



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated the 19th February 2026

Amenities & Environment Committee: Cllr P Findley, Cllr P Jull, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson and Cllr L Ludwig.

Non-Voting Member – Mr M Knott

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to be held at 7pm, Thursday 26th February 2026 at: Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

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Town Clerk Walmer Town Council

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following: -

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Attach 1
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2n December 2025.
5. **REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING.**
6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Receive any questions from the public.
7. **GRANTS** Attach 2
To receive a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group on a Biodiversity Grant application.
8. **HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
 - i. To receive a copy of the current Highways Improvement Plan. Attach 3
 - ii. To receive correspondence from Members of the public on road issues that may be added to the HIP and decide on whether these should be added. Attach 4
 - iii. Cycle path signage – To decide on next actions as Walk Wheel Trust are unresponsive to requests for advice.
 - iv. Court Road -To receive an update from the request to KCC for a review of the Road.
 - iv. Verbal update on Station road works not carried out as part of development.
 - v. Kingsdown Road – To receive a verbal update on the issues with drainage.
 - vi. Any other additions members wish to bring for discussion (these will need to be investigated between meetings and cannot be agreed to be added until they have been advertised on an agenda).
9. **ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT** Attach 5
To receive an updated version of the report officers put together with the Speaking Up Group for review.
10. **BATHING WATER**
 - i. To receive responses to questions posed to Southern Water at the meeting of the 3rd November 2025. Attach 6
 - ii. To receive a update to the letter requesting greater testing from the Government.
 - iii. To receive a response to the letter asking for greater powers for the Water Companies in responding to planning applications Attach 7
11. **DEFIBRILLATORS** Attach 8
To receive a report on locations of defibrillators within Walmer.
12. **ALLOTMENT TENANCY/PESTICIDE FREE** Attach 9
To receive a recommendation from the Climate emergency working group on pesticides
13. **ALLOTMENT CHARGES** Attach 10
To receive a written recommendation on 2026/27 allotment charges.

14. DDC ACCESSIBLE BEACH PROJECT

Attach 11

To review the plans for the Dover District Council accessible beach project and the request from Dover District Council for £5,000 toward the project and make recommendations to the Full Council in respect of the project and funding.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 23rd 2026.



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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr R Blackwell; Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Jull and Cllr P Ludwig.

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr P Jull was absent at the start of the meeting

369. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Ludwig.

370. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

371. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

372. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr P Findley.

Seconded by Cllr R Blackwell.

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain – 1

Cllr Jull Arrived

373. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that:

Going through the section 106 and highways improvement requirements in relation to the granting of planning permission for Millers Retreat is underway but there are a lot of documents to go through, the Clerk is attempting to complete this for the February meeting. Sustrans have changed their name to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust.

The office door will be replaced in early February

KCC are reviewing options for the potential project to increase awareness of people crossing near Walmer Castle.

374. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

375. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

NOTED

Cllr Findley requested that a map of the roads of Walmer and a copy of the full data of the speed survey be provided to him for review.

- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.

- a. Members received a written report on public correspondence regarding issues of speeding traffic on Court Road.

AGREED – To chase for a review of the road and its condition

Proposed – Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded – Cllr M Simpson

For - 8

Against - 0

Abstain 0

- b. Members received a written report about issues with the drainage measures put in place along Kingsdown Road.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to KCC requesting that the issues be resolved to prevent further flooding issues.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For - 8

Against - 0

Abstain 0

- c. Members received a written report discussing the low level of lighting in the alleyways between Salisbury Road and Dover Road and Salisbury Road and Church Street.

AGREED – Officers have reviewed the pathway which has lighting partially blocked by overhanging trees. Officers have reported the overhanging trees via the KCC portal, and the Dover Road pathway is awaiting works, while the Church Street pathway is to be reviewed for work. Members have asked that once work is completed the officer to review the lighting situation again. The issues have been reported to Kent Police under the safety team to try to get this resolved as quickly as possible.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For 6

Against – 0

Abstain 0

- iii. New items to be considered at next meeting.

Cllr S Waite-Gleave requested an item be brought to discuss for the HIP on Belmont, details will be provided to the Clerk.

376. ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk and Mr Knott on the emergency cords in the accessible toilets in Marine Road and Granville Street toilets. The emergency cords when pulled should set off an alarm which alerts passers-by to the emergency, these cords do not connect to any outside organisation. On testing the cords in the two toilets in Walmer. Mr Knott found that Marine Parade alarm went off periodically, Granville Road alarm did not. No help was forthcoming once alarm cords were pulled. Inside the toilets signage gave a telephone number to call to the contracted cleaners upon calling the number he was informed that they did not deal with emergency situations.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to Dover District Council explaining the issues faced, asking what the DDC policy is in regard to the emergency cords and emergencies in the toilets and asking what actions they plan to take.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

377. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Members received two written recommendations from the Climate Emergency Working Group.

- i. To sign up to the Kent Sustainable Community Network.

AGREED – To ask the Clerk to sign up to the network and to pass on the log in details to members to share the useful resources.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- ii. To agree the Climate and Ecological Emergency Action plan

AGREED – To agree the action plan showing the projects recently completed, those that are started but not completed and those that Climate Emergency Working Group are still working on the proposal for (these will need to be agreed at Committee/Council before any actions can be taken).

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For - 7

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

378. BATHING WATER

- i. Southern Water role in planning

Members received a written report from the Clerk as requested in November's Full Council meeting detailing the role of Southern Water in the planning process.

AGREED – To ask the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee to write to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State, copying in Mike Tapp MP and Southern Water. Asking that recommendation 72 of the

independent Water Commission report (Pub June 3, 2025) be implemented as soon as possible. Recommendation 72 states "The role of water companies in the planning process in England should be strengthened to ensure they have sufficient sight and influence over upcoming developments. The Right to connect should be reviewed."

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For – 8

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

ii. Sites of water testing

Members received a written report on the sites of testing of the Environment Agency within the Deal and Walmer area.

AGREED- To write to the Environment Agency, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Emma Hardy MP – Water minister within Defra, copying in Mike Tapp MP. The letter will ask for further regular testing of waters other than those designated for bathing and for testing for more than just Intestinal Enterococci and Escherichia Coli.

Members requested that an item be brought to next meeting to discuss locations of the defibrillators and the current maintenance of these.

The meeting was closed at 20.15

379. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 26, 2026.

