

### **B10.2.4.10 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK RESULTING IN NO CHANGES TO SMP POLICY AND / OR DOCUMENTATION – CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Chichester Harbour Conservancy Planning Committee</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
As 90% or more is HTL, it would be fairer on landowners to make 100% HTL.		The SMP polices have been assessed following Defra's guidance. In assessing each policy the SMP has looked at the financial and social costs of each policy, along with the impact on the natural environment. Therefore the proposed policy recommendations for public consultation in the draft SMP have been determined to result in sustainable management of the shoreline. It is also important to note, as stated in the draft documents, that a Hold the Line policy does not guarantee that public funding is available. Within each individual policy summary statement, where applicable, it is stated that no public funding would be available for the maintenance of privately owned defences even if they are frontages where HTL has been identified to manage the flood risk. This has been stated throughout the draft SMP documents, however to further highlight this funding situation a further section regarding funding and privately owned defences has been included in the Draft SMP document. The SMP team recommend that you contact your local planning authority for further information.			

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Bracklesham caravan and boat club</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
My concerns are that the caravan club floods due to surface water from the rife and relies on the pump station at Medmerry. If an earth bank is built it will block the Rife and increase the flooding as will the		Thank you for your comments and concerns regarding the proposed managed re-alignment site at Medmerry. The Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy provides further details about the			

<p>removal of the pumping station. The creation of a habitat area should be secondary to protection of homes. The money being spent on planning alone would be better used to maintain the shingle bank at Medmerry.</p>	<p>implementation of this policy and is available from Chichester District Councils website at <a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">http://www.chichester.gov.uk</a>. However to answer to your concerns; 1) Before the management re-alignment takes place new inland secondary defences would need to be implemented in order to protect the homes and infrastructure that exist here and therefore the creation of the habitat will not subject homes to an increased at risk to flooding. 2) The placement and size of the defences would need to consider existing land drainage. 3) Re-alignment at this site will manage the flood risk to the west of Selsey along with low lying communities and will provide improved protection for the next 100years. This managed option is regarded as the most economically, environmentally and socially sustainable policy for this area. The shingle bank at Medmerry would not provide effective defence over the next 100years and maintaining it would become economically and physically un-viable as sea levels rise.</p>
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Comment relates to	Chichester District Council	Consultee	Private Individual	Response No	28
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
<p>It is reassuring to know what areas are planned for hold the line. Knowledge of this makes decision making about whether to improve sailing club property on the coastline realistic or silly.</p>			<p>Thank you for you consultation response. Any property development would have to go through the normal planning procedures that are currently in place. Planning applications would be considered on a case by case basis and would not be solely dependant on the coastal defence policy in place i.e. a Hold the Line coastal defence policy does not guarantee planning permission and neither does a No Active Intervention policy automatically negate planning permission. Where applicable, it is stated that no public funding would be available for the maintenance of privately owned defences even if they are frontages where HTL has been identified to manage the flood risk. This has been stated throughout the draft SMP documents, however to further highlight this funding situation a further section regarding funding and</p>		

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Comment relates to	Chichester District Council	Consultee	Private Individual	Response No	29
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
The projected aerial photographs were a very good idea but difficult to view appearing like an overexposed photograph.			Thank you for your response. Many of the historic photographs presented were originally taken at a much lower resolution than today's survey images, and coupled with limitations to computer equipment or light levels in the room, may have contributed towards the quality of some of the displayed images. The value and importance of high quality aerial photography for monitoring coastal zones will assist in demonstrating coastal change over long-time periods at such events in the future.		

Comment relates to	Chichester District Council	Consultee	Private Individual	Response No	31
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
As a property owner right on the shoreline in East Wittering I am obviously very interested in how the Bracklesham Bay section will be managed. HTL means maintaining whatever is there in the first place but where is the funding going to come from? Mention is made of the importance of monitoring beach levels- this is crucial as access to the beach is difficult and this must affect the economic future of the village- if families find the shingle too steep they will go elsewhere. in the last 5 years the surfing culture has grown as has the holiday letting of many properties bringing money into the area. We have watched the groyne falling apart all along the beach- to HTL these must be repaired asap- detailed surveys have been done!			Many thanks for your consultation response. The definition of Holding the Line is: Maintaining or upgrading the level of protection provided by existing coastal defences. Whilst it is the recommendation of the SMP to hold the line at 5a02 the SMP policy does not guarantee funding. The Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy provides further details about the implementation of this policy and likelihood of attracting central government funding. This is available from Chichester District Councils website at <a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">http://www.chichester.gov.uk</a> . As you identified coastal monitoring is crucial to the future of the site. Through the Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme for the South East of England, Chichester		

