

A Range of Opinions



Patricia Parkin, holiday park caravan owner, Barmston Beach:



If you want to spend a holiday here, you'd better get a move on. The cliffs are eroding quickly and our static caravan is dangerously near the edge. We bought the caravan years ago and we've seen the cliff move every year. Something needs to be done to stop it. I paid £15 000 for my caravan and it would be terrible if it just fell into the sea.

David Wodsworth, town planner:

We've got a large sea wall at Bridlington that cost a lot of money, but we need that because there's property worth millions of pounds behind it. I know we've got a bit more money to play around with, but you can't protect everywhere along the coast. It would cost a fortune for a sea wall to run from Bridlington down to Withernsea – it's 32 miles! We have to do what we can, but some people will be unhappy.



Jennifer Bird, resident in Bridlington:

All the main facilities are here, so we need the money to protect the coast. Simple. Forget about the caravan parks down the coast; they're not important.

Nigel Chapman, farmer at Mappleton:

Just because land doesn't have houses on doesn't mean it's not valuable. My land is needed so I can raise cattle. And if we don't stop the farmland being eroded, then pretty soon the cliff will be at the farm house and neighbouring homes. We need protection here.

**Joseph Treeton, caretaker at a holiday park in Withernsea:**

I'm going to lose my job if we're not careful because there are going to be holiday parks just disappearing into the sea. Nothing is being done to save them, yet protection is given to people's houses. And it's the groynes that protect houses further up the coast that are making it worse here! Aren't their holiday caravans just as important? It's still their property that will be damaged.