

6 POLICY SUMMARY



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6.1 Introduction

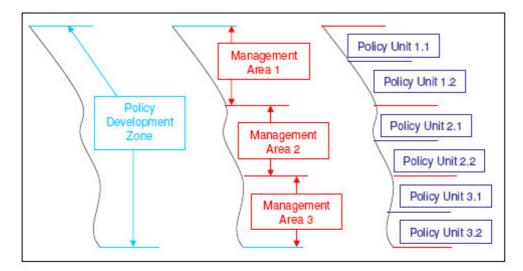
6.1.1 Presentation of Information

This section presents a summary of the draft management policies for the coast for consultation. This document provides information covering the whole coast.

The frontage has been split into 7 'Policy Development Zones' (or 'PDZs') as follows:

- PDZ1 Lowestoft Ness to Benacre Ness
- PDZ2 Benacre Ness to Easton Broad
- PDZ3 Easton Broad to Dunwich Cliffs
- PDZ4 Dunwich Cliffs to Thorpeness
- PDZ5 Thorpeness to Orford Ness
- PDZ6 Orford Ness to Cobbold's Point
- PDZ7 Cobbold's Point to Felixstowe Port (south)

Within each 'Policy Development Zone' the coast has been further sub-divided into a series of 'Management Areas'. Within each of these, management policies have been selected for a series of 'Policy Units', as schematised below:



6.1.2 Definition of Policies

For each Policy Unit an assessment has been made of the preferred management policy to be implemented over three future epochs, namely: 2025; 2055; and 2105.

The management policies under consideration are defined by Defra guidance on the production of Shoreline Management Plans and can be classified as follows:

SMP Policy	Abbreviation	Definition
	HTL	Maintain or upgrade the level of protection provided by defences
Hold the line		or the natural coastline
No Active	NIAL	A decision not to invest in providing or maintaining defences or
Intervention	NAI	management of the coast
Managed	MD	Manage the coastal processes to realign the 'natural' coastline
Realignment	MR	configuration, either seaward or landward of its present position

SMP Policy Abbreviation Definition



For further clarification of these policies Reference should be made to Section 1 of the SMP document.

Section 6.1 of this document provides an overview of all draft policies, highlighting where there is a proposed change from the way in which the coast is managed at present. With Present Management is taken as being that defined within SMP1 updated in areas by subsequent strategies and studies

These summaries are presented as an easily accessed reference. For further detail as to the full intent of the Plan in any area these summaries have to be read in conjunction with the information presented in Section 4 of the SMP draft document.



6.2 Summary of Policies

Summary Tables

Summary Maps

Note: In the following tables, the "With Present Management" and previous policy is taken from SMP1 or from a review of more detailed strategies. In many cases, this policy had only been defined over a 50 year timescale.

•	d the Line A – Adv			NAI – No active									
* HR – Hole	d the Line on retreat	ted alignm	ent	MR – Managem	ent Realigr	nment	LI -Limited Interve	ntion	HBR – Habitat R				
	D		D .						Proposed	SMP2			
	Present a	nd Previ	ous Po	licy			New proposed		Policy reverts			•	nent with latest strategy but not with
							policy		back to SMP1		SMP	1	
	SMP1			Reviewed Polic	ſ	-				Policy To			
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	gement Area Policy Unit		Policy Unit		2026	2056	Comment
										2025	to	to	
											2055	2105	
BEN 1	Lowestoft	HTL	S5	Lowestoft Ness	HTL			1.1	Lowestoft	HTL	HTL	HTL	Consider appropriateness of
	Ness						Lowestoft Ness	-	Ness				new development
						LOW 01	and Outer	1.2	Hamilton	HTL	HTL	HTL	
							Harbour		Docks				
								1.3	South Pier	HTL	HTL	HTL	
BEN 2	Lowestoft	HTL						2.1	Northern side	HTL	HTL	HTL	Examine possibility of allowing
	Harbour to												flooding to Leathes' Ham
	Pakefield Cliffs					LOW 02	Inner Harbour						subject to maintaining general
									-				flood defence
								2.2	Southern side	HTL	HTL	HTL	
			S5	South Beach	HTL			3.1	North	HTL	HTL	HTL	Potential maintained to locally
													realign actual defence with the
													intent of holding general line of
						LOW 03	South Beach						defence.
								3.2	South	HTL	HTL	HTL	
								3.3	Pakefield	HTL	HTL	HTL	
						<u> </u>			Road				
									Southern	HTL	HTL	HTL	Consider manner of defence to
						LOW 04	Pakefield		Promenade				support beach retention to
			05			-							south
			S5	Pakefield	NAI			4.2	Pakefield	HTL	HTL	MR	Intermittent need to reinforce