	District Council reviews the survey data and analysis provided in annual beach monitoring reports supplied to them by the Channel Coastal Observatory, which will assist in demonstrating coastal change over time. The continuation of the Coastal Monitoring Programme and the availability of the valuable data has been included within the Action Plan.
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<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Havant Borough Council Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Private Individual</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
I am not a Climate Change Agnostic! My observation from 20 years sailing in Chichester Harbour is that sea levels (relative to fixed points on land) has not risen even the smallish amount during that time. It could be 20 years effected by larger cycle but even the highest of tides 20 years, 10 years and 7 years ago have been higher than they have been in the last 3 years. 20 years at 3mm a year would be 60 mm , would be noticeable to a sailor. I accept tides are higher between the tropics- but if not at our latitudes are they going to be? the speed of the earth spinning in the tropics could be cause of difference. I'm glad you are reviewing every 10 years!			Thank you for you consultation response. The SMP has followed Defra guidance and the best available information for future sea level rise allowances. Working to these precautionary rates will allow us to effectively plan and design defences to protect future generations from the possible effects of climate change. Adaptation and flood resilience measures will also be required to proactively manage tidal flood risk. The value and importance of high quality monitoring of coastal zones will assist in demonstrating coastal change and impacts of sea level rise and climate change over long-time periods. The continuation of the Coastal Monitoring Programme and the availability of the valuable data has been included within the Action Plan.		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Chidham Parish Council</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
It is useful to see details and maps. Also good to have a say.			Thank you for your positive consultation response.		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Private Individual</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
<p>I am loss to comprehend why this plan covers Selsey Bill to Hurst Spit, when the previous exercise we endured covered from Pagham to East Head. Why does this one not include the relatively small area between Pagham and Selsey Bill? You don't make it easy to understand such fundamental differences. The plan for the Selsey to Emsworth portion seems to reasonable providing that the necessary funding is made available in its entirety! I would welcome initiatives to involve the wild life habitat on the stretch between Medmerry and Bracklesham.</p>			<p>Thank you for your consultation response. An SMP is a high level strategic document that recommends coastal flood and erosion risk management policy that will result in economically, socially and environmentally sustainable management of the shoreline over a large region. A Coastal Defence Strategy (CDS) is a more detailed study on a much shorter length of coastline that reviews the SMP policies and assesses how the policies will be implemented. The Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy is a review of the SMP policies from the first round SMPs for the East Solent and Beachy Head to Selsey Bill SMPs. Due to complexities associated with this frontage it has unfortunately resulted in the completion of the CDS shortly before the development of the North Solent SMP. The outcomes and management policies from the Pagham to East Head CDS have been incorporated into the North Solent SMP. Once all of the SMP's around the entire coast of the UK are completed, central government will then be able to reassess national funding budgets and prioritise coastal defence expenditure to regions identified as being most at risk. The majority of defences within Chichester Harbour are privately owned and are dependent on the private owner to continue to fund maintenance works; currently, no flood and coastal defence funding is available for maintenance of the majority of private defences. Whilst the SMP may recommend a policy of Hold the line or Managed Realignment this does not guarantee or secure central government funding for maintenance or urgent improvement works. Flood and coastal defence legislation in England and Wales is largely permissive i.e. there is no statutory duty to protect people or property.</p>		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>West Wittering Parish Council</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
Everyone I met at the exhibition was most helpful and informative. Rights of landowner to maintain current defences on "like for like" basis was reinforced. This was not clear when discussing Adaptive Management at East Head.		Many thanks for your positive comments. Within the North Solent region, landownership and third party funded maintenance of defences are acknowledged as key considerations and significant effort was directed into clarifying the economic and environmental implications associated with private defences in order to determine SMP policies. The Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy provides further details about the implementation of the Adaptive Management policy and the likelihood of it attracting central government funding. This is available from Chichester District Councils website at <a href="http://www.chichester.gov.uk">http://www.chichester.gov.uk</a> .			

  

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<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
Please indicate number of consultation responses for each of 8 regions as shown on previous page when preparing consultation report.		Thank you for your consultation response. We will include the details you have requested as a matter of course in the consultation report.			

  

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<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
How can private landowners possible be expected to pay for a "Hold the Line" policy to protect their property? They will need financial support and assistance.		Thank you for your comments. Historically, privately owned defences are dependent on the private owner to continue to fund maintenance works; currently, no flood and coastal defence funding is available for maintenance of the majority of private defences. Whilst the SMP may recommend a policy of Hold the line or Managed Realignment this			

