

Southwold Harbour Fender Repair Works

Southwold, Suffolk

What are we updating you about?

Coastal Partnership East are part of East Suffolk Council (ESC) and are responsible for coastal management. They have contracted J T Mackley & Co Ltd to complete repairs to the Southwold Harbour entrance North Pier Fender owned and managed by ESC.

Where is this work happening?

A map of where the work is taking place is on the back of this factsheet. The works are to the seaward end of Southwold Harbour North Pier. There will be a temporary site compound set up in the Harbour car park.

When are we doing the work?

Work is due to start on 19th July 2021 and be completed by the end of August. All work and its duration is subject to safe working conditions i.e. tide and weather dependent. We are completing these works during summer months in an effort to avoid adverse weather in the autumn and winter.

What will we be doing?

The contractor will be removing and replacing steel piles, wooden beams, posts, and the navigation light mast and gantry. Beach excavation and recycling work may need to take place on the Denes Beach to the north of the Harbour pier. Please be aware of the use of heavy plant in the area. The work will involve use of a jack-up barge, large cranes, and excavators.

How might the works affect you?

The work will involve piling and operation of other large equipment that may cause vibration and noise. Limits on working hours will be applied to minimise the impact of this. The jack-up barge will narrow the entrance channel. The possible beach excavation and recycling work will involve temporary restrictions.

For safety reasons there will be no public access to the North Pier, dune and beach to the east of the Harbour car park.



To ensure the safety of workers we kindly ask members of the public to maintain social distance in accordance with the latest government guidelines.

We will be liaising with local police and the highways authority to minimise disruption from deliveries of equipment and materials to the site, which will involve abnormal loads.

We will work hard to keep any inconvenience to a minimum and ask the public to please take note of the contractor's signage when work is happening.

Why are we doing this work?

The fender is required to prevent vessels from colliding with rock armour placed around the North Pier when entering or leaving the harbour.

This work is an important part of ESC's commitment to ensure that the coastal assets they are responsible for are working effectively and are safe for the public, helping to enhance our beautiful and important coastline for the enjoyment of communities and visitors for generations to come.

Undertaking maintenance means that we can maximise the lifespan of coastal protection assets, ensuring that we make the most of every pound spent and achieve a better return on public investment. We are supporting the safeguarding of life and local economies by making sure that the Council's coastal assets are in the condition needed for continued protection.

How can you find out more?

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Southwold Harbour Fender Repair Works, Ferry Road Southwold - location map. Not to Scale.

The area shown with dotted lines is the Contractor's site. The dune and beach within this area is closed to the public for the duration of works.

The extent of car park to be occupied by the Contractor is yet to be confirmed.

The beach area shaded grey may have temporary access restrictions.



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Left: photo of a jack-up barge working on a scheme at Sandwich. The equipment for repairing the Southwold Harbour fender will be working from a jack-up barge. This is a mobile platform for plant working in water environments. It is fitted with long legs that can be raised and lowered. The legs are lowered to the seabed to secure it in position. The legs are raised to allow it to be moved.