

Slapton Line Partnership: **Amenities Working Group**

Date: Tuesday 24th March 2026

Attendees:	Cllr. Jane Abbey (Slapton) Cllr. Peter Osbourne (Slapton) Cllr. Piers Spence (Stokenham) Roger English (SDNL)	Rachel Roberts (Office of Caroline Voaden MP) Lou Hoskin (SLP) Online: Matt Hawes (FSC)
Apologies:	Josh Bennet (DCC)	

STATEMENT FOR RELEASE

The first Slapton Line Partnership Amenities Working Group was hosted on Tuesday 24 March. Attendees were able to discuss and highlight areas for adaptation, upgrade, and repair, whilst contextualising the need for community and business support in light of the damaged caused by the 25/26 Winter Storm Season.

DISCUSSION

A. PARKING PROVISION

- i. Agreed by all that with current loss and closure of the road there is a need for improved/extended parking facilities
- ii. **LH** Highlighted request from Stokeley Farm Shop to increase parking and will be attending a meeting with Cllr. Brazil in April
- iii. **MH** will be meeting with Dan Field (SHDC) to discuss Car Parking,
 - a. Will include discussion of area of flat land next to Stokeley Farm Shop
 - b. Suggested by those in attendance that a shuttle service could connect any parking on the inland side of the Ley with Torcross
- iv. Could an extension of the Slapton Park & Walk be made? Believed to be owned by DCC, **LH to investigate, MH to check FSC boundaries**

B. ACCESS

- i. **PS** stated that continued safe access to the water through any (new) rock armour is essential for Torcross to remain an attractive destination for visitors. Suggestions from Torcross Action Group regarding access are supported by Stokenham PC and have been communicated to the Environment Agency. These include:
 - a. Steps
 - b. Slipway access
 - c. Sea swimming ladders
- ii. Proposed Shuttle service offerings
 - a. Between Inland Parking and Torcross, as in A.iii.b.
 - b. Along the closed but complete Southern portion of the A379, in the form of bike/rickshaw
 - c. From Torcross to Beesands in the form of a Ferry, noting that B.i.b. is essential to achieving this
- iii. Clarity required on the legality and access of two-wheeled vehicles such as cycles and motorbikes along closed Southern section of A379 and access between A39 and Torcross car park, where road has washed away
 - a. Signage required to make access clear
 - b. How would this impact any shuttle service offerings?
- iv. Request for the footpath connecting the Torcross Car Park to the remaining Southern section of the A379 to be improved
 - a. **MH to action with FSC**
 - b. **MH** noted increased interaction between dogs and nesting birds along this route, will need to manage this carefully

C. BUSINESS SUPPORT

- i. **PO** Highlighted the formation of Start Bay Open for Business,
 - a. **PO will shared details with RR and LH**
- ii. **PO** requested support for objectives and priority for business most impacted by A379 closure in any amenity offering, see *E*

D. INLAND ROUTES

- i. There were a number of issues flagged with regard to Inland Road routes, particularly between Slapton and Stokenham, including requests from **JA & PO** for
 - a. signage to divert HGVs
 - b. Sat-Nav amendments**It was agreed these would all be discussed in detail in the Inland Road Working Group**, held on Thursday 26th March.

E. OPPORTUNITIES

- i. **RE** Flagged proposed [power line] undergrounding scheme in the Strete Gate Estate that could see creation of new public trails in the Estate with associated funding. **RE to provide further updates to WG as required**
- ii. Consideration of habitat creation and species migration through up-valley migration – are there funding streams for this? **LH to research**
- iii. Could a building in Torcross be purchased/repurposed to create a Slapton Line Visitors Centre?
- iv. Kiosk Provision along the Slapton Line (notably, Middle Car park, over the summer, **PS** suggested priority should be given to existing local businesses whose trade has been impacted by the recent storm events
 - a. **MH to check licencing**
 - b. **PO to feedback to Start Bay Open for Business**

F. MONUMENT

- i. Agreed by all in attendance that relocation of the Monument must be made a priority, and preference to avoid it being placed in storage
- ii. Agreed by all in attendance that resubmission of the original Planning Permissions is the best way forward
 - a. **LH to enquire as to the process**
 - b. **LH to provide MH with original application pack**
 - c. Noted that there was not representation from all Parishes named in Planning, and that discussion with all will be required prior to submission

