

COUNCIL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

Item 4 – Public Questions Received under Standing Order 27.5

	Question From	Question to	Question
1	Ms Margaret Tait	Cllr Satchwell	<p>Is Havant Borough Council (HBC) aware of the damage caused to the collapsed Langstone seawalls to the east of Langstone Mill and west of Wade Lane? We are most concerned because of the environmental impact of draining the millpond near the mill and the contamination of hundreds of square metres of land behind the seawall along this stretch.</p> <p>Concerned Havant residents have set up an on-line petition that has already raised over 1,300 signatories. The advantage with this format is that all the signatories can be contacted with updates. We have also measured footfall at this location and over a period days at the end of August counted an average of 140 people an hour along this 300 metre footpath. That equates to over 1,000 people a day and in excess of 100,000 people a year.</p> <p>We talked to hundreds of people and found that a large number were visitors enjoying the unique view and marvelling at the 40 roosting egrets by the pond. We know that for hundreds during lockdown this part of the Wayfarers Way became a sanity-saver if not a life saving stretch of coast. It is worth noting that this area is one of Havant's top assets and attractions.</p> <p>Council members may not be aware of the rapidly declining state of the sea defence. The Coastal Partners webpage dated Sept 2022 is already out of date. There used to be a bench here which had to be removed a couple of weeks back because of the erosion. If nothing is done quickly there is a risk that there will be a massive hole punched into this path as happened at nearby Southmoor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What can HBC do to help remedy the situation?• What solution has been proposed to stabilise the problem in the short term and what can be done in the long term?