

North Solent Shoreline Management Plan

Addendum to Appendix K Strategic
Environmental Assessment

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K1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

K1.1 Purpose and structure of document

This document is an Addendum to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report (SEA ER) relating to the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2). The requirement for this document follows review of the SMP2 and appendices by the national Quality Review Panel (QRP). QRP comments on the SMP2 included the requirement to update sections of the SEA ER; this Addendum provides the additional information and analysis requested by the QRP.

For ease of reference, this Addendum has the same structure as the original SEA ER and should be read alongside the SEA ER. Where no changes were made, this is indicated under each section heading.

Key points raised by the QRP and addressed in this Addendum are as follows:

- Information on additional consultation required for this Addendum (Section K4)
- Additional information relating to how Water Framework Directive assessment has been considered within the SEA. This includes updates to; Section K5, Tables 1 & 2 (p 3 & 4) to include information on key WFD objectives, Section K7 inclusion of a new summary table (Table 8, p 34) and updated assessment of water receptor in Annex K3 assessment matrix
- Further integration of the Appropriate Assessment into the SEA with additional information included under biodiversity/flora/fauna receptor in Annex K3 assessment matrix
- An expanded account to clarify the options appraisal process undertaken as part of the SMP process (Section K6) and inclusion of an additional assessment matrix to summarise options appraisal per frontage type (Table 5, p 9)
- Inclusion of additional impacts and mitigation measures for draft policies for consultation and changes post-appraisal in Section K6.2 (Table 6, p 23)
- A clear summary table included in Section K7 to highlight impacts and detailed mitigation measures per policy unit (Table 8, p 34)
- Section K7.3 updated to include a high-level summary of significant impacts and mitigation measures for the SMP

K2 SEA APPROACH

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

K3 RELEVANT PLANS AND POLICIES

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

K4 CONSULTATION

This section has been added to provide information on additional consultation to be undertaken on this Addendum, and subsequent consultation steps.

SEA regulations require that SEA Environmental Reports are consulted on widely to provide transparency of assessment and maximize SEA effectiveness. The original SEA ER was subject to a three-month public consultation alongside substantive SMP2 documentation. This SEA ER Addendum will be subject to targeted consultation for a period of three weeks. Consultees will comprise the North Solent Environmental sub-group, statutory consultees and those stakeholders that provided comments on the original SEA ER. NS Environmental sub-group members are as follows:

- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Isle of Wight Council
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Hampshire County Council
- RSPB
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- West Sussex County Council

This Addendum will be available on the North Solent SMP website <http://www.northsolentsmp.co.uk> and hard copies will be available on request.

K4.1 Next steps

The SEA Directive requires responses to consultation to be taken into account in preparation of the final plan to be adopted. Comments from public consultation on the SEA ER and this Addendum will be taken into account in preparing the final SMP2 and documented in the Statement of Environmental Particulars and Post-Adoption Statement.

K5 ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE AND APPRAISAL OBJECTIVES

Review comments required that additional information be provided with respect to the Water receptor, and in particular regarding compliance with objectives and measures for water bodies under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). There is no change to other sections in K5 of SEA ER (Appendix K).

5.7 Water

The following section provides a summary of the key issues and future trends associated with water quality.

K5.7.1 Surface and Ground Water Quality

The WFD is implemented in the UK through River Basin Management Plans. The North Solent SMP is covered by the South East RBMP (EA, 2008b). Individual water bodies (rivers, lakes, coastal waters, transitional (estuarine) waters and groundwaters) have been characterised with respect to a series of biophysical parameters. These include their chemical, ecological, biological, physico-chemical and hydromorphological status. Depending on status, an objective for improved status has been set for each water body and parameter, to be achieved by 2015 or 2027. A detailed WFD assessment of SMP2 policies is documented in Appendix L of the main SMP.

There are 6 transitional, 8 coastal and 6 groundwater bodies within the North Solent SMP study area that could be impacted by SMP policy. All of the coastal and transitional water bodies have been classified as Highly Modified or Artificial, due to human interference. The current status of the 23 water bodies covered by the North Solent SMP area is presented in Table K5.11 below.

Table 1 Surface water bodies and their status in north Solent SMP study area

| Water Body | Ecological Status | Ecological objective |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Coastal water bodies | | |
| Chichester Harbour | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Great Deep | Moderate | <i>Good Status by 2015</i> |
| Dorset/Hampshire | Good | <i>Good Potential by 2015</i> |
| Solent | Moderate | <i>Good Status by 2015</i> |
| Isle of Wight East | Good | <i>Good Potential by 2015</i> |
| Langstone Harbour | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Langstone Oysterbeds | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Portsmouth Harbour | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Transitional water bodies | | |
| Beaulieu River | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Black Water Lagoons | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |

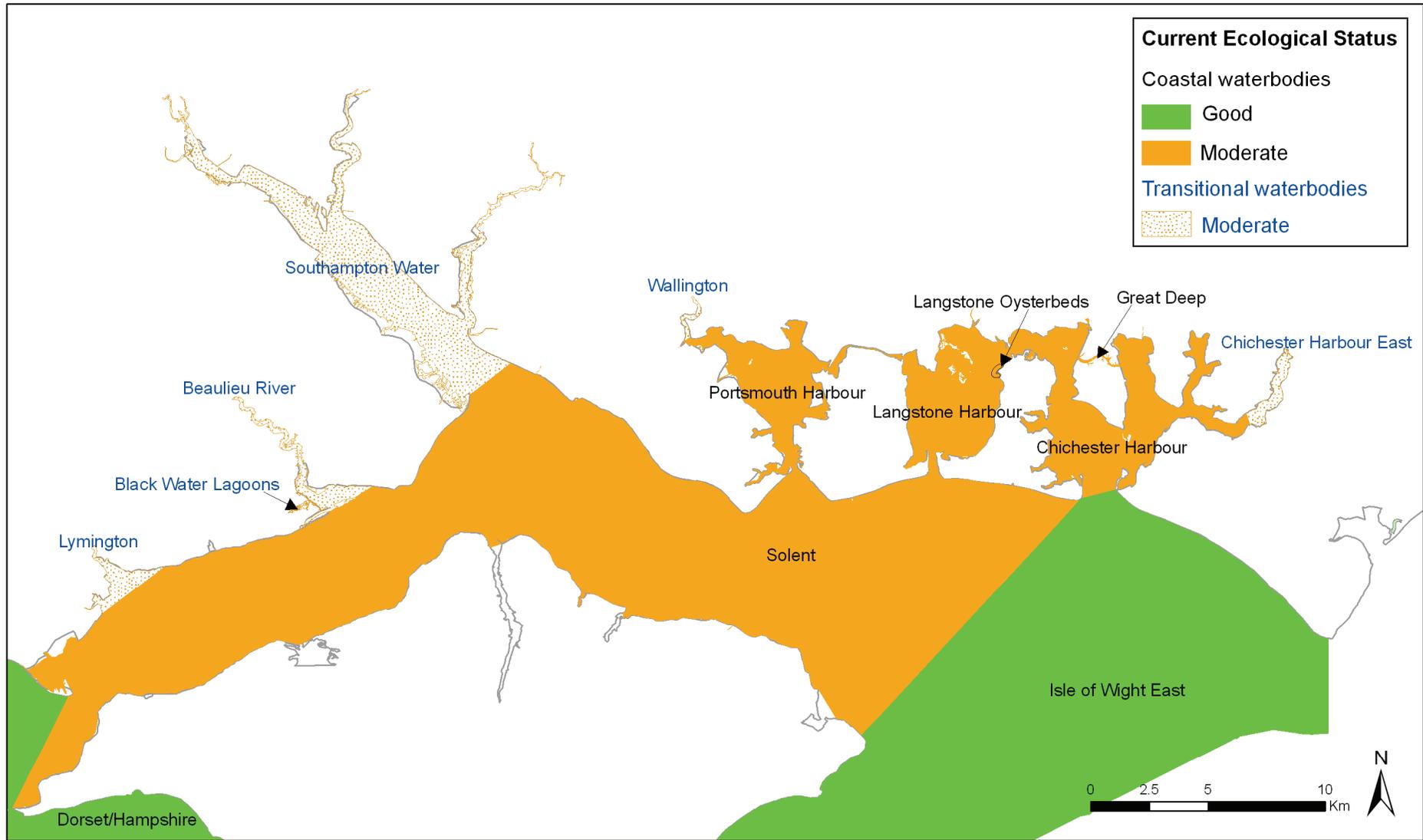
| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Chichester Harbour East | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Lymington | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Southampton Water | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |
| Wallington | Moderate | <i>Good Potential by 2027</i> |

Table 2 Groundwater bodies and their status in north Solent SMP study area

| Water body name | Overall status objective |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Central Hants Bracklesham Group | <i>Good status by 2015</i> |
| Chichester-Worthing-Portsdown Chalk | <i>Good status by 2027</i> |
| East Hants Chalk Group | <i>Good status by 2027</i> |
| South East Hants Bracklesham Group | <i>Good status by 2015</i> |
| South Hants Lambeth Group | <i>Good status by 2027</i> |
| South West Hants Barton Group | <i>Good status by 2015</i> |

