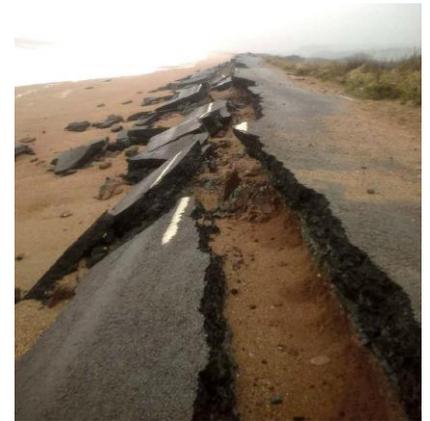
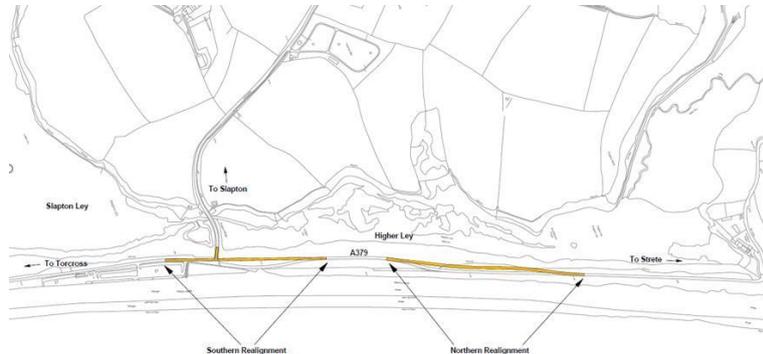


## A379 Slapton Line Reconstruction

During Storm Emma in March 2018, the key link between Slapton and Strete Gate, known as the Slapton Line was completely washed away. It effectively cut a community in half and resulted in a detour of 8km.



Devon County Council (DCC) and local MP Sarah Wollaston acted quickly to secure £2.5m of government funding. Immediately after the DCC Design Team developed designs and by July works commenced. Planning consent was obtained.

DCC engaged Griffiths in April via their Framework to work with them in the pre-construction phase to develop construction programmes/methodology. Early engagement was critical to success as the site was constrained on one side by the beach and the other by a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Additionally, the site had Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risks due to its use in WW2, was of archaeological significance and a reptile habitat.

Close liaison was required between Slapton Line Partnership, Field Studies Centre and Natural England. The Slapton Line Partnership consulted with residents during the planning process and drop in sessions were held before works commenced to inform local people of the planned works. This was attended by key members of the construction team and DCC so that residents could meet the team, discuss plans and also talk about the wider highway problems arising from the road closure.

Throughout the project regular drop-ins were organised to ensure accessibility to all residents and businesses affected. Newsletters were delivered to keep the public up to date with the works progress.



Being in a remote location served by narrow roads, deliveries had to be carefully managed.

In total 1km of road was reconstructed including the removal of the old road, part of which led on the beach. In order to minimise excavation in SSSI and improve programme a single 75mm layer asphalt was used on top of granite sub-base.

Despite the challenging location, a tight time scale was set and achieved, opening the road in October just 7 months after it was washed away.