

Stevenston & Irvine: Site Investigation

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£60,000

North Ayrshire Council



Grass covered spoil at Irvine with existing toe protection on the beach
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Overview:

Our project aims to verify the composition and location of suspected contamination on and around the existing shoreline at Irvine and Stevenston. The outcome of these site investigations will inform future adaptation planning and actions. At Irvine, the existing toe protection that was recently revealed by reduced beach levels indicates that previous decision-makers recognised the need to protect the spoil from erosion processes. At Stevenston, historic colliery spoil is actively eroding.

What we are hoping to learn:

By investigating suspected contamination from an historic shorefront colliery at Stevenston and from past industrial uses around the mouth of the River Irvine, decisions about coastal change adaptation will be better informed. The investigations are early actions in the Local Coastal Change Adaptation Plans for both study areas. This project will help to show how previous industrial uses can and will continue to shape approaches to adaptation.



Face of eroding colliery spoil at Stevenston Beach with informal memorial garden at crest
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