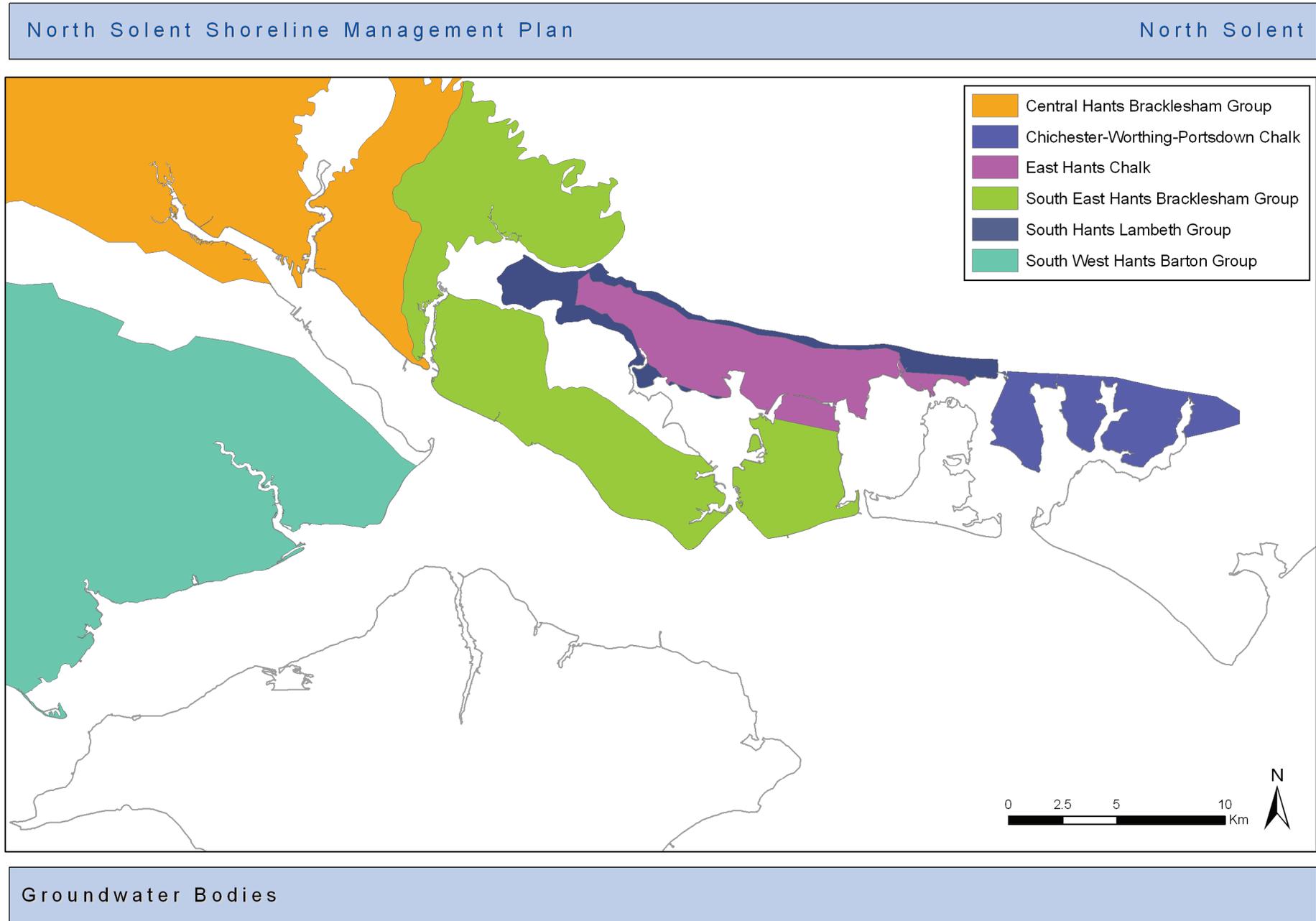
The location and current status of surface water bodies in the north Solent study area are mapped in Figure 1. The location of groundwater bodies are mapped in Figure 2.

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Transitional and Coastal Water Bodies

Figure 1 Current status of Coastal and Transitional Waterbodies



Groundwater Bodies

Figure 2 Location of Groundwater Bodies

K6 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

K6.1 Environmental Appraisal of Policy Options

This section has been updated in response to review comments which required a clearer indication of SEA input into options appraisal.

A detailed assessment of the impacts of the draft SMP polices and alternative options is set out in Appendix G2 of the substantive SMP. Further information is provided here to represent this options appraisal in SEA terms. To avoid including a highly repetitive and extremely long table with over 7000 assessments a pragmatic approach has been taken to group frontages by key features and to appraise these groups against SEA receptors. This assessment identifies significant impacts as illustrated in Table 3 below and includes required mitigation measures. MR policy was only appraised where it was considered a reasonable option in any frontage within a group.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Significant beneficial impact | Moderate beneficial impact | Minor beneficial impact | No impact/negligible impact | Mixed impacts | Minor adverse impact | Moderate adverse impact | Significant adverse impact |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

Table 3 Assessment matrix text colour coding and scale of impacts

The grouped frontages and corresponding policy units are listed in Table 4 and the appraisal of policy options by frontage group is set out below in Table 5.

Table 4 Frontage groups and corresponding policy units

| Type | Number of Assets at risk | International & national conservation designations | Contaminated Land and /or Agricultural land | Policy Units |
|------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 | High | Yes | No | 5A02, 5A03, 5A04, 5A12, 5A13, 5A14, 5A15, 5A16, 5A19, 5A20, 5A21, 5A23, 5A24, 5A25, 5C07, 5C11, 5C15, 5C21, 5F01, 5AHI05 |
| 2 | High | No | No | 5B01, 5C03, 5API02 |
| 3 | High | No | Yes | 5C12 |
| 4 | High | Yes | Yes | 5A19, 5C14, 5C22, 5API01, 5AHI04 |
| 5 | Low | Yes | No | 5A02, 5B02, 5C01, 5C02, 5C05, 5C06, 5C08, 5C09, 5C13, 5C17, 5C18, 5C20, 5AHI06 |
| 6 | Low | Yes | Yes | 5A05, 5A06, 5A07, 5A08, 5A09, 5A10, 5A11, 5A17, 5A22, 5B03, 5C04, 5C10, 5C16, 5C19, 5AHI01, 5AHI02, 5AHI03, 5AHI07, 5AHI08 |

Table 5 Appraisal of policy options by coastal frontage type

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
|------|--------|---|---|
| 1 | HTL | <p>Biodiversity: HTL will have a significant adverse impact on designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle resulting in the loss of habitats through coastal squeeze and sea level rise. HTL will in contrast also have a significant beneficial impact on designated freshwater habitats protected by current defences.</p> <p>Geology: Many sites designated for their geological and geomorphological interest require natural coastal processes to maintain their features. HTL may interrupt coastal processes and therefore have a moderate adverse impact on designated features.</p> <p>Water: HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could potentially impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae Biological Quality Elements (BQE's) through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or cause deterioration to groundwater status. Overall HTL will have a mixed impact on meeting WFD objectives.</p> <p>Landscape: HTL in the short/medium term where there are current defences will have a negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity. However, in the long term there is the potential for extensive defence works to have a moderate adverse impact on landscape quality and character and significant adverse impact for designated landscapes.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact protecting cultural heritage sites both designated and non-designated located behind coastal defences.</p> <p>Material Assets: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection to residential, community, commercial assets and infrastructure.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection to residential properties and recreation facilities.</p> | <p>Biodiversity: The whole SMP will look at opportunities for intertidal habitat creation through MR policies. New intertidal habitat created within European designated sites can be used as mitigation to offset losses. Net intertidal losses will require compensation habitat to be secured through the Regional Habitats Creation Programme (RHCP).</p> <p>Geology: Consider the type of defences to implement at the scheme level to allow some natural coastal processes where earth heritage sites are present.</p> <p>Water: Consider options to maintain foreshore when considering engineering measures for local management.</p> <p>Landscape: Sensitive management required when upgrading defences in the long-term and consider opportunities to improve the existing landscape character at strategy and scheme level.</p> |

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
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| 1 | NAI | <p>Biodiversity: NAI will have a significant beneficial impact on designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle allowing the natural roll back. NAI may result in the loss of freshwater habitats when defences fail resulting in a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Geology: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and geomorphology allowing natural coastal processes to maintain the features of interest.</p> <p>Water: NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could affect BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely. The impact of NAI on Groundwater bodies is uncertain at this scale and dependant on geology. Overall, the impact of WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: NAI will have no impact on landscape quality and visual amenity, it will allow for the natural development of the coastal landscape and coastal views.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: NAI will result in the loss/damage of statutory designated heritage features through coastal flooding and /or erosion. This will have a significant adverse impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage of economic, community, residential and infrastructure assets. This will have a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage residential properties and recreation facilities. There will be increased erosion risk to coastal footpaths. This will have a significant adverse impact.</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: Survey, monitor and record any finds.</p> <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |
| 1 | MR | <p>Biodiversity: MR will allow landward migration of coastal habitat under rising sea levels therefore will have a significant beneficial impact on European designated intertidal habitats. However, MR will change the condition or reduce the areas of terrestrial/freshwater habitat landward of defences. This will have a significant adverse impact on terrestrial/freshwater habitat.</p> <p>Geology: MR will promote natural coastal processes and contribution towards a more natural management of the coast. This will have a significant beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> |

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| | | <p>geomorphology.</p> <p>Water: MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could affect BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for minor adverse impact on groundwater status dependant on geology and scale of MR. Overall the impact of WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: MR will provide a change in the existing landscape and natural habitats but will have negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: MR may result in the loss of some heritage and cultural features. However, new secondary defences may also provide protection to some heritage and cultural features from costal flooding and erosion. Overall, there will be a mixed impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: MR may result in the loss of some assets in hinterland of defences (e.g. residential, industrial, agricultural and commercial assets) but will also reduction of flood/erosion risk to other areas. MR will have a mixed impact on material assets.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: MR may result in the loss of some recreation facilities e.g. coastal footpaths this will have a significant adverse impact on recreation.</p> | <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |
| 2 | HTL | <p>Biodiversity: HTL will have a moderate adverse impact on un-designated vegetated shingle lost through coastal squeeze and rising sea levels. HTL will in contrast also have a moderate beneficial impact on freshwater habitats protected by current defences. This will result in mixed impacts.</p> <p>Water: HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could potentially affect phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or cause deterioration to groundwater status. Overall HTL will have a mixed impact on meeting WFD I objectives.</p> <p>Landscape: HTL in the short/medium term where there are current defences will have a negligible impact on landscape quality and visual</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Implement scheme-level design such that temporary and other impacts on biodiversity are minimised.</p> <p>Water: Consider options to maintain foreshore when considering engineering measures for local management.</p> <p>Landscape: Sensitive management required when upgrading defences in the long-term and consider opportunities to improve the existing landscape</p> |

