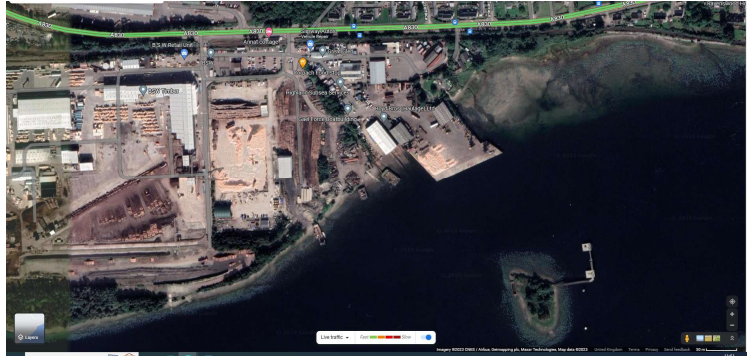
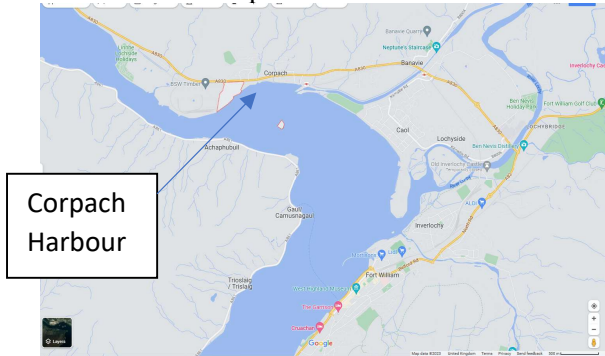


Background

- This area was owned initially by Wiggins Teape (who ran the pulp mill on the site) then Arjo Wiggins who also ran the pulp mill. It was then purchased by Clydeport after the pulp mill was closed to change the site to become a commercial port and now owned by Boyd Brothers (Haulage) Limited who also run it as a commercial port.



- Over the years there has been some significant erosion from the water in Loch Linnhe to the coast at Corpach Harbour.



- In order to mitigate the effect of this erosion, works have been carried out to repair the coast along the land by all the various owners of the land.
- This is in accordance with the Marine Scotland Assessment – Coastal erosion & flood risk management report which states “*Landowners are also responsible for protecting their property from coastal erosion.*”.
- The previous works carried out around 30 years ago and are now in various states of dis-repair with further erosion from behind the trees being suffered. The whole coastline needs to be tidied up and repaired.



- The recent works carried out involved carefully selected material, which was suitably placed to provide long lasting protection to the area.
- The material has primarily been 2 layers of rock armour sourced from the local quarry at Banavie (located about 1 mile from the site) which has provided protection against further serious erosion by dissipating the effect of wave energy.
- Work was also carried out to tidy the previous owners flat rocks installed around 25 years ago which were just in a mess on the shore and so Boyd Brothers (Haulage) Limited put it back into layers as shown below.



- Other material to infill the area behind the rock armour was sourced from further along the beach above the MHWS level where there is a slope down towards the water.

Future works

- The plan is to provide a permanent facility to enable yachts/boats/vessels to be taken out of the water and be cleaned and stored for over-wintering as well as creating an access onto a Bailey bridge to the spud-leg barge which will then be used to store vessels alongside for repair or getting ready for being taken out the water.
- It is considered that there would be space to store around 60 vessels on land which would be a great addition to the facilities already in Loch Linnhe such as the Fort William pontoons, Thomas Telford Corpach Marina and all businesses associated with yachting and boating.
- This project will involve:
 - further works to be carried out to repair the erosion from the loch all along the coastline of Boyd Brothers (Haulage) Limited's land (this marine licence application)
 - the installation of a Dock Hoist access using concrete walkways to get to the low water level so vessels can be removed at mid to high water states of the tide (marine licence application in progress and will be submitted ASAP)
 - the installation of an access to a Bailey bridge onto a spud-leg barge to enable vessels to be stored alongside either for repair work to be carried out or waiting to be taken out of the water (marine licence application in progress and will be submitted ASAP)