

Bryony

Bryony lives less than 100m from the cliff edge and is aware that her home has limited life. A maximum of 15 years but much less if the severe storms of 2013 recur.

She lives alone with her two cats and her books.

She lost her last home, a bungalow, to the sea in 2013 when she awoke to find her cats staring through the floorboards of her kitchen at the remains of the rear of the property that had fallen on to the beach as the cliff gave way.

She says that she has only recently come to terms with the trauma that the experience caused but the recent cliff fall close to her current home is a real worry.

Her property has little value due to its precarious position but it is her only asset apart from an old camper van that she says is where she will have to live if she has to leave.

She is angry that just 5 miles up the coast, the village of Bacton has been protected by *sandscaping** the beach to protect the gas terminal and as an added benefit, the village itself. This has mainly been paid for by Shell although the North Norfolk District Council has contributed.

" If Bacton can be preserved then why not Happisburgh?"

* sandscaping is where the seabed is "vacuumed" and deposited on to the beach to raise its level.