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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-1524 - Inspection - Esplanade  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)  
[EIR-17-1524 - Photos.pdf](#)  
[EIR-17-1524 - Map Screenshot.pdf](#)  
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 24 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**We would be grateful if you would provide us with the undernoted information relative to repair, maintenance and inspection of stairs leading from the Esplanade, Aberdeen to the beach opposite the Beach Ballroom.**

**a) Copies of all inspection reports for this public walkway between 1 October 2013 and the present (24 October 2017)**

Due to the volume of information captured we are unable to provide the reports in hard copy or electronically. However, these can be viewed at Marischal College. Please contact Rebecca McCrum on 01224 523663 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**b) Copies of all work records for the pavement between 1 October 2013 and the date of this correspondence (24 October 2017)**

Information not held.

We have staff at the beach weekly checking the life belts and if there is anything obviously wrong with the path then this would be reported. We also investigate and action any reports from the public.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **copies of all work records for the pavement between 1 October 2013 and the date of this correspondence (24 October 2017)** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) – Information Not Held – of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

**c) The record showing when the defect in the photograph was first identified and when the repair was carried out.**

Please refer to the attached report.

**d) Photocopies of any photographs which you may hold of the defect shown in the photograph attached.**

Please refer to the attached photo.

**e) Copies of any records of complaints made to the council regarding defects on this pavement between 1 October 2013 and the date of this correspondence (24 October 2017).**

No records held.

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**f) A copy of the job sheet for the repair of the step shown in the photograph attached.**

Information not held.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **A copy of the job sheet for the repair of the step shown in the photograph attached** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

**g) A copy of the inspection record completed after the repair to the step shown in the photograph.**

No record held as repairs are not recorded once done.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **A copy of the inspection record completed after the repair to the step shown in the photograph** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST**

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under

Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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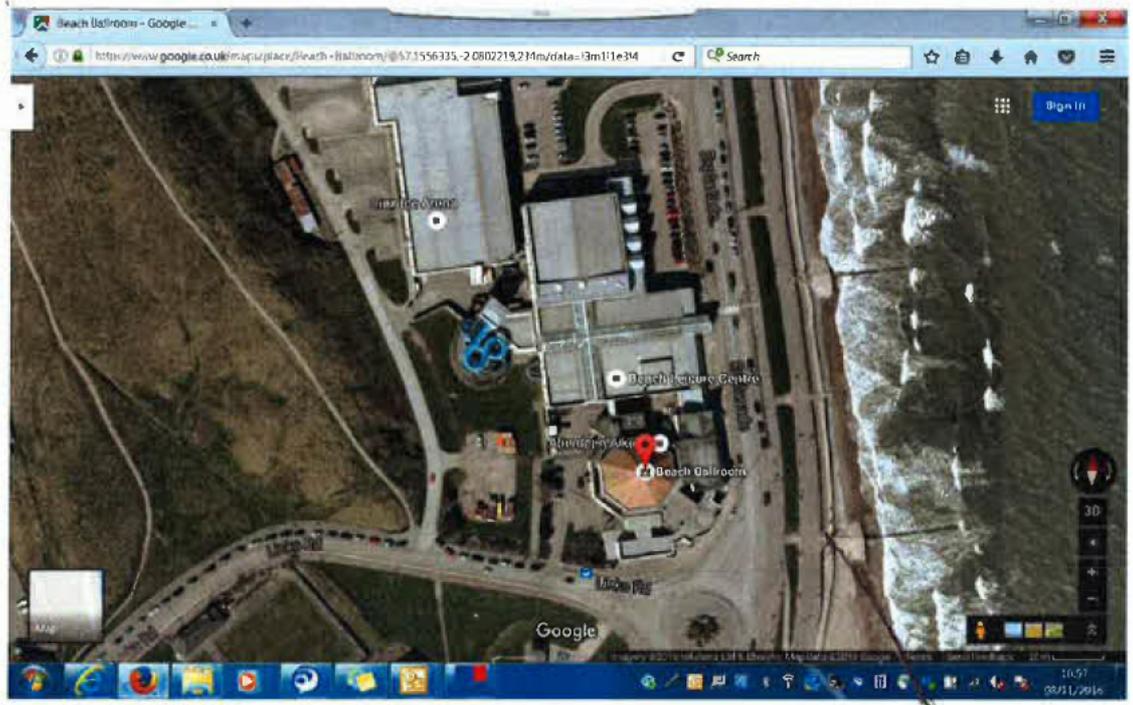
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## Groyne No11 to Groyne No12

This area of the Sea Wall between Groyne 11 and Groyne 12, is made up of 3 parts due to the amount and the way the sand and driftwood has been driven up the beach and onto the sea wall, the first part between groyne 11 and the steps is totally covered and non of the sea wall is visible.



The second part which is the lower part and nearest to the sea is constructed with granite blocks set in concrete. The area of blocks exposed requires pointing in some points.