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Signature

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Date

The following applications have been reviewed by the Climate Emergency Working Group

Applications for a Biodiversity Grant

Applicant	Details of project	Amount applied for	Relevant Documentation provided	CEWG recommendation
Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts	To complete third of three year project to increase population of Swifts. To provide 10 nesting boxes and additional promotional literature (posters and leaflets).	£498.76	Yes	£498.76

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN			KCC Priority no
PROJECT NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	ESTIMATED COST	PROGRESS	Comments
2	Jan-22	Speed Survey, Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	TBA	on going	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data
7	N/A	Disability access dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	Addition of dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	£23,000	With KCC design	Dover Road and The Beach/Kingsdown Road now awaiting consultation.
9	Nov-21	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade	as stated	N/A	KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	Question as to how this could be done given private road
15	Jun-23	Cycle Routes - Request to join cycle route 1 to the Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville Road	as stated	TBA	Working with DDC to provide the best solution having spoken to KCC and not agreeing a solution	HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding. Changes required to initial plan. DDC draft plan includes a better version of this to be reviewed once plans completed.
16	Jun-23	Potholes	Repair work - long term road resurfacing	ongoing	ongoing	Continuous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as required. Pothole blitz on North Barrack Road this month
18	Nov-23	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking restriction	Parking restrictions	N/A	English Heritage looking at weather proofing back up car park to resolve issue	Walmer Castle has plans for additional parking for 2025, contacted KCC highways who are looking at options to rectify this. Picked up With KCC members who are pushing for a solution.
19	Feb-24	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	TBA	With M Eddy for route	With Clir Eddy
20	Feb-25	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle Crossing the road danger due to blind bend and speed	Additional Signage	TBA	With KCC design	Picked up with DDC and awaiting their walking/cycling plan. Letter written to KCC supporting a 20mph zone. Speed survey taken over week in May 2025 results were within acceptable limits for 30mph zone but not low enough to support a 20mph zone.
21	Feb-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road -speeding	20MPH zone not possible as per KCC, Speeds within acceptable limits as per Kent safety partnership.	N/A	KCC contacted due to current avg speed they would not grant a TRO	Stretch of road has been reviewed recently by KCC. Quote from KCC about scope of improvements "However, this is something that can be placed on Walmer Town Council's Highway Improvement Plan for further discussion but with very little or no scope to widen the footway and there not being sufficient carriageway width to install a pedestrian refuge island, the only possibly feasible form of pedestrian crossing in this vicinity could be a pedestrian dropped kerb, and I am not sure that would be solving the issues being experienced." Members considered in Sept 2025.
22	Jun-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road - Paving Promenade outside of Adventure Golf - Cycling signage to warn of crossing	Ask KCC to review	N/A	KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	With Clerk to contact Sustrans
23	Sep-25		Ask KCC to review	£2,000	With Clerk to contact Sustrans	Members requested advice from Sustrans



New Items to be considered for HIP

1.

Location	Bottom of Salisbury Road
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Details of issue	<p>The issue is the area of Salisbury Road at the bottom of the hill between Balfour Road junction and the junction with Dover Road. Cars/vans/lorries park on both sides of the road on the straight part of this reducing the width of the lanes on both sides, this is causing the road to be backed up at times as it reduces the road to a single track. Where the larger vehicles are parked this is reducing the road to a point where you have concerns that emergency vehicles may not be able to pass.</p> <p>There are already double yellow lines as far as the entrance to Adamsons on both sides leaving 30m of the road up to the junction clear of parked cars. However the Salisbury road exit from the Esso Garage has very limited sightline to the right when exiting the garage due to parked cars.</p>
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Information from KCC or requirements	<p>Options to restrict parking are limited to double yellow lines or a residents only scheme. Residents only schemes are placed and enforced by Dover District Council and require resident input (the request does not come from a resident who uses this area to keep their car), these usually require that the majority of houses do not have driveways, which is not the case here.</p> <p>Double yellow lines will not limit the unloading of heavy items from delivery such as cars as there is a 40 minute permitted parking rule for this</p>
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Take forward to HIP	Yes	No
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2.

Location	Alleyways off Salisbury Road
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Details of issue
Lack of lighting making alleyways between Salisbury Road and Church Street and Dover Road, member of public feels that this makes them unsafe. Also a lack of maintenance of the hedges on the boundaries and mud on the pathway which is slippery when mud builds up on the path.

Information from KCC or requirements
Councils in the UK generally do not have a statutory duty to provide public lighting in alleyways or elsewhere. The provision of lighting is a discretionary power, not a mandatory requirement. Street lights will cost between £600 per unit up to £2000, depending on the style and access to a supply of electricity.
In terms of the maintenance none of Walmer Town Council, Dover District Council or Kent County Council have any powers to be able to require a entity to set a maintenance plan. The alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street is bordered on one side by the Cricket Club the land is owned by KCC but leased on a long term basis by the club. DDC are the authority responsible for street cleaning and clear the mud from the pathway.
Cutting has been completed on the alleyway between Meryl Gardens and Dover Road there are small sections of the alleyway that remain somewhat darker than ideal.
Alleyway between Church Street and Salisbury Road has now been reviewed by KCC Prow and the needs for work has been identified. Site will be visited once work has been carried out.

Take forward to HIP	Yes	No
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3.

Location	St Mary's Road
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Details of issue
The issue is that I am disabled and vehicle access to my house is via a long driveway. Access to my driveway is frequently or even permanently blocked by thoughtless parking in the road. I had requested that a disabled space be provided opposite my entrance but was told I could not have one as I don't own a car! Sometimes I have had to be carried up the drive in the rain and dark by female ambulance personnel because of lack of access. I need help to resolve this problem which has become worse in the past couple of months.

Information from KCC or requirements

DDC as the parking authority are responsible for limiting parking over driveways. Resident is already in contact with DDC and Cllr Murphy.

Take forward
to HIP

Yes

No

4.

Location

Belmont – pathway ED35

Details of issue

Lack of lighting in alleyway along with a step making a fall hazard at night.

Information from KCC or requirements

Councils in the UK generally do not have a statutory duty to provide public lighting in alleyways or elsewhere. The provision of lighting is a discretionary power, not a mandatory requirement. Street lights will cost between £600 per unit up to £2000, depending on the style and access to a supply of electricity.

Clerk has added an item to the KCC portal to make KCC aware of issue, current status is awaiting allocation.

Take forward
to HIP

Yes

No

5.

Location

Entrance to Admiralty Mews

Details of issue

Turning out of Admiralty Mews sightline to South is very limited. Previously there was a mirror attached to the telephone pole. This appears to have been put up without permission and BT will not grant permission for a replacement.

There are no other structures high enough to attach a mirror to.

Information from KCC or requirements

A highways mirror will only be given permission by KCC provided it meets certain requirements, this does not fulfil the requirements (eg mirrors are only considered on roads where the speed limit is 40mph or more). No option for residents to place a mirror on someone else's property as there are only low-lying walls opposite the entrance to Admiralty Mews which, would obscure the mirror behind a parked cars.

The visibility splays are below what a new development would be required to provide but are greater than those that are considered dangerous. KCC have been contacted by the resident's association and having looked at the area have not deemed action necessary.

The only way forward, would be double yellow lines across some of the spaces in the car parking bays to the south of the entrance. Car parking for residents and visitors in this area are already at a premium.

One way forward may be to ask DDC's parking officers to visit and see if they consider this to be dangerous.

Take forward
to HIP

Yes

No



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Disabled Access Survey for Walmer

In June 2022, Walmer Town Council with assistance from a representative of the Deal Speaking Up Group, prepared a report to Kent County Council about the state of disabled access points throughout Walmer. Over two days, numerous roads, corners and crossing areas were checked and noted as to where new access would be required. Since then, the survey data was added to the Kent Highways Improvement Plan, and during 2025/2026 several of these locations were confirmed for construction of new dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

These confirmed areas include new crossings, repairs or additional modifications to existing paving in the following areas:

1. 3 x new crossings and 1 x modifications between Cambridge Road and Granville Road
2. 1 x new crossing at Gothic Close entrance
3. 8 x new crossing between the junction of Kelvedon Road and Dover Road and the junction of Cambridge Road and Dover Road incorporating one in front of the closed gates at Jubilee Drive.
4. 1 x repairs to crossing at junction of Canada Road and Dover Road.
5. Crossroads at bottom of Court Road and Station Road.