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| | | <p>amenity. However, in the long term there is the potential for extensive defence works to have a moderate adverse impact on landscape quality and character.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact protecting cultural heritage sites both designated and non-designated located behind coastal defences.</p> <p>Material Assets: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection of communities, residential, industrial assets and infrastructure.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection to residential properties and recreation facilities</p> | <p>character at strategy and scheme level</p> |
| 2 | NAI | <p>Biodiversity: NAI will have a moderate beneficial impact on vegetated shingle and intertidal habitats allowing natural roll back.</p> <p>Water: NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could affect BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. The impact on Groundwater bodies is uncertain at this scale and dependant on geology. Overall, the impact of NAI on WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: NAI will have no impact on landscape quality and visual amenity, it will allow for the natural development of the coastal landscape and coastal views.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: NAI will result in the loss and /or damage of cultural and heritage features through coastal flooding and /or erosion. This will have a significant adverse impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage of economic, community, residential and infrastructure assets. This will have a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage residential properties and recreation facilities. There will be increases erosion risk to coastal footpaths. This will have a significant adverse impact</p> | <p>Cultural Heritage: Survey, monitor and record any finds.</p> <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |
| 3 | HTL | <p>Biodiversity: HTL will have a minor adverse impact on un-designated intertidal habitat lost through coastal squeeze and rising sea levels.</p> <p>Soil/ Land Use: HTL will have a significant beneficial on contaminated</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Implement scheme-level design such that temporary and other impacts on biodiversity are minimised.</p> |

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| | | <p>land surrounding water bodies and prevent mobilisation of contaminants.</p> <p>Water: HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could affect phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or cause deterioration to groundwater status. HTL will prevent pollution from contaminated land. Overall HTL will have a mixed impact on meeting WFD objectives.</p> <p>Landscape: HTL in the short to medium term where there are current defences will have a negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity. However, in the long term there is the potential for extensive defence works to have a moderate adverse impact on landscape quality and character.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact protecting cultural heritage sites both designated and non-designated located behind coastal defences.</p> <p>Material Assets: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection to communities, residential, commercial assets and infrastructure.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact providing protection to residential properties and recreation facilities</p> | <p>Water: Consider options to maintain foreshore when considering engineering measures for local management.</p> <p>Landscape: Sensitive management required when upgrading defences in the long-term and consider opportunities to improve the existing landscape character at strategy and scheme level</p> |
| 3 | NAI | <p>Biodiversity: NAI will have a moderate beneficial impact on un-designated intertidal habitats allowing natural roll back.</p> <p>Soil/ Land Use: NAI will have a significant adverse impact on contaminated land that will be at increased risk from coastal flooding and erosion leading to the potential for pollution.</p> <p>Water: NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for pollution from contaminated land and may cause deterioration to groundwater status Overall the impact of NAI on WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: NAI will have no impact on landscape quality and visual</p> | |

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| | | <p>Geology: Many sites designated for their geological and geomorphological interest require natural coastal processes to maintain their features. HTL may interrupt coastal processes and therefore have a moderate adverse impact on earth heritage features.</p> <p>Water: HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or cause deterioration to groundwater status. Overall HTL will have a mixed impact on meeting WFD objectives.</p> <p>Landscape: HTL in the short to medium term where there are current defences will have a negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity. However, in the long term there is the potential for extensive defence works to have a moderate adverse impact on landscape quality and character.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: HTL will have a minor beneficial impact protecting cultural heritage sites both designated and non-designated located behind coastal defences.</p> <p>Material Assets: HTL will have a minor beneficial impact providing protection to communities, residential, industrial assets and infrastructure.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: HTL will have a minor beneficial impact providing protection to residential properties and recreation facilities.</p> | <p>secured through the RHCP.</p> <p>Earth Heritage: Consider the type of defences to implement at the scheme level to allow some natural coastal processes where earth heritage sites are present.</p> <p>Water: Consider options to maintain foreshore when considering engineering measures for local management.</p> <p>Landscape: Sensitive management required when upgrading defences in the long-term and consider opportunities to improve the existing landscape character at strategy and scheme level.</p> |
| 5 | NAI | <p>Biodiversity: NAI will have a significant beneficial impact on designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle allowing the natural roll back. NAI may result in the loss of freshwater habitats when defences fail resulting in a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Geology: NAI will have a moderate beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and geomorphology allowing natural coastal processes to maintain the features of interest.</p> <p>Water: NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. The impact of NAI on Groundwater bodies is uncertain at this scale and dependant on</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> |

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
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| | | <p>geology. Overall, the impact of NAI on WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: NAI will have no impact on landscape quality and visual amenity, it will allow for the natural development of the coastal landscape and coastal views.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: NAI will result in the loss and /or damage of cultural and heritage features through coastal flooding and /or erosion. This will have a moderate adverse impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage of economic, community, residential and infrastructure assets. This will have a minor adverse impact.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage residential properties and recreation facilities. There will be increases erosion risk to coastal footpaths. This will have a minor adverse impact.</p> | <p>Cultural Heritage: Survey, monitor and record any finds.</p> <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |
| 5 | MR | <p>Biodiversity: MR will allow landward migration of coastal habitat under rising sea levels this will have a significant beneficial impact on European designated intertidal habitats. However, MR will change the condition or reduce the areas of terrestrial/freshwater habitat landward of defences. This will have a significant adverse impact on terrestrial/freshwater habitat.</p> <p>Geology: MR will promote natural coastal processes and contribution towards a more natural management of the coast. This will have a significant beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and geomorphology.</p> <p>Water: MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for minor adverse impact on groundwater status for Groundwater bodies dependant on geology and scale of MR. Overall the impact of NAI on WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: MR will provide a change in the existing landscape and natural habitats but will have negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: MR may result in the loss of some heritage and cultural features. However, realignment defences may also provide protection to</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> |

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
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| | | <p>some heritage and cultural features from costal flooding and erosion. Overall there will be a mixed impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: MR may result in the loss of some assets in hinterland of defences (e.g. residential, industrial, agricultural and commercial assets) but will also a reduction of flood/erosion risk to some areas. MR will have a mixed impact on material assets.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: MR may result in the loss of some recreation facilities e.g. coastal footpaths this will have a significant adverse impact on recreation.</p> | <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |
| 6 | HTL | <p>Biodiversity: HTL will have a significant adverse impact on designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle resulting in the loss of habitats through coastal squeeze and sea level rise. HTL will in contrast also have a significant beneficial impact on designated freshwater habitats protected by current defences.</p> <p>Geology: Many sites designated for their geological and geomorphological interest require natural coastal processes to maintain their features. HTL may interrupt coastal processes and therefore have a moderate adverse impact on earth heritage features.</p> <p>Soil/ Land Use: HTL will have a significant beneficial agricultural land providing protection from coastal flooding and erosion. HTL will also provide protection to contaminated land and prevent pollution to coastal waters.</p> <p>Water: HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other waterbodies or cause deterioration to groundwater status. HTL will prevent pollution from contaminated land. This will have a mixed impact on meeting WFD e objectives.</p> <p>Landscape: HTL in the short to medium term where there are current defences will have a negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity. However, in the long term there is the potential for extensive defence works to have a moderate adverse impact on landscape quality and character.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: HTL will have a significant beneficial impact protecting</p> | <p>Biodiversity: The whole SMP will look at opportunities for intertidal habitat creation through MR policies. New intertidal habitat created within European designated sites can be used as mitigation to offset losses. Net intertidal losses will require compensation habitat to be secured through the RHCP.</p> <p>Earth Heritage: Consider the type of defences to implement at the scheme level to allow some natural coastal processes where earth heritage sites are present.</p> <p>Water: Consider options to maintain foreshore when considering engineering measures for local management.</p> <p>Landscape: Sensitive management required when upgrading defences in the long-term and consider opportunities to improve the existing landscape character at strategy and scheme level.</p> |

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
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| | | <p>cultural heritage sites both designated and non-designated located behind coastal defences.</p> <p>Material Assets: HTL will have a minor beneficial impact providing protection to communities, residential, industrial assets and infrastructure.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: HTL will have a minor beneficial impact providing protection to residential properties and recreation facilities.</p> | |
| 6 | NAI | <p>Biodiversity: NAI will have a significant beneficial impact on designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle allowing the natural roll back. NAI may result in the loss of freshwater habitats when defences fail resulting in a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Geology: NAI will have a significant beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and geomorphology allowing natural coastal processes to maintain the features of interest.</p> <p>Soil/ Land Use: NAI will have a significant adverse impact on agricultural land through uncontrolled flood/erosion risk. There will also be a risk of pollution to coastal waters through flooding to contaminated land.</p> <p>Water: NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for pollution from contaminated land that may cause deterioration to groundwater status Overall the impact on WFD objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: NAI will have no impact on landscape quality and visual amenity, it will allow for the natural development of the coastal landscape and coastal views.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: NAI will result in the loss and /or damage of cultural and heritage features through coastal flooding and /or erosion. This will have a significant adverse impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage of economic, community, residential and infrastructure assets. This will have a significant adverse impact.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: NAI will result in the uncontrolled loss /damage residential properties and recreation facilities. There will be increases erosion risk to coastal footpaths. This will have a significant adverse impact.</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: Survey, monitor and record any finds.</p> <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |

| Type | Policy | Summary of environmental impacts on SEA receptors | Mitigation/opportunities |
|------|--------|---|--|
| 6 | MR | <p>Biodiversity: MR will allow landward migration of coastal habitat under rising sea levels this will have a significant beneficial impact on European designated intertidal habitats. However, MR will change the condition or reduce the areas of terrestrial/freshwater habitat landward of defences. This will have a significant adverse impact on terrestrial/freshwater habitat.</p> <p>Geology: MR will promote natural coastal processes and contribution towards a more natural management of the coast. This will have a significant beneficial impact on designated sites of geology and geomorphology.</p> <p>Soil/ Land Use: MR may result in the loss of agricultural land resulting in a significant adverse impact on current land use.</p> <p>Water: MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for minor adverse impact on groundwater status for Groundwater bodies dependant on geology and scale of MR. Overall the impact of NAI on WFD environmental objectives is mixed.</p> <p>Landscape: MR will provide a change in the existing landscape and natural habitats but will have negligible impact on landscape quality and visual amenity.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage: MR may result in the loss of some heritage and cultural features. However, realignment defences may also provide protection to some heritage and cultural features from costal flooding and erosion. Overall there will be a mixed impact on cultural heritage.</p> <p>Material Assets: MR may result in the loss of some assets in hinterland of defences (e.g. residential, industrial, agricultural and commercial assets) but will also reduction of flood/erosion risk to some areas. MR will have a mixed impact on material assets.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: MR may result in the loss of some recreation facilities e.g. coastal footpaths this will have a minor adverse impact on recreation.</p> | <p>Biodiversity: Compensation for losses of freshwater habitats to be secured through the RHCP.</p> <p>Material Assets: Consider localised coastal defences for highly populated areas including property level defences. Develop public awareness and agreement of appropriate exit strategies from affected properties.</p> <p>Population and Human Health: Compensate for the loss of coastal footpaths by re-routing affected footpaths further inland.</p> |

K6.2 Preferred Policy Options

This section has been updated in response to review comments which required a clearer explanation about changes to policies through the SMP process. Where changes to policies resulted in additional impacts, these have been listed together with additional mitigation required to offset any negative impacts.

