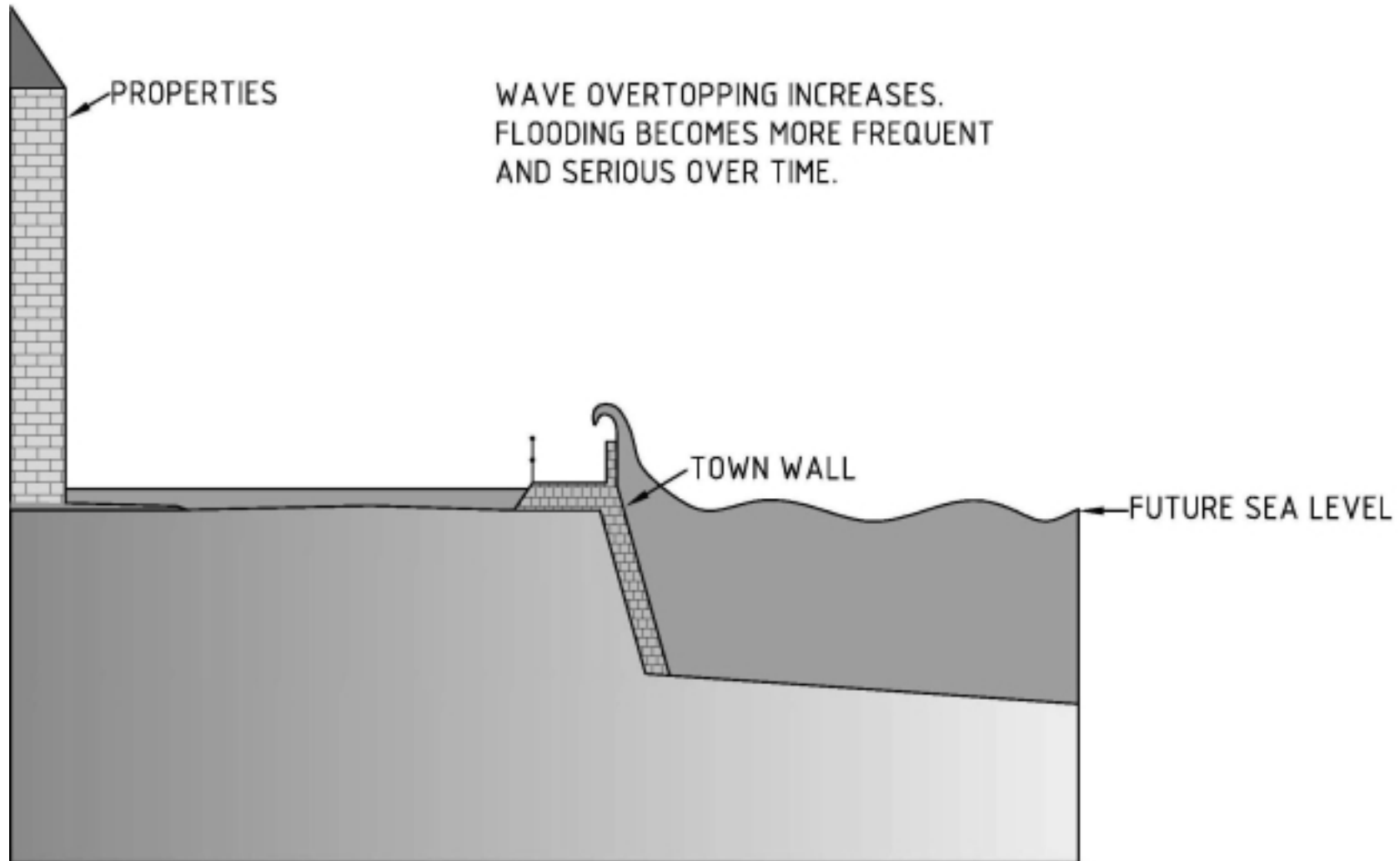
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Present Sea Level





Future Sea Level





Coastal Defence Options



Improving the coastal protection provided by Hartlepool Town Wall could involve the construction of several engineering options

These are subject to English Heritage approval as the Town Wall is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

All options have pros & cons

Options are assessed on Technical, Economic and Environmental grounds to meet funding requirements



