

Policy Unit 5A08 west of Cobnor Point to Chidham Point		
Summary description of Policy Unit		
<p>This frontage is within Chichester Harbour AONB. The extent of the potential tidal floodplain would affect agricultural grade 2 land, along with small numbers of heritage features. Analysis of shoreline erosion (see Appendix C5) indicates the rate and scale of coastal processes are less within the harbours than on the open coast. There are inter-tidal habitats of International, European and national nature conservation importance that support nearby and adjacent SPA/Ramsar sites. The shoreline is privately owned and defences privately maintained.</p>		
Final policy options		SMP1 Ref n/a
Epoch 1 From Present Day (up to 2025)	Epoch 2 Medium Term (2025 to 2055)	Epoch 3 Long Term (2055 to 2105)
Managed Realignment No public funding available for private defences	Hold The Line No public funding available for private defences	Hold The Line No public funding available for private defences
Summary of rationale behind final policy options		
<p>The key policy drivers for the realignment of the privately owned and maintained existing privately owned and maintained defences along the West Chidham frontage are the lack of infrastructure or properties within the significant area at risk from tidal flooding, which provides an opportunity to improve flood storage capacity and potential to provide inter-tidal habitat creation opportunities. This privately owned frontage is within Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p> <p>An additional important factor for this habitat creation site is that the area that potentially will be converted to inter-tidal saltmarsh and mudflat is not a designated coastal grazing marsh habitat or functions as a roost site; therefore no further habitat compensation measures would be required. Realignment of defences would allow the shoreline adapt to sea level rise and enable inter-tidal habitats to migrate landwards.</p> <p>This site is different to others within the SMP area in that new privately owned defences have already been constructed landward of the existing defence line and the site is currently in a pre-realignment state.</p> <p>Opportunities for habitat mitigation and compensation have been detailed within the Appropriate Assessment of the final policies.</p>		
Policy changes through Public Consultation		
None. Funding sources for the privately owned managed realignment of defences have been clarified.		

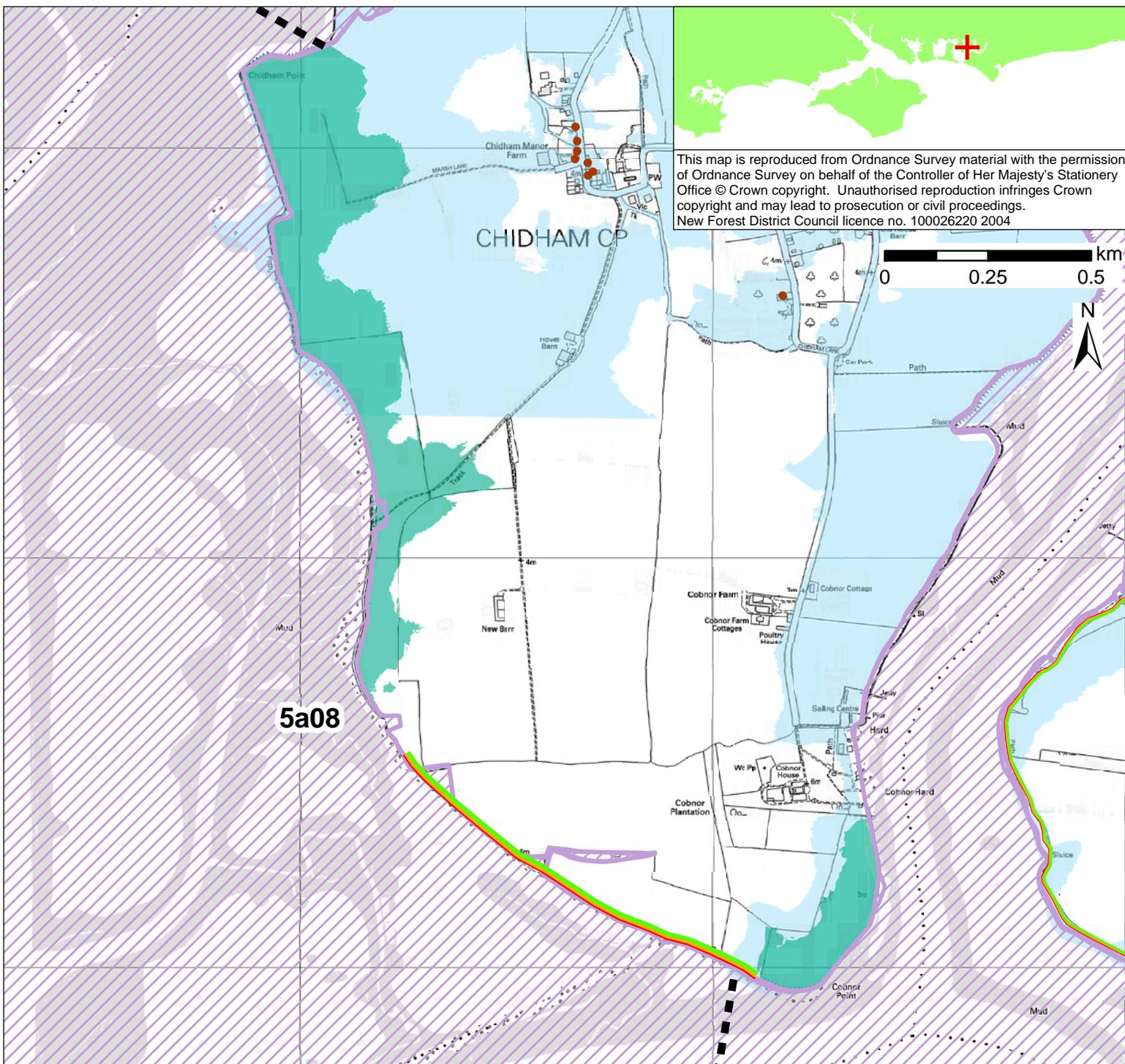
An Information Note for landowners, planners and developers on privately owned coastal defences and coastal planning issues has been produced.

Funding

As is currently the case, no public funding would be available for continued maintenance of defences by private owners.

Further Studies (identified in Action Plan)

Emsworth to East Head Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy
Solent-wide network of high tide roost site study



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POLICY

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Managed Realignment	Hold the Line- No public funding available for private defences	Hold the Line- No public funding available for private defences
Location of secondary defences to be determined		

- Indicative erosion zone up to 2025
- Indicative erosion zone up to 2055
- Indicative erosion zone up to 2105
- Policy Unit Boundary
- International / National Designations
- Important Heritage Sites
- 2108 Flood Risk Area (1 in 200 year) © Environment Agency
- Potential Area Considered for Managed Realignment