

Anchorage Park Coastal Defence Scheme

Construction Phase Exhibition Event - Report



Summary

A public exhibition event was held at Anchorage Lodge on 7th September 2015, to give residents of Anchorage Park the opportunity to find out more about the progress of the coastal defence improvement work taking place in their area. Information was shown on a series of posters and a range of photos and videos from behind the scenes were displayed on a screen, showing the work taking place.

The Exhibition Event

The drop-in event was held from 12pm – 8pm, to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend. It was widely advertised with every house at Anchorage Park receiving a flyer and the houses closest to the work being given an update and reminder letter a few days before the exhibition. Posters were displayed at various locations around Anchorage Park including an A1 display outside Anchorage Lodge. The project has a specific Facebook page and information was posted both on there and the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP) Twitter feed.

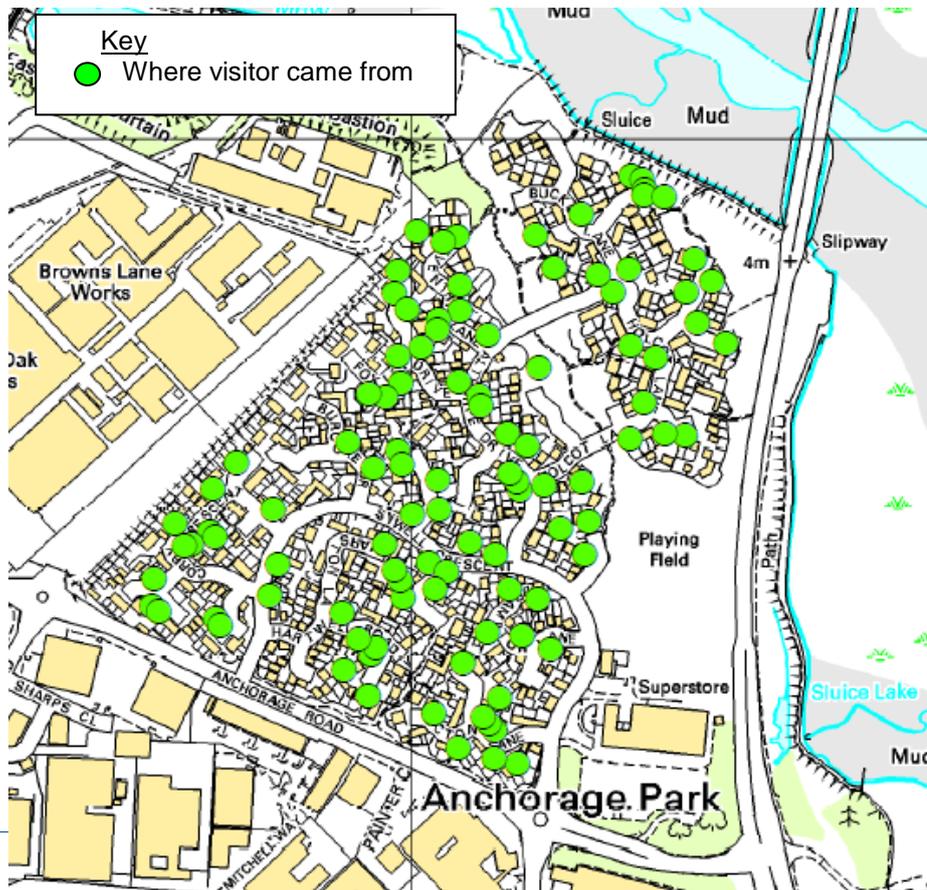
Over 150 people came to the exhibition. On arrival each visitor was given an information leaflet and a feedback form to fill in. They also marked on a map where they had come from. The spread of visitors is shown in Figure 1 below. As well as those from Anchorage Park there were a number of visitors from elsewhere in Portsmouth, including Tudor Sailing Club, Gatcombe Park and Southsea. Free refreshments were provided and the project team were on hand to answer any queries. There was a ‘touch and feel’ table with a range of construction materials being used (see photo 2). The national award was also displayed for people to see, with an information page explaining what the award is for and why the project won it.

The project team received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the public. A sample of the comments received on the feedback form is shown in Table 1. The detailed results are shown in the graphic below. 100% of respondents said that they understand why the work is being done and 100% said that they support the scheme, with 90% showing strong support.

Table 1: A sample of comments received from the public

Absolutely first class job delivered by the whole project team, from the humblest gate men to the management. Well done to all!
Very informative exhibition, clearly aimed at the general public
Excellent service. Very polite workers, always helpful. The work being done I feel will be very beneficial to Anchorage Park. Well Done!
Highly impressed with the project and how it's being done. Very informative exhibition.
I feel measures introduced to limit inconvenience to public have been well thought out and effective
We have been very impressed with the care that has been taken whilst work is carried out
I think the visual appearance of the coastline as you come along the Eastern Road is much improved due to the rock chosen. Once the pathways and landscaping have been completed, we are looking forward to seeing the change and walking along the new coastline.

Figure 1: Map of where visitors came from





Feedback form results

Anchorage Park Consultation Feedback

HOW did you HEAR about the EXHIBITION?



What is your INTEREST in the SCHEME?



92% were Anchorage Park residents

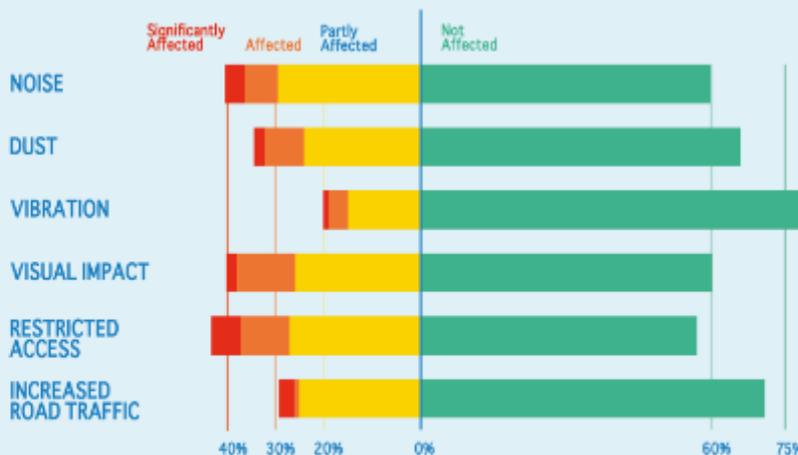


100% of people UNDERSTAND WHY the construction work is HAPPENING

100% of people SUPPORT the NEWcoastal DEFENCES

with nearly **90%** STRONGLY supporting them

HOW have YOU been AFFECTED by the WORK?





HOW has the INFORMATION about the SCHEME been?

79% said **VERY COMPREHENSIVE**

the remaining **21%** said it was **ABOUT RIGHT**

and

97% of people said that **CORRESPONDENCE** from the **PROJECT TEAM** was **JUST RIGHT**

77% of **PEOPLE** are **INTERESTED** in having a **GUIDED TOUR** of the **NEW DEFENCES**

64% of **PEOPLE** knew about the **TWICE** weekly **DROP-IN** at the site office



Working together - protecting our coastline



Photographs of the exhibition



Photo 1: Advertising outside the exhibition



Photo 2: 'Touch and feel' table



Photo 3: Visitors at the exhibition



Photo 4: Visitors filling in feedback form and viewing exhibition information