

Golspie Pier/Beach Groyne Adaptation

April '25 to March '26

£105,000

The Highland Council



Aerial image showing MHWS (as a red line) and beach retention by old pier © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025

Overview:

Previous studies confirmed that the old pier at Golspie is performing like a beach groyne. It is retaining beach material to the east side and so building up natural protection to the coast edge in front of properties in Golspie whilst providing shelter to the new pier and slipway to the west. This project aims to provide detailed design for adapting the old pier to form a refurbished groyne. Environmental surveys and licencing work for the old pier will be extended to consider widened impacts and expansion of coastal adaptation along the coast.

What we are hoping to learn:

This project is being delivered in collaboration with the local community, with most of the project being led by the Golspie Flood Action Group. The project is planned as the first of several measures to manage coastal erosion risk along the shoreline in front of the village. Delivery of this first groyne will be instrumental in securing public buy-in to the future elements of the wider project. This project seeks to highlight the benefits of delivering through partnership working.



Old pier adjacent to existing pier in Golspie ©Wallace Stone (2004)

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