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		J			J				Proposed			v	
	Present a	nd Previ	ous Po	licy			New proposed policy		Policy reverts back to SMP1		Policy SMP1	in agreem	ent with latest strategy but not with
	SMP1			Reviewed Polic		-				Policy			
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	gement Area		Policy Unit	То 2025	2026 to 2055	2056 to 2105	Comment
				Beach									defence and longer term need to control beach.
								4.3	Pakefield Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	Management in the final epoch needs to be considered in connection with LOW 4.2
BEN 3	Pakefield Cliffs to Kess'land	to Kess'land HTL S5 Kessingland NAL		NAI			5.1	Benacre Ness	NAI	NAI	NAI	This unit refers to the Ness and as such overlaps other units.	
		S5 Cliffs NAI			KES 05	Kessingland	5.2	Kessingland Cliff	NAI	NAI	NAI		
BEN 4	Kess'land to Pump Station	HTL	05	Kasalandan		RES 05	Ressingiand	5.3	Kessingland Village	HTL	HTL	HTL	
			S5	Kessingland	NAI/HTL			5.4	Kessingland South	HTL	HTL	HTL	Upgrade defence as Ness moves north
			S5	Hundred River/Benacre Denes	MR			6.1	Kessingland South	HTL			The line of defence to the north may need to be adjusted in the final epoch. Some form of
			110	Kessingland Levels	ssingland HBR	BEN 06	Kessingland Levels	6.2	Kessingland Levels	HTL	MR	MR	control would be envisaged to the south of the area. The floor
			S8	Hundred River/Benacre Denes	HTL (20 yr)			6.3	Beach Farm	MR			defence line would be set back within Kessingland levels.
BEN 5	Pump Station to Easton	R	S5 S5	Benacre Cliffs Benacre	NAI MR	COV 07	Benacre Broad to Easton	7.1	Benacre Broad to	NAI	NAI	NAI	The policy would not preclude local small scale management

-	- Hold the Line A – A - Hold the Line on retre			MR – Managen	nent Realign	ment	LI -Limited Interve	ntion	HBR – Habitat F	leplacem	ent		
									Proposed			у	
	Present	and Previ	ous Po	licy			New proposed		Policy reverts		Policy	in agreem	ent with latest strategy but not wit
			-1				policy		back to SMP1		SMP1		
	SMP1			Reviewed Poli	су					Policy	Plan	1	
ΛU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Man	agement Area		Policy Unit	То	2026	2056	Comment
						Man	agement Area		T oney offic	2025	to	to	
											2055	2105	
	Marshes		S5	Broad	NAI				Easton Broad				of erosion to the cliffs if it could
			S5	Covehithe									be demonstrated that any
				Cliffs	LI								works would not impact on the
			S5	Covehithe									overall sediment supply to the
				Broad	NAI								foreshore, did not significantly
				Easton Wood									interrupt sediment drift and di
				Cliff									not have a material impact on
							Broad						the nature conservation
													interests, geological processe
													and landscape quality of the
													area.
			S5	Easton Broad	MR			7.2	Easton Broad	MR	NAI	NAI	The Southwold to Wrentham
													highway at Potter's Bridge will
													be exposed to increasing leve
											-	F	of flood risk.
			S5	Easton	NAI			8.1	Easton	MR	MR	MR	Managed realignment of this
				Bavents					Bavents				area is for the specific purpos
													of establishing a sustainable
							Southwold and						defence at Southwold. This
						SWD08	Southwold						would not preclude local priva
							North						intervention in line with this
													intent, where it was
													demonstrated that works
													neither constrained sediment

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									Proposed		2 Polic	у	
	Present	and Previ	ous Po	olicy			New proposed policy		Policy reverts back to SMP1		Policy SMP1	-	nent with latest strategy but not with
	SMP1			Reviewed Polic	1	-				Policy	Plan		
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	gement Area	I	Policy Unit	То 2025	2026 to 2055	2056 to 2105	Comment
			S5	Easton	HTL			8.2	Easton Marsh	HTL	MB	HTL	drift to the south nor had a material impact on nature conservation interests. Retired flood defence and
			55	Marshes (25yrs)				0.2	Easton Marsh	nic		TIL	transitional control at northern end
BEN 6	Southwold	HTL	S5	Southwold	HTL			8.3	Southwold Town	HTL	HTL	HTL	
BEN 7	The Denes and Harbour	HTL	P11	The Denes (50yr/subject to estuary strategy)	HTL/NAI	BLY 09	The Denes to Walberswick including the Mouth of the	9.1	The Denes	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintaining the integrity of beach and dune defence, allowing the dunes to respond naturally.
							Estuary	9.2	Harbour Entrance (north and south)	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain and improve the harbour structures in line with use and development of the harbour.
								9.3	Harbour Reach north	HTL	HTL	HTL	Improve defence and raise 50 years, in line with harbour use plan. Policy will have to be reviewed if not technically feasible and/or economically justifiable using private funding.
								9.4	Harbour reach and	HTL	MR	MR	Redevelop defences in line with harbour use plan

