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Dear Sirs,

Having submitted my previous letter to your East Area Committee on the **13.11.2009** following your meeting [Mon 9th November 09] I attended as a resident and *supported* Cllr T Martin's comments regarding Health and Safety at/on Hendon Beach and highlighted other major problem with H/S at this site??

Therefore I am raising this issue again by utilising 'It's Your Sunderland' question or Suggestion card!

As I have received **NO** response from any officer/Cllr to the amended letter which was **only** briefly discussed at the East Area meeting 4th Jan 2010????? Therefore I have decided to answer some of the issues/questions raised in letter 13.11.09 BUT this still leaves original questions and issues and even raises other questions. Some possibly could have been answered or raised at meeting 4th Jan????? **NO SO!**

*"I also attempted to support the Cllr. Martin of this very serious situation BUT also wanted to raise the issue of that there is far more serious situation developing at the Beach. As an example at this moment after a series of heavy seas the action of the waves has damaged the railings and there supports! This is at the very points that fatalities have occurred that Cllr Martin referred too!
[This is at the location at the ramps both at North and South of the promenade down to the actual beach]"*

These railing were repaired using the same type of railing and fittings on or about 17th Dec.09 BUT yet again the railing have been damaged by rough seas again [Resort Manager and Local Cllr informed by email of new damage and photographed 5th Jan .10 -----**NO Replies again????**

*This longitudinal travel was to be solved by removing the upper parts groyne and then cutting gaps in the concrete groyne with the necessary capping! This capping has NOT been carried out to south of the breakwater leaving dangerous sharp edging with scraps of steel sticking out! **NO CHANGE?***

*The required construction ramp over the large operational sewer pipe which is one the major obstacles to the longitudinal route! **Has NOT been carried out all?***

The access on and off the beach was also defined a major problem both at the 3 ramps and the 2 steps access's in fact the step access are actually railed off? And it is still the case as even after the new railings have been installed as part of the regeneration project!

This is from a letter I had started after the Nov. meeting BUT held until as I thought would **have received a written answer or be discussed at next meeting again NO replies at all??**

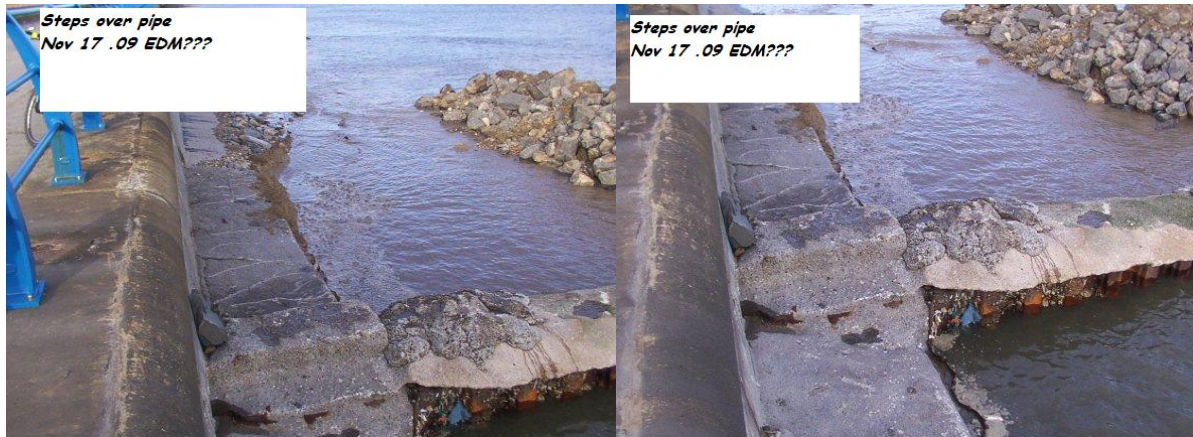
On one of my usual visits to Hendon Beach I was surprised to discover further work started at the location of the live sewers. **17.11.09** [Grangtown CSO].

Up to now this point it involved removal of the 'Rock Armour' up against the promenade and over the sewer pipe??? This has proved that the 'Rock Armour' was therefore preventing the use of the **steps** over the sewer pipe **causing one** of identified Health and Safety problem of the longitudinal access along the length of the beach area!

Same questions 13.11.09 still apply but this new evidence as supplied now raises more issues???

FURTHER -- Question to East Committee and Scrutiny Group :-

Why was the provision/construction of steps obviously NOT investigated at the time of the Health and Safety Study to identify solutions to this very problem of access along this beach?? Will all the groyne now be inspected, uncovered for the provision/construction of similar steps fitted over all the groyne for this very same reason???? AS can now be clearly identified that at the time of construction of promenade and the groyne access steps were in fact provided for longitudinal access along the Hendon Beach at that time???



It is now clear to see that these steps could easily be seen they could have been re-capped/re shaped to fulfil the needs of longitudinal access instead of the MAJOR construction now taking place to build ramps over the sewer pipe.

Photographs now show that the new ramp when completed will actually cover the original steps!

It also has to be noted that during/after storms now causes massive movements of sand /gravel so much so what was always sandy beaches now became gravel beds. Actual observers are now seeing sights on the length of the whole beach that have **never** been seen before the destruction of the groyne! This is evidenced by the photograph below of the sand/gravel nearly burying the new ramp and steps??



Photographs taken EDM 11.01.2001

1. **Question;** -- Just why was the construction of the ramps started when it was clearly evidenced that these repairing re/fitted to bring back steps into use of the steps could have saved a massive construction operation?-----??
[at this time of the year !]

2. **Question;** -- Who is paying for the construction of the ramps and what is the cost??



This picture 24.02.09 shows the massive amounts of sand/gravel movement happening **Before** the moving of the Rock Armour at Sewer Pipe for ramp works??? [Grangetown CSO]

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