

Update on 'Sand' as a High Operational Risk

ELDC Neighbourhood Services face constant challenges with the issue of sand covering pathways at various locations along our unique coastline, particularly at Mablethorpe and Sutton-on-Sea. The promenade's primary function is a sea defence.

The priority for the Environment Agency (EA) is to continue to make these flood defences as robust as possible to protect local homes and communities by undertaking beach nourishment activities. The EA's beach nourishment programme raises the levels of the beach to the same height as the walkways on the promenades. Therefore, windy coastal weather conditions mean that the promenades are constantly being covered by windblown sand.

ELDC Neighbourhood Services are doing all they can to ensure that our coast is accessible and safe for all, with the resources we have available. While making clear that some of the challenges we face are beyond our control due to our diverse landscape and unique natural environment. The management of windblown sand is high operational risk since windblown sand has a significant impact on accessibility for: local residents, chalet use, business operation and has a considerable effect on the tourist experience at these locations.