

## Progress Update

Autumn is here and we are delighted to report that all planned work for this year has been completed on time.

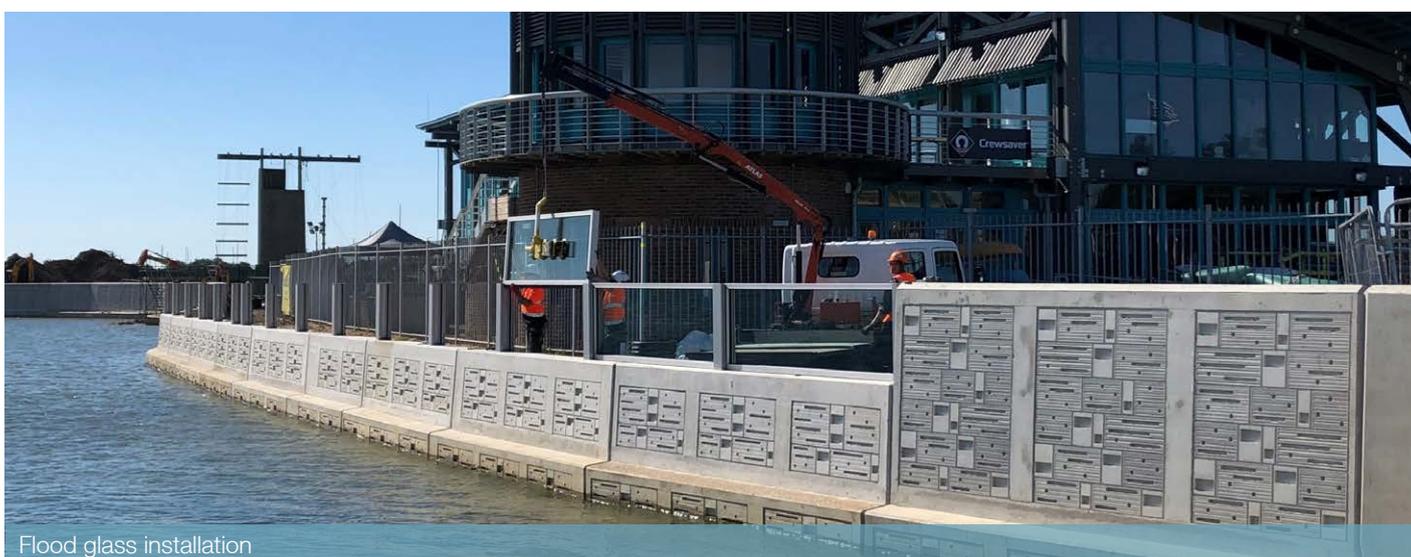
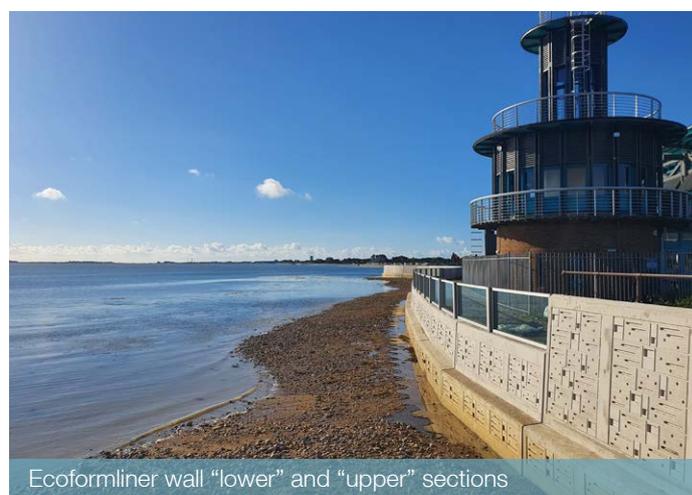
Despite a challenging year with ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in place, Brexit and even the Suez Canal blockage affecting some of our material deliveries, the team was able to successfully finish this year of coastal defence work to schedule before the winter break.

We are fortunate that Langstone Harbour is an extremely special natural area and as part of the Solent one of the most important coastal zones in the UK - providing a nationally and internationally recognised and protected overwintering zone for waders, ducks and geese. The Solent supports 30% of the UK Brent Geese population overwinter and to ensure our scheme does not cause any unnecessary disturbance to these and all other coastal birds in Langstone Harbour, all construction works stop over winter, starting again in the spring.

