Policy Unit 5C02 Warsash North to Swanwick Shore Road

Summary description of Policy Unit

The tidal floodplain is relatively restricted due to rising topography, although the regionally important recreational footpath along Bunny Meadows would be inundated under rising sea levels. The frontage contains residential properties, marinas, moorings and other commercial assets, with a hinterland of grade 4 agricultural land. The majority of the frontage is undefended and privately owned and where there are defences they are privately maintained. Inter-tidal habitats of International, European and national nature conservation importance, provide high tide roost sites and support the adjacent and nearby SPA/Ramsar sites. There is a Local Nature Reserve and Heritage features include monuments and maritime features. 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 each epoch for the frontage.

Final policy options		SMP1 Ref HAM7 & 5 No Active Intervention HAM6 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	No Active Interventi	on	No Active Intervention

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.

Due to the relatively constrained extent of the tidal floodplain, low erosion rates and location of the residential and commercial properties, there is no requirement or intention to intervene on the undefended agricultural frontages which are permitted to adapt naturally to changing coastal conditions.

Adaptation options are being considered for the regionally important recreational footpath along Bunny Meadows and the loss of open space. (The amenity footpath is not considered as a defensive structure).

Existing privately owned defences may be maintained through permissive development rights of private landowners. Property level flood defences may be appropriate where flood risk will increase in the longer-term.

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.

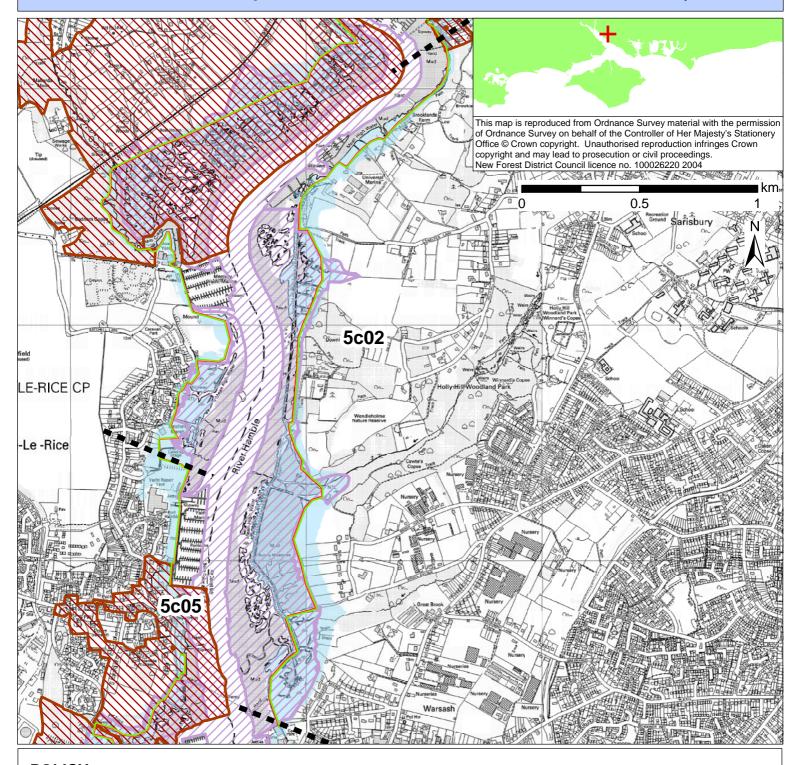
Funding

No flood defence works are identified. Alternative sources of public funding may be available to Local Authority or County Council for adaptive management of footpath and open space. 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

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	No Active Intervention	No Active Intervention

Indicative erosion zone up to 2025 Indicative erosion zone up to 2055 Indicative erosion zone up to 2105

International / National Designations

Important Heritage Sites

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

Policy Unit Boundary