# Policy Unit 5A10 Nutbourne

# **Summary description of Policy Unit**

This frontage is within Chichester Harbour AONB. The tidal floodplain is relatively limited but covers residential properties, Historic and Listed Buildings, Monuments and heritage features within the villages of Nutbourne and Prinsted, along with local transport links. Analysis of shoreline erosion (see Appendix C5) indicates the rate and scale of coastal processes are less within the harbours than on the open coast. There are inter-tidal and transitional freshwater habitats of International, European and national nature conservation importance that support nearby and adjacent SPA/Ramsar sites. The existing defences protecting Nutbourne and eastern Prinsted are currently maintained by private owners and the Environment Agency.

Final policy options	SMP1 Ref n/a	
Epoch 1 From Present Day	Epoch 2 Medium Term	Epoch 3 Long Term
(up to 2025)  Hold the Line No public funding available for private defences	(2025 to 2055)  Hold the Line  No public funding  available for private  defences	(2055 to 2105)  Hold the Line  No public funding  available for private  defences

### Summary of rationale behind final policy options

The final policy option to continue to maintain the privately owned and maintained defences reflects the landowner's intentions for future management of their defences. The localised MR option at East Chidham has support from the landowner and will provide mitigation inter-tidal habitat opportunities at Nutbourne.

The defences provide protection to residential properties and coastal communities, heritage sites and features, transport infrastructure, which are located within the agricultural hinterland. The area may be a component of the Solent-wide network of high tide roost sites for waders and waterfowl that supports the SPA/Ramsar sites, This privately owned frontage is within Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Due to the environmental designations within Chichester Harbour maintenance of defence structures will result however, in the continued loss of European and national nature conservation designated habitats such as inter-tidal foreshore habitats, through coastal squeeze. These losses will need to be mitigated within the same designated area or compensated for elsewhere and delivered through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme. Opportunities for habitat mitigation and compensation have been detailed within the Appropriate Assessment of the final policies.

#### **Policy changes through Public Consultation**

The policies proposed for consultation were MR / HTL / HTL. Following discussions and consultation with landowners the MR policy in epoch 1 at

Nutbourne was amended to reflect landowner's objection to the MR policy option and their intentions for future defence management, thus removing the potential opportunity for intertidal habitat creation. Funding sources have been clarified.

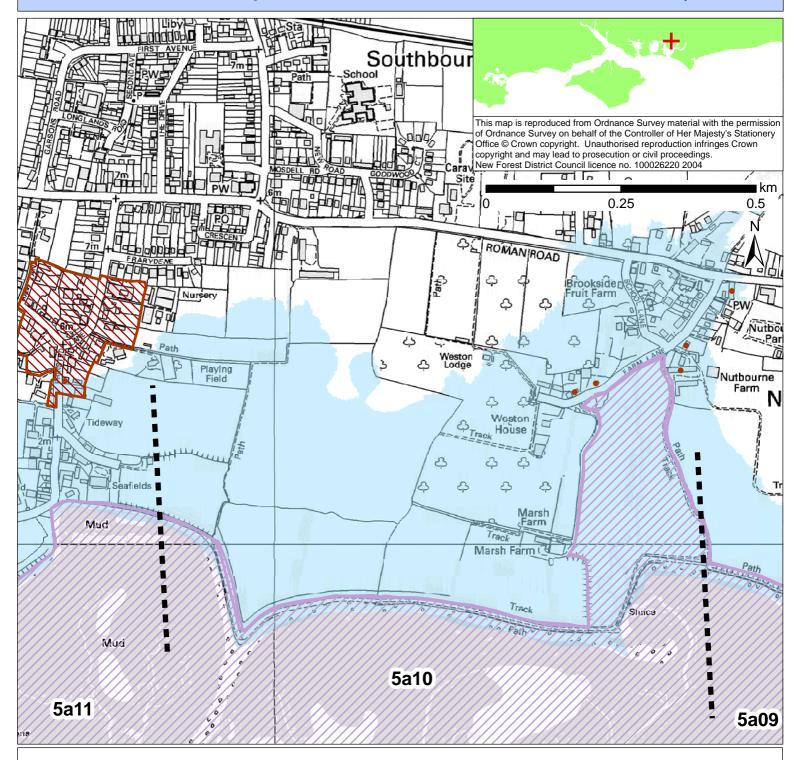
An Information Note for landowners, planners and developers on privately owned coastal defences and coastal planning issues has been produced.

# **Funding**

As is currently the case, no public funding would be available for continued maintenance of defences by private owners.

## **Further Studies (identified in Action Plan)**

Emsworth to East Head Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy Solent-wide network of high tide roost site study



## **POLICY**

From Present Day (up to 2025):	Medium-Term (2025 to 2055):	Long-Term (2055 to 2105):
Hold the Line-	Hold the Line-	Hold the Line-
No public funding available for	No public funding available for	No public funding available for
private defences	private defences	private defences

Indicative erosion zone up to 2025

Indicative erosion zone up to 2055

Indicative erosion zone up to 2105

■ ■ Policy Unit Boundary

International / National Designations

Important Heritage Sites

2108 Flood Risk Area (1 in 200 year) © Environment Agency