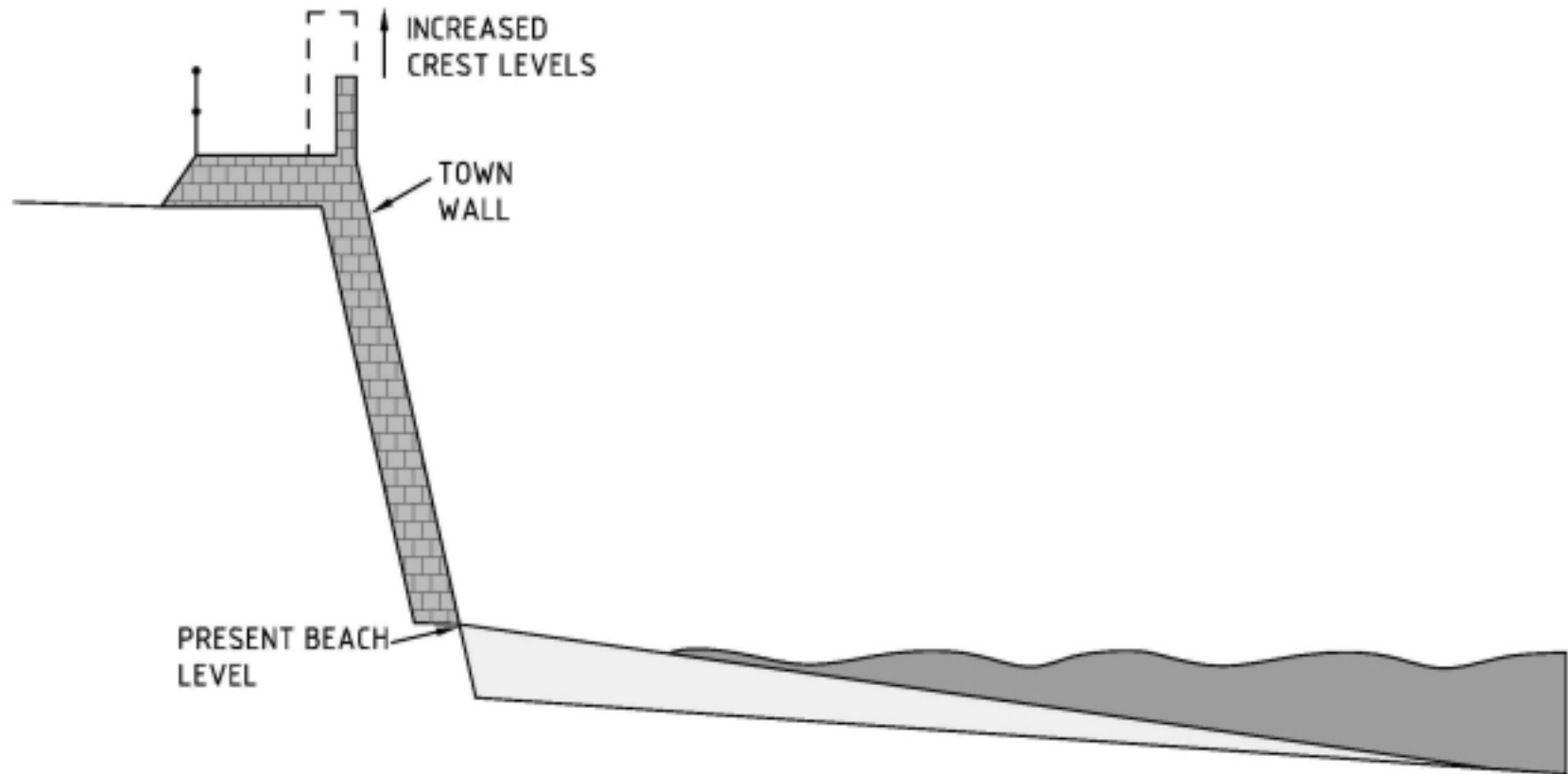
“Do Nothing”



- A “Do Nothing” option has been explored to outline the baseline conditions.
- Overtopping has been physically modelled for existing and future wave and water level conditions for a range of storm events.
- The condition of the wall and potential wall failure has been incorporated.
- Results of the physical modelling have been used as input data in a model to determine where the water will flow. These results have then been used to determine damages under the “Do Nothing” scenario.
- The present value today of all damages predicted to occur over the next 100 years is around £9.3M.



Raise Crest Level





Raise Crest Level



- By increasing the crest level of the wall overtopping volumes will be reduced
- A **minimum of 2m** increase in height would be required to reduce overtopping to a suitable amount