This is a total of fifteen of the locations that were found and submitted to Kent County Council and authorised for construction, the repairs to the Canada Road Junction have already been completed, the thirteen others have been given authorisation.

Numerous other locations were identified and have not yet been authorised, the majority of these are throughout Upper Walmer as well as several in areas already authorised for works. One location currently authorised still requires more work as laid down in the original report.

1. 3 x crossings on Court Road
 2. 2 x crossings on Salisbury Road
 3. 1 x crossing on Dover Road
 4. 3 x crossings on Granville Road
 5. 1 x crossing on Kingsdown Road
 6. 1 x crossing and 1 x repairs on The Beach
 7. 4 x crossing on Station Road
 8. 1 x repairs on The Strand
1. 1 x pavements on Alexandra Road.

One of the more crucial works still needed is at the Borrow Pit toilets along on The Beach, the pathway still has no crossover from one to the other and the ramp/pathway that exists is not suitable for those who need to use it. Heavier wheelchairs such as electric chairs used by visitors are unable to get up and down the pathway without the risk of getting trapped and unable to move their wheelchairs. Given that the toilet at Borrow Pit is a dedicated disabled toilet, this pathway should be more accessible than it is.

An updated spreadsheet and map have also been included at the end of the report.

The Promenade

Repairs needed to Tactile Hazard Warning Paving and tarmac on path between Sea Café and Lifeboat House next to the plot sign. There is a report for this on the PROW portal and this is awaiting review.



There is no tactile paving on the path at the end of Walmer Green opposite the junction of The Strand and The Beach.



Wellington Parade- There is no drop curb on either side of the road, even though it is the end of a standard pavement along the promenade



Borrow Pit Toilets- No crossover from one path to another at the top, the ramp/path to the toilets from the top needs a complete rebuild due to loose earth and stone which has caused bogging down for heavier wheelchairs. The lip between the path and the ramp is too high to get over comfortably for wheelchairs and other wheeled vehicles.



Granville Road

Crossroads of Liverpool Road and Granville Road- No drop curbs, no blister paving, no way of crossing at all. This is also a somewhat busier road than many in the area and could be considered dangerous to those unable to cross quickly.



Willingdon Place- No crossing available unless people use drop curbs that service the driveways of local housing. No blister paving is evident on the crossings. There is a crossing 5m in to Willingdon Place with no blister paving.



Entrance to Marke Wood- Not suitably signposted, there are no warnings and no tactile or blister paving warning that there is an entrance, the right-hand side is a blind crossing due to a high hedge. This would be considered a driveway as it is a private road so pedestrians would have right of way over pathway.



Dover Road

Walmer Castle Road (Dover Road End) - No blister paving



Salisbury Road

Junction of Balfour and Salisbury Road- No crossing evident between the three main roads going through this area.



Meryl Gardens- No crossing between the pavements at the entrance into the road.



Court Road

Cricket Club Bus Stop- no crossing to it from either side, no drop curbs or blister paving



Church Street- Has no blister paving, broken/raised paving stones require repair



Menzies Avenue (Court Road End)-Needs crossing and possible road markings, only drop curb is too small and has vehicles parking in the way





Station Road

Menzies Avenue- Needs crossing and possible road markings, only drop curb is too small to use.



John Tapping Close -There is no crossing on this road, no drop kerbs or blister paving. Making this a difficult road to cross.



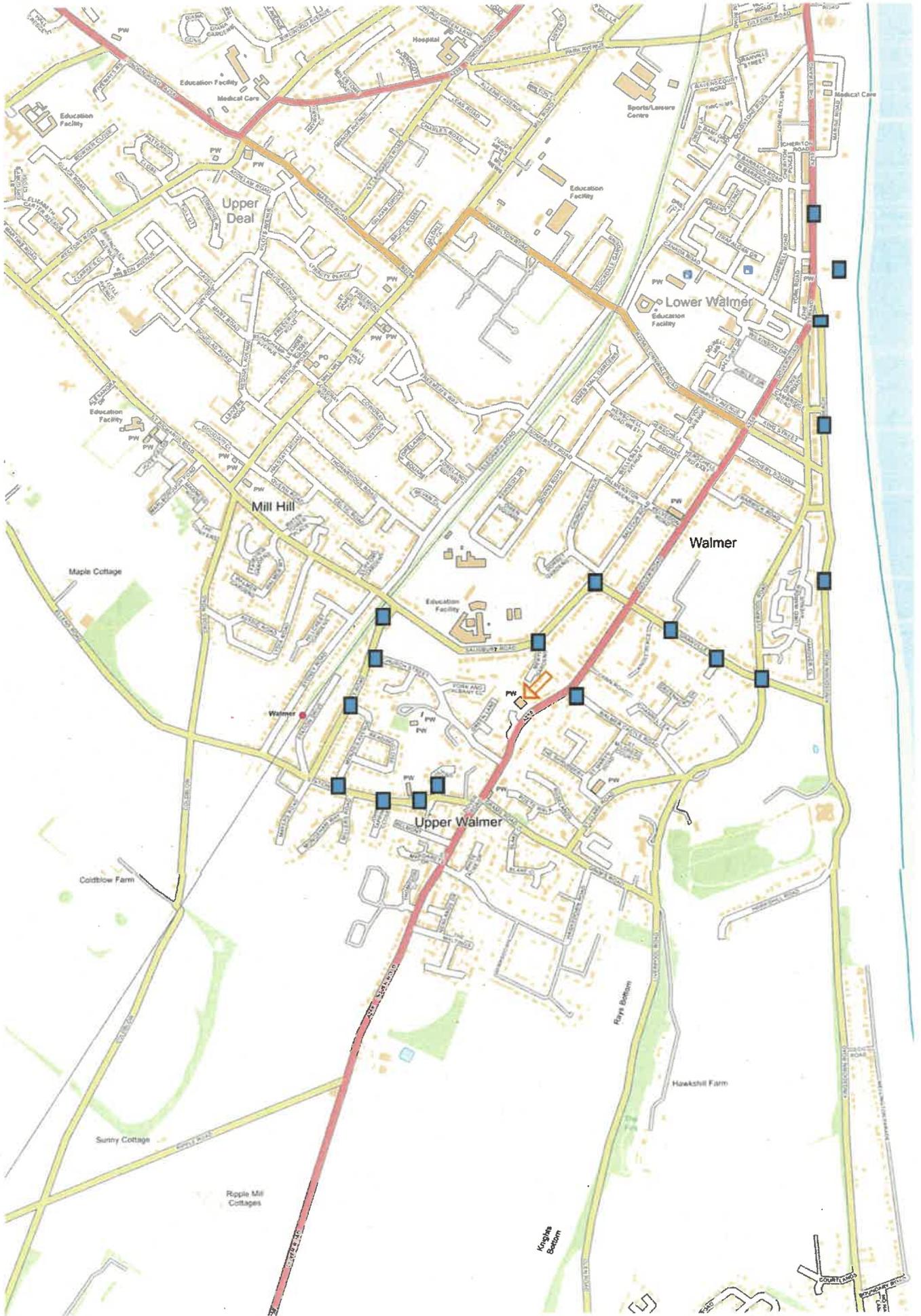
Junction/Roundabout on Station Road- No blister paving in evidence, repairs are needed to drop curbs.



