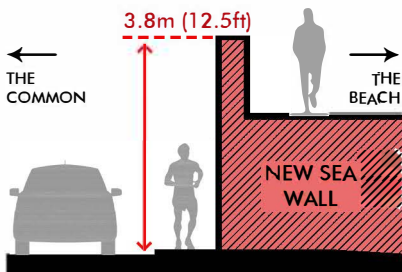
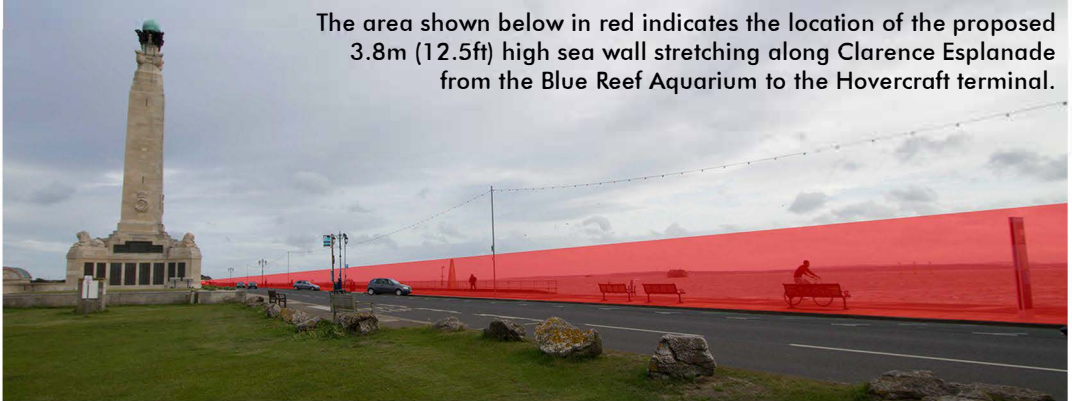


SOUTHSEA IS AT RISK OF LOSING ITS UNIQUE SEAFRONT

The City of Portsmouth has been allocated around £86million to improve the sea defences stretching between Old Portsmouth and Eastney beach. Life expectancy of these structures is, in some places, less than 10 years, and comprehensive improvements are essential to protect the city from rising sea levels and the risk of extreme flooding events. The EAST SOLENT COASTAL PARTNERSHIP (ESCP) was established to deliver these improvements based on feedback received from a series of public consultations.

THE PROPOSALS

The area shown below in red indicates the location of the proposed 3.8m (12.5ft) high sea wall stretching along Clarence Esplanade from the Blue Reef Aquarium to the Hovercraft terminal.



The ESCP proposes raising the promenade to the desired height through extensive use of concrete, replacing the shingle beach with a high-stepped terrace structure. This would be bounded on the landward side by a solid wall of varying height, culminating in a 3.8m (12.5ft) high section of wall along Clarence Esplanade separating the main body of Southsea Common from the beach.

WHY THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE

- The intrusive separation of the beach and promenade from Southsea Common and the rest of the city
- Inadequate protection of the existing beach landscape
- Lack of compensation for existing seafront businesses such as Clarence and South Parade Piers and Mozzarella Joe's
- Entirely obscuring the sea view at ground level from most of Southsea Common and the surrounding buildings
- The need to descend a potentially dangerous concrete staircase to travel between the promenade and the beach

The Clarence Esplanade promenade as envisioned by ESCP



WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT OUR SEAFRONT

In their current form these measures are unappealing and ill-considered, and would irreparably damage our seafront landscape and the culture, enjoyment and financial benefits it brings to the city. There is, however, great potential to **MAKE THESE PROPOSALS WORK FOR PORTSMOUTH**, so long as they are given the full scrutiny they deserve and the thoughtful, innovative input required to make them a success in every possible aspect.

The proposals are already being considered by the council, and could be submitted for planning permission in the very near future. If they are approved, it will be significantly more difficult to stop them being implemented.

THE POTENTIAL

Appropriate flood defences on Southsea seafront have the potential to provide Portsmouth with an attractive, popular and sustainable seafront destination



WHAT YOU CAN DO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO:

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ATTEND A PRESENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE SEAFRONT PROPOSALS:

GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 12:00, 15th JULY

and **EXHIBITION: PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL 15th-21st JULY**



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