Pros

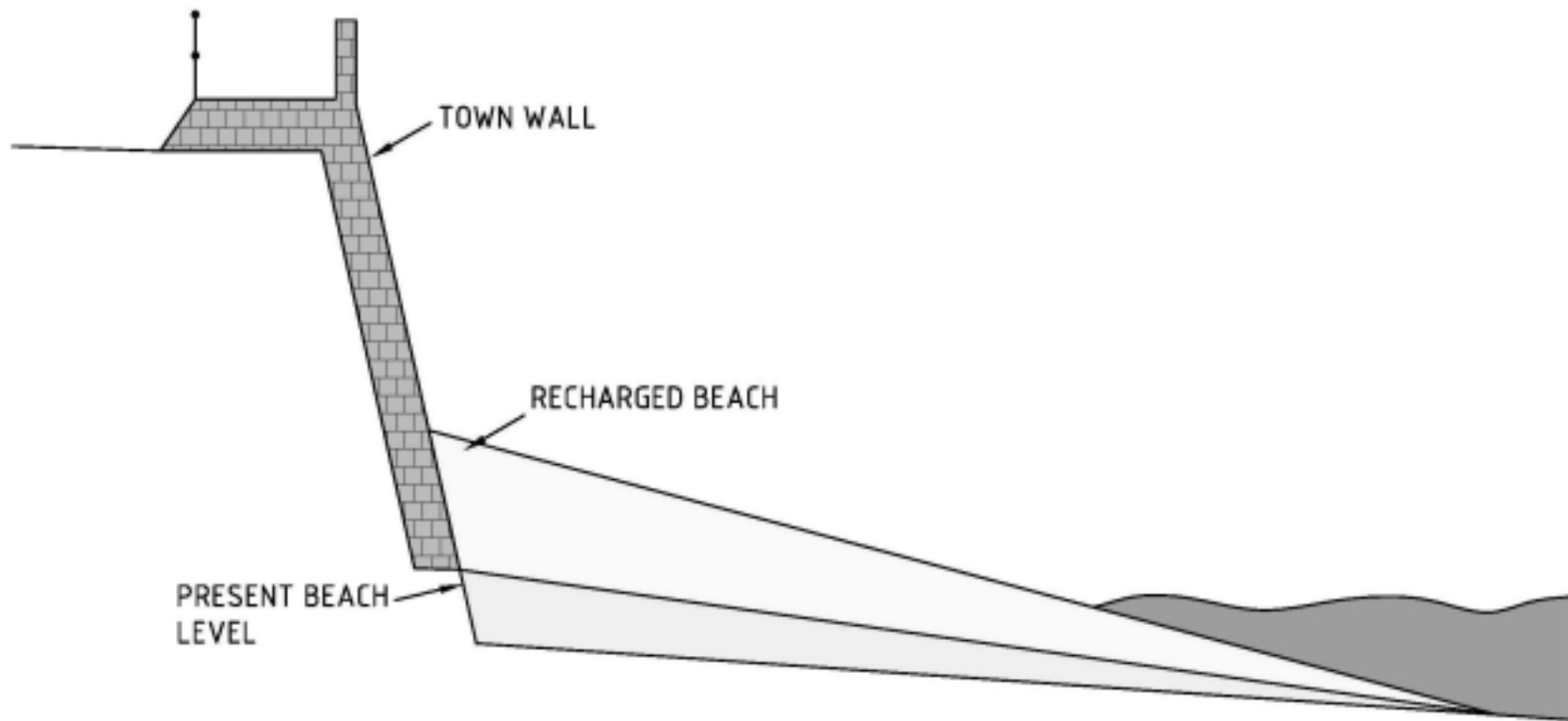
- Significantly reduces overtopping volumes

