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Dear CCATCH Community Member

**Coastal Communities Adapting to Climate Change (CCATCH)  
Coastal Change and the Implications for Royal Victoria Country Park (RVCP)**

We are writing to update you on the CCATCH Project at Royal Victoria Country Park. The Community have been involved in this project to help develop a Vision and Adaptation Plan for the coastal management of the site.

At the same time, the landowner of Royal Victoria Country Park, Hampshire County Council (HCC), needs to determine how to manage the section of coastline in front of the Country Park to ensure safety of access and that a long term access route to the Country Park and associated residences is maintained, so as to be able to manage the park most effectively..

The CCATCH Project undertook a range of community engagement activities in 2013 to raise awareness of the coastal defence issues and to inform the ongoing development of a plan to aid Hampshire County Council's long term planning for the Country Park. More information about the engagement activities can be found at [http://www.solentforum.org/current/CCATCH/Netley\\_and\\_RVCP/](http://www.solentforum.org/current/CCATCH/Netley_and_RVCP/)

A great deal has happened since the CCATCH project began, which changes the opportunity that HCC has to invest in park. A Transformation Programme was agreed by HCC in December 2103 and provides money for HCC's six Country Parks (maximum 12.9m overall), to improve the overall visitor experience. There will transformation money available for RVCP which offers a good opportunity for considered improvements. The programme will begin work on consulting the public on this in due course. This programme will look at improving the overall visitor experience of the park, and the management of the coastline will be one part of this.

The CCATCH project, which was EU funded has now come to an end. It has been decided to role the work that was undertaken by the project into the Transformation Programme, integrating the recent findings from the Halcrow Report on the sea wall. The Programme will be looking at all aspects of the park and the future needs of visitors and the local community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in the CCATCH project and for providing your time and local knowledge to help us all make some progress in respect to adapting to coastal change.

Regards

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