The SMP options appraisal process undertaken by the North Solent SMP is shown below indicating where the information can be found in the substantive SMP document.

| SMP Options Appraisal Process | | SMP Documents |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Step 1 | Initial policy appraisal | Appendix F |
| Step 2 | Shoreline response assessment against policy scenarios | Appendix G1 |
| Step 3 | Policy appraisal against agreed environmental, social, technical objectives leading to proposed objective-led policies | Appendix G2 & G3 |
| Step 4 | Economic appraisal of policy options | Appendix H |
| Step 5 | Stakeholder group consultation and additional | Appendix G4 |
| Step 6 | Public consultation leading to preferred policies | Final Main SMP |

From an SEA perspective, steps 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the above are relevant and contribute to making the SMP process compliant with the SEA Directive. Preferred policies emerging from policy appraisal (step 3) should effectively reflect the most environmentally preferred option per policy unit. These policies resulting from the SMP options appraisal are documented as objective-led policies in Appendix G3 of the substantive SMP. Table 5 of this Addendum provides an appraisal of SMP policy options per SEA receptor, summarising SMP options appraisal (Appendix G2). However, for a number of policy units, subsequent consultation steps, including changes in advice for habitat recreation and economic appraisal, altered the preferred policy option with the result that the draft policy option for consultation was different to that selected in options appraisal (step 3). These changes emphasise the iterative nature of SMP development and of SEA. The draft policies for consultation are therefore the most environmentally acceptable options and any negative impacts will require mitigation. Table 6 provides a list of the draft policies showing changes from the appraisal preferred option (step 3) and any additional impacts or mitigation measures as result of these changes.

Table 6 Proposed draft policies and changes post-appraisal

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| 5A01 | MR/MR/MR | MR/MR/MR | No change | | |
| 5A02 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A03 | HTL/MR/MR | HTL/MR/MR | No change | | |
| 5A04 | AM/AM/AM localised MR at West Wittering (epoch3) | AM/AM/AM | Localised MR at West Wittering was found to be not economically viable at the SMP level. | There is the potential for an estimated 13.6 ha of new intertidal habitat to be created within the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. This could have been used as mitigation to offset predicted losses of 210 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP). To highlight the potential for localised MR at West Wittering to be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies. |
| 5A05 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR at Ella Nore (epoch 2) & Horse Pond (epoch 3) | Localised MR could not be included in the objective-led assessment (Appendix G2). However, these localised intertidal habitat creation sites have been considered as part of the SMP policy. | An estimated 10.9 ha of new intertidal habitat will be created within the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. This can be used as mitigation to offset predicted losses of 210 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. However, these localised MR will result in loss of designated transitional freshwater habitat. | Compensation will be required for losses to designated transitional freshwater habitat to be secured through RHCP. |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 5A06 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL*/MR | * for epoch 2 to reflect requirement for more detailed study required for management of site that recognises uncertainties regarding the site specific requirements and timescale for recreating compensatory habitats. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5A07 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR at East Chidham & Bosham (epoch 1) | Localised MR could not be included in the objective-led assessment (Appendix G2). However, these localised intertidal habitat creation sites have been considered as part of the SMP policy. | An estimated 9.4 ha of new intertidal habitat will be created within the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. This can be used as mitigation to offset predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. However, these localised MR will result in loss of designated transitional freshwater habitat. | Compensation will be required for losses to designated transitional freshwater habitat to be secured through RHCP. |
| 5A08 | MR/MR/MR | MR/MR/MR | No change | | |
| 5A09 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A10 | MR/MR/MR | MR/MR/MR | No change | | |
| 5A11 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A12 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL/HTL | Existing flood defences will continue to be maintained by the MOD to protect the operational capabilities of their facilities for as long as they occupy the site. | The change of policy from MR to HTL in epoch 3 will result in further intertidal losses as a result of coastal squeeze and contribute to the overall predicted losses of 113 ha. The removal of MR will reduce | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site through the RHCP. To highlight the potential for |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | <p>the amount of new intertidal habitat available for mitigation. MR at Thorney Island would have created an estimated 190 ha of new intertidal habitat. HTL for epoch 3 will provide protection to 190 ha of designated coastal grazing marsh and reedbeds from saline intrusion. These habitats also provide important roost and feeding areas for European designated bird species.</p> | <p>MR to be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies.</p> |
| 5A14 | MR/MR/MR | HTL/HTL/HTL | <p>Existing flood defences will continue to be maintained by the MOD to protect the operational capabilities of their facilities for as long as they occupy the site.</p> | <p>The change in policy for HTL for all 3 epochs will result in further intertidal losses and contribute to the overall predicted losses of 210ha of intertidal habitat for 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. MR at this site would have created an estimated 63ha of new intertidal habitat. This habitat could have been used as compensation to offset losses for Chichester to Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. HTL for all three epochs will provide protection to undesignated coastal grazing.</p> | <p>Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site through the RHCP. To highlight the potential for MR to be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies.</p> |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
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| 5A15 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL/HTL | Existing flood defences will continue to be maintained by the MOD to protect the operational capabilities of their facilities for as long as they occupy the site. | The change of policy from MR to HTL in epoch 3 will result in further intertidal losses and contribute to the overall predicted losses for Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. The removal of MR will reduce the amount of new intertidal habitat available for mitigation. MR at Thorney Island could potentially create an estimated 190 ha of new intertidal habitat. However, HTL for epoch 3 will provide protection to approximately 190 ha of designated coastal grazing marsh and reedbeds from saline intrusion. These habitats also provide important roost and feeding areas for European designated bird species. | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site through the RHCP. To highlight the potential for MR to be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies. |
| 5A16 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A17 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A18 | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR at Southmoor (epoch 2) | HTL/HTL/HTL | Localised MR at Southmoor was found to be not economically viable at SMP level. | There is the potential for an estimated 14 ha of new intertidal habitat to be created within the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. This could have been used as mitigation to offset predicted losses of 210 ha loss of | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site through the RHCP. To highlight the potential for MR to be considered at the |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
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| | | | | intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. | strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies. |
| 5A19 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A20 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL*/MR | * for epoch 2 to reflect requirement for more detailed study required for management of site that recognises uncertainties regarding the site specific requirements and timescale for recreating compensatory habitats. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5A21 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A22 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL*/HTL* | * for epochs 2 & 3 to reflect requirement for more detailed study for management of site to be determined following contaminated land investigations. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5A23 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A24 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5A25 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5B01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5B02 | HTL/HTL/HTL localised Regulated Tidal Exchange (RTE) Titchfield Haven | HTL/HTL/HTL | Localised RTE at Titchfield found to be not economically viable at SMP level. | There is the potential for an estimated 170 ha of new intertidal habitat partly within the Solent and Southampton Water Spa/Ramsar site. A proportion of this could have been used as mitigation to offset predicted losses of 71 ha for Solent and Southampton Water | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Solent and Southampton Water Spa/Ramsar site through the RHCP. RTE could be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility |

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|-------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Spa/Ramsar site over 100 years. | studies. |
| 5B03 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI with localised HTL to protect cross-Solent infrastructure. | To protect cross-Solent infrastructure | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5C01 | HTL//MR/MR | NAI/MR/MR | Policies taken from recommended River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and River Hamble CDS states no risk of over topping in short term due to topography. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5C02 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C03 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/NAI | Policies taken from recommended River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and River Hamble CDS. | Flood risk to assets upstream of Burlsedon Bridge in the long-term. | Consider property-level defences in long-term. |
| 5C04 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C05 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI with localised HTL along the Quay and Rope Walk | To protect residential properties, industrial and commercial developments. | Provide increased protection to properties and infrastructure at Quay and Rope Walk. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5C06 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C07 | HTL/HTL/NAI | HTL/HTL/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C08 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C09 | HTL/HTL/NAI | HTL/HTL*/NAI | * to reflect requirement for more detailed study for management of site that addresses the economic, environmental, social and amenity factors, to recognise | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |

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|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | coastal change and risks. | | |
| 5C10 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5C11 | HTL/HTL/NAI | HTL/HTL/NAI* | * to reflect requirement for more detailed study for management of site that addresses the economic, environmental, social and amenity factors, to recognise coastal change and risks. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5C12 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5C13 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C14 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5C15 | HTL/HTL/NAI | HTL/HTL/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C16 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C17 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C18 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL*/MR | * for epoch 2 to reflect requirement for more detailed study required for management of site that recognises uncertainties regarding the site specific requirements and timescale for recreating compensatory habitats. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5C19 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL* | * for epoch 3 to reflect requirement for more detailed study required for management of this and adjacent frontages that considers longer-term risk of coastal flooding and recognises uncertainties regarding the site specific requirements and timescale for recreating compensatory habitats following | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
|-------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | | realignment of neighbouring defences. | | |
| 5C20 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI | No change | | |
| 5C21 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR at Lymington reedbeds (epoch 3) | Localised MR could not be included in the objective-led assessment (Appendix G2). However, these localised intertidal habitat creation sites have been considered as part of the SMP policy. | An estimated 36 ha of new intertidal habitat will be created within the Southampton and Solent SPA/Ramsar. This can be used as mitigation to offset predicted losses. However, this localised MR will result in loss of reedbeds. | Compensation will be required for losses to designated reedbeds to be secured through RHCP. |
| 5C22 | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR Saltgrass Lane (epoch 1) & RTE Avon Water (epoch 2) | HTL/HTL/HTL | Localised MR at Saltgrass Lane and RTE at Avon Water found to be not economically viable at SMP level. | There is the potential for an estimated 16 ha of new intertidal habitat through MR at Saltgrass Lane partly within the Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar site and 40ha at Avon Water through RTE. A proportion of this could have been used as mitigation to offset predicted losses of 71 ha for Solent and Southampton Water Spa/Ramsar site over 100 years. The removal of RTE at Avon Water provides protection to 40 ha of reedbeds from saline intrusion. | Additional intertidal compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to the Solent and Southampton Water Spa/Ramsar site through the RHCP. Highlight potential for RTE and MR to be considered at the strategy and scheme level through more detailed feasibility studies. |
| 5F01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5API01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5API02 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5AHI01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |

| Policy Unit | Appraisal preferred option | Policy for public consultation | Reasons for change | Summary of Additional Impacts | Additional Mitigation Measures |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 5AHI02 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL/MR | No change | | |
| 5AHI03 | HTL/HTL/MR | HTL/HTL*/MR | * for epoch 2 to reflect requirement for more detailed study required for management of site that recognises uncertainties regarding the site specific requirements and timescale for recreating compensatory habitats. | No additional impacts. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5AHI04 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5AHI05 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5AHI06 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL | No change | | |
| 5AHI07 | NAI/NAI/NAI | NAI/NAI/NAI with localised HTL at Newtown | To protect residential properties at Newtown. | Provide increased protection to properties and infrastructure at Newtown. | No additional mitigation. |
| 5AHI08 | HTL/HTL/HTL | HTL/HTL/HTL localised MR at Stoke and West Northney (epoch 3) | Localised MR could not be included in the objective-led assessment (Appendix G2) however, the potential for localised intertidal habitat creation is considered as part of the SMP. | Estimated 11.6 ha of new intertidal habitat through MR at Stoke and West Northney. | No additional mitigation. |

