

St Helens Parish Council



The following message was read out at the PC Meeting 8.9.25.

From The Beach Home Team, Duver Enterprises;

Thank you for your message. We have some outstanding issues with the National Trust and this has delayed our progress. Sadly, we think that it would be a better use of the Parish's time if we were to come to the next meeting when we will have a better update.

To give you a quick update on the main elements of our plan, which we are happy for you to share.

Railway carriages

As suggested at the previous meeting, we intend to give the railway carriages to the Steam Railway and replace at least half of them with units of a similar size and design. This should respect the heritage of the area and allow all those who currently have a railway carriage to have one for next year. We will decide after consultation whether the area occupied by the other half may be improved by an alternative offering, which might include more Beach huts or building more units in the style of Railway carriages

Beach huts

We have no plans to make any significant changes to the existing Beach huts to the Harbour end of the site.

Caravans

We are looking at three options for the upgrade of the caravan area.:

1. To replace them with three new traditional Caravans of a similar size and design as the existing ones.
2. To replace them with three new contemporary mobile homes built to high standards, which will blend with the landscape on both sides of the site.
3. To replace them with several glamping units artfully blended with the landscape

Additional facilities

I think we mentioned at the last meeting, we have had approaches to set up a sauna and other small wellness facilities - and were this to be commercially viable, any such facilities would be in the area between the railway carriages and the caravans.

Subject to commercial viability, we are committed to maintaining and enhancing the whole area and would hope to be able to make a long term commitment to restore the SSSI adjacent to our site working with the council, the local community, the National Trust and Natural England.

As you will be well aware, this process has already dragged on for nearly 2 decades and we are very keen to reach a positive solution for all parties as soon as possible.

We have appointed an architect, and you may see several people conducting surveys in relation to sustainability, ecology and environmental considerations over the next few weeks. We will be working very hard to get the future mapped and agreed by early next year.

We expect to have the initial drawings from the architect by around October. At that point, we'll share a couple of options with the St. Helens Parish for their feedback and keep everyone updated on our progress.

Realistically, with the pre-app process, planning permissions, and all the paperwork that needs to be submitted, we're probably looking at February before everything is fully in place. We're hopeful, though, that this will set us up nicely for a beautiful site to be up and running by next summer. We'll definitely keep you posted as things move forward.

Thanks again for your understanding and we look forward to sharing more with you soon.