
Appendix: Supporting evidence for Bathing Water Quality Outcome

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Date: 20 August 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to on behalf of East Riding of Yorkshire Council to express our support in principal for the de-designation of Skipsea Beach as a designated bathing water should such a measure become necessary due to the ongoing and significant coastal erosion in the area.

As you are well aware, the coastline at Skipsea has been subject to severe erosion over recent years, posing substantial risks to both the natural environment and the safety of residents and visitors. The erosion of the cliff face has accelerated to a point where maintaining access to the beach, particularly through the existing or reinstated slipway, is no longer a viable option. In fact, cutting into the cliff face to restore the slipway would likely exacerbate the erosion, leading to further destabilisation of the surrounding land and increasing the threat to nearby properties.

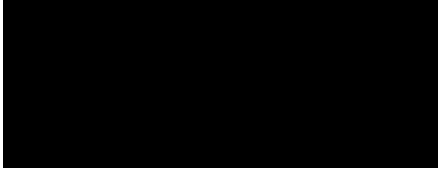
While Skipsea Beach has long been a valued part of the local community, providing recreational opportunities and contributing to the local economy, the safety of the public and the preservation of the coastline must take precedence. The natural processes at work in this area cannot be controlled or reversed, and continued access to the beach would only encourage activities that could further compromise the stability of the cliffs.

I understand that de-designating a beach is not a decision to be taken lightly, given the potential impact on the local community and tourism. However, I believe that in the case of Skipsea Beach, such a decision is not only justified but necessary in order to safeguard both the environment and public safety.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bellotti

Executive Director of Communities and Environment



Head of Destinations

2. Environment Agency – Skipssea Bathing Water

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Skipsea Access and Support Request

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[REDACTED] Here is a note to state why the Environment Agency is unable to sample at Skipsea.

As a result of coastal erosion, the Environment Agency and members of the public are currently unable to access Skipsea Bathing Water. The lack of access was reported in early May when the Environment Agency attempted to take its first bathing water compliance sample. Access to the bathing water is through a private Caravan Park and it was hoped that access would be re-instated in early summer, however this has not been the case, and the Environment Agency has been unable to collect any bathing water compliance samples this season. The site will therefore be unclassified for 2024. SWIMFO was updated to reflect the closure of the bathing water as soon as it was found that access was no longer possible. The Agency will revisit the site prior to the start of the 2025 bathing water season to assess whether it will be possible to sample the site.

Thanks

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Area Environment Manager - Yorkshire