Policy Unit 5C01 Hook Park to Warsash North

Summary description of Policy Unit

This developed frontage contains residential properties, the Merchant Navy College, and commercial assets in Warsash. The majority of the frontage is privately owned, with short lengths of defences maintained by the Environment Agency. Inter-tidal and vegetated shingle habitats of International, European and national nature conservation importance plus the Hook Park area provide high tide roost sites and support the adjacent and nearby SPA/Ramsar sites. In addition there is a Local Nature Reserve and Heritage features include listed buildings, Monuments and Warsash Conservation Area. This frontage has been assessed in the draft River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy, which has recommended a NAI policy for the first epoch, a MR for the second and to maintain the realigned defences in the third epoch.

Final policy options	SMP1 Ref HAM8 Hold the Line	
Epoch 1 From Present Day (up to 2025)	Epoch 2 Medium Term (2025 to 2055)	Epoch 3 Long Term (2055 to 2105)
No Active Intervention	Managed Realignment	Hold The Line

Summary of rationale behind final policy options

The final policy options are taken from and consistent with the draft Itchen, Weston, Netley and River Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy.

There is no requirement or intention to intervene on the undefended sections of frontage, but in the short term existing privately owned defences may be maintained and property level flood defences may be appropriate. The CDS recommendations indicate the coastal flood risk to residential properties, the Warsash Naval Academy, and various commercial Warsash, will assets in remain minimal in the short-term. Rights of private owners to maintain their defences remain.

In the medium to long term, as rising sea levels increase the flood risk within Hook Lake, there is likely to be a requirement for additional defences at Warsash to be constructed landward of the existing line of defences. This will provide flood storage capacity benefits and improve the standard of protection to residential properties, infrastructure, commercial assets and transport links in and around Warsash. Localised realignment and addition of defences on the northern bank of Hook Lake will provide mitigation inter-tidal habitat opportunities.

Due to the environmental designations within the River Hamble and Hook Lake, losses of European and national nature conservation designated coastal grazing marsh habitats will need to be 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

None. Public consultation on the draft Itchen, Weston, Netley and River Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy will confirm the final policy and management approach, which may

require revisions to the final SMP policies. An Information Note for landowners, planners and developers on privately owned coastal defences and coastal planning issues has been produced.

Funding

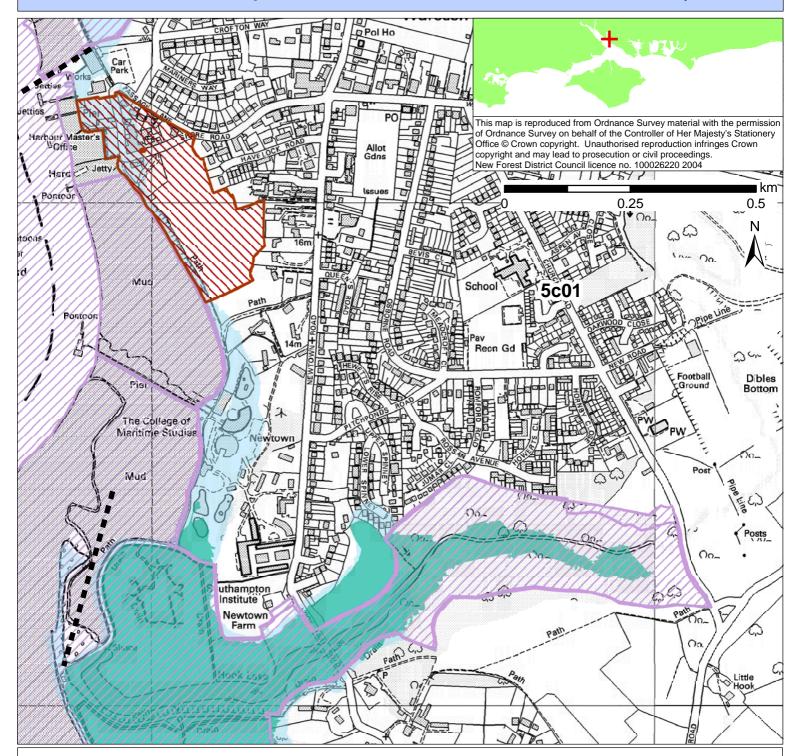
It is likely that central government funding could be secured for identified works and those associated with managed realignment. As is currently the case, no public funding would be available for continued maintenance of defences by private owners.

Further Studies (identified in Action Plan)

Conclusion and approval of Itchen, Weston, Netley and River Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy

Portsmouth Harbour entrance to River Hamble 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):
No Active Intervention	Managed Realignment	Hold the Line
	Location of secondary defences to be determined	

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

2115 Indicative Floodplain (1 in 200 year) provided from PUSH

Potential Area Considered for Managed Realignment