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17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	What has happened re securing the whole site?	We will erect Heras fencing (metal security fencing) around the perimeter of the construction site. The fencing along the northern boundary will be close to the landward toe of the existing defences. The fencing will be arranged to maintain MoD and emergency access to Somercotes Haven Tidal Sluice. (EA)	Security
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Will the footpath on the top of the dunes be cordoned off as part of the overall security fencing to stop people accessing the site?	The footpath will only be cordoned off when the works to connect the new bank to the existing dunes are being carried out. The existing footpath will remain open at all other times until the works to create the breach begin. (EA)	Footpath, Security
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Could we have a plan showing these arrangements of security fencing, stopping up etc, so everyone is clear what is being done and where	The site perimeter security fencing will follow the Environment Agency's land ownership boundary, except in the western portion of the site where it will follow the outer edge of embankment working area and pass to the east of the pond. Additional localised fencing will be erected when necessary to carry out pond improvement works and to tie in the new embankment to the dunes and existing bank. (EA)	Security
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	When is the existing car park at Stonebridge going to be closed?	The car park will remain open throughout construction works. Only three spaces will be lost due to access requirements. The existing car park will only be closed once the new car park is open. (EA)	Car Park
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Will the EA be going to publicise in local newspapers that the footpath along the top of the dunes is going to be closed?	The permanent closure of the footpath at Somercotes Haven Tidal Sluice, and the permanent diversion along the new embankment, will be advertised in newspapers as part of the application procedure for gaining approval from East Lindsey District Council. The temporary closures of the footpath that will be needed when works to connect the new bank to the existing defences are carried out will be advertised in newspapers as part of the procedure for gaining consent from Lincolnshire County Council. (EA)	Footpath Closure & Diversion
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Will there be notices of the closure placed in the Stonebridge car park?	The existing footpath will remain open until the footpath along the new embankment is completed. The exception to this will be two temporary closures (approximately two weeks at a time) when works to connect the new bank to the existing defences are being carried out. These temporary closures will be advertised in Stonebridge car park. Once the scheme is completed, information boards in the new car park will direct walkers along the path on top of the new embankment, and advise that there is no access across the Seven Towns South Eau at Somercotes Haven (Pye's Hall). (EA)	Footpath Closure & Diversion
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Will the existing footpath along the top of the dunes between Stonebridge and Pye's Hall be improved either as part of the Tetney to Saltfleet defence works or as part of the Donna Nook realignment scheme?	No; once the Donna Nook scheme is completed the Environment Agency will maintain the coastal path along the crest of the new flood embankment. (EA)	Footpath
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Will people still be able to use the seaward side of the dunes as they do now, if the footpath along the top of the dunes is officially closed?	The Environment Agency will not prevent access to the existing path on top of the dunes, but there will be no access across the Seven Towns South Eau at Somercotes Haven (Pye's Hall). Access to the seaward side of the dunes will not be affected during construction. When the existing embankment is breached, people will still be able to walk along the seaward side of the dunes as far as the breach. (EA)	Footpath
17-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	How will the EA prevent people using the footpath along the top of the dunes whilst the work is ongoing, or will it only be 'stopped up' at the point where the breach is going to be made?	The existing footpath will remain open during construction of the new set-back embankment, with the exception of two temporary closures (approximately two weeks at a time) when works to connect the new bank to the existing defences are carried out. The works to create the breach will not be carried out until spring 2013, by which time the footpath along the new embankment will be established. Walkers will be directed along the new path from the new car park. The detail of how public access will be managed during the breach works will be confirmed nearer to the time of construction works; this may be influenced by how access arrangements have worked during 2012. (EA)	Footpath, Security
21-Feb-12	22-Feb-12	How will the Coastguard and other Emergency services access the foreshore if there is an accident/incident?	MoD access (and emergency access) will remain as now but via a locked bollard from the new car park. (EA)	Emergency Services

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16-Feb-12	24-Feb-12	Can you update on the Bridleway discussions please?	Mark Adams (EA)held a very positive meeting with two reps from the British Horse Society on 22/2/12 and reported back as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that horse riding access along the top of the new embankment (on the line of the new footpath) would only be considered as a last resort and that a formal path would not be appropriate. • However, it was agreed to explore some horse riding access which would allow existing routes to be replicated wherever possible. This must take place within the EA current planning permission constrictions and cannot affect either the flood risk management or habitat creation requirements. • No access would be permitted across the Environment Agency's land whilst construction activities were underway. • It was agreed that all parties would take a pragmatic approach to access and regularly review whether further improvements can be made. (EA) 	Footpath, Bridleway
16-Feb-12	16-Feb-12	Can you clarify when the Highways work to Marsh Lane will start, and when Household/Landowners on Marsh Lane will be consulted as previously notified?	The recent update from Lincs CC Highways suggests that construction will actually commence in spring 2012. Commencing work actually includes developing the necessary agreements, design etc. It is still our intention to write to residents of Marsh Lane who would be affected by the works and offer to meet with them individually in March. (EA)	Highways, Timetable
16-Feb-12	16-Feb-12	Has the contract been awarded for the Donna Nook Scheme yet?	There is no news about the contract as yet, key people are on leave this week but we are expecting to find out on Monday 20 February when it is likely to be finalised. (EA)	Contract & Cost