Nevill Gardens- There is no crossing on this road, no drop kerbs or blister paving. Making this another difficult road to cross.



Location	Tactile Hazard	Repairs	Blister Paving	Drop Curbs	Blind Crossing	Pavements
Sea Café	x	x				
Alexandra Road						x
Wellington Parade	x		x	x		
Borrow Pit Toilets		x	x	x	x	x
Granville Road						x
Crossroads Liverpool Road	x	x	x	x		x
Willington Place			x	x		
Marke Wood	x		x	x	x	
Walmer Castle Road			x		x	
Salisbury Road		x	x	x	x	
Meryl Gardens			x	x		
Cricket Club Bus Stop	x	x	x	x		
Church Street		x	x			
Menzies Ave (Court Road)		x	x	x		
Menzies Ave (Station Road)			x	x		
John Tapping Close			x	x		
Station Road Junction		x	x			
Nevill Gardens			x	x	x	





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Date
18th December 2025
Contact
Tel 0330 303 0368

Dear Sir or Madam

**The Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Request for Information
EIR reference 3971**

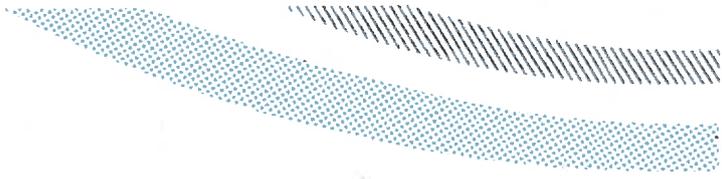
Thank you for your request for information which we received on 14th November 2025. We have dealt with your request under The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR 2004). This letter provides the response to your request, as follows:

- *Where are the sample points Southern water test from and how are these selected? Are these at outflow pipes?*
- *Where are the outflows along Deal/Walmer Beaches and how many of these are for sewage water pumping? Are all of the rest surface water outflows.*
- *Are there any new reservoirs coming to Kent? And if so where will these be?*
- *Is the Marke Wood SUDS still going ahead? Nick Mills should have information on this.*
- *On the two tests that were poor you mentioned one had been identified with Seagull DNA which was disputed can you confirm that this is the case and which outflow this was?*
- *How long after an release do southern Water test water quality?*
- *Members mentioned that Beach street near the Port Arms had been flooding since KCC had resurfaced the roads? Are Southern Water in contact with KCC about the issue?*

We can confirm that Southern Water does hold this type of information you have requested.

- *Where are the sample points Southern water test from and how are these selected? Are these at outflow pipes?*

The sample points Southern Water use are as follows:



Site	Location	Postcode
DEACS01	Outside HM Coastguard	CT14 6NG
DEACS02	Outside 141 Beach Street	CT14 6JS
DEACS03	Outside 73 Beach Street	CT14 6AZ
DEACS04	Outside 10 Beach street	CT14 7AH
DEACS05	Behind 1 Marine Road	CT14 7DN
DEACS06	On beach by The Lighthouse, 50 The Strand	CT14 7DX
DEACS07	On beach by Downs Sailing Club, The Strand	CT14 7DY
DEACS08	On beach by 56 Kingsdown Road	CT14 7LH

These sample points were chosen to be located at the outlet of surface water sewers, as well as to the north and south of the designated sampling point. Samplers are also asked to collect samples directly from any surface water outfalls that are flowing.

- *Where are the outflows along Deal/Walmer Beaches and how many of these are for sewage water pumping? Are all of the rest surface water outflows.*

The outfalls from the surface sewers are shown in the table above. No combined storm overflows discharge to these surface water sewers.

The outfall from Golf Road Deal overflow is around 360 meters offshore.

- *Are there any new reservoirs coming to Kent? And if so where will these be?*

Currently, there are no plans for any new reservoirs in Kent. However, our plans include the option of raising Bewl Water Reservoir by 0.4 meters, which would provide an additional 3 megalitres per day (M/D) in our eastern area. At present, this option is not expected to be required before 2061 at the earliest but it will be reviewed as part of Water resources Management Plan 2029 (WRMP29).

- *Is the Marke Wood SUDS still going ahead? Nick Mills should have information on this.*

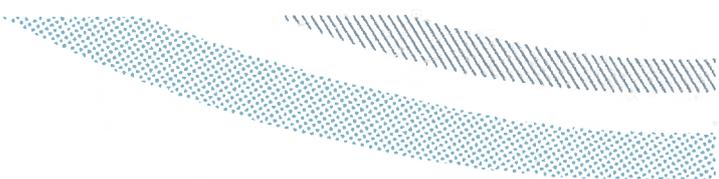
We have spoken to the relevant departments, and at this moment, although we have designed the scheme, there are no plans to proceed at this stage as Deal is not in our overflow reduction programme.

- *On the two tests that were poor you mentioned one had been identified with Seagull DNA which was disputed can you confirm that this is the case and which outflow this was?*

We can confirm that two samples were taken and showed to have high concentrations of seagull markers, while no human DNA markers were evident. Human Bacteroidetes were present but at a concentration below the detection limit. These were sampled from beach locations and were not associated with particular outfalls.

- *How long after an release do southern Water test water quality?*

The use of storm overflows are permitted and regulated by the Environmental Agency (EA). The EA set the permits for each site. There is no requirement set by the regulator to sample after every release. However, if we suspect any unusual activity then we would sample immediately and for a period of time after the event.

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- *Members mentioned that Beach street near the Port Arms had been flooding since KCC had resurfaced the roads? Are Southern Water in contact with KCC about the issue?*

We have checked our records and can confirm we have received no reports of flooding near the Port Arms. Earlier this year, we attended the area for a leaking stop tap, which caused water on the road, but this was resolved. We have not had any contact with Kent County Council regarding flooding at this location.

We are entitled to make a reasonable charge for information provided under the Regulations. Details of our charging scheme can be found on our website: <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life/protecting-the-environment/environmental-information>. In this case we have decided to waive our charge.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within forty working days of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to Head of Legal, Southern Water Services Ltd, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3NX or you can email EIR.Internal.Review@southernwater.co.uk.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply, without charge, to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether Southern Water has complied with its obligations under the Regulations, and can require Southern Water to remedy any problems. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Regulations in general, on the Information Commissioner's website at: www.ico.org.uk. Complaints to the Information Commissioner can be made via the "report a concern" section of the Information Commissioner's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

EIR Officer

Attach 7



**Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government**

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
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Our reference: MC2026/00977

Cllr M Eddy
Chairman, Amenities and Environment
Committee
Walmer Town Council

28th January 2026

Dear *Councillor Eddy*

Thank you for your letter of 8 January regarding the role of water companies in the planning process. I have been asked to reply. I am grateful to you for sharing your views on this important matter, and I appreciate your strength of feeling.

The Government already encourages water companies and other infrastructure providers to work proactively with local planning authorities to identify where supporting infrastructure will be required to meet the demands of new development.

