

# SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP

## OCTOBER 2025



<b>10:00</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>10:05</b>	<b>1. Adaptation Manager Review</b>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>2. Partnership Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Concerns</li> <li>ii. Purpose</li> </ul>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<i>...cont</i> <b>2. Partnership Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. What now?</li> <li>iv. Projects</li> <li>v. Next steps</li> </ul>
<b>11:45</b>	<b>3. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Monument</li> <li>ii. Winter Preparedness</li> </ul>
<b>11:50</b>	<b>4. AOB</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>

# ADAPTATION MANGER REVIEW

- **Member and community meetings**
  - Understanding of range of views
  - Identification of knowledge gaps
  - Building partnerships with external stakeholders
- **ICE Coastal Management Conference**
  - Contextualising the Slapton Line Challenge
- **Inland Road Network Meeting**
  - Identifying and trialling a format for progress



# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW CONCERNS

- **Knowledge gaps**
  - Membership turn-over
  - Misinformation
- **Lack of cohesion**
  - Agreement on the purpose of the SLP
  - Terms of Reference
- **Lack of momentum**
  - 2019 Adaptation Plan
  - 2023 Revised Strategy



# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Anonymised review of key issues  
identified and encountered in initial  
months

Sent to all invitees, **20% response rate**



In your opinion, what is the purpose of the Slapton Line Partnership?

changes to the Line

direction and organisation

strategy future breach

climate

**Slapton Line** Road

partnership

long-term **changing**

management

# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

## PURPOSE

- Promote a **co-ordinated policy** for managing coastal change in and around Slapton Sands
- Ensure that appropriate **contingency plans** and preparations are maintained for responding to erosion events
- To promote a range of **adaptation activities** and projects in anticipation of future change
- To promote **public awareness and community engagement** in the coastal management and adaptation process



Within the context of the Slapton Line, what does adaptation mean to you?

breaches of the A379

sustainable future

sustainable management

loss of the A379 future roads local shingle

points **Changing** measures

sustainable A379 area

change more acceptable

climate change

congestion/delays

inevitable demise

# Preparing for the Future - The Journey Continues

## ► 5. What happens next and what can we do?

**Tourist and business opportunities** ?

**Strete Gate** P

**Explore parking opportunities** P

**Alternative use of the line**

**Plan future bus-routes**

**Additional signage**

**Safeguarding existing sea defences**

**Reduce car use through e.g. Devon CarShare**

**Further consultation on local pinch-points**

**Torcross** P

**Sands Road**

**What happens next?**

The recommendation of the Slapton Line Partnership is to change its road policy from retreat to no further retreat.

Following another major storm the A379 may need to be closed. At this point no further retreat of the road is likely to be considered. This is likely to result in the closure of one or more sections and the eventual full closure of the road.

**What can we do?**

To successfully prepare for the future we need input from the local community around what positive initiatives could be taken which address a future without the road.

A number of adaptation suggestions are shown below.

**We want to hear your suggestions.**

Please contact us with comments - email: [enquiries@slaptonline.org](mailto:enquiries@slaptonline.org) or tel: 07891 927 128

# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

## WHAT NOW?

- Reset
- Agree to disagree, but broad support for the aims of the Adaptation Plan
- Re-issue information



# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW PROJECTS

- Inland Routes
- Environmental Designations
- A379 Coastal
- Amenities (incl Car Parking)
- Economics & Funding
- Business & Tourism



# PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

## NEXT STEPS

- Dates for subject seminars
- Chapter development
- Continued collaboration and progress