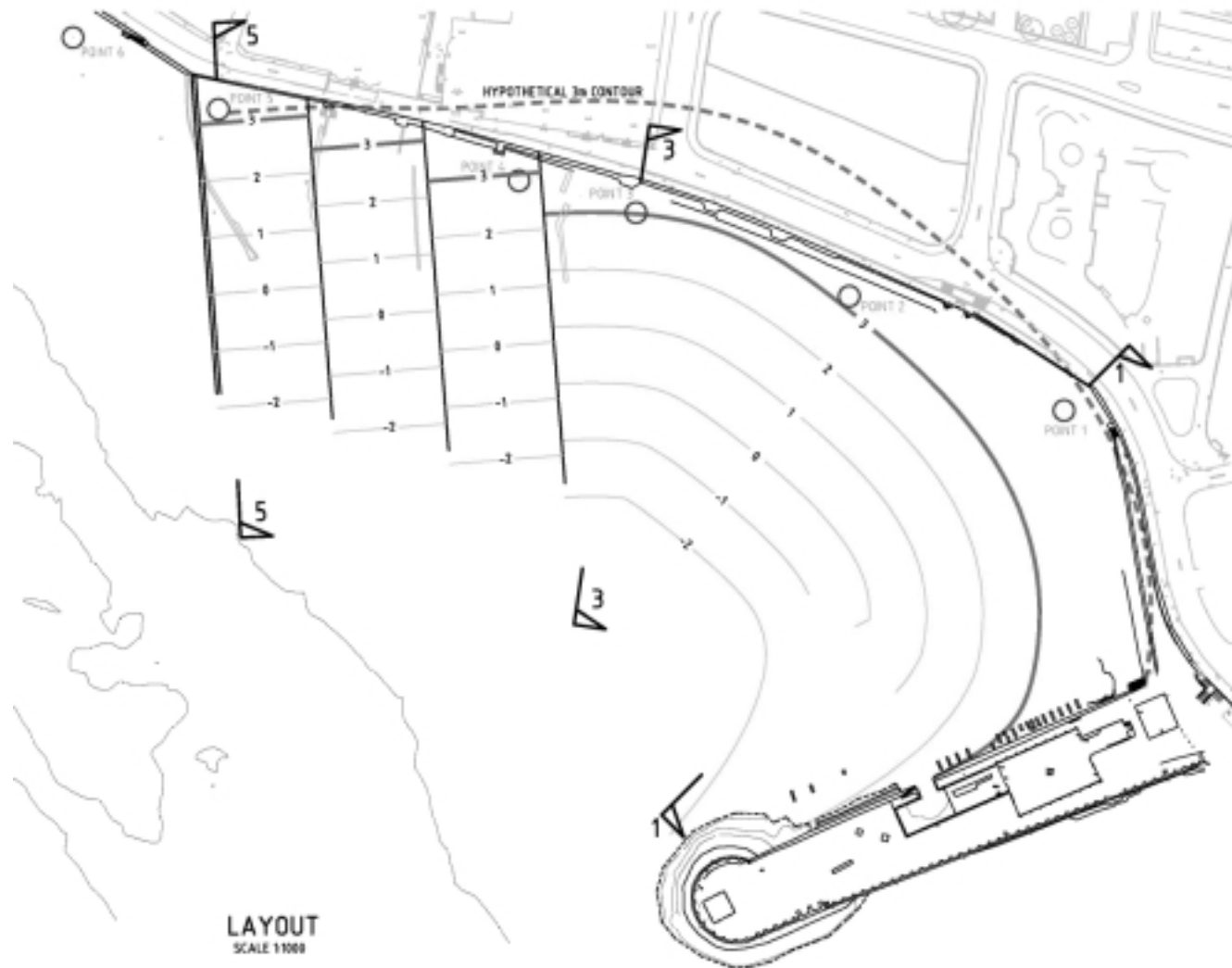
Cons

- Major impact on heritage value
- Risk of damage to the existing wall, extremely challenging to construct
- Restricted views due to increased crest height
- The issues with receding beach levels and instability of the wall are not solved



Beach Recharge







Beach Recharge



- By increasing the level of the beach, wave energy will be dissipated before it reaches the wall, hence reducing the wave height
- Overtopping volumes will decrease
- Toe stability of the wall will increase
- Structures such as groynes will have to be used to help maintain new beach levels, but offshore losses will continue
- Beach crest levels of +3.00mOD have been identified in the overtopping analysis to be sufficiently high enough to reduce overtopping events under current conditions (current lowest level is around +0.5mOD).



Beach Recharge



Pros

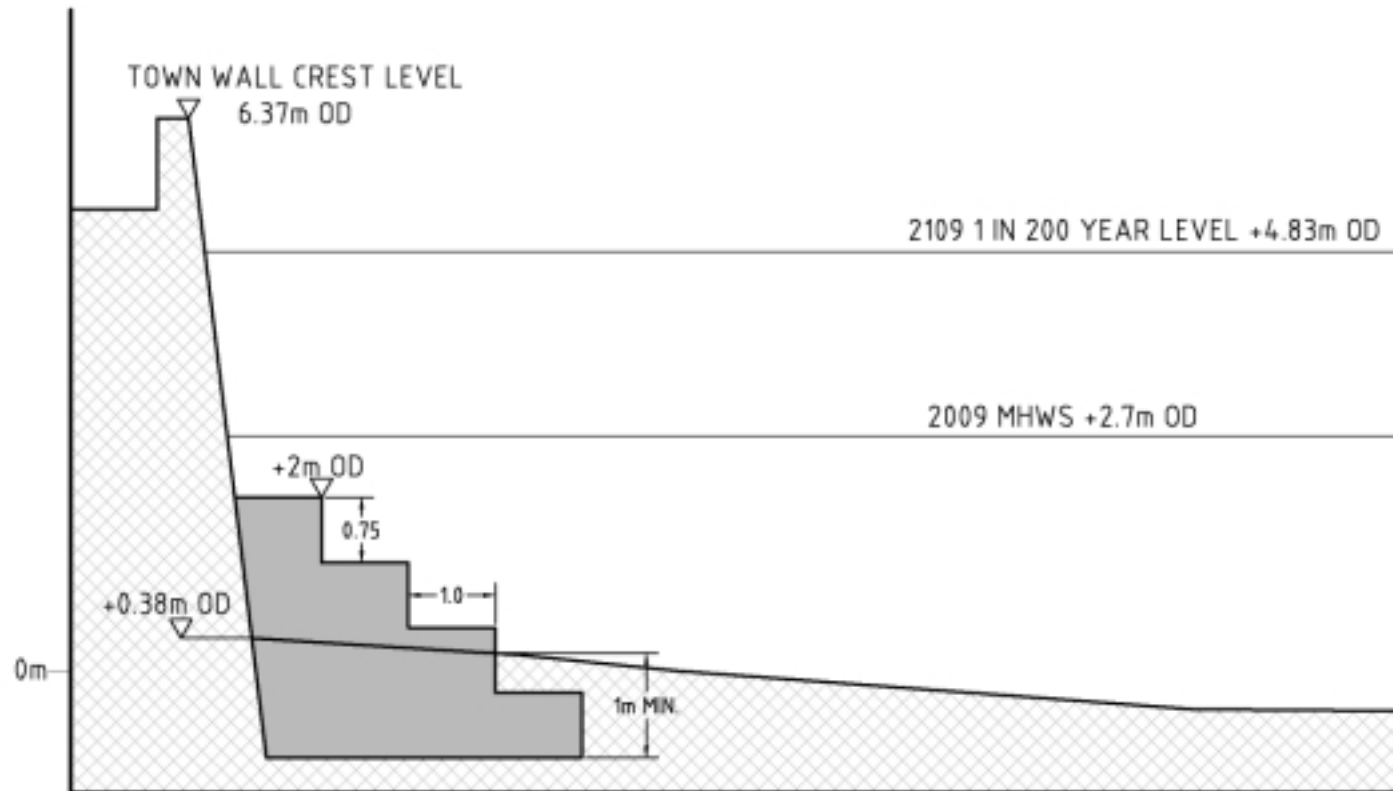
- Wide beach crest produced
- Reduce overtopping
- Mitigate toe instability of the wall

Cons

- Higher risk, difficult to guarantee design standard
- Recharged material may be lost. Regular monitoring and renourishment may be needed. Possibly not sustainable.
- A beach level of +3.00mOD will only be sufficient to reduce overtopping over a short timescale.



