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**Teleconference with Brian Farrow**

**Coastal Engineer**

**North Norfolk County Council**

Brian is very useful and we plan to meet but the following headlines are the core elements of our discussion.

*"Cromer erodes at 150mm /year*

*Happisburgh erodes at 1.5m/year" -* 1500 times greater

*"The funds allocated by the Environment Agency are split between flood prevention and coastal erosion at a ratio of greater than 9:1"*

The main issue is based on Cost / Benefit analysis *- " is the asset worth saving?"*

*"Spending several millions on protecting a few thousand Peterborough residents from flooding is more important than the erosion damaging a few hundred homes in Happisburgh"*

*"Too often it is a minefield regarding who takes responsibility – Local authority / Environment Agency / Corporate although the shoring-up of Bacton oil terminal was a success where all agencies worked together"* Not sure that this isdue to goodwill or that the oil companies stumped up the majority of the cash.

*"Flood tides are expected to worsen and the erosion at Happisburgh will accelerate. Trimingham is next and will be like Happisburgh"*

*"Managing the retreat is the only option"*

Sending me the latest coastal maps overlaid with erosion historic lines (received same day)