K7 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED POLICIES

This section has been updated in response to review comments requiring a clearer summary of the likely effects of the plan and how these will be offset by mitigation measures. Annex K3 of the SEA ER provides an assessment per policy unit and by SEA receptor. This assessment has been summarised in Table 8 to provide an overview of significant impacts per policy unit. In addition, a conclusion has been added to section K7.3 to provide a final summary of impacts incurred by the plan and the required mitigation measures.

Additional text has been included in section K7.1 to explain the assessment matrix Annex K3 of SEA ER and Annex K3 to this Addendum. Annex K3 of this report provides further detail with respect to water and biodiversity/flora/fauna receptors, integrating results from the Water Framework Assessment (Appendix L) and Appropriate Assessment (Appendix J).

K7.1 Assessment of Impacts

Annex K3 of the SEA ER and this Addendum provide a detailed assessment of the SMP per policy unit to give an indication of the significance of environmental impacts over the short-term (0-20 years), medium-term (20-50 years) and long-term (50-100 years). The SEA Directive requires that predicted impacts are evaluated for significance to facilitate targeting of mitigation and monitoring measures. The assessment identifies the impact significance for both positive and negative in terms of minor, moderate or significant as illustrated in Table 7 below.

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| Significant beneficial impact | Moderate beneficial impact | Minor beneficial impact | No impact/negligible impact | Mixed impacts | Minor adverse impact | Moderate adverse impact | Significant adverse impact |
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Table 7 Assessment matrix text colour coding

Table 8 Summary of impacts and mitigation measures per policy unit

| Policy Unit | Draft Policy | Summary of Environmental Impacts of Proposed Draft Policies | Mitigation /Opportunities |
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| 5A01 | MR/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on landscape, water, material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity | Mitigate for losses in coastal grazing marsh (SSSI) |
| 5A02 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on soil/land use, heritage, material assets, population and human health • Negative impact on biodiversity, earth heritage, water and landscape | Recommend scheme-level design such that any temporary and other impacts on biodiversity and landscape are minimised. |
| 5A03 | HTL/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact biodiversity, material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on landscape and water | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |
| 5A04 | AM/AM/AM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage • Beneficial impact on biodiversity, water, population, human health, material assets, landscape, cultural heritage and soil/land | No mitigation required. |
| 5A05 | HTL/HTL/HTL (Localised MR at Ella Nore epoch 2 and Horse Pond epoch 3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use, cultural heritage and material assets • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the Environment Agency (EA) Regional Habitats Creation Programme (RHCP) for coastal grazing marsh habitat, net European designated intertidal losses and wildfowl feeding sites.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |
| 5A06 | HTL/HTL*/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use in short term • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage and material assets | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for fresh pasture grazing marsh habitat, reedbeds, coastal grazing marsh, bird feeding/ high tide roosting |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse impact on soil/land use in long term • Mixed impact on biodiversity, water and population and human health | <p>sites and net European designated intertidal losses.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> <p>Re-route the coastal footpath to maintain recreation facility.</p> |
| 5A07 | HTL/HTL/HTL (Localised MR at East Chidham and Bosham in epoch 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use and cultural heritage • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the EA RHCP for coastal grazing marsh habitat and net European designated intertidal losses</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |
| 5A08 | MR/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on water and material assets • Mixed impact on soil/land use, biodiversity, landscape, population and human health | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Re-route the coastal footpath to maintain recreation facility.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> <p>Provide mitigation for loss of feeding areas for Brent Geese.</p> |
| 5A09 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use in long-term • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the EA RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |
| 5A10 | MR/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on water, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) • Mixed impact on soil/land use, biodiversity, and landscape | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> |

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| | | | Mitigation for loss of SSSI coastal grazing marsh, wet grassland and function as bird roost sites. |
| 5A11 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the EA for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |
| 5A12/ 5A13/ 5A14 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on population, human health, material assets and soil/land use • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A15 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on population, human health, material assets and soil/land use • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A16 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on population, human health and material assets • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A17 | HTL/HTL/HTL (Localised MR at Conigar epoch 1 & Warblington epoch 3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Adverse impact on water, soil/ land use and cultural heritage (for localised MR) | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net intertidal losses. Mitigate for SSSI coastal grazing marsh and function as bird high tide roost sites.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | information on the impact of MR at the strategic level. |
| 5AHI01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use and material assets • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, population and human health • Adverse impact on water • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> |
| 5AHI02 | MR/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage and soil/ land use (long-term) • Significant adverse impact on soil/ land use (short-term) • Beneficial impact on water and material assets • Adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) • Mixed impact on biodiversity and landscape | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for European designated coastal grazing marsh habitat and function as bird roost/feeding areas.</p> <p>Provide new mitigation for loss of local recreation site.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> |
| 5AHI03 | HTL/HTL*/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, soil/ land use (short/medium term), population and human health • Adverse impact on soil/ land use (long-term) • Mixed impact on biodiversity, water and landscape | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for European designated coastal grazing marsh habitat, fresh to brackish fresh grazing marsh and function as bird high tide roost sites.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> |
| 5AHI04 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on material assets, soil/ land use, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage • Adverse impact on water • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. Mitigate for losses in undesignated coastal grazing marsh and function as bird high tide roost sites.</p> |

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| 5AHI05 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on water and biodiversity (long-term) • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Mitigate for losses in vegetated shingle in the long-term</p> |
| 5AHI06 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on water • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5AHI07 | NAI /NAI /NAI (Localised HTL at Newtown) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on water, material assets (HTL at Newtown), soil/ land use (short-term) and landscape • Adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) and soil/land use (long-term) • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Re-route the coastal footpath to maintain recreation facility.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses until end of existing defences residual life.</p> |
| 5AHI08 | HTL/HTL/HTL (Localised MR at Stoke & West Northney in epoch 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on material assets and cultural heritage • Adverse impact on water • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> |
| 5A18 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use and cultural heritage • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Beneficial impact on population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A19 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use and material assets | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. |
| 5A20 | HTL/HTL*/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on material assets, population and human health (short/medium-term) • Significant adverse impact on population and human health (recreation- long-term) • Mixed impact on water, biodiversity and landscape | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses and brackish, coastal grazing marsh, saline lagoons and function as valuable bird roost site.</p> <p>Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level.</p> <p>Mitigate for loss of important recreation facility for Portsmouth and re-route coastal footpath.</p> |
| 5API01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on water • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5API02 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on water • Beneficial impact on biodiversity • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |
| 5A21 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |

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| 5A22 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A23 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5A24 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use • Beneficial impact on material assets • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net loss of European designated intertidal habitat.</p> |
| 5A25 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use and material assets (long-term) • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets (short/medium-term), population and human health • Mixed impact on water • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal.</p> |
| 5B01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity and cultural heritage • Beneficial impact on material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on water • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> |
| 5B02 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. Mitigate for losses of vegetated shingle at Browndown SSSI.</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Adverse impact on earth heritage • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on water | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |
| 5B03 | NAI/NAI/NAI (Localised HTL for cross-Solent infrastructure) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on landscape • Beneficial impact on water material assets • Adverse impact on soil/ land use, population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity | Property level defences for protection from coastal flooding. Mitigate for loss of open amenity space at Hook Park. Provide mitigation for loss of bird roost and feeding sites, this could be in the form of platforms and islands. |
| 5C01 | NAI/MR/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) • Beneficial impact on water, material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on biodiversity and landscape | Re-route Solent way coastal path. Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for European designated fresh flood plain, reedbeds, open water losses and function as bird high tide roost sites. Further detailed studied required to provide more information on the impact of MR at the strategic level. |
| 5C02 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity • Beneficial impact on water and landscape • Adverse impact on material assets, population and human health | Property level defences for protection from coastal flooding. Re-route access to Bunny Meadows. |
| 5C03 | HTL/HTL/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage (short/medium-term) • Significant adverse impact on cultural heritage (long-term) • Beneficial impact in short/medium term on landscape, material assets population and human health • Adverse impact in long-term on material assets • Mixed impact on water | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Relocate assets further inland in the long-term. |
| 5C04 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on water and landscape • Adverse impact on soil/land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health | Property level defences for protection from coastal flooding. |
| 5C05 | NAI/NAI/NAI (Localised HTL for Rope Walk & the Quays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity • Significant adverse impact on cultural heritage • Beneficial impact on water, landscape and material assets (localised HTL) • Adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Compensate for loss of amenity open space at Hamble Common (SSSI). Property level defences for protection from coastal flooding in long-term. |
| 5C06 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity • Beneficial impact on water and landscape • Adverse impact on soil/land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Mixed impact on water | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Re-route local footpath. |
| 5C07 | HTL/HTL/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use and material assets in short/medium term • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity in long-term • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity in short/medium term • Beneficial impact on landscape, population and human health • Mixed impact on water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. |
| 5C08 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on water, landscape and biodiversity • Adverse impact on population and human health | Re-route local footpath and slipways. |
| 5C09 | HTL/HTL/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, population and human health (short/medium term) and biodiversity (long-term) • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity (short/medium term), cultural heritage (long-term), population and human health (long-term) | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. Re-route access to Royal Victoria County Park. Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Plan relocation of assets away from coastline in long-term. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on landscape and material assets (short/medium term) • Adverse impact on material assets (long-term) • Mixed impact on water | |
| 5C10 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use • Beneficial impact on material assets, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |
| 5C11 | HTL/HTL/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact in short/medium term on cultural heritage, soil/land use, material assets, population and human health • Significant adverse impact in short/medium term on biodiversity • Significant adverse impact in long-term on cultural heritage, soil/land use • Significant beneficial impact on biodiversity in long-term • Mixed impact on water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Plan relocation of assets away from coastline in long-term. |
| 5C12 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, soil/land use, material assets, population and human health • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Adverse impact on biodiversity • Mixed impact on water | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |
| 5C13 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficial impact on landscape and biodiversity • Adverse impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health (recreation) | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Re-route Solent way coastal path in long-term Plan relocation of assets away from coastline in long-term. |
| 5C14 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on cultural heritage, soil/land use, material assets, population and human health | Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. |
| 5C15 | HTL/HTL/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on landscape, cultural heritage (short/medium-term), population and human health (short/medium-term) and biodiversity (long-term) • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity (short/medium-term), cultural heritage (long-term), population and human health (long-term) • Mixed impact on water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Plan relocation of assets away from coastline in long-term. Re-route Solent way coastal path in long-term |
| 5C16 & 5C17 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on landscape and biodiversity • Adverse impact on soil/land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Beneficial impact on earth heritage and water | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Property level defences for protection from coastal flooding in long-term. |
| 5C18 | HTL/HTL/MR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/land use in short/medium term • Significant adverse impact on soil/land use • Beneficial impact on cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health in short/medium term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses, coastal grazing marsh and saline lagoons losses and their function as important bird high tide roost sites. |
| 5C19 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant adverse impact on biodiversity • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Beneficial impact on water, soil/ land use, material assets, population and human health | Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses. |
| 5C20 | NAI/NAI/NAI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on landscape and biodiversity • Significant adverse impact on cultural heritage • Beneficial impact on water • Adverse impact on population and human health (recreation) | Survey, monitor and record historic/archaeological sites. Compensate for losses to local SINC and function as recreation facilities. |