We will consider the role of water and sewerage companies in relation to planning applications, as we consider responses to the current consultation on reform of statutory consultees, which includes proposed criteria for the adoption of any new statutory consultee. A decision will follow in due course. I have shared your comments with the relevant policy teams for their information. You can find further information about the consultation here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforms-to-the-statutory-consultee-system/reforms-to-the-statutory-consultee-system>.

As stated, the Independent Water Commission has now published its final report setting out recommendations to reform the water sector in England and Wales, and the Government will respond early this year.

The Government also intends to list water and sewerage companies as consultation bodies for the new plan-making system, so they will be made aware of key plan-making consultations where the plan-making authority consider they have an interest.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government



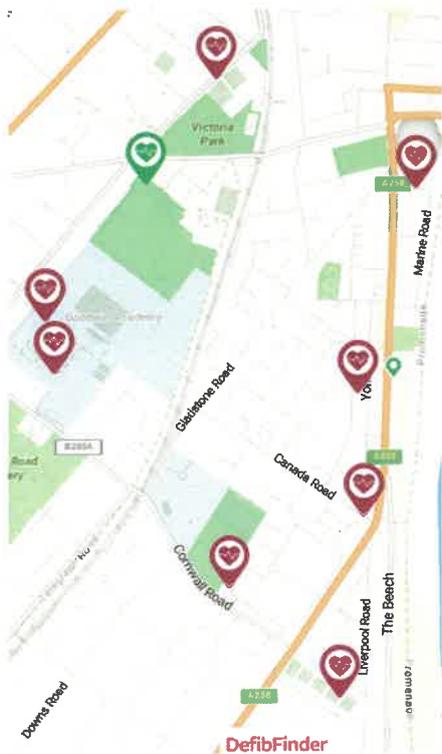
Item: Defibrillators.
 Date: 21/1/26.
 Meeting: February 2026 A&E.
 From: Roland Aldred.

At the December 2025 meeting of the Amenities and Environment Committee, members requested that the Clerk bring a report in to the location and availability of the defibrillators within Walmer.

There are two main online assets when registering and locating defibrillators.

www.defibfinder.uk

Used to locate the nearest defibrillator to you it uses your location to pinpoint the nearest defibrillators to you. You can click on the defibrillator to find out further information about exact address and the times of availability. The information on this site is fed by The Circuit (see below). When accessing this website, the first box to appear is one to say "This website is used to locate defibrillators, but is not intended for us in an emergency. If you require urgent medical assistance, call 999 now." There is a button to click before you can go any further for continuing to view the map.



Tides Leisure Centre
 Available times Varied
Available Now

Defibrillator address
 TIDES LEISURE CENTRE, PARK AVE, DEAL, CT14 9UU

Available Times

Monday	06:30 - 21:30
Tuesday	06:30 - 21:30
Wednesday	06:30 - 21:30
Thursday	06:30 - 20:30
Friday	06:30 - 20:30
Saturday	07:30 - 17:30
Sunday	07:30 - 17:30

www.thecircuit.uk

The Circuit is the national defibrillator network used by all 14 ambulance services across the UK. It enables ambulance services to locate the nearest defibrillator when 999 is called. All defibrillator units should be registered on this portal. The Circuit sends reminders to check their defibrillator, to ensure it is emergency ready. It is important the status checks are registered on The Circuit., if needed. If a defibrillator is not registered on The Circuit it will not appear to the ambulance service.

There are no maps to the nearest defibrillator available to public on this site instead this site feeds Defibfinder (there may be further resources available through The Circuit to medical professionals that I cannot see). The Circuit is where you register your defibrillator and update the maintenance records.

Further information

Other sites exist that appear to offer locations to the nearest defibrillator, the majority of these when the link is clicked to "find my nearest defibrillator" link to www.defibfinder.uk some of those who sell defibrillators link to a map showing the defibrillators they have installed.

WTC's Defibrillator

Hopkins+ look after the Walmer Town Council defibrillator located at the lifeboat station on Walmer Green. They carry out the regular maintenance and checks required, including replacing batteries and incidentals within the cabinet.

In investigating, the office contacted Hopkins+ who stated "Walmer and Deal I always hold up as how I wish every town and Parish were covered. You have many, many defibrillators available. Some managed by us, some not, some available, some not. That last statement 'some not' is important for the council to understand.

Here's why. In the image below lets take the example of Tesco Express. It's availability is varied depending on opening times of the shop. Producing a list of local AED's can be misleading of people were to follow that and they could end up running to a location that is closed. Another example of an AED not being available is if it had been used. Imagine in an emergency using an APP or council produced list and running to a nearby location that the AED is not available because it had been recently used. Think of the frustration and potential ramifications.

In the event of an emergency, you must call 999 or 112. Their system, whereby The Circuit is one data conduit in their database, will enable the 999-call handler to send the call taker to the closest and available defibrillator. Interestingly we have had a number of incidents (plural) in Deal whereby someone with 'local knowledge' has run to fetch the defibrillator from further afield when there were closer ones at hand."

A table of the locations of the defibrillator sites identifying those available with no time restraints or barriers will be passed out on the night for members to review. A map of these locations A3 sized will be provided at the meeting.

Members to decide on next actions.

Location	Address	Times Available	Freely Accessible	Maintained
Cedars Surgery	24 Marine Road, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7DN	Mon-Friday 09.00-17.00	No - inside building	Yes
Royal Marine Club	37 The Strand Walmer, Deal, CT14 7DX	Tues+Wed 12.00-14.00 and 19.00-23.00. Fri+Sat 12.00-23.00. Sun 12.00-19.00.	No - inside building	Yes
The lifeboat Station	The Strand Walmer, Deal, CT14 7DY	24/7	Yes	Yes
South Barracks	Flat 1, Ramsey House, Haliday Drive, Walmer, Deal CT14 7QP	24/7	No - inside building	No one to contact.
Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club	Pavilion Walmer Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Archery Square, Walmer, CT14 7HP	24/7	Yes	No
Walmer Baptist Church	2 Kelvedon Road, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7HX	24/7	Yes	Yes
Walmer Castle	Kingsdown Road, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7LJ	Mon-Sun 08.00-18.00	No - inside grounds	Yes
Walmer Castle (second defib)	Kingsdown Road, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7LJ	Mon-Sun 09.00-17.00	No - inside grounds	Yes
Elizabeth House	Walmer Parish Churches, Elizabeth House, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7QA	24/7	Yes	No
The Downs School	The Downs C of E Primary School, Owen Square, Walmer, CT14 7TL	Term Time only Mon-Fri 08.00-17.00	No - inside grounds	Yes
The Beacon School	The Beacon School, Salsbury Road, Walmer, CT14 7QJ	No availability published. Times from 08:30 – 15:30. Mon – Fri Term time	No - inside grounds	Yes
Walmer Train Station	Walmer Railway Station, Station Drive, Walmer, CT14 7RN	24/7	Yes	Yes

