

EIR Request case number 00114920 Coastal Erosion – September 2019

Request and Response

We understand you are the local authority for the following stretch of coast: Southampton Water. This has been identified by the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) as containing 521 properties at risk of coastal erosion (see attached list supplied by the CCC showing several stretches of coast for context).

We understand that the current coastal defence policy recommendation for this stretch is to “hold the line”, protecting this stretch with investment in coastal defences and other measures, which would protect these properties.

However, the CCC’s analysis shows that financial costs of doing so outweigh the benefits. Please provide the following information regarding this stretch of coastline, for which you have responsibility:

1. Please state what actions your authority has taken to comply with the current shoreline management plan recommendation to “hold the line” against coastal erosion in this area.

The section of coast line under the jurisdiction of Eastleigh Borough Council has a variety of defences which are inspected and maintained as required.

2. Please state whether your authority has identified the properties that the CCC said it would be unlikely to be cost effective to defend.

We have not been provided with the list from CCC so unable to state either way.

3. If so, please state the names of the locations of the properties (such as village and town names) where properties will be affected by coastal erosion. Note that as specific addresses are not being asked for, this is not personal information and not exempt under section 40.
 - **Please note response to previous question having said that beach stability rating does indicate some erosion occurring**
 - **The defences for the majority of properties (46 out of 55) are listed as private or maintained by others so are not maintained by Eastleigh Borough Council**
 - **Of the nine properties left, seven are natural beach front, three of these have either woodland or open space behind them and the other four are adjacent to sailing clubs**
 - **The two locations which have sea defences the land behind is occupied by sailing clubs**
 - **To assist further I attach a map and chart of the various sections**
 - **The sections which cover the coast line within Eastleigh Borough Council’s area are section 59650 on the River Hamble to section 60030 on Southampton Water**

- **Beyond section 60030 on Southampton Water is under the jurisdiction of Southampton City Council**
 - **In terms of maintenance Eastleigh Borough Council look after sections 59760,59780, 59833, 59850, 59852, 59910, 60010, 60013, and 60020**
 - **The rest are privately owned with the exception of 59930 and 59940 Hampshire County Council and 59950,59960,60000 and 60020 Parish Council.**
4. Please state whether your authority has any formal or legal guarantees to protect this stretch of coast. If so, please provide a copy of the documents in which these guarantees are made. Please also provide the value of any contingent liability identified by your authority in its accounts as to the likely future cost of these guarantees.

Formal protection agreements not in place

5. If the authority has not made any formal guarantees, please state what your authority has done to inform occupants of these properties that they are at risk, and may not be defended. If your authority is financing/supporting a risk communication plan aimed at informing local citizens and companies about erosion risk in the area, please state the planned costs of this, and provide any details held of the plan.

No information available at his time

[Coastal erosion map](#)