

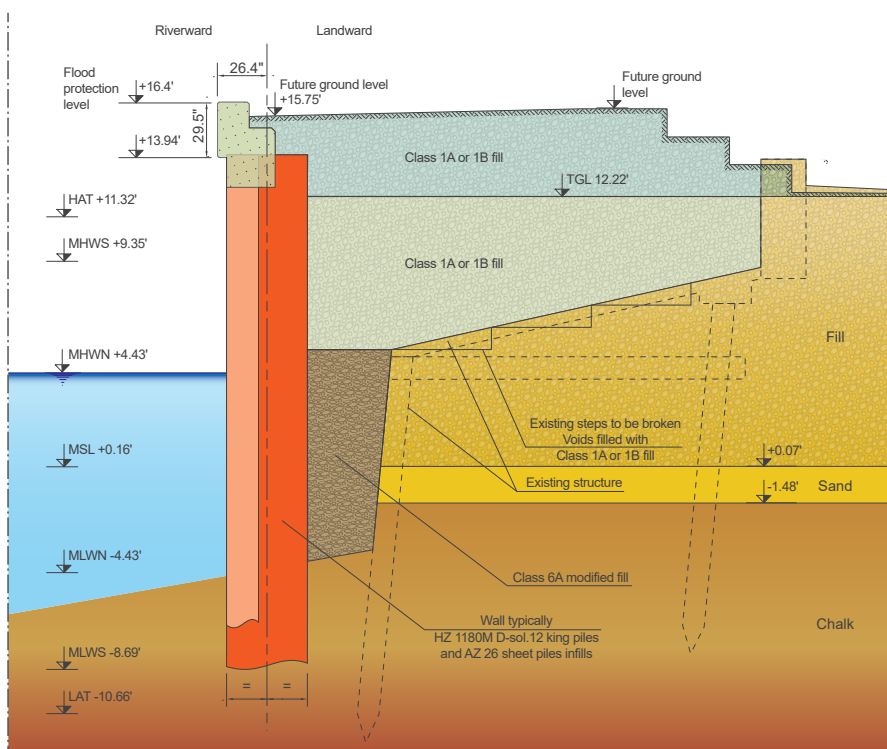


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Tidal Flood Defences River Arun Littlehampton | UK



Typical cross section



Working in partnership with Arun District Council, West Sussex Council and Littlehampton Harbour Board, the Environment Agency is improving the tidal flood defences along the East Bank of the River Arun in Littlehampton, on the South Coast of England. The work is being carried out by VolkerStevin and CH2M Hill and is budgeted at £14.1million.

Completed at the end of 2014, the scheme protects 2,000 residential properties and businesses against 75 years of predicted sea level rise as well as enhancing the riverside walkway between the town and the beach.

Two types of retaining wall were considered for the structure which has to hold up to 22.64 ft soil and ground water without lateral support. Initially a tubular wall in combination with AZ[®] steel sheet piles was thought to be the most economical but on consideration of the long design life, the HZ[®] / AZ[®] combined wall system from ArcelorMittal was found to be the most economical and technically feasible solution.

It utilises large HZ[®]-M (HZ 1180M A-sol.12 & HZ 1180M D-sol.12) beams with welded interlocks, which are installed by panel driving techniques down to the required levels before AZ26 sheet piles are driven to connect the beams into a continuous wall. The beams carry the vast majority of the bending moments and have the advantage that the face of the beam is small in comparison with a tubular solution. CH2M Hill had to take great care over assessing the design life of the structure, which at its most aggressive depth had to tolerate up to 0.28 in thickness loss through the design life of the flood wall.

When analysing the two solutions the HZ[®] / AZ[®] was found to be stronger after sacrificial losses in comparison with the same losses from the tubular solution.



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Project Owner Environment Agency
 Design Consultant CH2M HILL
 Contractor VolkerStevin

Sheet Piles			
HZ 1180M A-sol.12	69.5 ft	S 355 GP	1 031 t
AZ 26 Pairs	41.3 ft	S 355 GP	233 t
HZ 1180M D-sol.12	71.2-72.2 ft	S 430 GP	971 t
AZ 26 Pairs	40-41.3 ft	S 430 GP	222 t

Total 2 457 tonnes of sheet piles
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HZ®-M template

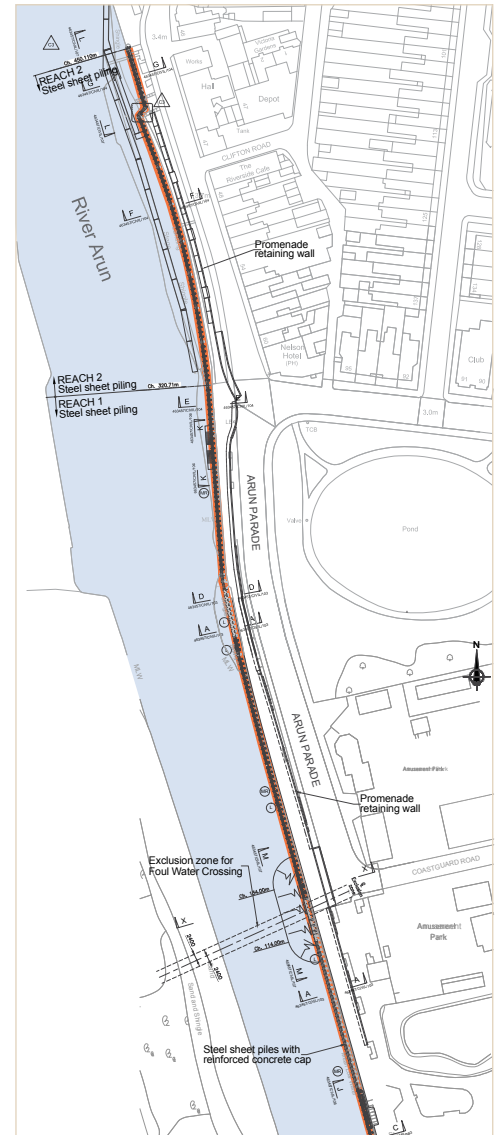
This resulted in the significant cost saving by utilising the HZ®/AZ® solution.

All of the solutions were analysed and priced with ArcelorMittal included as part of the project team with the “Early Supplier Involvement” service.

Soils typically consisted of made ground with overlying chalk of varying strength. The made ground was the result of previous port construction (and activity) and was very varied. It included obstructions and cobbles. The chalk was weak in the upper layers, but increased in strength with depth and had flints and cobbles within the matrix.

The installation was carried out by VolkerStevin. Very robust driving frames have been constructed such, that the lower frame was close to high tide level and then the wall was installed with a combination of vibratory techniques (PVE 40VN) and noise shrouded percussive techniques (BSP CX85 in 7 Tonne mode and BSP CX110 in 9 Tonne mode). All equipment was heavily shrouded with double skin acoustic shrouding to keep noise levels to a minimum.

The site worked through some very difficult conditions with the wettest winter for some years, in conjunction with long periods of gale force winds. The installation works on Reaches 1 & 2 have been successfully completed with piling work moving to higher reaches using conventional AZ® sheet pile walls.



Reach 1 and 2 General Arrangement

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