On Walmers Border

Victoria Park Bowling Club	Victoria Park Bowling Club, Mill Road, Deal, CT14 9AB	24/7	Await info	Await info
Tides Leisure Centre	TIDES LEISURE CENTRE, PARK AVE, DEAL, CT14 9UU	Mon-Wed 06.30-21.30. Thur+Fri 06.30-20.30.Sat+Sun 07.30-17.30	No - inside building	Yes
Goodwin Academy	Goodwin Academy, Hamilton Road, Deal, CT14 9BD	Term Time only Mon-Fri 08.00-16.00	No - inside grounds	Await info
Location	Address	Times Available	Freely Accessible	Maintained
Goodwin Academy (second defib)	Goodwin Academy, Hamilton Road, Deal, CT14 9BD	Term Time only Mon-Fri 08.00-16.00	No - inside grounds	Await info
Telegraph Road Allotments	Allotment Gardens, Telegraph Road, Deal, CT14 9DE	24/7	No - inside grounds	Await info
Dosset Court	Court Managers Office, Dossett Court, Deal, CT14 9SU	24/7	Await info	Await info



Item: **Pesticide Reduction in Campbell Road Allotments**

Date: **19th February 2026**

Meeting: **A&E**

From: **Admin Clerk**

With the Climate Emergency Working Group's drive to eliminate the use of pesticides in the local area, it was noted that while there is an entry in the Allotment Tenancy Agreements about the use of pesticides, that it could be made clearer. This change would indicate that the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers would be banned from the allotments completely.

In January 2025, Deal Town Council's Finance & General purposes committee passed a resolution not to allow chemical herbicides/pesticides in Deal allotments in Attachment 4, page 18 of the link below.

https://www.deal.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Agendas/190012-FGPAgenda_21_Jan_25_combined.pdf

During a meeting on 28th November 2025 between Deal and Walmer Town Councils and the national policy advisor of Pesticide Action Network, informed the councils about harmful effects that chemical pesticides and herbicides have on the health of humans and wildlife.

There are however a number of advantages and disadvantages regarding the banning of pesticides from the council allotments, these can include:

Pros of Banning Pesticides

- **Improved Health:** Banning pesticides has been known to significantly reduce health issues., with chemical pesticides and herbicides having harmful effects on humans and wildlife.
- **Environmental Protection:** Pesticides contaminate air, soil, and water sources, harming non-target organisms crucial to ecosystem health.
- **Biodiversity Restoration:** Bans help protect smaller creatures as well as the land itself including:
 - **Pollinators**
 - **Aquatic and Wildlife**
 - **Soil Health**
- **Reduced cleanup:** Removing pesticide use allows for the reduction of clean up in the surrounding soil.

Cons of Banning Pesticides

- **Increased Costs:** More natural additives may cost more than chemical additives.
- **Enforcement Challenges:** Ensuring compliance can be difficult and will mostly be limited to the honesty of the allotment holders.

Please note below resolution from CEWG meeting of 29 Jan 2026.

RESOLVED- Admin to use the National Allotment Society's 'Keep your allotment wildlife friendly' information to write new additions to the Allotment terms and conditions and to adhere to the standards of the NAS.

Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded by: Cllr Findley

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to write new rules for the T&Cs against use of chemical herbicides / pesticides and inform the allotment holders when they are sent out.

Recommendation: That the following entry replace the already existing entry under the same name in the tenancy agreement:

Be environmentally aware –

- All chemical pesticides, weedkillers, fertilizers or any other chemically active materials have been banned from the allotments.
- Use natural non-peat alternatives when tending to your plot.
- Encourage local biodiversity whenever possible, without causing nuisance to others.
- Irrigate crops using rainwater where suitable and minimise the use of tap water.
- Encourage pollinators where possible.

A&E Committee to decide whether to go forward.



Item: Allotment pricing.
Date: 20/01/26.
Meeting: Amenities and Environment Feb 2026.
From: Roland Aldred.

Current wait list is:
Current occupancy: 100%

Cost of allotments 2025/26: £2000 (estimated expected cost)
Income: £2640 (projected)

Further work on the fencing on the side of the bank Campbell road side is likely to need to be completed in the next few years due to erosion. Work to clear the wall of ivy will need to be regularly carried out

Three years ago Walmer Town Council amended the pricing to be inline with Deal Town Council. Previously allotments were set as either large or small and a fixed price was allocated to the size, under the new pricing a price per meter was set and all allotments were re-measured and priced accordingly.

Last year prices were 48p per meter in line with the cost of Deal Town Councils allotments. Deal Town Council is holding it's pricing for 2026/27.

We also offer for £5 per year membership to the SWCAA for £5 per year (cost price) with this allotment holders are given membership to the SWCAA who are a national support group who offer advice, provide a quarterly newsletter and include insurance of the plot. We believe this price will be held although we are awaiting the pricing being set.

Recommendation

To hold the pricing for the allotments for the 2026/27 year.

Members to decide



Item: DDC Accessible Beach Project.
Date: 11/02/26.
Meeting: Feb 2026 Amenities and Environment.
From: Roland Aldred.

As you are aware following Cllr Vinson's update at the January Full Council meeting Dover District Council are looking to construct an accessible beach area for wheelchair users.

Below are the comments from DDC officers about what they are looking to achieve and reasons behind this.

"You may have already heard but the council is looking to improve wheelchair access onto the beach following requests from local members of the public. Consequently, I attach the above proposal that looks to install the boardwalk opposite Marine Road just past the paddling pool and Hut 55. The reason for this location is mainly for the access and parking on Marine Road, which can incorporate further blue badge parking if deemed successful. The beach also remains at its widest point being unaffected by winter storms which allows good opportunity for improved access to the beach and an area where wheelchair users can rest and enjoy the extended coastal viewpoints.

The Councils coastal budget is looking to provide as much access as feasible and so with the attached engineering solution the design can reach 45m off the promenade. However, the Council is keen to enhance the area further with some indigenous low maintenance coastal planting beds, timber wind breaks and benching possibly (plan attached). I appreciate this sits close to your boundary lines, but I think members would agree to see the full potential of this project and so I would appreciate it if you would share this with your members and see if each Council would be willing to make a small contribution? I have estimated the enhancements to be approximately £10k total and so if each Council could consider a £5k contribution it could make all the difference.

If you could let me have your thoughts and what members think by end of February that would be great as the council is looking to go out to tender in March."

Dover District Council officers have been made aware that this would need to be discussed at the full council meeting in March.

Currently there are no standards or guidelines in place for beach accessibility other than where possible access should be provided. The Beach Access Project (<https://beachaccessproject.co.uk/>) are working to get government guidelines put in place to around accessibility to beaches. The clerk made contact with Will Behnna who set up the Beach Access project, the ideal circumstance is always to have access to the water from the accessibility project. This will depend on the topography and geography of the beach as to

whether or not this is realistic. Will's view on Walmer beach without having visited was that it sounded unlikely to be a realistic target given the steep banking and movement of beach material. The basic requirements according to the Beach Access project are:

- Accessible Toilets – Served by Marine Road.
- Disabled car parking spaces – suggested by DDC to be installed as part of the project.
- A flat wood or composite Surface – provided by the project.
- Changing facilities where access to the water is provided – no access to water is provided.