Whilst pausing all work close to the sea, some landscaping work will still be conducted in the area around the sailing club.

Over the past few months we:

- Carried out final concrete pours and completed work to the two now improved slipways, at the Tudor Sailing Club and the Andrew Simpson Centre. Both slipways are now reopened for use;
- Continued work on the wall to the south of the slipways, which included finishing the concrete work to form the “lower” and “upper” concrete walls with eco-formliner to encourage marine life to colonise;
- Successfully installed the first sections of glass flood wall, where individual glass sections were slotted in between two upright aluminium posts attached to the concrete wall. Weighing in at around 350kg each, they were lifted in position using a truck mounted crane with a vacuum lifter.



## What's Next?

The path along the coast between the Andrew Simpson Centre and the Langstone Harbour Viewing Car Park will remain closed and a diversion is in place (see map left). The new path (shown in blue) has been reopened.

Next year will see the construction of the coastal defence wall at Harbourside Park, including more areas where flood glass will be used. We will also be installing new and improved seating areas, view points and paths as part of the scheme. Over the next two years we will install the environmental enhancements that are planned: a new offshore high tide roost site (bird island), tidal pools within the seawall base and bee posts along the path to name a few.

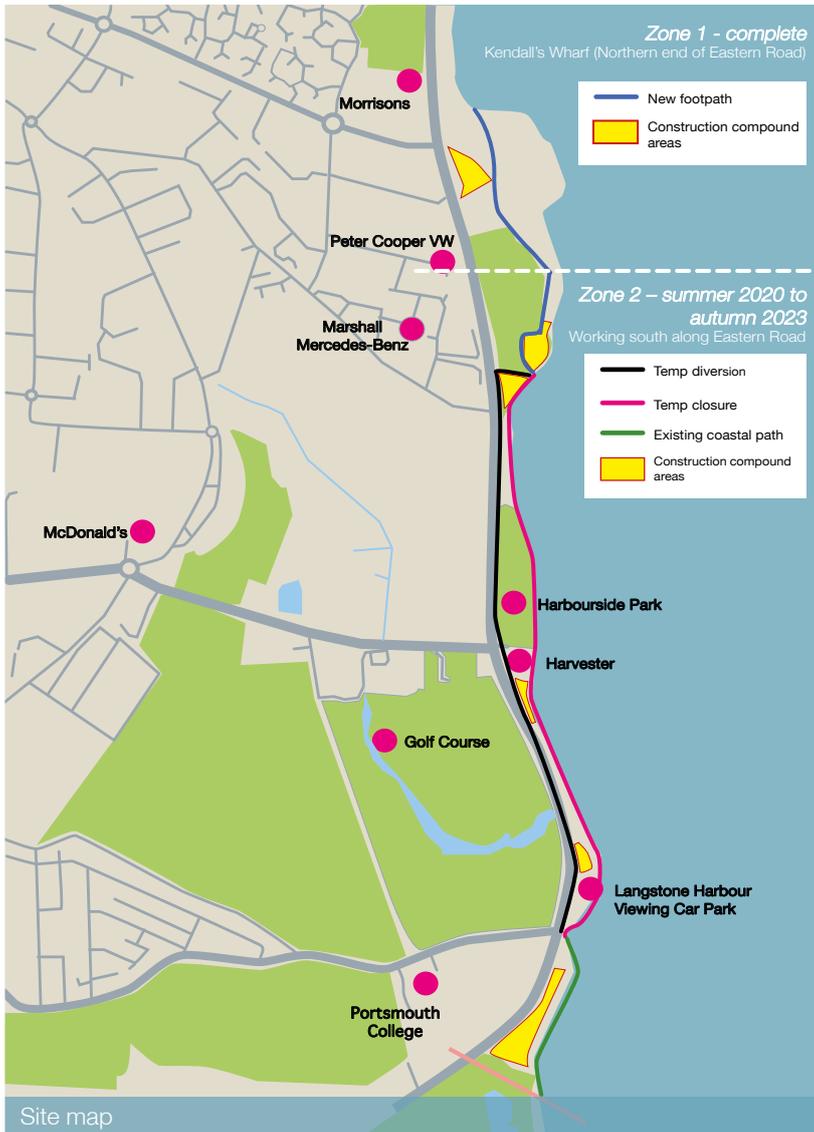
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