There are 1,093 heritage assets at risk present day. This number will increase with climate change

86% of these carry a 'hold the line' policy

Construction costs to defend these assets could exceed £900m.

With 60% risk, these costs can be estimated to exceed £1.4 billion.

These costs do not account for undiscovered Archaeology.

FCERM GiA is not directly available to manage these assets.

'Hold The Line' on their heritage basis alone is therefore aspirational

58% of planned schemes contain designated heritage within their boundaries.

Over 50% of these schemes are likely to occur in the next 10 years

Statutory heritage mitigations have been known to increase scheme costs by more than 20 %, despite not being covered by FCERM GiA.

Without additional funding these schemes may become unaffordable, putting homes and properties at risk.

69% of remaining assets which lie outside of planned schemes, carry a Hold The Line policy despite no direct funding.

Designated heritage assets perform the primary defence for 11 km of the SCOPAC Coastline. The majority of which are managed by local authorities, which require revenue funds for their maintenance.

Structural maintenance of these assets often legally requires the use of specialist materials or construction techniques.

These are often significantly higher in cost and less robust than industry standards.

This raises the general cost and frequency of maintenance, depleting limited LA revenue funding budgets.

Where these assets fail there is no emergency provision, which can leave homes and properties vulnerable.

In the light of funding gaps, combined with increasing climate and funding pressures, adaptation measures and alternatives to holding the line may need to be increasingly implemented. However...

There is a lack of clear advice and policy surrounding when and how this should be undertaken.

These measures themselves can incur significant costs, which are currently unfunded. The relocation of the Clavell tower cost £900,000 to relocate.

The only free solution is loss of the asset.

Moving forwards...

Review of the capacity for key DEFRA and DCMS funding a to close funding gaps.

Improved collaboration with heritage regulators throughout the FCERM process to ensure heritage conservation and FCERM priorities are balanced.

Should funding not be found, collaboration with heritage and FCERM statutory bodies to form strategy and best practice surrounding alternatives to protection.