				NAI – No active	Internetic								
•	Hold the Line A – Ao Hold the Line on retrea			MR – Manager			LI -Limited Interv	ention	HBR – Habitat F	Renlacem	ent		
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	Present a	and Previ	ous Po	olicy			New proposed		Policy reverts				ent with latest strategy but not with
							policy		back to SMP1		SMP1		
	SMP1			Reviewed Polic	;y					Policy	Plan	-	
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	gement Area		Policy Unit	То	2026	2056	Comment
						Walla	gement Area			2025	to 2055	to 2105	
									mouth, south wide				
			S5	Walberswick	NAI			9.5	Walberswick	MR	MR	MR	Retain beach and dunes as a
				Dunes					dunes				defence
			S5	Blyth Estuary	Not defined			10.1	Lower Inner Estuary	MR	MR	MR	Maintaining the northern defences subject to confirmation of funding
Min 1	WW to Dunwich	R	S5	Walberswick secondary line	HTL		Blyth Inner	10.2	A12	HTL	HTL	HTL	Improve defence
Min i			S13	Blyth Estuary, Managed withdrawal of defences	NAI	BLY 10	Blyth Inner Estuary	10.3	Upper Estuary	NAI	NAI	NAI	
			S5	Walbrswick to Dunwich	MR			11.1	Walberswick	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain and improve flood defences
				Marshes			Walberswick	11.2	Walberswick Marshes	MR	MR	MR	Examine opportunity for managing inland defences
Min 2	Dunwich village to	R	05	Dumuich		DUN 11	Marshes and Dunwich	11.3	Dunwich defences	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain and improve flood defences
	Dunwich Heath		S5	Dunwich	LI			11.4	Dunwich Cliff	MR	MR	MR	Low level management is not precluded
			S5	Minsmere Cliffs	NAI	MIN 12	Dunwich to	12.1	Dunwich and	NAI	NAI	NAI	

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									Proposed	SMP2	2 Polic	у	
	Present a	nd Previo	ous Po	licy			New proposed		Policy reverts		Policy	in agreem	ent with latest strategy but not with
							policy		back to SMP1		SMP1		
	SMP1			Reviewed Poli	су					Policy	Plan	-	
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	gement Area		Policy Unit	То	2026	2056	Comment
						Mana	gement Area		Policy Unit	2025	to	to	
											2055	2105	
									Minsmere				
									Cliffs				
Min 3	Dunwich Heath	R	S5	Minsmere	MR			12.2	Minsmere	MR	MR	NAI	Encouraging development of a
	to North			North					North				more natural transition between
	Sizewell												the shingle bank and the cliffs
		S5 Minsmere HTL		HTL			12.3	Minsmere	MR	MR	MR	Through management of the	
				Sluice			Minsmere		Central				sluice. In effect this would
													require holding the position of
													the sluice but in the context of
													managed realignment of the
													overall unit.
			S5	Minsmere	NAI			12.4	Minsmere	MR	MR	MR	Possible minor works to
				South					South				address local weak spots
Min 4	North Sizewell	HTL	S5	Sizewell	HTL			13.1	Power station	HTL	HTL	HTL	Works in the long term may be
	to Sizewell								and village				required
	Gap												
Min 5	Sizewell Gap	NAI and	S5	Sizewell Cliffs	NAI		Sizewell to	13.2	Sizewell Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	
	to Thorpeness	HTL		and	1	MIN 13	Thorpeness						
	Common			Thorpeness									
Min 6	Thorpeness HTL S5	Thorpeness	HTL			13.3	Thorpeness	NAI	NAI	MR	Potential need for minor works		
	Common to			Village									subject to local impacts
	The Haven												
ORF1	The Haven	HTL	S5	The Haven	HTL	ALB 14	Thorpeness	14.1	Thorpeness	NAI	NAI	NAI	This would not preclude minor