Toe Protection





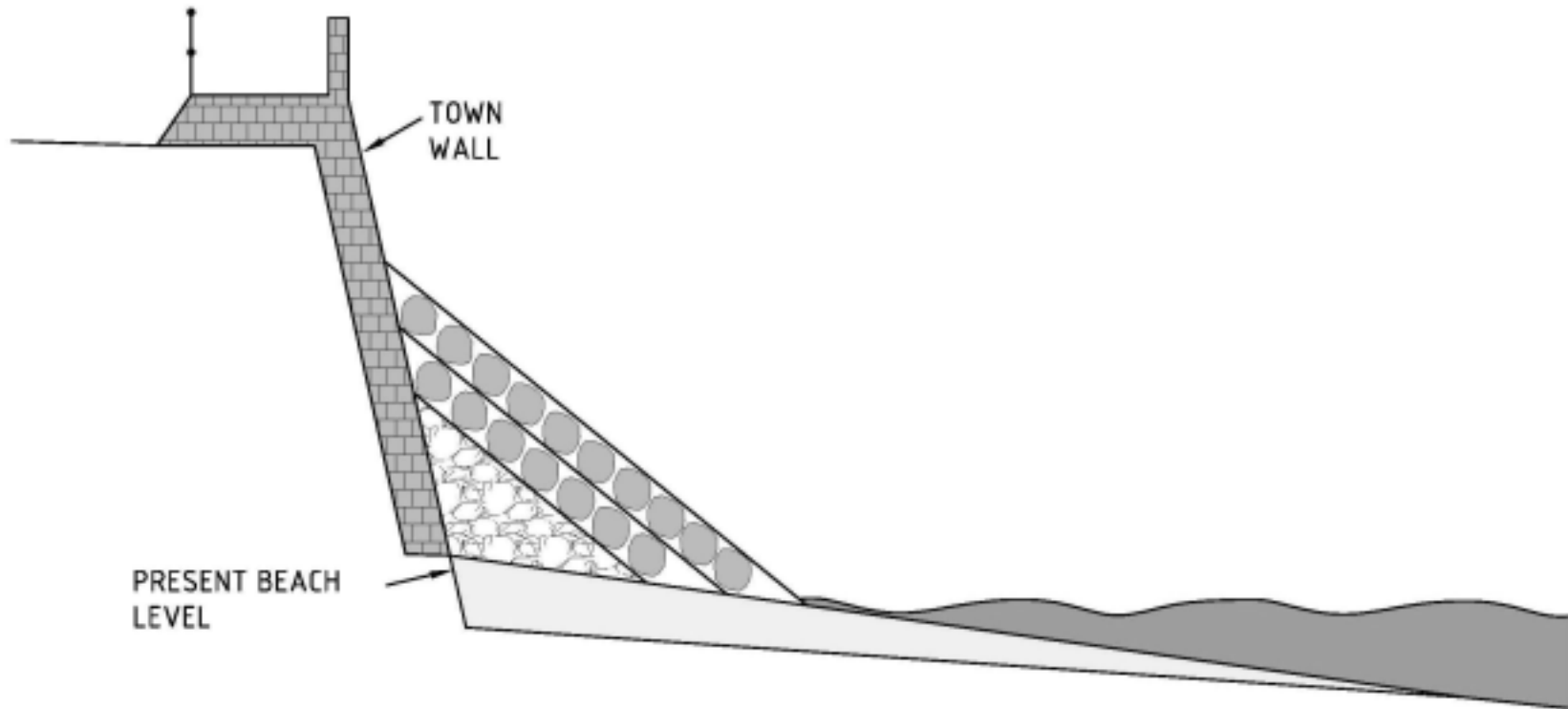
Toe Protection



- Due to the effects of beach drawdown the beach crest levels along the Town Wall frontage have been lowered over time.
- The result of lowering beach levels along the toe of the wall presents a danger to the stability of the wall.
- A concrete toe in the form of steps could be provided to protect the toe of the wall.
- Coloured concrete could be used to remain in line with the current wall.
- Will need to be combined with other option to address flood risk.



Revetment





Revetment



- A rock revetment could be provided along the Town Wall frontage to reduce overtopping rates and to stabilise the toe of the wall

