

Helwick Bank Sand Dredging – Public Inquiry

As you are aware, a Public Inquiry is to be held in regard to the latest application to dredge sand from Helwick Bank. Llanelli Sand Dredging Ltd. (a subsidiary of a Dutch company) wants to double its annual extraction from Helwick, and is asking for a fifteen-year licence: three times longer than its latest approval.

A coalition of The Gower Society, Save our Sands and other groups and individuals is determined to fight any further dredging until the company can prove that the damage to our beaches is not caused by their dredging.

Public inquiries cost money. Arguing at a public inquiry, that dredging off the Helwick Bank should stop, will not come cheaply. Expert witnesses and legal advisers, however sympathetic to the cause, still need to be paid. While our own knowledge and experience is important, proper scientific research and statistical analysis is the sort of evidence an inquiry requires.

Because the inquiry is probably the last opportunity for a generation to halt dredging from the Helwick Bank, the Gower Society has joined with SOS (Save Our Sands) and others, in a public appeal to help with the costs of mounting a proper case at the inquiry.

Gower Society SOS Fighting Fund

Please help if you can. If you are able to contribute, please send a cheque (payable to The Gower Society, marked for the Public Inquiry account) to our Treasurer:

Prof. John Beardmore, 153 Derwen Fawr Road, Swansea SA2 8ED.

I / We would like to support the Gower Society SOS Fighting Fund, and enclose a donation of : £ _____

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