Additional features that could be considered included

- Shelter from sun
- Beach wheelchairs
- Pop up gazebo changing areas

Some pictures of other beach access project on shingle across the country

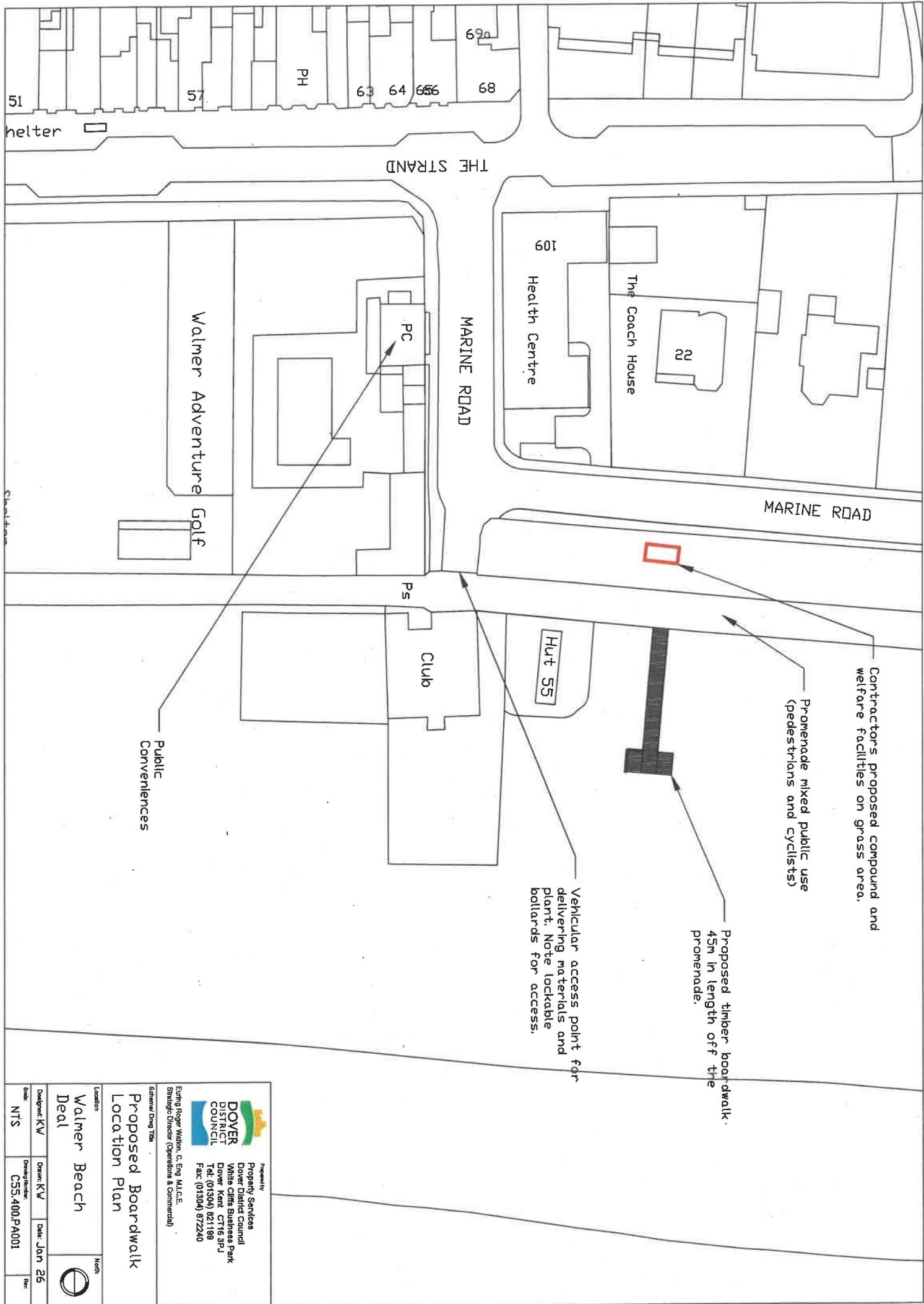


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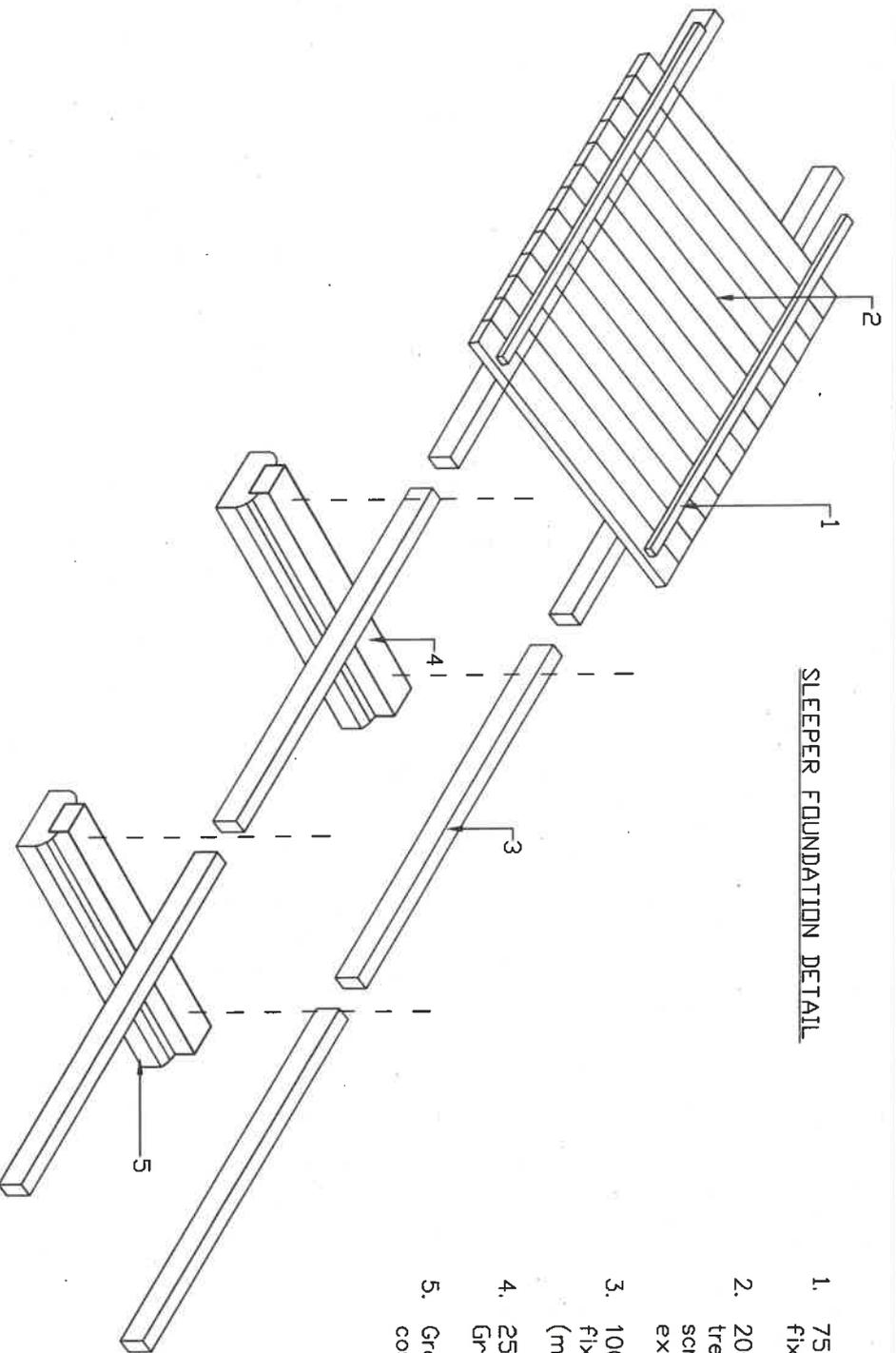


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Members to decide on recommendations to make to Full Council in terms of response to the consultation and the request for funding.