Pros

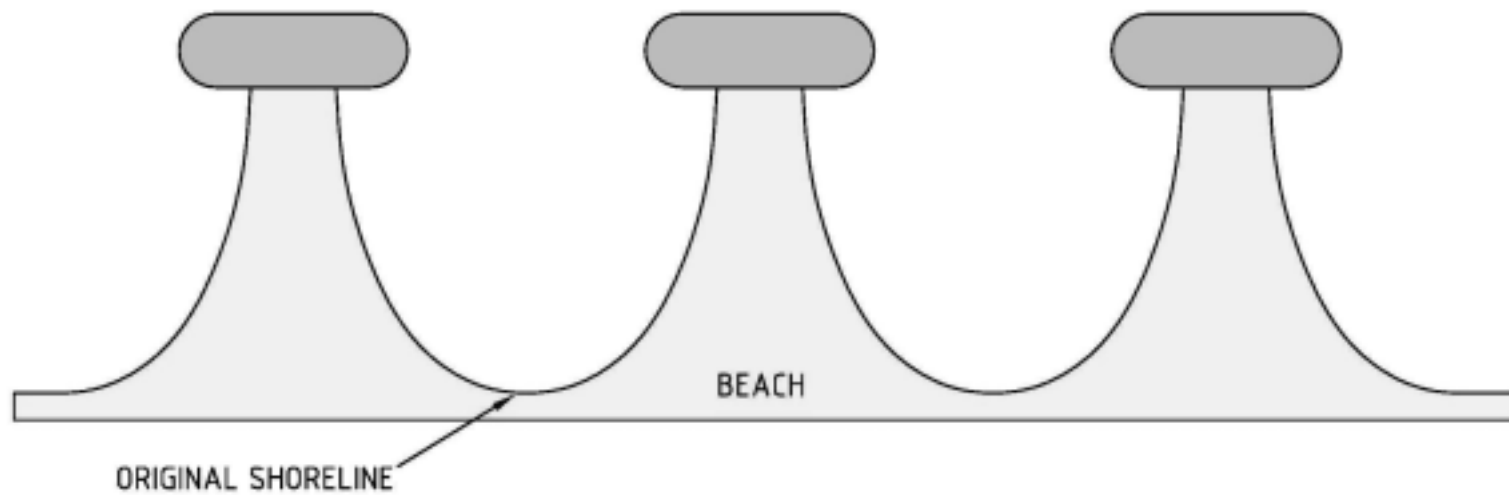
- Overtopping will be significantly reduced
- Toe of the wall will be stabilised

Cons

- Structure will be large and unsightly
- Beach access may be compromised
- Heavy plant vehicles and materials may damage existing wall
- The appearance of the wall will be lost
- Not favoured by English Heritage



Offshore Breakwaters





Offshore Breakwater



An offshore breakwater could be provided at a suitable position to act as a reef to reduce the amount of wave energy approaching the Town Wall