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									Proposed	SMP2	Polic Polic	у	
	Present a	nd Previ	ous Po	licy			New proposed		Policy reverts		Policy	in agreem	nent with latest strategy but not wit
							policy		back to SMP1		SMP1		
	SMP1			Reviewed Poli	cy					Policy	Plan	-	
MU	Location	Policy	Ref	Location	Policy	Mon	agement Area		Deliev I Init	То	2026	2056	Comment
						Mana	agement Area		Policy Unit	2025	to	to	
											2055	2105	
									Haven				works to sustain property
									property				subject to impact assessment
								14.2	Thorpeness	MR	MR	MR	Consider allowing flooding with
							Haven to		Haven Beach				secondary defence, but
							Aldeburgh						maintain the road.
ORF 2	Aldeburgh					14.3	Aldeburgh	HTL	HTL	HTL	Control at Fort Green		
ORF 3	Fort Green to	HTL						14.4	Slaughden	HTL	HTL	HTL	Detailed Management subject
	Lantern								North				to estuary management plan
	Marshes							15.1	Sudbourne	HTL	NAI	NAI	An interim policy pending an
									Beach				agreed Management and
													Investment Plan for the Alde
						ORF 15	Martello Tower						and Ore area.
							to Orford Ness						
ORF 4	Lantern	NAI						15.2	Orford Ness	NAI	NAI	NAI	
	Marshes to												
	Orford Beach												
ORF 5	Orford Beach	NAI				HOL 16	Orford Ness to	16.1	Orford Beach	NAI	NAI	NAI	Maintain supply to south
							Bawdsey Hill	16.2	North Weir	MR	MR	NAI	Potential need to manage
005 5			<u>a</u> :			_		40.5	Point	145	1.171		changes in estuary
ORF 5	Shingle Street	HTL	S4	Single Street	HTL	_		16.3	Shingle Street	MR	HTL	HTL	Manage loss of width to beach
FEL 1	Hollesley Bay	HTL	S4	Hollesley Bay	HTL			16.4	Hollesley Bay	MR	MR	MR	Allowing rollback of the front
		Short Term	S4	East Lane	HTL	-		16.5	East Lane	HTL	HTL	HTL	line shingle beach defence Main control of drift

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MU	SMP1 Location	Policy	Ref	Reviewed Polic	Policy	Mana	igement Area		Policy Unit	Policy To 2025	Plan 2026 to 2055	2056 to 2105	Comment
				Promontory				16.6	Bawdsey Hill	NAI	NAI	NAI	Maintain supply to the south
			S4	Bawdsey Cliffs	HTL/NAI			17.1	Bawdsey Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	
FEL 2	Bawdsey Manor Lodge to North Felixstowe	Defer Decision	P8	Bawdsey Manor and entrance to Deben	HTL with some MR			17.2	Bawdsey Manor	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain estuary configuration with local decisions on management of individual sections. These may require private funding.
						DEB 17	Bawdsey Hill to Mouth of Deben	17.3	Lower Estuary	HTL	HTL	MR	Manage potential flood compartment in a manner to allow sustainable management of the estuary entrance
			P7	Felixstowe Ferry	HTL			17.4	Felixstowe Ferry	HTL	HTL	HTL	Manage alignment of the coast. This is dependant on cyclical coastal process moving sediment onto the frontage. May need to review policy at the end of the first epoch.
			S7	North Felixstowe	HTL	DEB 18	North Felixstowe	18.1	Golf Course	HTL	HTL	HTL	Long term response management
					18.2	North Felixstowe	HTL	HTL	HTL	Long term response management			
FEL 3	North of Dip to	HTL	S12	SCDC	HTL	FEL 19	Cobbold's Point	19.1	Cobbold's	HTL	HTL	HTL	Modify alignment of defences

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									Propose	d SMP2	2 Polic	y	
	Present a	and Previ	ous Po	licy			New proposed policy		Policy reverts back to SMP1			Policy in agreement with latest strategy but no SMP1	
	SMP1			Reviewed Polic	cy					Policy	Plan		
MU	Location Policy Manor End		Ref	Location	Policy	Mana	Management Area		Policy Unit		2026 to 2055	2056 to 2105	Comment
	Manor End			Frontage					Point				
								19.2	Felixstowe Beach	HTL	HTL	HTL	Consider manner and height of support to retain beach
			S12	EA Frontage	HTL		to Landguard Point	19.3	South Felixstowe	HTL	HTL	HTL	To maintain defences along this section width, needs to be maintained in the area of Manor Terrace.
FEL 4	Manor End to Landguard	HTL						19.4	Landguard Common	MR	MR	MR	
	Point							19.5	Landguard Fort	HTL	HTL	HTL	Reinforce defences when required
			S12	Landguard Fort	NAI		Landguard	20.1	Landguard	HTL	HTL	HTL	Reinforce defences when
			S12	Port of Felixstowe	HTL	FEL 20	Point to Felixstowe Port		Fort				required



