

## **Slapton Line Questions – September 2026**

The Slapton Line Questions Initiative was run over the last two weeks of August and into the first couple of days of September 2026. It was undertaken by the Slapton Line Walk using its social media platforms and email. The initiative was undertaken because many people in the community were unsure about what was happening on the Slapton Line, the project to rebuild the A379 and other associated initiatives such as improvements to the inland routes. The intention is to bridge the communications gap and to give people an honest and meaningful update on where things stand.

Questions were received from a total of 226 people. These have been consolidated into 3 headings and simplified to cover people's main concerns in a way that should enable meaningful answers to be produced. Questions about the sea defence protection work at Torcross have been left out of the summary below as the EA has a good communications programme on this.

The questions the community would like answering are shown below.

### **The A379**

- When will the funding outcome be known?
- If we get the funding how long will it be before the road reopens?
- Why aren't the road and the new sea defence protection at Torcross all one integrated project?
- Why has no work been undertaken to protect what remains of the road?
- Why does rebuilding the road to the size and location that it previously was need an extensive planning process?
- What are the plans if the funding isn't received?
- If the funding isn't received is the only thing on offer to communities' minor enhancements to the inland lanes?
- Has anyone studied the impact on people's mental health from the closure of the road?
- Why isn't anyone working to get a temporary solution in place in the short term?
- Could a road construction approach such as the Churchill Barrier in Orkney, or Eriksay Causeway in Outer Hebrides be used for the Slapton Line?

### **The Inland Routes**

- What are the planned enhancements to the inland routes?
- When will this work be completed?
- Has any analysis been undertaken to assess the impact on journey times and likely traffic volumes using the enhanced inland routes compared to the A379?
- Has any analysis been undertaken to assess if local congestion will be worse if the inland routes are enhanced and the A379 is not rebuilt?
- Will the enhanced inland routes be suitable for bus services?

### **Other issues**

- There seems to be lots of organisations involved in the Slapton Line. Why is this complexity necessary and who is responsible for what?
- Who should people in the community contact about progress?