

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**

- 0-20 year erosion
- 20-50 year erosion
- 50-100 year erosion
- Hold the Line ( 0-100 years)
- Current shore line
- - - Policy Unit Boundary

- Potential maximum long-term realignment option
- 2005 Indicative floodplain © Environment Agency

**Environmental/Cultural Heritage**

- National Nature Conservation Designation
- International and National Nature Conservation Designation
- Important Heritage Sites (Scheduled Monuments)

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**Location reference:**        **Reculver Country Park**

**Policy Unit reference:**    **4a13**

### 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.

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**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.

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**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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<b>IMPLICATIONS OF THE PLAN FOR THIS LOCATION</b>						
<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Management Activities</b>	<b>Property, Built Assets and Land Use</b>	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Nature Conservation</b>	<b>Historic Environment</b>	<b>Amenity and Recreational Use</b>
<b>2025</b>	Cliff erosion will continue, providing nominal feed (fines) to the system	No built assets are considered to be at risk during this period.  Some agricultural land will be eroded.	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.
<b>2025 – 2055</b>	Cliff erosion will continue, providing nominal feed (fines) to the system	No built assets are at considered to be at risk during this period  Agricultural land will be eroded.	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.
<b>2055 – 2105</b>	Cliff erosion will continue, providing nominal feed (fines) to the system	Built assets at risk during this epoch (up to approximately 10 properties)  Agricultural land will be eroded.	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.