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| 5C21 | HTL/HTL/HTL (Regulated Tidal Exchange at Lymington Reedbeds) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5C22 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, material assets, population and human health • Potential significant adverse impact on landscape in long-term • Mixed impact on biodiversity and water | <p>Recommend scheme-level design such that impacts to landscape are minimised.</p> <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |
| 5F01 | HTL/HTL/HTL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant beneficial impact on soil/ land use, landscape, cultural heritage, material assets, population and human health • Beneficial impact on water • Mixed impact on biodiversity and earth heritage | <p>Compensatory habitat to be secured through the RHCP for net European designated intertidal losses.</p> |

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No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

K7.2 Cumulative Impacts

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

K7.3 Conclusion and Mitigation Measures

In general, the key driver for the development of this SMP is to provide protection to people and the developed, historic and natural environment in a sustainable way. To ensure these assets are protected in a sustainable way also involves promoting natural coastal processes. However, this may result in conflicting requirements. The following section provides a high-level summary of the significant impact of the draft SMP including mitigation measures required to reduce adverse impacts.

The SMP will have a significant beneficial impact on coastal communities, material assets, agricultural land, contaminated land and the historic environment through HTL policies providing protection from coastal flooding and erosion. The SMP will provide a better standard of protection to communities and material assets through assessing the long-term risks and providing guidance for spatial planning.

Overall, the SMP through HTL policies will result in significant loss of important intertidal habitats and species associated with SPA, SAC and Ramsar sites in particular within the harbours and west Solent. The loss of intertidal habitats will occur due to rising sea levels and lack of area available for natural adaptation. Through MR and NAI policies, the SMP will create new intertidal areas some of which will be used as mitigation for the loss of habitats to reduce the overall adverse impact of the SMP. However, despite mitigation measures there will still be a significant net loss of saltmarsh habitat.

The SMP through NAI and MR policies will result in significant losses to freshwater habitats, coastal grazing marsh and its function as a roost and feeding area for important European bird species.

To mitigate for the adverse impacts to important European designated habitats and associated species, the SMP will need approval for Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI) and secure compensation through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme. A summary of the requirements taken from the draft Appropriate Assessment* are listed below:

- Freshwater habitats (75ha) and function as bird roost/feeding site
- Coastal grazing marsh (372 ha) and function as bird roost/feeding site

* It should be noted that these compensation requirements will change as a result of changes to the SMP after public consultation and they will be updated in the final Appropriate Assessment.

- Saline lagoons (44 ha)
- Saltmarsh (212 ha for SPA/Ramsar and 385 ha for SAC)

The SMP has the potential to have significant adverse impact on the surrounding landscape in the long-term through HTL policies resulting from upgrades to defences to maintain the level of protection with rising sea levels. This could have a detrimental impact on the surrounding landscape and visual amenity in particular within Chichester AONB and New Forest National Park. The requirement to upgrade defences will provide benefits to the surrounding area in terms of protection from flooding. The potential adverse impact can be reduced through sensitive scheme-level design so that impacts to landscape are minimised.

The SMP through MR and NAI policies will result in disruption and loss of some coastal footpaths including the Solent Way. The adverse impact to these recreation facilities can be mitigated against through adaption planning, including measures to move footpaths further inland.

The SMP through NAI policies may have an adverse impact on a small number of statutory designated heritage features which will be at increased risk from coastal flooding and erosion. To mitigate against losing valuable historic data, the sites should be surveyed, monitored and recorded.

The SMP through HTL policies may result in foreshore steepening and lowering. This could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae Biological Quality Elements (BQE) through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential. Possible mitigation measures include ensuring local management options to maintain the foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend the frontage where appropriate.

The draft SMP tries to provide a sustainable balance between both socio-economic and environmental issues associated with the North Solent coastline. Many of the adverse impacts associated with the plan can be mitigated against as outlined above. However, the impact on European designated habitats and associated species will require compensation. There is a need to implement the SMP for reasons of overriding public interest to address the serious risk to public safety from coastal flooding and erosion. Failure to do so would have unacceptable social and economic consequences.

K8 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

ANNEX K1: NORTH SOLENT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHOD

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

ANNEX K2 REVIEW OF PLANS AND POLICIES

No change to SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K)

ANNEX K3 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED POLICIES FOR WATER AND BIODIVERSITY

The following matrix has been updated from the SEA Environmental Report (Appendix K to main SMP) to provide further details with respect to water and biodiversity/flora/fauna receptors.

HTL = Hold The Line, MR = Managed Realignment, NAI = No Active Intervention

| PU | Draft policy | | | SEA Receptors | |
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| | 0-20 | 20-50 | 50-100 | Biodiversity Flora & Fauna | Water |
| Selsey Bill to West Wittering | | | | | |
| Policy units 5A01, 5A02 & 5A03 covered by Pagham to East Head CDS SEA | | | | | |
| 5A01 | MR | MR | MR | MR will result in loss of designated coastal grazing marsh (SSSI) but also the creation of new intertidal habitat. The secondary defences, depending on their location, may have an adverse effect on vegetated shingle within <i>Bracklesham Bay SSSI</i> , as natural roll back of shingle will be prevented. Over the 3 epochs there will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on Biological Quality Elements (BQE's). As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. MR will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5A02 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL in the short-term will have negligible impacts on vegetated shingle within <i>Bracklesham Bay SSSI</i> . In the long-term HTL will have a minor adverse on vegetated shingle due to coastal squeeze and rising sea levels. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential because of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies. This will have a minor adverse impact. |
| 5A03 | HTL | MR | MR | HTL in the short-term will have a negligible impact . MR in epoch 2 will create a small area of intertidal habitat. This will have a moderate beneficial impact on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion |

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| | | | | | (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. MR in the longer term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on Biological Quality Elements (BQE's). This will result in a mixed impact over 3 epochs. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | Compensate for losses of vegetated shingle and coastal grazing marsh. | Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend the frontages 5A04 & 5A03. |
| Chichester Harbour | | | | | |
| Policy unit 5A04 covered by Pagham to East Head CDS SEA | | | | | |
| 5A04 | AM | AM | AM | There is the potential opportunity for enhancement and creation of vegetated and sand dune habitats. There may be losses and gains of designated intertidal habitats within Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site depending on how the coastline develops within this complex coastal zone. Over 3 epochs there will be minor beneficial impact on biodiversity. | The AM policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. AM will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5A05 | HTL | HTL ¹ | HTL ² | Existing defences will result in the loss of intertidal habitats through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and <i>contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . Some of these defences provide protection to important waterfowl feeding sites and ancient woodland. Localised MR at Ella Nore and Horse Pond will create <i>an estimated 11 ha</i> of new intertidal habitat in epochs 2/3. However, MR at Horse Pond in epoch 3 will result in loss of an <i>estimated 6 ha</i> of European designated coastal grazing marsh and wildfowl feeding sites. Over the 3 epochs there will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy, however the policy would not prevent obtaining good groundwater status or result in deterioration in groundwater status. The small area of MR at Ella Nore and Horse Pond will not have significant impact on WFD water quality status. This will result in a mixed impact. |

¹ localised MR at Ella Nore ² localised MR at Horse Pond

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| 5A06 | HTL | HTL* | MR | HTL will result in the loss of European designated intertidal habitats through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . HTL will have a significant beneficial impact on <i>an estimated 3 ha of designated (Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar) fresh pasture grazing marsh and additional non-designated grazing mars</i> . Both habitats provide feeding areas for waterfowl. MR in the long-term at Fishbourne will create an <i>estimated 22ha of new intertidal habitat</i> . However, this will result in the loss of existing coastal grazing marsh, <i>designated fresh pasture grazing marsh</i> reedbeds, wader high tide roost and waterfowl feeding sites. Over the 3 epochs there will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. MR in the long-term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. There is a risk of deterioration in groundwater status through MR as the area lies within Source Protection Zone 1. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A07 | HTL ³ | HTL | HTL | Existing defences will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . However, this will have a beneficial impact on waterfowl feeding areas and locally designated SNCIs proving protection from coastal flooding. Localised MR Bosham & East Chidham will create <i>an estimated 10 ha of new undesignated intertidal habitat</i> but result in the loss of <i>un-designated</i> coastal grazing marsh. Over the 3 epochs there will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. A HTL will not prevent obtaining good groundwater status or result in deterioration in groundwater status. The small amount of MR at East Chidham and Bosham is not to have a significant impact on water quality status due to the small size of the MR sites. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A08 | MR | MR | MR | MR policy will create an <i>estimated 37 ha of new non-designated</i> intertidal habitat. However, this will result in the loss of arable land used as feeding areas for waterfowl and Brent geese. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 |