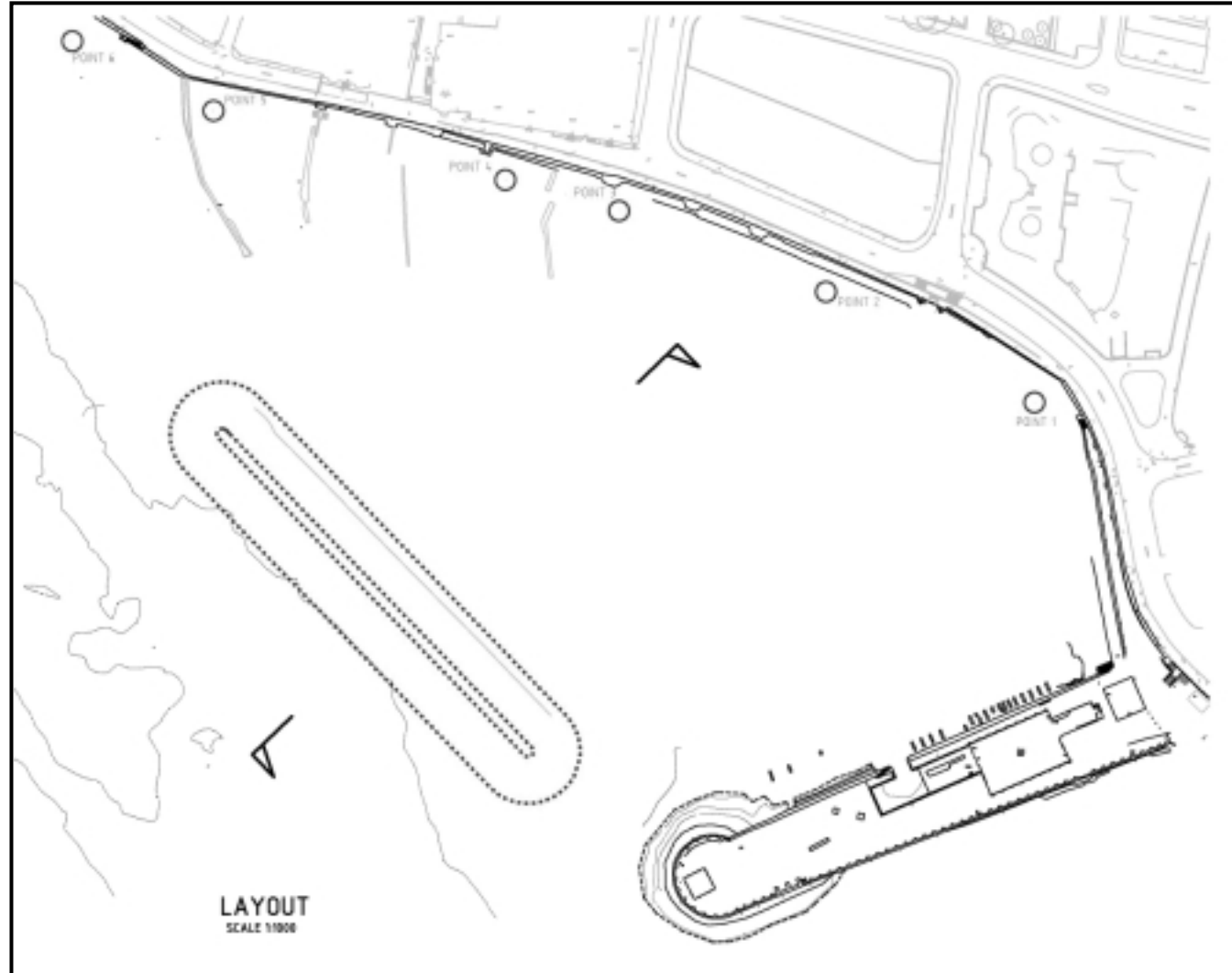
Pros

- Dissipation of wave energy before it reaches the Town Wall
- Overtopping rates lowered due to reduced wave heights

Cons

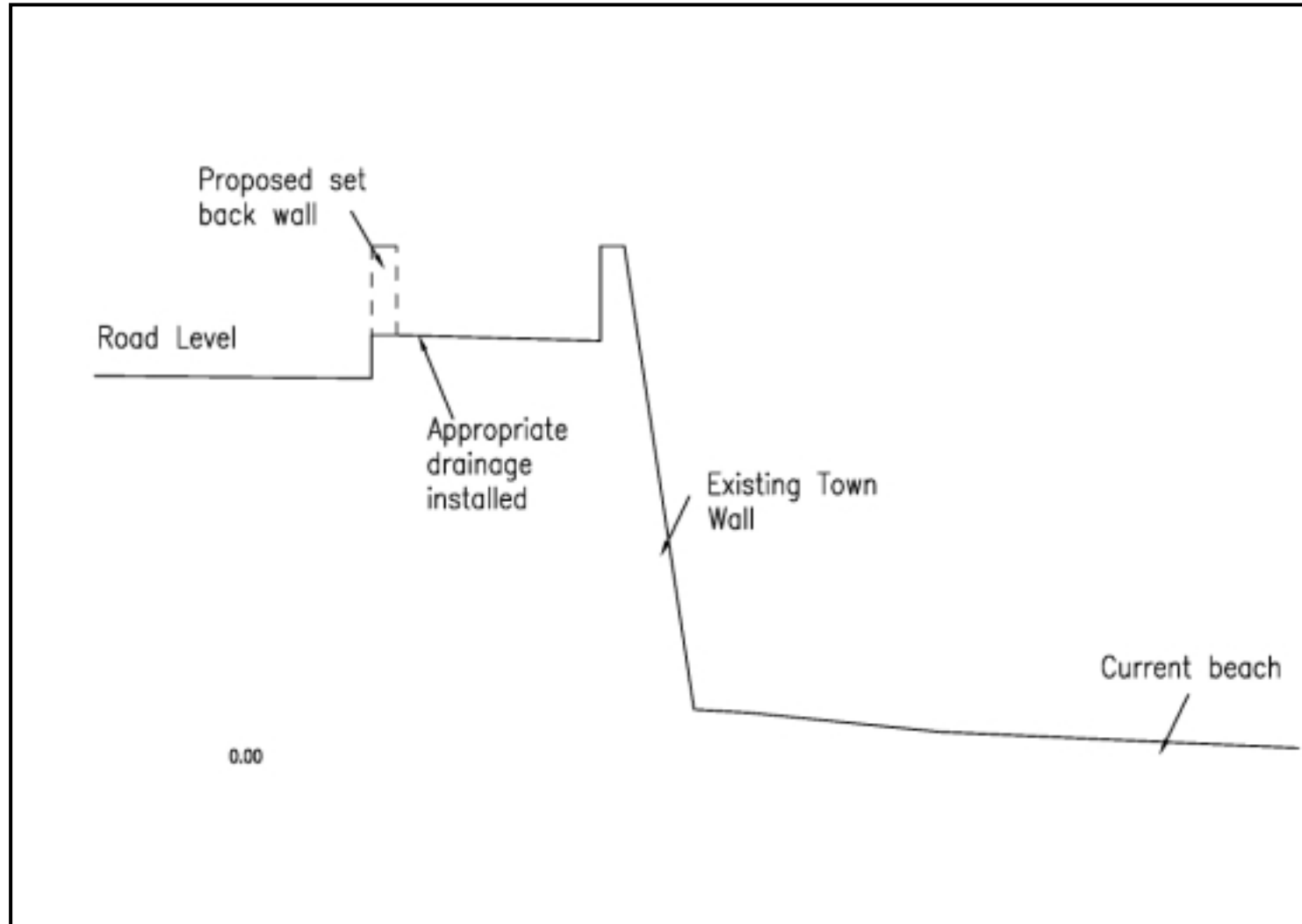
- Restricts vessel access
- Structure will be significantly exposed at low water
- Modification of existing currents may lead to further problems
- Danger to navigation channel

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Set-back Flood Wall





Set-back Flood Wall



- Reduces the risk of flooding from overtopping in the areas at greatest risk.
- Combined with improved drainage.
- Relatively low impact on the Scheduled Ancient Monument, accepted by English Heritage as the most appropriate option.
- Combined with toe protection and maintenance of the wall provides the most economically viable option.
- Does, however, impact on the area visually



