

# News Release

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## Tank to be Removed from Redoubt Fortress

The Centurion Mark III Tank located at the Redoubt Fortress on Eastbourne seafront will be removed this weekend on Sunday 26 April.

The tank has been a familiar landmark on Royal Parade since 1988 when it was presented to the Redoubt Fortress and Military Museum by Prince Philip, Colonel-in-Chief to the Queen's Royal Hussars. After 21 years of wear and tear from the seafront weather, the condition of the tank has deteriorated and cannot be repaired in its current location.

The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars Regiment and the curator of the Redoubt Fortress have now agreed for the tank to begin a new lease of life in Arlington with a local military vehicle enthusiast who will restore it.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism, Cllr Susan Morris said "It is unfortunate that the tank has fallen into disrepair but it is important that we remove the vehicle and ask residents what they would like to see in its place. Eastbourne is renowned for its beautiful seafront and glorious promenade and the people of the town now have the opportunity to give their views on a suitable replacement. We will be consulting through the website and a decision will be made by the end of May."

On Sunday a large crane will lift the tank onto the back of a low loader for transportation to Arlington at around 8.00am with the whole operation being completed by 10.00am. The crane will be positioned adjacent to Royal Parade towards the sea and off the highways. Although some disruption to traffic flows may be anticipated, Royal Parade is not expected to close.

The tank was originally used by the Hussars in Korea.

Consultation will now be carried out with residents to find out what they would like to see replace the Tank, with suggestions including another military vehicle, flower beds, the grass bank to be reinstated or people can suggest an alternative.

The final decision on the tank's replacement will be subject to the necessary consents and available funding.

Residents can give their feedback online at [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/tank](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/tank) .

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## **Further Information**

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