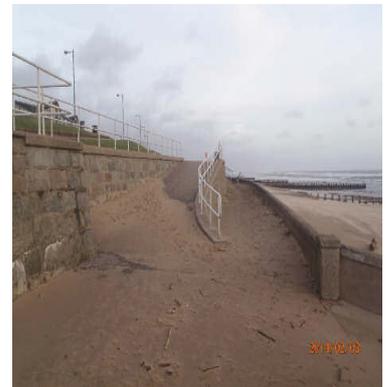


The third part is made up of two walls and a poured concrete footway which has some sand covering it. The wall nearest to the sea presents vertical cracks and carbonation in the down part of the wall.

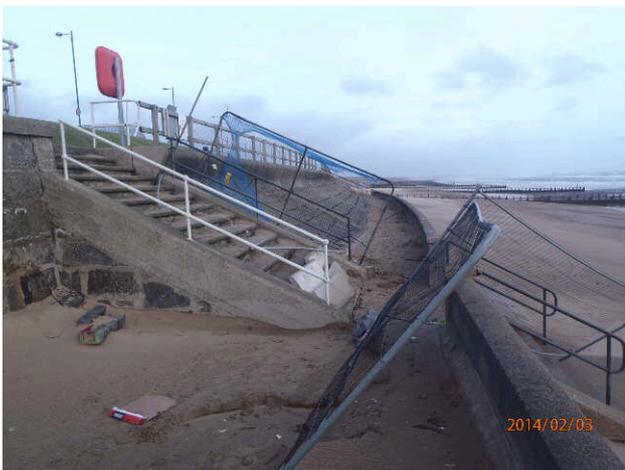


## Accesses

In this part there are two stairs and a main entrance with two ramps and one stairs. The stairs near the groyne 11 was considered in the previous zone. About the main entrance seems to be in good condition in general, only the handrails have a small corrosion problem. In the stairs nearest to the sea one parapet has cracks.



The other stairs is in very bad condition because it has lost the last two steps completely, for that reason have been closed with fence but the water and wind have moved it.



Finally the groyne's ramp is covered partially but in the visible part the ramp presents a little erosion.

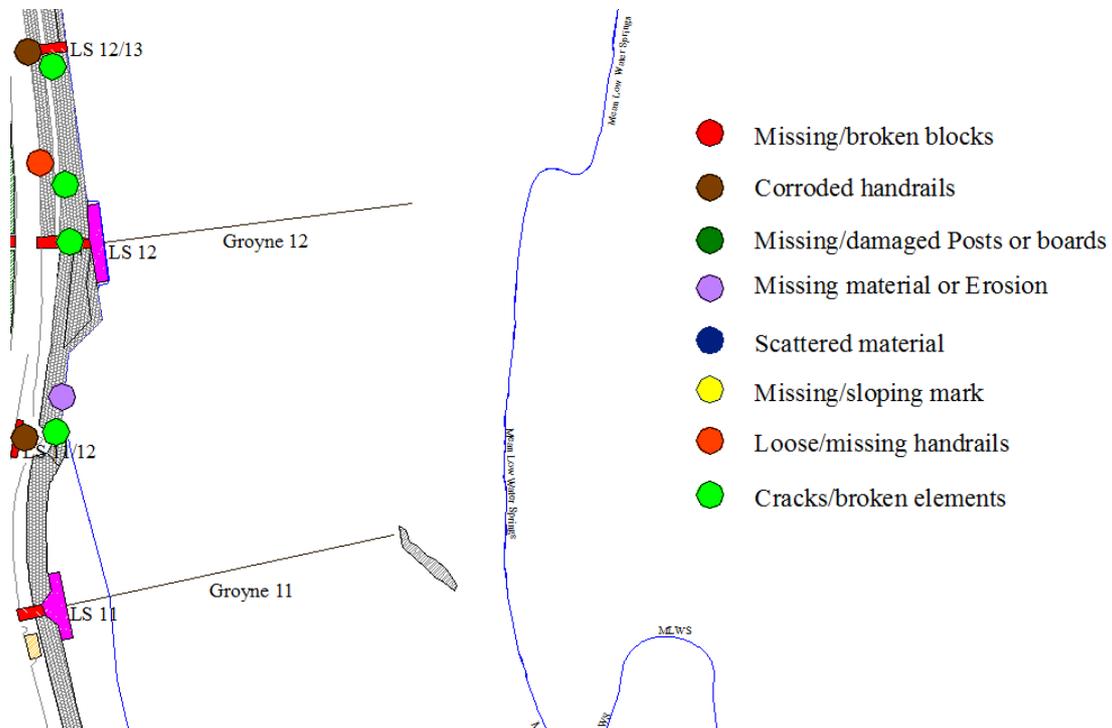


## Groyne 12

This groyne consists of 61 posts at approximately 1.5metre centres with each post being 203mm square. On the north side of the groyne there are 20 stays consisting of 20 posts, 203mm square, each having 2 boards between the posts and the groyne. There are 2 rails running the length of the groyne on either side of the posts measuring 230mm wide by 150mm high and a number of boards fixed to the south side of the posts of variable lengths and 50mm wide and 203mm high. A marker is fixed to the second last most easterly post. The groyne appears to be in good condition.



## Graphic summary



## Repairs

- Repair the stairs and the cracks in the parapet of the closer stairs of the sea in the main entrance.
- Repointing in some points of the second part of the sea Wall
- The handrails are slightly corroded and they should be repaired.

