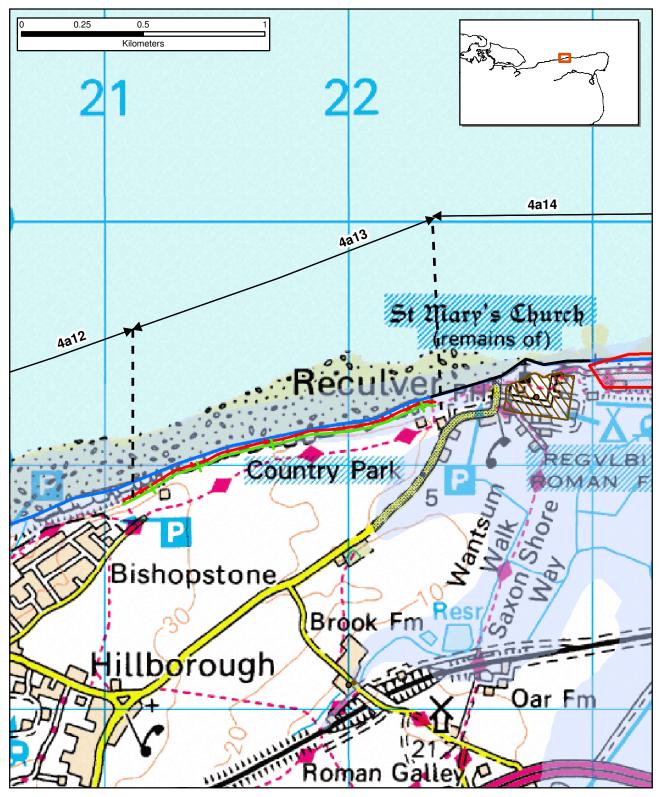
Isle of Grain to South Foreland Shoreline Management Plan Policy Unit 4a 13: Reculver Country Park - Map 1





Policy						
From Present Day:	Medium-Term:	Long-Term:				
No Active Intervention	No Active Intervention	No Active Intervention				
Erosion Lines		Environmental/Cultural Heritage				
0-20 year erosion	Potential maximum long-term realignment option	National Nature Conservation Designation				
20-50 year erosion	2005 Indicative floodplain © Environment Agency	International and National Nature Conservation Designation				
50-100 year erosion						
Hold the Line (0-100 years)	l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l	Important Heritage Sites (Scheduled Monuments)				
Curreent shore line						
 Policy Unit Boundary 						
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SUMMARY OF THE PLAN AND JUSTIFICATION

Plan:

The eroding cliffs at Reculver Country Park are of high conservation, landscape and recreational importance. The long term recommendation is to allow continued erosion of the cliffs, which will maintain the geological exposures and landscape quality of the frontage. There will, however, be potential for loss of buried unknown heritage as the cliffs erode.

Development along this frontage is minimal and in most cases the built assets, are set back from the cliff face. However, in the medium term some built assets may be at risk and the coastal path may need to be re-routed. It is recommended that the flood and erosion risks be managed in conjunction with the neighbouring unit (4a14).

Preferred policies to implement Plan:					
From present day:	The present day policy for Reculver Country Park is to continue with the current management practises, allowing natural erosion of the cliffs under a policy of no active intervention . Natural shoreline protection is provided by cliff fall debris and it is not necessary or visually desirable to defend this section of the coastline.				
Medium-term:	The medium term policy for Reculver Country Park is to continue allowing natural processes to take place (erosion of the cliffs and erosion of the shoreline) under a policy of no active intervention . With sea level rise it is anticipated that erosion rates will increase during this epoch, as such, some built assets may be at risk. Material released from the cliffs will provide some predominantly fines to the foreshore and it is predicted that this will continue to contribute to the alongshore sediment budget.				
Long-term:	The long-term policy sees a continuation of no active intervention for Reculver Country Park. This permits erosion of the cliffs, and as such a landward transgression of the 'shoreline', but maintains the coastal landscape, along with the environmental and geological assets. With sea level rise, the naturally functioning coastline will continue to provide sediment inputs to the foreshore, albeit at a slightly greater rate than those experienced historically.				

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	IMPLICATIONS OF THE PLAN FOR THIS LOCATION									
Time Period	Managemen Activities	nt Property, Built Assets and Land Use	Landscape	Nature Conservation	Historic Environment	Amenity and Recreational Use				
2025	Cliff erosion will cont providing nominal fe (fines) to the system	considered to be at risk	Existing landscape maintained.	The continued erosion of the cliffs maintains the environmental and geological interests.	No significant heritage assets at risk. Some unknown heritage assets may be lost.	Current amenity and recreational facilities maintained.				
2025 – 2055	Cliff erosion will cont providing nominal fe (fines) to the system	considered to be at risk	Cliff top land eroded but coastal landscape maintained.	The continued erosion of the cliffs maintains the environmental and geological interests.	No significant heritage assets at risk. Some unknown heritage assets may be lost.	The cliff top footpath may be at risk and if possible should be realigned. Other amenity and recreational assets will be maintained.				
2055 – 2105	Cliff erosion will com providing nominal fe (fines) to the system	this epoch (up to	Cliff top land eroded but coastal landscape maintained.	The continued erosion of the cliffs maintains the environmental and geological interests.	No significant heritage assets at risk. Some unknown heritage assets may be lost.	The cliff top footpath and Reculver Country Park visitor centre may be at risk and if possible should be realigned.				