

Looking after Hoylake Beach

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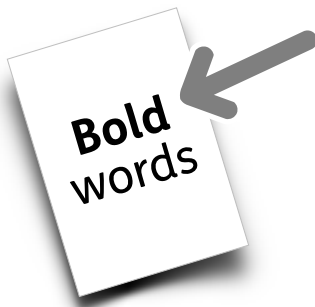


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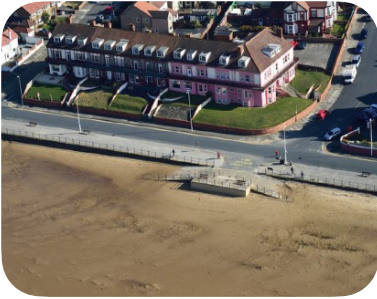


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Some words are blue and underlined. These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Wirral Council is thinking about how to look after Hoylake Beach in the future.



We want to know what is important to you about Hoylake Beach.

This will help us to write a plan that:



- Is best for everyone.



- Follows the law about protecting the **environment**.

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example, plants, animals and fish.

Why Hoylake Beach is important



Question 1: People use Hoylake Beach for lots of reasons.

Please choose which reasons are important to you. *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Walking the dog
- ☐ A place to picnic
- ☐ A place to be close to nature
- ☐ Looking at nice views
- ☐ Looking at birds
- ☐ Family activities
- ☐ Playing on the beach
- ☐ Other (please say below)



Question 2: Please choose the most important things Hoylake Beach does for nature.

Write a '1' in the most important, a '2' in the next most important, a '3' in the next most important after that, and so on.

- ☐ It protects against floods
- ☐ It's protected by the law
- ☐ It's an open space for local people
- ☐ It's a place for birds and other animals to live
- ☐ It's a place that people come to visit
- ☐ It catches sand being blown by the wind
- ☐ It's a place where local people can have events
- ☐ It takes carbon dioxide out of the air

Looking after Hoylake beach in the future

Please tick just 1 box for each question.



Question 3: Do you want **saltmarsh** at Hoylake Beach?

Saltmarsh is areas by the sea that are sometimes flooded by sea water. Plants live there.

☐

I don't want saltmarsh

☐

I want saltmarsh across the whole area

☐

I think only some saltmarsh is okay



Question 4: Do you want **sand dunes** at Hoylake Beach?

Sand dunes are small hills made of sand.

☐

I want sand dunes across the whole area

☐

I don't want sand dunes

☐

I think having some sand dunes is okay



Question 5: How do you think Hoylake Beach should look?

☐

Maintained - removing grass and plants that are growing naturally on the beach so it looks more sandy

☐

It doesn't matter how it looks

☐

It should be maintained and also have room for nature



Question 6: How do you feel about mud at Hoylake Beach?

☐

I don't want it to be muddy because I won't be able to use the beach like I did before

☐

I want the mud because it is good for the environment

☐

I don't mind some mud, just not everywhere



Question 7: How do you feel about getting around in a beach with plants and mud?

☐

I'm worried that disabled people will not be able to use a place they could use before

☐

I don't believe a beach with plants and mud will stop people getting around if it is managed in the right way

☐

I think there should be places that disabled people can go but also places that are left natural



Question 8: If the beach is not maintained, how do you feel about people's health?

☐

If Hoylake Beach is not looked after, it would be bad for people's health

☐

There are natural **hazards** at other beaches that the council does not manage. Hoylake should be the same.

Hazards are things that can harm people or damage their health.

☐

The changes might affect people's health, but the council should solve any issues that cause health problems.

Visitors and the environment



Lots of people say that Hoylake Beach is important for local companies because it brings visitors.



Question 9: Please tick the sentences you agree with:

☐

Visitors are important to me, and I want a maintained beach

☐

Visitors are important to me, and I think a natural beach would bring more visitors

☐

Visitors are important to me, and the beach should be a place for everyone to enjoy

☐

We need to help local companies and nature

☐

The local environment is important to me

☐

Other (please say below)

Writing a plan



These questions will help us to decide what to write in our plan for looking after the beach.



Question 10: How much do you agree or disagree that we should do as much as we can to make Hoylake Beach maintained as it was up to 2019?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot





Question 11: How much do you agree or disagree that we should choose an area of the beach that is looked after for people to use?

This area would have no plants and people could get to the beach from a managed path from the prom.

Agree a
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot





Question 12: How much do you agree or disagree that we should choose an area of the beach to:

- Have plants.
- Only be partly looked after.
- Have a managed path for people to use to get to the beach from the prom?

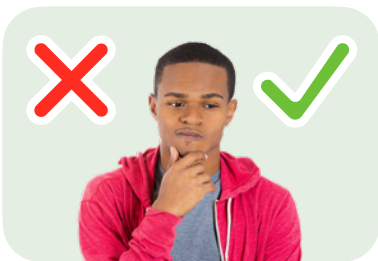
Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot



Question 13: How much do you agree or disagree that we should not look after the beach and just make sure there is a way for everyone to get to it from the prom?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot





Question 14: How much do you agree or disagree that we should support more plants to grow on the beach with no managed path from the prom?

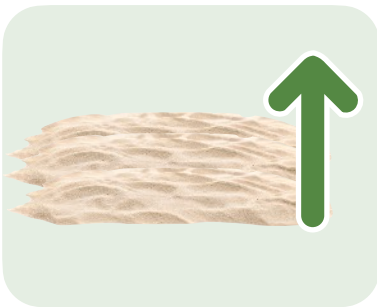
Agree a
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot



Scientists have looked at the beach and think that there will be more sand there in the next 50 years.



This will cost the council more money to look after it.



Question 15: How much do you agree or disagree that sand should be moved out of the beach, which will cost the council money and cause more pollution?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot



Question 16: How much do you agree or disagree that we should manage the sand by taking it out of drains, roads and pavements so it doesn't cause damage?

This would cost the council money and cause more pollution.

Agree a
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot





Question 17: How much do you agree or disagree that we should manage the increase in sand a little, which would mean:

- Spending less.
- Causing less carbon dioxide to be in the air?

Agree a
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot



Question 18: Do you agree or disagree that we should try not to spend too much or cause too much pollution?

Agree a
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree
a lot





Question 19: If you think that not looking after the beach would be bad for people's health, please say how here:



Question 20: Do you have any other comments about Hoylake Beach?

Thank you



Thank you for your answers.



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