	<p>does not guarantee or secure central government funding for maintenance or urgent improvement works. Flood and coastal defence legislation in England and Wales is largely permissive i.e. there is no statutory duty to protect people or property. Within each individual policy summary statement, where applicable, it is stated that no public funding would be available for the maintenance of privately owned defences even if they are frontages where HTL has been identified to manage the flood risk. This has been stated throughout the draft SMP documents, however to further highlight this funding situation a further section regarding funding and privately owned defences has been included in the final SMP document.</p>
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Comment relates to	Chichester District Council	Consultee	Private Individual	Response No	68
Comment received			Client Steering Group Response		
<p>Thank you for giving the time, energy and professionalism to actually organise the display for us in the community. On the evening (last week) my wife and I attended the display in Chichester, it was really good when 2 young men approached us to see if they could explain the detail further and if there were any questions we would like to ask. Thank you! From what we could see it was possible with low technology/ cost implications to actually raise the heights of walls/earth banks etc.. that would then make a really huge impact. Thinking about harbour regions and walls where people walk. E.g.. Fishbourne to Dell Quay where to our knowledge nothing has been added to the top of the banks for 40 years. Also the need to work with private land owners with high level schemes etc would make a considerable impact!</p>			<p>Thank you for you positive feedback about the exhibitions. The SMP is a high level strategic document that recommends broad-scale coastal flood and erosion risk management policy. Once the SMP has been adopted by the Local Authorities and the Environment Agency and approved by Defra, Coastal Defence Strategy Studies, Landowner Management Plans and/or Schemes will commence where necessary, which will need to determine the expected levels of maintenance and improvement work required, the potential opportunities for inter-tidal habitat creation and how to implement recommended policies. The SMP team will endeavour to continue to build and improve relationships with private landowners. It is important to note that a Hold the Line SMP policy does not guarantee or secure flood or coast defence grant aid funding. Within each individual policy summary statement, where applicable, it is stated that no public funding would be available for the maintenance of privately owned defences even if they are frontages where HTL has been identified to manage the flood</p>		

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<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Cakeham Manor Estate Company</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
Well researched and presented. Agree with all the proposals relating to our area.			Well researched and presented. Agree with all the proposals relating to our area.		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Earnley Parish Council</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
I live at the need of a creek that could be affected during a 1/200 event if nothing is done to carry out realignment of the existing defences at Medmerry beach. I agree with the proposed realignment scheme outlined in the SMP followed by holding the realign line. I am not necessarily of the view that climate change will necessarily cause the disastrous consequences put forward.			Many thanks for your consultation feedback supporting the policy of managed realignment at Medmerry. We appreciate your views on climate change and throughout the project we have followed Defra guidance and the best available information for future sea level rise allowances. Working to these precautionary rates will allow us to effectively plan and design defences to protect future generations from the possible effects of climate change. Adaptation and flood resilience measures will also be required to proactively manage tidal flood risk. The value and importance of high quality monitoring of coastal zones will assist in demonstrating coastal change and impacts of sea level rise and climate change over long-time periods.		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Church Commissioners for England</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
5A08. At Chidham please recognise the new sea wall that has been constructed to facilitate coastal re-alignment. This new wall should be treated as HTL.		Many thanks for your consultation comments. The new sea wall that has been constructed will become an active defence to protect the hinterland here from flooding once the existing defences have been realigned. The policy will then be to hold the realigned line, which essentially is hold the line as you are suggesting			

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Private Individual</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Comment received</b>		<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>			
This is a classic attempt at consultation which is too complex for the public to have enough information to make much valid criticism. Local flood defence committees or shoreline management committees with knowledge informed local representatives would be far more use.		Thank you for your consultation response. The process of developing the SMP, appraising policies and undertaking the various assessments has followed Defra guidance. Elected Members, Regional Flood Defence Committee and Southern Coastal Group representatives have been involved throughout the SMP process. In order that the decision making process is auditable and transparent all documentation is made available for consultation. Due to the length of shoreline covered and the complexities of the issues pertinent to the Solent region this has resulted in a considerable amount of information, all of which, are available on the website and at local council offices for the public to view and comment on for a period of 3 months. The exhibitions were designed to encourage honest and frank discussions.			

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Cobnor Estate and Canute Cottages Ltd</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
5A07 Fishbourne to west of Cobnor Point: We agree with the draft that the policy should be to hold the line, except for agreed managed realignment options, such as the one we are currently working on at Cobnor Point.			Thank you for response. Your support for the HTL policy is noted along with the localised MR at Cobnor Point.		

<b>Comment relates to</b>	<b>Chichester District Council</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Chidham &amp; Hambrook Parish</b>	<b>Response No</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Comment received</b>			<b>Client Steering Group Response</b>		
Policy Unit 5A07: The Council SUPPORTS the policy of Holding the Line. ADDITIONAL SITE IN POLICY UNIT 5A07 REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION Epochs 1, 2 & 3 Chidham Lane Tidebank The Council is of the view that there is an important omission from the Draft SMP. The issue of the dangerous state of the Chidham Lane Tidebank, opposite the Catchpond, has been discussed by the Parish Council with Andrew Colenutt, SMP team. Policy Unit 5A08: The Council understands that the Managed Retreat specified is the current West Chidham MR site, at which the inner bund has already been constructed, with no extension of the MR site. On this basis, the Council SUPPORTS this element of the Policy. Policy Unit 5A09: Council supports policies.			Many thanks for your consultation feedback and support. The local authority, Harbour Conservancy and SMP team are aware of the concerns and ownership issues relating to the Chidham Lane tidebank. The Action Plan has identified the need to determine ownership and maintenance details for all defences when undertaking defence asset inspections in order to determine future work requirements and funding sources for maintenance and improvement works.		