



Waveney, Lower Yare
and Lothingland
Drainage Board

Benacre & Kessingland Flood Risk Management Scheme

Protecting our homes, our land, and our future

Why this project matters

Our coastline is changing rapidly and the 70-year-old Benacre Pumping Station can no longer protect us.

Without urgent action, tidal and river flooding could:

- Threaten 35 homes and 46 businesses
- Flood 600 hectares of farmland
- Disrupt the A12, potentially closing it on every high tide

This isn't just about erosion, it's about protecting our communities, economy, and environment.

"Doing nothing was not an option. This project protects homes, farmland, and our local economy, while creating beautiful spaces for wildlife and people to enjoy"

Cllr Richard Rout



Our solution

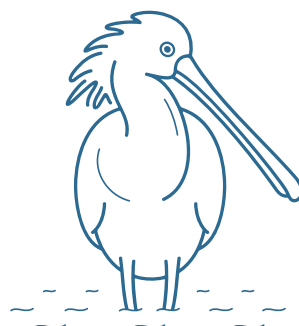
We're building a resilient, long-term flood risk management scheme that includes:

- Two new embankments to defend against tidal flooding
- Two modern pumping stations using Archimedes screw pumps
- Creating 82 hectares of intertidal habitat, supporting wildlife and acting as a carbon sink
- Safe public access maintained throughout construction

A boost for biodiversity

The project includes a new intertidal habitat, with:

- Saltmarshes to support birds, fish, and invertebrates
- Carefully designed islands and landforms to support migratory and breeding birds
- Landscape features that blend with the surroundings and provide high-tide roosting areas



This work enhances both climate resilience and ecological value.

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US AT
OUR
CONSULTATION
EVENT!**



**GISLEHAM
VILLAGE HALL**

**THURSDAY
24 JULY 2025**

4pm - 7pm

Where:

Gisleham Parish Rooms
NR33 8DS

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What's happening on site?

Our contractor, Balfour Beatty, started enabling works in March 2025, including:

- Setting up the construction site
- Vegetation clearance and wildlife protection
- Installing footpath diversions and river crossings
- Placing clear signage and public information boards

In Autumn 2025, we begin constructing haul routes and embankments

Planning & local impact

Clay will be sourced from Gisleham Quarry, with transport routes carefully managed via a one-way system and speed restrictions.

A one way system is in place around Benacre; on The Street, Back Lane and Locks Lane, Wrentham.

In Autumn 2025, we begin importing clay to build the new flood embankments. Consequently, a variation to the current planning permission for the extraction site has been submitted, and the consultation process is now open.

CONSULTATION OPEN NOW!



Consultation closes:
1st August 2025

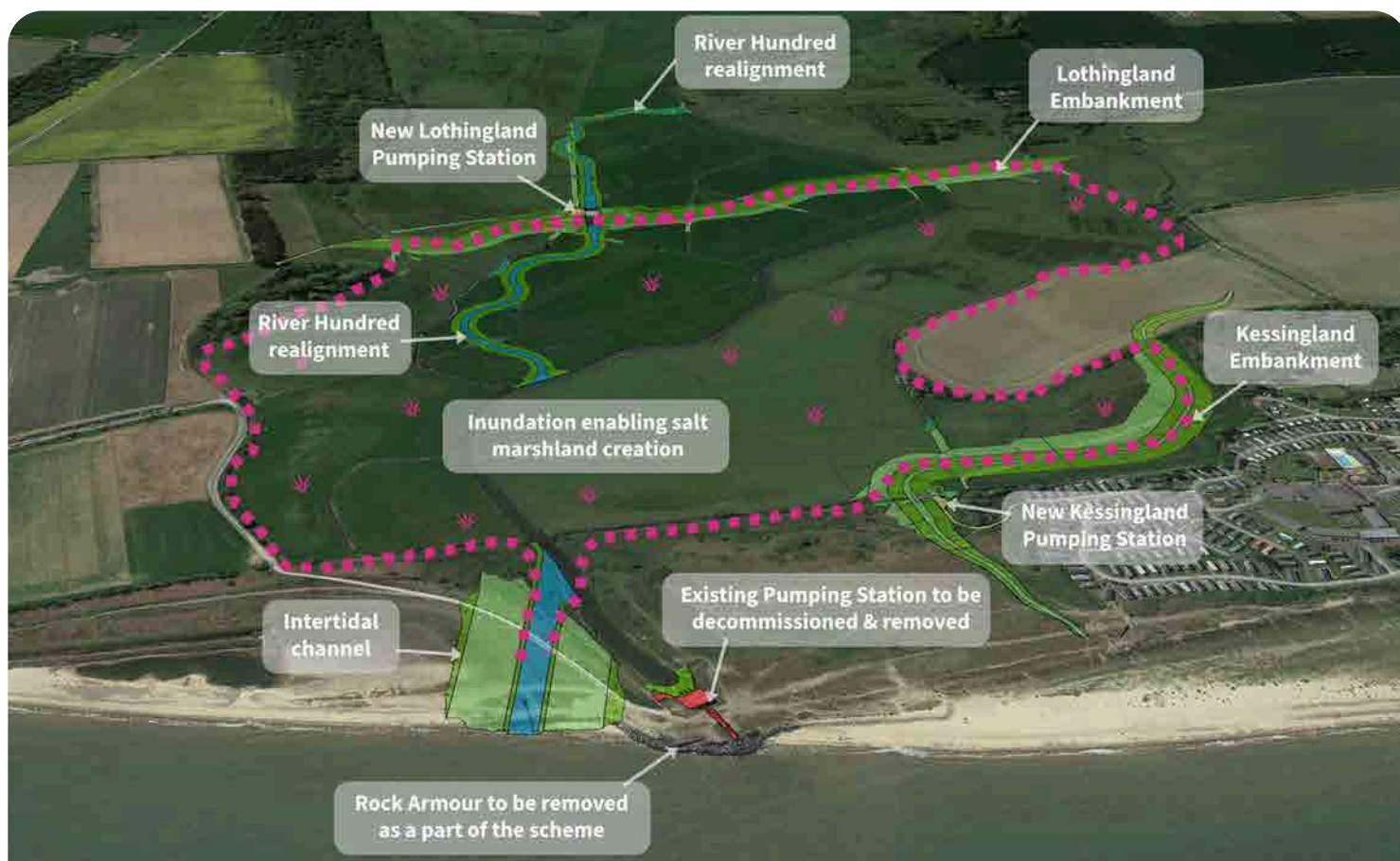
Find details on the
Suffolk County Council
planning portal.

Ref: SCC/0072/16W/VOC
www.suffolk.planning-register.co.uk



Access for everyone

Public footpaths and beach access will remain open during construction. By 2028, the King Charles III England Coast Path will be realigned along the new embankment, creating a scenic, safe inland coastal walk.



Aerial view showing Google Earth and proposed project layout. © Edward Vere Nicoll ©Google Earth (2024)