* Requirement for further detailed studies

³ Localised MR at East Chidham and Bosham

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| | | | | | policy. MR will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or prevent obtaining good groundwater status or result in deterioration in groundwater status. There will be minor beneficial impact. |
| 5A09 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . However, this will have a beneficial impact on important wader roost/feeding sites for waterfowl and Brent geese protecting them from coastal flooding. Therefore, impacts to biodiversity are mixed . | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A10 | MR | MR | MR | MR policy will create an <i>estimated 26ha of mostly undesignated</i> new intertidal habitat. However, this will have an adverse impact on <i>Chichester and Langstone</i> SSSI designated coastal grazing marsh and wet grassland. These habitats provide important roost sites for waders. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity over 3 epochs. | MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. MR will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies or result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5A11 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . However, this will have an adverse impact on coastal grazing marsh and wet grassland that provide important roost sites for waders. There will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy however the policy would not prevent obtaining good groundwater status or result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A12 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal</i> | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion |

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| | | | | <i>habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In contrast, HTL will have a beneficial impact on European (<i>Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar</i>) designated coastal grazing marsh, reed beds and open water protecting these features from coastal flooding. These habitats provide important feeding and roost sites for waders and wildfowl. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A13 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In contrast, HTL will have a beneficial impact on roosting/feeding sites for waders and wildfowl. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A14 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In contrast, HTL will have a beneficial impact on roosting/feeding sites for waders and wildfowl. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A15 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In contrast, HTL will provide protection to locally designated habitats from coastal flooding. These habitats provide important feeding/roost sites for waders and wildfowl. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL will result in foreshore steepening and lowering this could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| Policy units 5A16 & 5A17 covered by Porchester to Emsworth CDS SEA | | | | | |

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| 5A16 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> , but will have a beneficial impact on locally designated saline lagoons. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL will result in foreshore steepening and lowering this could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A17 | HTL ⁴ | HTL | HTL ⁵ | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . Localised MR at Conigar and Warblington will create an <i>estimated 9 ha</i> new intertidal habitat. This will result in an adverse impact to an <i>estimated 5 ha</i> SSSI designated coastal grazing marsh at Warblington and non-designated high tide wader roost sites. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL will result in foreshore steepening and lowering this could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>An estimated 90 ha of saltmarsh</i> habitats will be required as compensation habitat to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise <i>with Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar sites</i> . Additional compensation habitat will be required for the <i>loss of 36 ha of fresh water habitats, 119 ha of coastal grazing marsh and 7 ha of saline lagoons</i> through MR policies. <i>Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader roost sites and Brent geese feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RCHP. The identification of the potential</i> | Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages were appropriate. |

⁴ Localised MR at Conigar ⁵ Localised MR at Warblington

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| | | | | <i>for localised MR identified at West Wittering (5A04) would create 14 ha of new intertidal habitat which could contribute towards mitigation for intertidal losses within the Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. However, this would result in the loss of designated coastal grazing marsh and reedbeds.</i> | |
| Hayling Island | | | | | |
| 5AHI01 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In contrast, it will have a beneficial impact on waterfowl feeding areas protecting them from coastal flooding. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may cause the erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. Will result in minor adverse impact. |
| 5AHI02 | MR | MR | MR | MR at Northney Farm will create <i>an estimated 46 ha</i> of new intertidal habitat but will result in the loss of <i>an estimated 30 ha</i> European designated coastal grazing marsh. This will have an adverse impact on important wader roosts and waterfowl feeding sites on the grazing marsh and arable fields. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | MR policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. MR will not compromise the environmental objectives being met in other water bodies. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5AHI03 | HTL | HTL* | MR | HTL in the short/medium term will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> However, have a beneficial impact on European designated coastal grazing marsh and brackish to fresh coastal grassland with ditches. These habitats provide important high tide roost sites for waders. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity in the short to | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. MR in the longer term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. This will result |

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| | | | | medium term. In the long-term MR will create an <i>estimated 50 ha</i> new intertidal habitat but result in the loss of <i>approx. 50 ha designated coastal grazing marsh</i> and high tide wader roost sites. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity in the long-term. | in a mixed impact over 3 epochs. |
| 5AH104 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . However, this will also provide protection to <i>un-designated</i> coastal grazing marsh at Selsmore that provides important areas for high tide wader roosts. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may cause erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in minor adverse impact. |
| 5AH105 | HTL | HTL | HTL | Sand dunes (SSSI) at Sinah Common are currently defended therefore HTL will have a negligible impact . HTL in the short term will have a negligible impact on vegetated shingle (SSSI) at Sinah Common if beach nourishment/accretion is in line with sea level rise. However, in the long-term HTL will result in some loss of vegetated shingle as it will be difficult to maintain the coastline in current position through renourishment. This will have a minor adverse impact. | HTL may cause erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in minor adverse impact. |
| 5AH106 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site</i> . In contrast, HTL will provide protection to important wader high tide roost sites on playing fields. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity | HTL may cause the erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in minor adverse impact. |
| 5AH107 | NAI ⁶ | NAI ⁶ | NAI ⁶ | Current defences in the short term will cause loss of intertidal habitats through coastal squeeze <i>and</i> | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes |

⁶ Localised HTL at Newtown

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| | | | | <p>contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site but will provide protection to locally designated sites (SINC/SNCI). This will have a mixed impact on biodiversity. In the long-term as defences come to the end of their residual lives this will allow intertidal habitats to migrate inland. This will have a significant beneficial impact on biodiversity.</p> | <p>to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. The scale of localised HTL at Newtown will not have a significant impact on WFD status. This will result in a minor beneficial impact.</p> |
| 5AH108 | HTL ⁷ | HTL ⁷ | HTL ⁷ | <p>HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. However, localised MR at Stoke Common will create an estimated 5 ha new intertidal habitat. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity.</p> | <p>HTL may cause the erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. The small scale of MR at Stoke and West Northney will not have a significant impact on WFD status. This will result in minor adverse impact.</p> |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <p>An estimated 90 ha of saltmarsh habitat will be required as compensation habitat to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise with Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. 80 ha of compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to reedbeds, coastal grazing marsh and wet grassland through MR policies at 5AH102& 5AH103. Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader roost sites and Brent geese feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to offset for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</p> | <p>Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages were possible.</p> |
| Langstone Harbour | | | | | |
| Policy units 5A18, 5A19 & 5A20 covered by Porchester to Emsworth CDS SEA | | | | | |

⁷ Localised MR at Stoke and West Northney

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| 5A18 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have a significant adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A19 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have a significant adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A20 | HTL | HTL* | MR | HTL policy in the short to medium term will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>and contribute to the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site.</i> In the medium to long-term MR at Farlington will create <i>an estimated 74 ha</i> new intertidal habitat but will result in the loss of <i>an estimated 33ha of designated brackish to fresh grazing marsh, 33ha of costal grazing marsh and 7ha of saline lagoons.</i> This site is a valuable high tide roost site used during storm events and is an important part of the network or sites in the Solent. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. MR in later epochs will support natural development of the frontage hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's in the long-term. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. MR is not considered likely to result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>An estimated 90 ha of saltmarsh</i> habitat will be required as compensation habitat to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise <i>within</i> | Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages were possible. |

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| | | | | <p><i>Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site. 74 ha of compensation habitat will be required to offset losses to reedbeds, coastal grazing marsh and wet grassland through MR policies at Farlington Marshes (5A20). Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader roost sites and Brent geese feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i></p> <p>The potential for localised MR at Southmoor (5A18) could provide 14 ha of new intertidal as mitigation to help offset losses too intertidal habitat within Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar. However, this will result in a loss of designated fresh and brackish marshes and open water. Further investigations required at strategy level.</p> | |
| Portsea Island | | | | | |
| 5API01 & 5API02 covered by Portsea Island CDS SEA | | | | | |
| 5API01 | HTL | HTL | HTL | <p>HTL will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise. This would contribute to <i>the predicted 210 ha loss of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar site and 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar.</i> HTL will however have a beneficial impact on locally designated SINC's and on grassland providing protection from coastal flooding. These areas provide important feeding areas for Brent Geese. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity.</p> | <p>HTL may continue to cause the erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in minor adverse impact.</p> |
| 5API02 | HTL | HTL | HTL | <p>HTL policy will provide protection from coastal flooding to locally designated SINC's and grassland important for Brent Geese. HTL will not have an impact on vegetated shingle if beach nourishment</p> | <p>HTL may continue to cause the erosion and lowering of intertidal foreshore habitats This could impact on the phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth,</p> |

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| | | | | inline with sea level rise. Overall, there will be a moderate beneficial impact on biodiversity. | residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in minor adverse impact. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>An estimated 90 ha of saltmarsh habitat for Chichester and Langstone SPA/Ramsar and 194 ha of intertidal habitat for Portsmouth SPA/Ramsar will be required as compensation habitat to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i> | Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages. |
| Portsmouth Harbour | | | | | |
| 5A21 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and <i>contribute to the overall estimate of 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar</i> . HTL will also have a beneficial impact on a number of locally designated SINC's many of these areas also provide important roost and feeding sites for designated bird species. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A22 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and <i>contribute to the overall estimate of 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar</i> . However, it will provide protection to open grassland important roost and feeding sites for designated bird species. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A23 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and <i>contribute to the overall estimate of 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar</i> . This will have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not |

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| 5A24 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise and <i>contribute to the overall estimate of 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar</i> . However, it will provide protection to open grassland important roost and feeding sites for designated bird species. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5A25 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise <i>contribute to the overall estimate of 194 ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Portsmouth SPA/ Ramsar</i> . This will have a significant adverse impact on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>An estimated 194 ha of intertidal habitat will be required as compensation habitat to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise over 100 years. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i> | Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages. |
| Hook Spit to Portsmouth Harbour Entrance | | | | | |
| 5B01 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have a significant beneficial impact on saline lagoons designated as part of Solent and Isle of Wight Lagoons SAC. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5B02 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL will result in the loss of European designated intertidal habitats through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise at Hill Head. <i>This will contribute to</i> | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water |