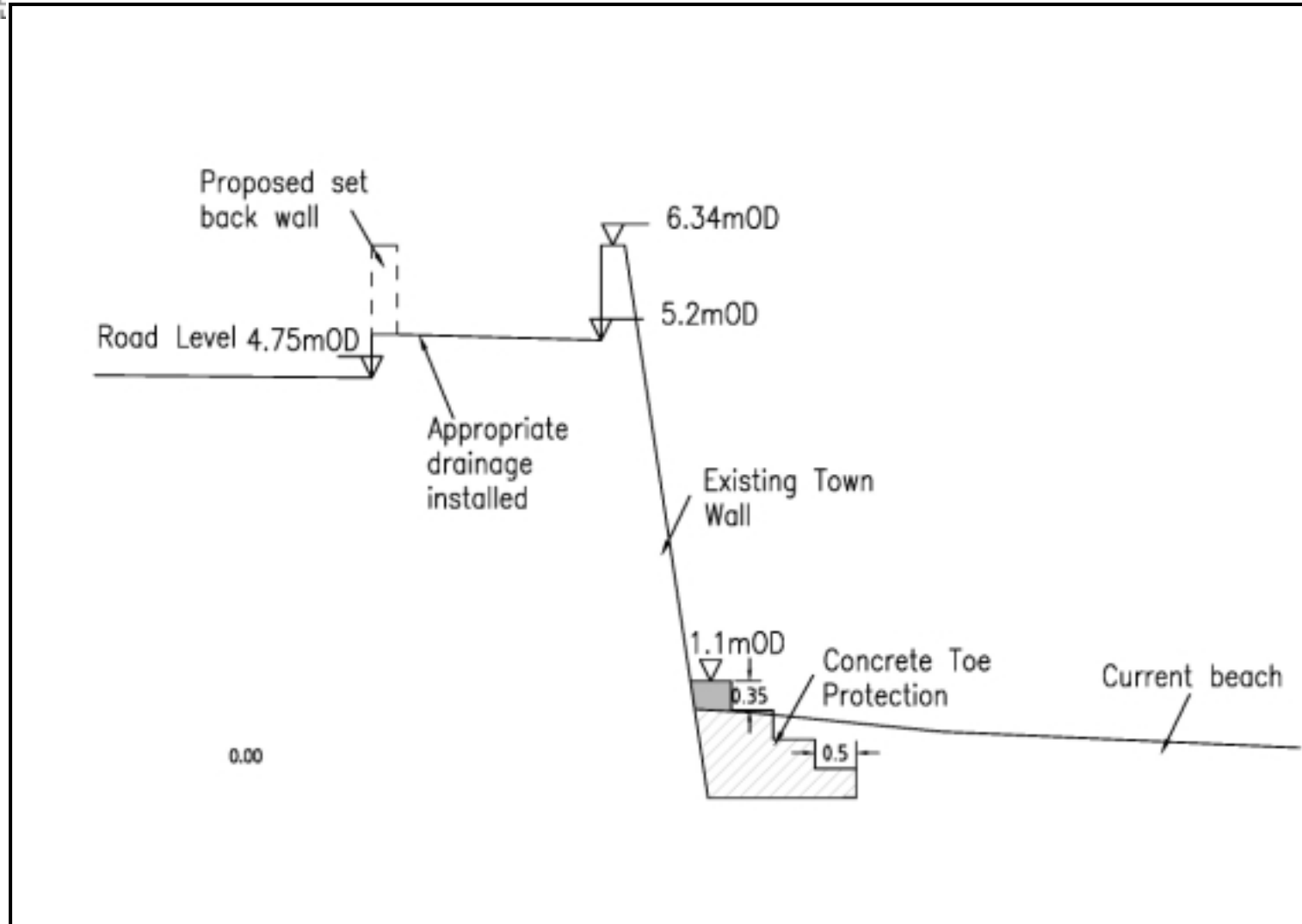
Environmental Assessment



- Environmental Statement has been produced
- Natural England favour options not requiring frequent intervention
- Extensive consultation has taken place with English Heritage
- A number of impacts have been identified, relating mainly to heritage and landscape



Preferred Option





Physical Modelling





Preferred Option



- Set-back wall along two sections to prevent flooding from overtopping
- Improved drainage to remove overtopped water
- Toe protection to prevent undermining along the most vulnerable length of the wall
- Programme of repairs to the front face of the wall and the end groyne to ensure integrity of these structures
- Tidal inundation wall in year 50 to prevent flooding from Victoria Harbour



Economic Appraisal/Budget



- “Do Nothing” Damages estimated to be in the region of £9.3 million
- The benefits of the preferred option have been estimated as £9 million, with 213 properties being protected from flooding.
- The present value cost of the scheme is around £2 million.
- This provides a benefit cost ratio of around 4.4, with an outcome measure score of between 8 and 9.



Uncertainties and Sensitivity Analysis



- Maintenance of the Heugh Breakwater
- Dredging of the navigation channel
- Sensitivity to water levels
- Option costs
- Phasing of the Works
- Leading to a robust business case for funding application



Way Forward



- Stage C – Project Appraisal Report, September/October 2010
- Detailed Design and Planning, April 2011
- Start of Construction in 2012 (subject to Approvals)