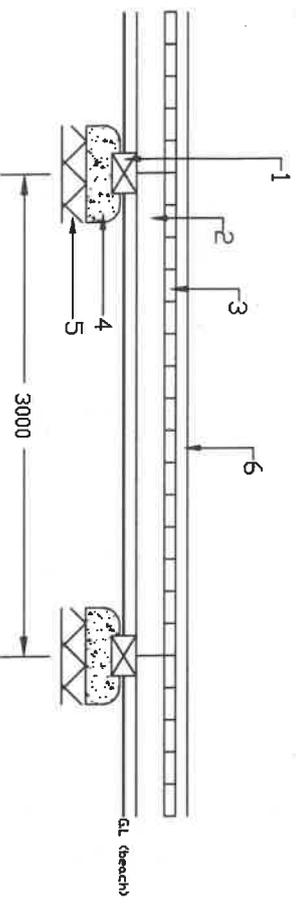
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<p>Schematic Drawing Title Proposed Boardwalk Location Plan</p>		<p>Location Walmer Beach Deal</p>
<p>Drawn: KV</p>	<p>Date: Jan 26</p>	<p>North</p> 
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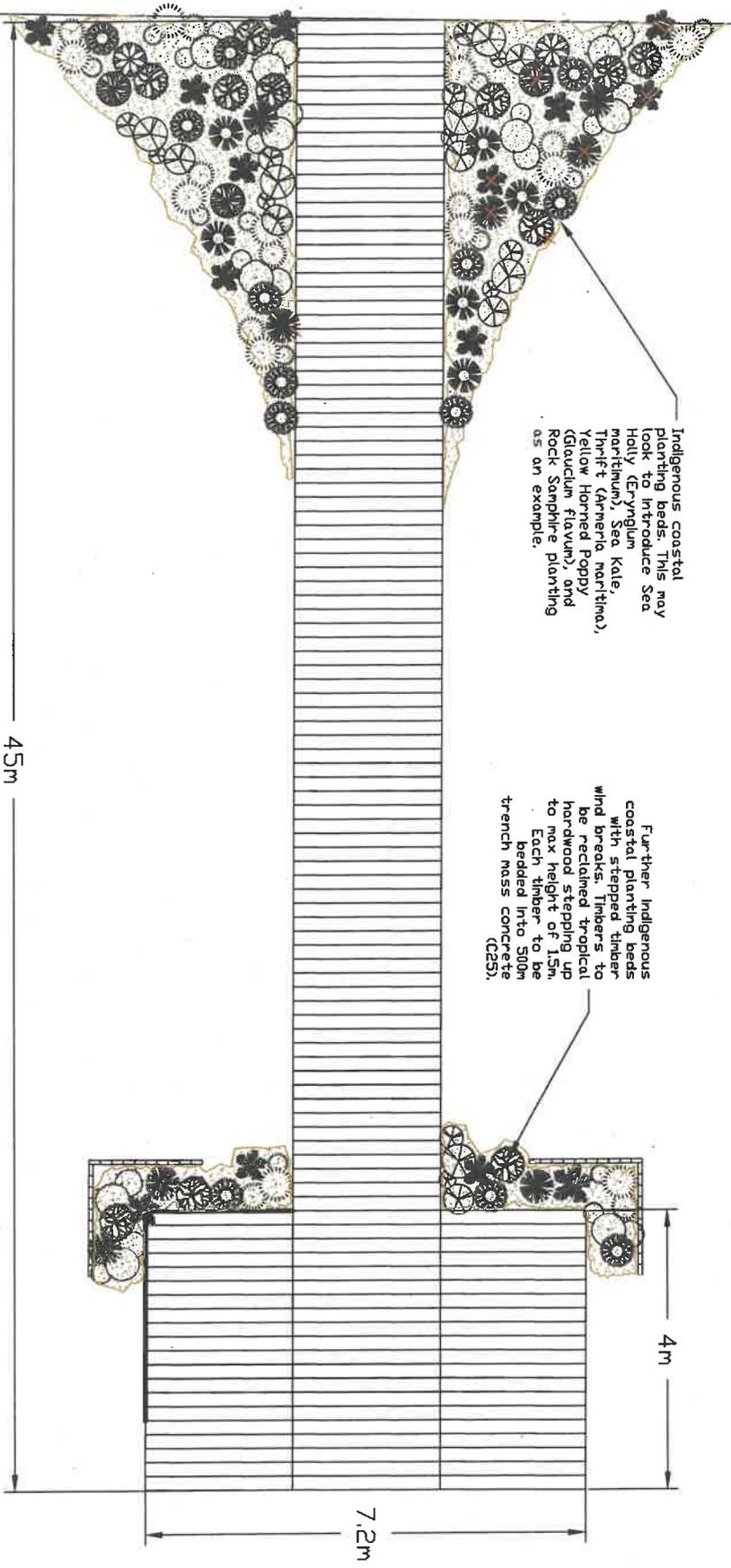
1. 75 x 50mm HCL treated timber edging strips fixed to decking with stainless steel screws.
2. 200 x 75 x 2400mm HCL Treated timber decking treads fixed to sleeper joists with stainless steel screws. Allow 5-8mm between each board for expansion.
3. 100 x 175mm treated Greenheart timber joists fixed internally with stainless steel coach screws (m12) & Galvanised truss clips.
4. 250 x 150 x 2000mm treated reclaimed Greenheart sleepers.
5. Greenheart sleepers to be haunched in C25 concrete 600mm mass trench fill.

SLEEPER FOUNDATION SECTION DETAIL



1. 17 number of 250 x 150 x 2000mm treated reclaimed Greenheart sleepers.
2. 34 number of 100 x 175 x 3000mm treated Greenheart joists fixed internally with stainless steel coach screws (m12) & Galvanised truss clips.
3. 220 number of 200 x 75 x 2400mm HCL Treated timber treads fixed to sleeper joists with SS Screws.
4. Joists laid on haunched C25 mass concrete 600mm wide trench.
5. Concrete haunching to be laid on 150mm compacted type 1 to form sub base.
6. 75 x 50mm treat HCL treat timber to form edging strips. Fixed to decking with stainless steel screws.

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Indigenous coastal planting beds. This may look to introduce Sea Holly (*Eryngium maritimum*), Sea Kale, Thrift (*Armeria maritima*), Yellow Horned Poppy (*Glaucium flavum*), and Rock Samphire planting as an example.

Further indigenous coastal planting beds with stepped timber wind breaks. Timbers to be reclaimed tropical hardwood stepping up to max height of 15m. Each timber to be bedded into 500m trench moss concrete (C25).

Sea Kale



Sea Holly



Yellow Horned Poppy



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