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| | | | | <p><i>predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar. This will have a significant adverse impact. HTL is not likely to have an impact on vegetated shingle (Browdown SSSI).</i></p> | <p>depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will not result in deterioration in groundwater status. This will result in a mixed impact.</p> |
| 5B03 | NAI ⁸ | NAI ⁸ | NAI ⁸ | <p>NAI policy will have a beneficial impact on European designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle enabling habitats to migrate inland. However, NAI policy will have an adverse impact on important wader roost and waterfowl feeding sites at Hook park through coastal flooding. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity.</p> | <p>The NAI policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. Groundwater status is not likely to deteriorate due to geology and topography of this frontage. This will result in a minor beneficial impact.</p> |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <p><i>88ha of saltmarsh will be required as compensation to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise within Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar site. Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader roost sites and Brent geese feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i></p> <p>Potential Regulated Tidal Exchange (RTE) has been identified at Titchfield. <i>This could potentially create 170ha of new intertidal habitat but also result in the loss of existing European designated habitats including fresh flood plain wet grassland, reed beds and open water. Further investigations required at strategy level.</i></p> | <p>Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages where appropriate. Monitoring/further investigation of potential impacts on groundwater from contaminated land at 5B03.</p> |
| River Hamble | | | | | |
| 5C01, 5C02, 5C03, 5C04 & 5C05 covered by River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and River Hamble CDS SEA | | | | | |
| 5C01 | NAI | MR | MR | NAI in the short-term will allow the natural retreat of | The policies support natural development of the |

⁸ Localised HTL for cross Solent infrastructure

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| | | | | the coastline. This will have a significant beneficial impact. MR in the medium to long-term will create an <i>estimated 46 ha</i> of new intertidal habitat but will have an adverse impact on European designated fresh flood plain wet grassland, reed beds and open water. This will also result in the loss of high tide roost sites for waders. This will result in mixed impacts on biodiversity. | frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. Groundwater status is not likely to deteriorate due to geology and topography of this frontage. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C02 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the river Hamble to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a significant beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. Groundwater status is not likely to deteriorate due to geology and topography of this frontage. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C03 | HTL | HTL | NAI | The proposed policies will have No impact on biodiversity. | HTL in epoch 1 & 2 may result in foreshore steepening and lowering this could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. NAI in the longer term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. Groundwater status is not likely to deteriorate due to geology and topography of this frontage through NAI policy in the long-term. This will result in a mixed impact over 3 epochs. |
| 5C04 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the river Hamble to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a significant beneficial impact. This will have a beneficial impact on high tide wader roost sites on intertidal saltmarsh. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |

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| 5C05 | NAI ⁹ | NAI ⁹ | NAI ⁹ | NAI policy will allow the river Hamble to adapt to natural environmental change and will have a significant beneficial impact on high tide wader roost sites on intertidal saltmarsh. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>An estimated 39 ha of fresh water pasture, 3 ha of saline lagoon and 4 ha of reedbeds will be required as compensation as a result of losses due to MR at Hook Lake (5C01). Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader and roost sites through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i> | No mitigation identified. |
| Southampton Water (including River Itchen) | | | | | |
| 5C06, 5C07, 5C08, 5C09, 5C10 & 5C11 covered by River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and River Hamble CDS SEA | | | | | |
| 5C06 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the coastline to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a significant beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C07 | HTL | HTL | NAI | HTL in the short to medium term will have a significant adverse impact on European designated mudflats and sandflats through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> In the long-term, a NAI policy will allow these habitats to migrate landward and have a significant beneficial impact. | HTL in epoch 1 & 2 may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. NAI in the longer term will support natural development of the frontage. There should be no significant changes to physical or hydro- |

⁹ Localised HTL for Rope Walk and the Quay

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| 5C08 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the coastline to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a minor beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C09 | HTL | HTL* | NAI | HTL in the short to medium term will have a significant adverse impact on European designated mudflats and sandflats through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> In the long-term NAI, policy will allow the coastline to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a significant beneficial impact. | HTL in epoch 1 & 2 may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. NAI in the longer term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. Groundwater status is not likely to deteriorate due to geology and topography of this frontage through NAI policy in the long-term. This will result in a mixed impact over 3 epochs |
| 5C10 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL will result in the loss of European designated intertidal habitat. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> New defences will provide protection to feeding and roost sites on grassland at risk from coastal flooding. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a beneficial impact on groundwater body status. This will |

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| 5C11 | HTL | HTL | NAI* | HTL in the short to medium term will have a significant adverse impact on European designated and local designated (Chessel Bay Local Nature Reserve) intertidal habitats through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> In the long-term NAI will allow the river to adapt to natural environmental change and reduce the loss of intertidal habitats. This will have a significant beneficial impact. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a beneficial impact on groundwater body status. MR in the long-term will support natural development of the frontage and there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. There is the potential for a negative impact on groundwater status from landfills and NAI policy in the long-term. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5C12 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL will result in the loss of intertidal habitats through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. HTL will have minor adverse impact on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a beneficial impact on groundwater body status. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5C13 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the estuary to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a moderate beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. There is potential for a negative impact on groundwater status from former landfills. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5C14 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL will have an adverse impact on European | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering |

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| 5C15 | HTL | HTL | NAI | HTL will have a significant adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle through loss by coastal squeeze and sea level rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> In the long-term loss through coastal squeeze will be reduced and have a significant beneficial impact on intertidal habitats. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. MR in the long-term will support natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. This will result in a mixed impact over 3 epochs |
| Mitigation Measures | | | | <i>88ha of saltmarsh will be required as compensation to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise within Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar site. Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader, roost sites and feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP.</i> | Investigation of the potential contamination from the landfills for frontages 5C10, 5C11, 5C13 and 5C14. Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages where appropriate. |
| West Solent | | | | | |
| 5C16 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the coastline to adapt to natural environmental change. This will have a beneficial effect on European designated intertidal habitats | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that |

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| | | | | reducing loss through coastal squeeze but also a change in partly designated brackish and freshwater fen, grassland and reedbeds. This will result in significant beneficial impacts on biodiversity. | could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C17 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the estuary to adapt to natural environmental change and will result in a significant beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C18 | HTL | HTL* | MR | In the short/medium term there will be loss of European designated intertidal habitats and vegetated shingle through coastal squeeze. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> However, will provide protection to designated landward habitats. In the long-term MR will create an <i>estimated 237ha</i> new intertidal habitat but this will result in the <i>loss of an estimated 114ha designated coastal grazing marsh and 23 ha of saline lagoons which provide important high tide roost sites.</i> There will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy in the short-term. MR in epoch 3 will support natural development of the frontage hence there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's in the long-term. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential is not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL would not prevent obtaining good groundwater status or result in deterioration in groundwater status. Impact of MR on groundwater status is uncertain. This will result in a mixed impact. |
| 5C19 | HTL | HTL | HTL* | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> This will have a significant adverse impact. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a |

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| | | | | | beneficial impact on groundwater body status. This will result in a mixed impact |
| 5C20 | NAI | NAI | NAI | NAI policy will allow the coastline to adapt to environmental coastal change and result in a significant beneficial impact. | This policy supports natural development of the frontage. Hence, there should be no significant changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact. |
| 5C21 | HTL | HTL | HTL ¹⁰ | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> HTL will have a significant adverse impact. Localised regulated tidal exchange (RTE) at Lymington reedbeds in epoch 3 will create <i>an estimated 36 ha</i> of new intertidal habitat but will result in the loss of designated reedbeds. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a beneficial impact on groundwater body status. This will result in a mixed impact |
| 5C22 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar.</i> However, HTL will also have a beneficial impact on designated coastal grazing marsh and saline lagoons and important feeding and high tide roosts sites by protecting them from coastal flooding. There will be mixed impacts on biodiversity. | HTL may result in foreshore steepening and lowering which could impact on phytoplankton and macroalgae BQEs through potential changes in turbidity, water depth, thermal depth, residence time, abrasion (associated with velocity) and salinity. Hence, there is potential for deterioration in surface water Ecological Potential as a result of the SMP2 policy. HTL will reduce the risk of contamination from landfills. This will have a beneficial impact on groundwater body status. This will result in a mixed impact |
| 5F01 | HTL | HTL | HTL | HTL policy will have an adverse impact on European designated intertidal habitats resulting in a loss through coastal squeeze as sea levels rise. <i>This will contribute to predicted loss of 71ha of intertidal</i> | North Point will be allowed to develop naturally, while continuing to provide a source of shingle for recycling, along with continued maintenance of the rock structures. Hence, there should be no significant |

* Requirement for further detailed studies

¹⁰ RTE Lymington Reedbeds

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| | | | <p><i>habitat over 100 years in Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar. However, this will also provide protection to saltmarshes in the west Solent. Maintaining Hurst spit will potentially have an adverse impact on some vegetated shingle habitat due to changes in the current position of the spit through maintenance works. This will have mixed impacts on biodiversity.</i></p> | <p>changes to physical or hydro-morphological parameters that could impact on BQE's. As such, deterioration in Ecological Potential and Groundwater status are not considered likely as a result of the SMP2 policy. This will result in a minor beneficial impact.</p> |
| <p>Mitigation Measures</p> | | | <p><i>88ha of saltmarsh will be required as compensation to offset losses caused by coastal squeeze and sea level rise within Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar site. Additional mitigation measures to create new opportunities for alternative high tide wader, roost sites and feeding areas through habitat management and artificial platforms will be required to mitigate for losses in the function of habitats for the designated European bird species. Compensation habitat will be required to offset losses through MR and NAI policy for loss of costal grazing marsh, reedbeds, freshwater pasture and saline lagoons. These compensation requirements will be secured through the RHCP. There is potential for localised regulated tidal exchange (RTE) at Avon Water and managed realignment at Saltgrass Lane (5C22). This could create an estimated 16 ha new intertidal habitat but result in the loss of European designated reedbeds and fresh/brackish water pasture and bird roost and feeding sites.</i></p> | <p>Ensure local management options to maintain foreshore are incorporated into engineering measures to defend HTL frontages where appropriate.</p> |