G. STRETE GATE

Although there was no Strete Parish Council representative in attendance on this occasion; it is noted there have been discussions held with SHDC & SLP regarding improved beach access, toilet facilities, and parking at Strete Gate Car Park

SUPPORTING IMAGE

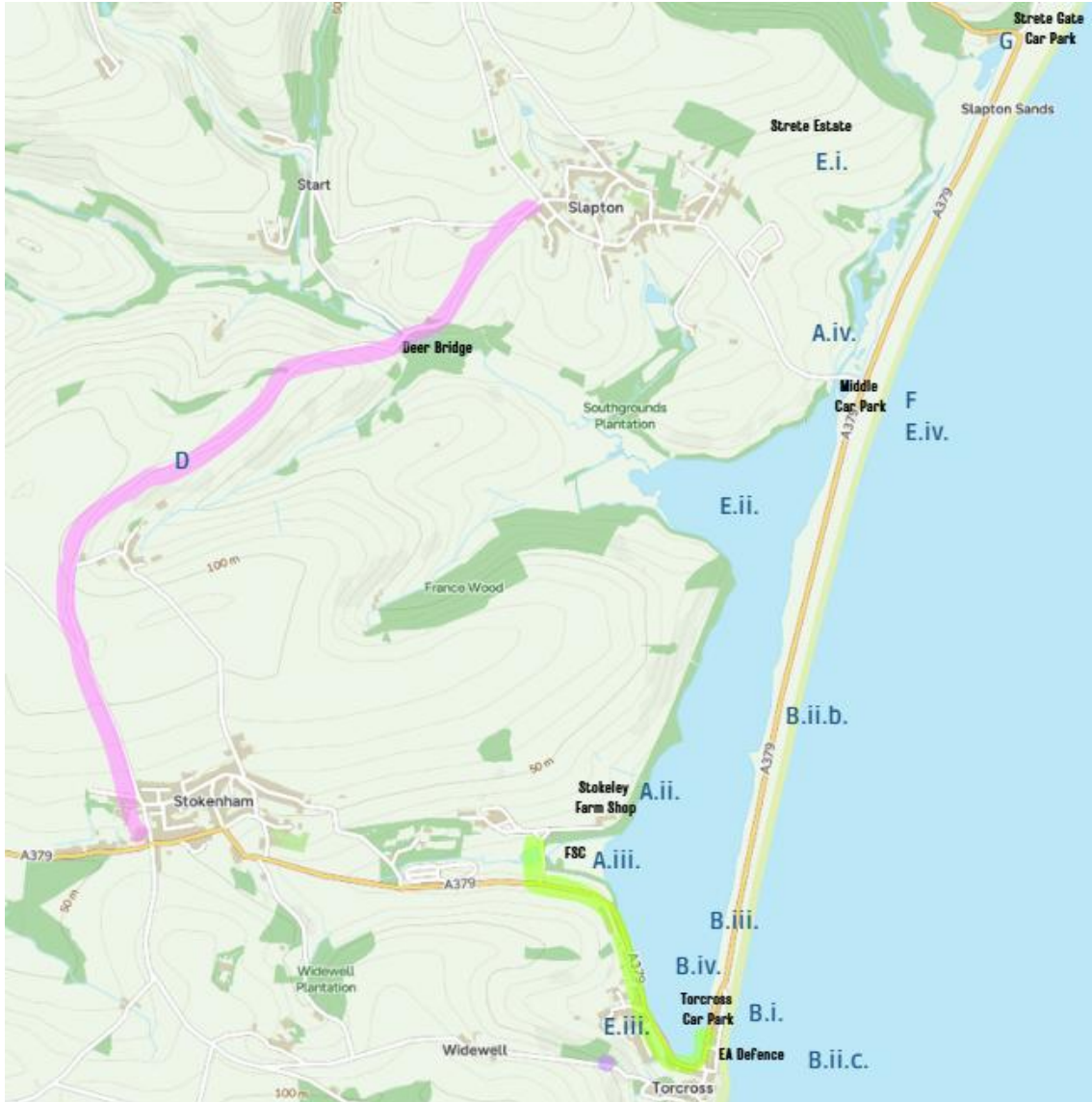


Figure 1: Annotated map of the area with discussion points indicated (SLP)