

Press release: Torcross nominated for international engineering award

Torcross sea defence repair is one of 10 projects worldwide nominated for the Institution of Civil Engineers People's Choice Award 2018.

The award recognises top civil engineering projects and the winner is chosen by public vote. Anyone can vote – you can read about each of the 10 projects and vote on the [ICE Website](#). Voting closes on 28 September 2018.

The Environment Agency team based in Devon worked with contractors Bam Nuttall Mott Macdonald Joint Venture (BMM JV) to complete the £2.4m project within 14 months of problems being identified. The work was funded by Defra flood defence grant in aid.

The original seawall was constructed in the 1980s, protecting a row of properties along the seafront. Significant storms since 2014 had caused beach levels to drop, leaving the wall's foundations exposed. The winter storms of 2015/16 damaged the connecting road and caused movement in the wall and promenade. This indicated that the defence had been weakened and may no longer offer protection to adjacent properties.

The project had a tight deadline. The Environment Agency needed to identify the underlying issues with the wall and rectify them before the next winter storms arrived. The team faced a variety of challenges including tides encroaching into the working area, constrained access routes and a high risk of unexploded ordnance as Exercise Tiger – a live-fire training exercise for the D-Day landings – took place on the beach.

Environment Agency Project Manager Becky Richards said:

We would love Torcross to win this very prestigious industry award, but the competition is tough and we need votes to help us get to the top.

I'd like to thank all involved in getting us nominated, especially the local community who were really understanding throughout construction. Working with the tides meant long, noisy shifts. We couldn't have completed the project so quickly without the support of people in Torcross.

Voting for Torcross takes less than a minute and you could help a local project be recognised as the international top civil engineering project of the year. The winner of this year's People's Choice Award will be announced on 6 November 2018.

[News story: PCA MRO Questionnaire](#)



Access the MRO questionnaire [here](#)

The PCA is keen to gather tenants' experiences of how the MRO procedure is being implemented in practice and whether tenants feel that they have a genuine choice in deciding whether staying tied or going free of tie is best for them and their business.

Responses will be used to inform the PCA's regulatory functions only and will not be referred for arbitration. However, completing the questionnaire will not affect any existing or future right to refer any Pubs Code-related dispute to the PCA for arbitration.

All responses will be treated in confidence in accordance with data protection requirements and the PCA privacy policy. Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/pca.

Hard copies of the questionnaire are also being distributed to tenants, on the PCA's behalf, via their pub company.

Please direct all questions relating to the questionnaire, to intelligence@pubscod adjudicator.gov.uk or call the PCA enquiry line on 0800 528 8080.

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River Thames restriction information for Friday 21 September 2018.

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- HS2 Phases route map

Guidance: Assessment of potential wildfire risk resulting from planned deforestation to open habitat: operations note 40

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- Wildfire risk and hazard checklist
- Example wildfire risk assessment
- Stakeholders for wildfire planning

- Template letter to Fire and Rescue Service