

**Policy Unit 5C19 Park Shore to Sowley**

**Summary description of Policy Unit**

The privately owned foreshore and surrounding hinterland, including agricultural grade 2 land and individual residential properties are within New Forest National Park. The area within the tidal floodplain includes the residential properties is potentially at risk from coastal flooding from the Solent and from the Beaulieu River. The existing defences are privately maintained. The inter-tidal foreshore is of International, European and national nature conservation importance. It is also part of a National Nature Reserve.

**Final policy options**

SMP1 Ref  
LYM6 Hold the Line

Epoch 1 From Present Day (up to 2025)	Epoch 2 Medium Term (2025 to 2055)	Epoch 3 Long Term (2055 to 2105)
Hold the Line	Hold the Line	Hold the Line * (further detailed studies required for management of site)

**Summary of rationale behind final policy options**

The final policy options to continue to maintain the privately owned and maintained defence line reflect landowner's intentions for future management of their defences.

Maintaining the current privately owned and maintained line of defence would provide coastal flood protection to residential properties, designated coastal grazing marsh and agricultural hinterland and maintain the high tide roost function these areas currently provide.

The \* in epoch 3 indicates that, despite the continued maintenance of flood defences by the landowner, managed realignment opportunities in the medium to long term are likely to be required, as the increasing risk of flooding from both the Solent and the Beaulieu River and the possible implications of the management practices undertaken in neighbouring frontages, may require additional defences to protect properties further to the west at Park Shore.

Existing privately owned defences may be maintained through permissive development rights of private landowners irrespective of the SMP policy.

Due to the environmental designations within Western Solent maintenance of defence structures will result however, in the continued loss of European and national nature conservation designated habitats such as inter-tidal foreshore habitats, through coastal squeeze. These losses will need to be mitigated within the same designated area or compensated for elsewhere and delivered through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme. Opportunities for habitat mitigation and compensation have been detailed within the Appropriate Assessment of the final policies.

**Policy changes through Public Consultation**

None. An Information Note for landowners, planners and developers on privately owned coastal defences and coastal planning issues has been produced.

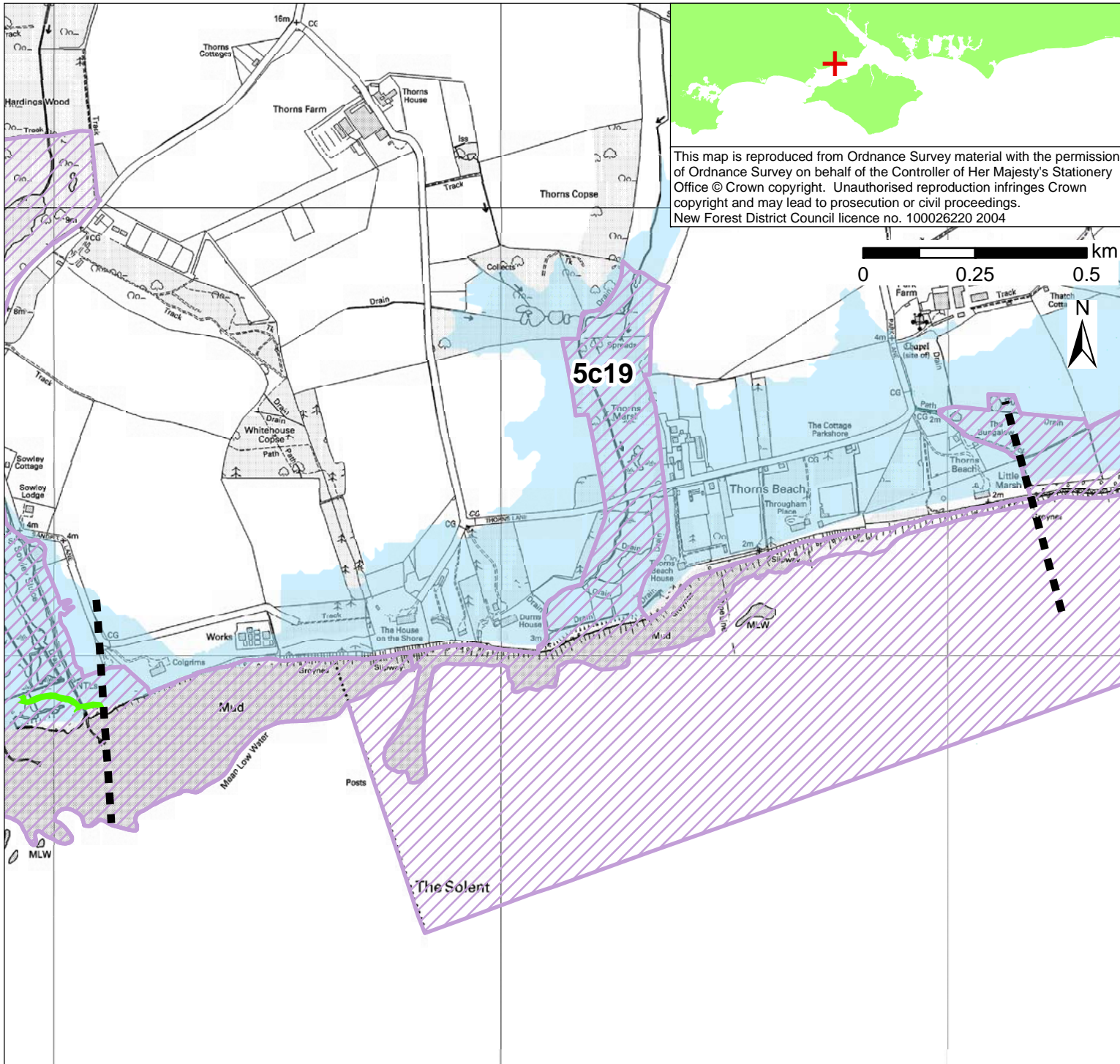
### **Funding**

It is unlikely that central government funding would be secured for identified works, but may be secured for those associated with managed realignment of future defences in this or adjacent frontage to manage increased flood risk. As is currently the case, no public funding would be available for continued maintenance of defences by private owners.

### **Further Studies (identified in Action Plan)**

Conclusion of the Western Solent Coastal Defence Strategy, including managed realignment requirements and future flood risk implications for the Park Shore and Beaulieu River mouth area.

Solent-wide network of high tide roost site study



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**POLICY**

From Present Day (up to 2025):	Medium-Term (2025 to 2055):	Long-Term (2055 to 2105):
Hold the Line	Hold the Line	Hold the Line*
		*Requirement for more detailed studies required for management of defences

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