06-Feb-12		Instead of breaching the existing sea wall why not just leave the sluice gates at Pye's Hall open thus giving an extra line of defence against flooding. Also what size of culvert would be required to retain the PRW on its present route?	Response Awaited as at 27-2-12	Footpath
28-Nov-11	28-Nov-11	When are the works going to start?	<i>The outline timetable of works is as below:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec – March - for removal of unexploded ordnance • Jan – Feb - clearance of vegetation • Feb – March - mitigating works for protected species • April - compound set up • End April – October - site construction • May – June 2013 - breach creation and footpath diversion. For further details please refer to the Timetable in the attachments. (EA) 	Timetable
21-Jan-12	23-Jan-12	There have been some problems with Hare Coursing on the site, and local residents are very concerned about the potential for nuisance behaviour and security incidents at the site – how will this and future security issues be dealt with, when the site is so remote?	<i>Following the concerns raised by the Parish Council on Saturday 21 January and this particular incident at the weekend, wthe EA are undertaking an urgent review of site security. We take this matter very seriously and we will respond with further details on the proposed way forward in the next couple of days. In the meantime, Survey works on site have now been completed, and it has been made it clear to the Security Officers on site that if they witness any suspicious activity, they should report it to the police immediately. (EA)</i>	Security
23-Jan-12	23-Jan-12	What is happening with regard to provision of Toilet and/or visitor facilities at the site?	<i>The Environment Agency have said they would be willing to open up discussion on this provision again. In the past some members of the community have been against the site being developed or promoted. The Parish Council have indicated that provision for Toilets should be considered owing to public health concerns regarding the amount of human excrement that was being left in the dunes and gateways. Additional visitor numbers, even a small increase, may only exacerbate this problem which is already unacceptable. A note is to be put in the next Communication magazine so the Council can let people know what is being discussed and get people's views and then this can be discussed further at the Annual Village Meeting on 4th April. The EA noted that any services infrastructure would need to be installed at an early stage so an early decision was necessary.</i>	Toilets and Visitor Facilities
21-Jan-12	23-Jan-12	There have been requests for the diverted path to be designated a Bridleway - what is the current position on this?	<i>Following the drop-in on Saturday, the EA have gained some good contacts amongst the horse-riding community and will be arranging to meet these contacts on site to see whether there is a way forward for informal access, but it is not currently their intention to designate a formal bridleway along the diverted footpath</i>	New Footpath
21-Jan-12		What will happen with the current footpath that runs along the existing sea bank?	<i>The EA are currently collating feedback on the proposed diversion following the meetings on Saturday. They will then look to determine the timetable to submit their footpath diversion application which will include the stopping up of the 40 metre breach section of the existing footpath. The existing footpath each side of the breach section will be able to be used as now, up to the breach point, but there will not be any way of getting across the breach section. The EA will notify the proposed timetable as soon as they can.</i>	Current Footpath

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12-Dec-12	12-Dec-12	What is happening regarding the Car Park at the site - will the Parish Council be running	<i>At the Parish Meeting on 12 December 2011 the Council considered this, and although it was recognised there could be income from a car park, the cost and many other issues involved in taking this on were considerable and the Parish Council did not consider that it should take on this responsibility.</i>	Car Park
21-Jan-12	21-Jan-12	What arrangements are there for the Car Park being locked or restricting height?	<i>There are currently no plans to lock the car park or restrict access, but issues surrounding the future management of the car park are still under discussion. A note regarding this will be placed in the next Communion Magazine and probably be one of the topics for discussion at the Annual Village in April. Following feedback from the Working Group discussions on 21 January the EA are looking at whether a small number of car parking spaces could be raised to create a viewing platform for disabled visitors and will update on this shortly.</i>	Car Park, Security
25-Jan-12	26-Jan-12	Will buses be allowed to park in there?	<i>There is no parking allocated for buses although minibuses will be able to park as now but the design of the car park with a roundabout and drop off point will allow for people to disembark so that the coach can then leave the car park safely.</i>	Car Park
21-Jan-12	21-Jan-12	What can be done to help residents and land owners on Marsh Lane with traffic problems in the seal season?	<i>The EA will talk to residents along Marsh Lane who may be affected by the highways works, however any design has to be agreed by Lincolnshire County Council Highways.</i>	Highways
28-Nov-11	12-Dec-11	Which company has been given the contract to do the work at Donna Nook? Has the cost of the project risen, if so to what?	<i>The EA will confirm which contractors will be carrying out the construction works when the contract is awarded. They will also confirm whether the contract award is more or less expensive than the original quote at that time. Details about both matters will remain commercially confidential however.</i>	Contract & Cost
28-Nov-11	12-Dec-11	How will the site be managed when it is finished? Will the site be promoted?	<i>The EA are looking at all the options on how the site may be managed when constructed, and this includes arrangements with a contractor with the necessary skills and expertise to carry out specific management and maintenance activities. The EA have given a commitment that the site will not be promoted and they will ensure that this is reflected in any arrangements the EA set up with any organisation they engage to manage and maintain the site.</i>	Future management
28-Nov-11	12-Dec-11	Will the banks be left either side of the breach section to erode?	<i>The dimension of the breach has been set to the erosion width predicted by the EA modelling. It has not been 'engineered' (eg using reinforced concrete) as significant additional erosion is not expected and to allow us the EA to maintain as natural system as possible. However, the EA will monitor the breach and undertake maintenance works if these become necessary.</i>	Earthworks
28-Nov-11	12-Dec-11	What ecological surveys have been carried out in the area?	<i>Please see copy of EA survey schedule in the attachments section.</i>	Habitat