

wind blown sand

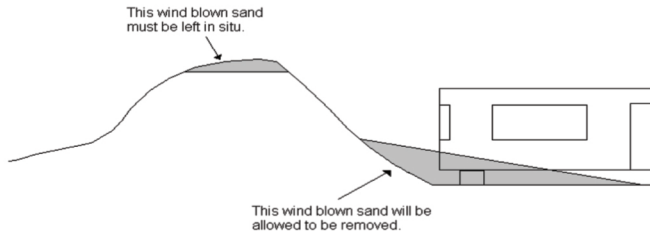
Situation

We have been receiving enquiries from local residents into whether they can remove wind blown sand from around their properties and off of the top of our defences that run between Wolferton Creek and Hunstanton.

Response

We, along with local communities, are looking at the defences along this area as part of the ongoing Wash East Coast Management Review (WECMR) project. This is to determine the most sustainable future for these defences. The review is expected to be finished around 2013 and will give us possible options on how to proceed in the future. Until we know the outcome of the WECMR we have decided that for wind blown sand the following will apply:

- where there is wind blown sand on top of a defence (see diagram overleaf) this **MUST** be left as is. Any Flood Defence Consent application submitted will be refused.
- where there is wind blown sand around a property (see diagram overleaf) we will allow accumulated wind blown sand to be removed to an agreed level as part of a Flood Defence Consent application. However, only **CLEAN** sand will be allowed to be placed on the sea defence and all other debris/vegetation must be removed and legally disposed of.



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