

Title of Report:	Whiterocks Coastal Erosion Works by Royal Portrush Golf Club
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 February 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed in Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets Promote our tourism offer locally and internationally Prosperity, Health and Wellbeing and Cohesive Community.
Outcome	Improved access to our natural environment. Development of visitor economy and health and wellbeing opportunities.
Lead Officer	Head of Service – Tourism & Recreation Coast & Countryside Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present to Elected Members a request from Royal Portrush Golf Club to use the lower car park at Whiterocks Coastal Park as a site compound and to access the beach to undertake the construction of additional rock armour on Curren Strand / Whiterocks Beach.

2.0 Background

Staff from Tourism & Recreation have been in discussions with Royal Portrush Golf Club with respect to the construction of twenty metres of additional rock armour along the beach at Whiterocks. These coastal protection works have been deemed necessary to offer further protection to the dune land from coastal erosion in proximity to the 5th hole and 6th tee.

Royal Portrush Golf Club has obtained all necessary permissions to undertake these works and has submitted a Request to Use Application to Land & Property for the site compound and beach access.

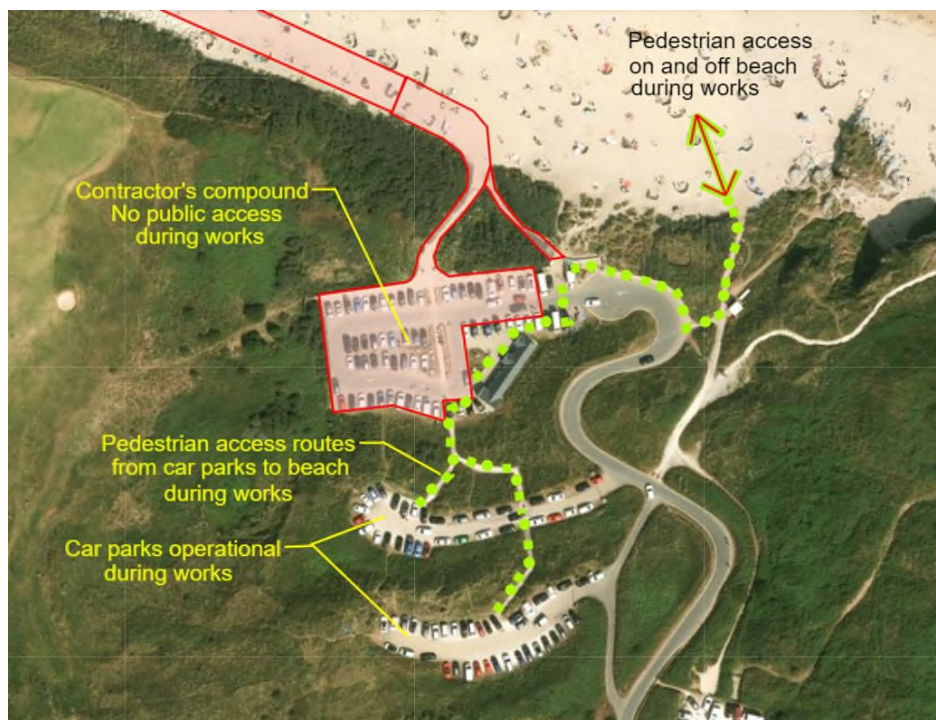
3.0 Proposal

The contractor working on behalf of Royal Portrush Golf Club requires access to the beach to draw sufficient stone to extend the existing rock armour. Material will be brought to site, stored in the site compound and then be drawn onto the beach.

The site compound and a corridor onto the working area on the beach will be fenced off from the 12th February – 10th March 2024. Visitors will continue to be able to access the beach, the toilets and the other car parks within the site.

A window to undertake these works has been identified in February 2024 when the tides are most favourable. The works will be complete within a three-week window in advance of St Patrick's Day and the Easter holidays.

Signage to advise beach users has been installed in advance of the works. Royal Portrush has agreed to inform households on Strand Avenue / Whiterocks in advance of the works. Council approval has been provided under the scheme of delegation, through the Land and Property department. The ariel image below details the contractors compound layout and the temporary pedestrian access route on and off the beach.



Pre and post site inspections will be undertaken through Coast & Countryside and Estates with additional site meetings as required.