



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Natural England
East Coast Path Delivery Team (South)
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Dear Natural England

Ref: England Coast Path (ECP) Improvements to public access along the Isle of Wight Coast

Bembridge Coastal Path BB10 has been moved inland over recent years with some of the improvement works being undertaken by Bembridge Parish Council in partnership with Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Department.

There is a section of BB10 near BB14 that is becoming very narrow that will need to be moved inland and should be actioned asap.

There are grave concerns with the Isle of Wight Councils Rights of Way Department proposal for their capital budget to be reduced to £0 in the next financial year which will have a big impact upon our rights of way network.

Bembridge Parish Council has a small team and a small budget and there is only so much that can be delivered by us.

A National Trail of Coastal Paths is a positive concept particularly with the tourism benefits; however it is imperative that expectations are managed within limited resources.

Yours sincerely

Emma Goldring
Clerk Bembridge Parish Council