

## **STANDARD BEACH HUT SPECIFICATION**

(Also see TDC DWG No: 4110/1/5/1 dated 1978)

- 1) Size**                      The hut shall be of the following overall dimensions:

Frontage 8`0" (2440mm)  
Depth overall 12`0" (3660mm)  
Height - to eaves 6`9" (2060mm) - to ridge 7`9" (2360mm)

Exceptions

  - (i)                      The Leas, Frinton  
Depth overall 11`0" (3350mm)
  - (ii)                     Brightlingsea  
Frontage 7`0" (2130mm)  
Depth overall 10`6" (3200mm)
  - (iii)                    West Promenade, Clacton  
Frontage 12`0" (3660mm)  
Depth overall 8`0" (2440mm)
  
- 2) Front Wall**                The front wall shall have an entrance door 2`6" (762mm) wide divided horizontally into two sections. The door to be sited on the left of the front wall. The remainder of the front shall comprise a fixed dwarf screen 3`0" (914mm) high with removable shutters over.

Exceptions

  - (i)                      The Walings, Frinton  
The front entrance door will not be provided. The front shall comprise a fixed dwarf screen 3`0" (914mm) for the full width of the hut with removable shutters over.
  
- 3) Internal Partition**        A veranda if required should be formed 4`0" (1220mm) depth from the front wall of the hut. The internal division to be either a glazed timber screen with glazed double doors or alternatively a curtain screen in which case a truss should be introduced to stiffen the construction.
  
- 4) Roof**                        The roof structure may be either ¾" (19mm) T & G boards or chipboard on 2" x 2" (50mm x 50mm) rafters covered in green mineralised felt applied with suitable bitumen adhesive to manufacturers recommendation. The roof shall project beyond the side and rear walls of the hut by not more than 4" (100mm) and in front by 12" (300mm).
  
- 5) Walls**                        The walls may be horizontal shiplap boarding in either cedar or softwood (on building paper at owners option) on 2"x 2" (50mm x 50mm) studwork.

- 6) **Windows** There must be no windows at the sides or back of the hut. The rear wall may have a wooden louvre ventilator 12" x 12" (300mm x 300mm).

Exceptions

- (i) The Walings, Frinton  
A 2' 6" (762mm) door shall be provided in the right-hand corner of the rear wall, to match the overall appearance of the rear wall.

- 7) **Floor** The floor to be ¾" (19mm) T & G boarding or chipboard on 2" x 2" (50mm x 50mm) joists at 16" (406mm) centres.

8) **Horizontal Bearers**

- a) The hut must be raised from the ground to leave a clear open space of at least 3" (75mm) between the ground and the underside of the floor structure of the hut.
- b) Horizontal bearers must be sufficient in number to bear the weight of the hut without undue deflection, must be sized to take account of any slope of the ground to keep the floor of the hut level and in any case must be not less than 3" x 3" (75mm x 75mm).

Exceptions

- (i) The Walings, Frinton  
Bearers minimum 4" x 3" (100mm x 75mm) should be provided.

- 9) **Cliff Contours** Where it is necessary, owing to the contour of the cliff, to erect the hut on a staging, six uprights of sound timber not less than 4" x 4" (100mm x 100mm) must be provided and must be firmly driven (not dug) into the ground.  
**NO EXCAVATION OF CLIFF WILL BE PERMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION OF A HUT.**

- 10) **Construction** The hut may be of sectional construction to facilitate erection and/or removal in winter if required.

**11) External Decoration**

There is a well-known correlation between the condition of beach huts and criminal damage.

All beach hut areas and individual beach huts should be maintained to a high standard which in turn will support priorities for tourism and inward investment.

The Council would like beach hut owners to move away from the tendency to protect beach huts with wood stain or preserver and to opt for brighter coloured beach huts.

The beach hut strategy for Tendring adopted in 2013 states a clear preference for beach huts to be painted within a palette of suggested pastel colours.

**12) The Walings, Frinton**

To provide access to the rear entrance a veranda must be provided from the rear wall of the hut to a line 1000mm from the sloping face of the sea wall. The veranda to be the width of the hut and surrounded by a screen wall 4`0" (1200mm) high on north east side 3`0" (914mm) high on remaining two walls to match the walls of the hut with a gate 2`6" (762mm) wide opposite the door. Access from the promenade level shall be by means of steps or a ramp as appropriate with a balustrade to meet Building Regulations requirements. At the licensee's option the veranda may extend the length of the rear beams up to the sea wall although some damage by wave wash may be experienced. The veranda floor shall be positioned 6" (150mm) below the floor of the hut.

**13) Fixing**

Where anchorage points have been provided in the concrete site slab these may be used by the owner to provide a means of securing the hut at the owner's risk. Where no anchorages are available but the owner wishes to make such provision he may do so by means of a suitable angle iron fixed to the concrete site slab by means of expanding bolts. Slots for fixing angle irons may NOT be cut into the concrete site slab.

Exceptions

(i)

The Walings, Frinton -On this location the hut owner must adequately secure the hut to the substructure. The hut owner must provide his own means of anchorage, which should be secured to the substructure by Coach Screws. The hut shall overhang the staging equidistant at front and rear.