

## **Access across open ground between Sovereign Harbour Esplanade and Eastbourne Seafront September 2017**

For over 10 years we have been removing surplus shingle from the beach immediately south of the harbour entrance and bypassing it round to the North Harbour beach. Throughout this time there has been sufficient space to allow dog walkers and other pedestrians to cross Site 1, as the link between Eastbourne Seafront and Sovereign Harbour esplanade, at the same time as lorries and other machines were working.

Site 1 is the open land east of Martinique Way, extending out to Martello Tower No.66 at the end of the breakwater, and back to the twin roundabouts at the end of Prince William Parade.

Now that a large portion of this development area has been fenced off, and building work has started, space has been dramatically reduced, particularly near the two roundabouts.

In order to let beach works continue, and to keep the public safe, we will in future need to segregate pedestrians from areas where machines are working.

There is a simple alternative route using existing footpaths along Martinique Way, which is no longer than the existing route, although it does not have a view of the sea.

When work is in progress barriers will be erected at the end of both the seafront and the esplanade, with signs indicating where the diversion can be accessed.

Because the work takes place in winter, starting and finishing in the dark, fencing will be left in place overnight during the week. If however work is in March, when there are lighter evenings, then fencing can be opened in the evening once lorries have finished for the day.

It is worth emphasising that;

- measures described are temporary and will only be implemented when shingle is being moved
- no work is allowed between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> October each year
- barriers will only be in place from Monday morning to Friday afternoon in any given week
- on average, works are required for three weeks each winter, so 15 working days
- work is only required when shingle builds up against the harbour, so in calm winters less than three weeks has been necessary. In the worst winters, it has been more.
- shingle needs to be removed from the beach as it arrives otherwise it finds its way into the Outer Harbour, from where it takes much longer for it to be removed

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Signage  
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