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GLOSSARY

SMP Shoreline Management Plan SAC Special Areas of Conservation

SPA Special Protection Areas AA Appropriate Assessment

NE Natural England EA Environment Agency

Defra Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

RHCP Regional Habitat Creation Programme

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan
CDS Coastal Defence Strategies

IROPI Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest

1 INTRODUCTION

The North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) covers 386km of shoreline from Selsey Bill to Hurst Spit, and includes Southampton Water, Portsmouth, Langstone and Chichester harbours. The study area supports a wide variety of important ecological systems, habitats and species which are protected by multiple international, national and local designations, some of which are 'shared' between the North Solent and Isle of Wight SMPs. These include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) identified through the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) identified through the Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC); (collectively termed *Natura* 2000 sites) and Ramsar sites designated under the Ramsar Convention (1971).

Approximately 283km of the North Solent frontage is protected from tidal flooding or coastal erosion and the vast majority of these defences are fronted and/or backed by European designated habitats. Additional factors that need to be fully considered include the high proportion of defences reaching the end of their residual life, extent of private defence and land ownership, conflicting development pressures and limited realignment opportunities.

The North Solent SMP has the potential to enhance or adversely affect these conservation sites through policy decisions; the objective of the Appropriate Assessment (AA) is to determine whether the SMP will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the *Natura* 2000 network, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

Guidance to develop this methodology was taken from several sources:

- Department for Communities and Local Government ('Guidance for Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents');
- Natural England (NE) ('Habitats Regulations Assessment of Regional Strategies and Sub-Regional Strategies');
- European Commission ('Assessment of plans and projects affecting *Natura* 2000 sites');
- Environment Agency (EA) Southern Region NCPMS (Mark Smith, proposed AA methodology for the Medway and Swale SMP);
- National, regional, and local level meetings with NE coastal and freshwater experts;
- EA Regional Habitat Creation Programme; and
- Joint North Solent and Isle of Wight SMP Environmental Group.

New Forest District Council is the Competent Authority to undertake the AA for the North Solent SMP, on behalf of the other local, regional and national authorities and other organisations within the Client Steering Group, which comprises:- Test Valley Borough Council; Southampton City Council; Eastleigh Borough Council; Winchester City Council; Fareham Borough Council; Gosport Borough Council; Havant Borough Council; Portsmouth City Council; Environment Agency (Southern Region, and Solent & South Downs Area); New Forest National Park Authority; Chichester Harbour Conservancy;

Natural England; Hampshire County Council; and West Sussex County Council.

1.1 Requirement for an Appropriate Assessment for SMPs

The legal requirement for an AA is established in Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), which states:

"Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to Appropriate Assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives".

This has been transposed into national laws through the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994, known as the Habitats Regulations. The Habitats Regulations have recently been amended after the European Court of Justice ruled that the UK had failed to correctly transpose the provisions of Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive into UK Law. The amended regulations came into force in 2007, regulation 85 states the requirement of an AA for land-use plans. SMPs have the potential to influence the development of land therefore Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and NE have agreed that SMPs require an AA if it is likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

An AA is a decision by the 'Competent Authority' (the local authorities within the SMP plan area), as to whether the proposed plan or project would or would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European and International sites. Ramsar sites are included within the international sites to which AA provisions apply.

An adverse effect on site integrity is likely to be one that prevents the site from maintaining the same contribution to favourable status for the relevant feature(s), as it did when the site was designated. The favourable conservation status of the site is defined through the site's conservation objectives and it is against these objectives that the effects of the plan or project must be assessed.

1.2 Level of Detail of an AA required for SMPs

Following discussions with NE, EA and other authorities, a carefully considered approach to developing the methodology has been taken, to ensure that the process is transparent and auditable. The assessment needs to be appropriate to the evaluation of policy and for the type of plan being developed. SMPs are large-scale, high-level policy setting documents that determine technical, economic and environmentally sustainable policies for managing the shoreline over the next 100 years; Coastal Defence Strategies (CDS) require more detailed assessments to appraise and implement the SMP preferred policy options; and individual Schemes detail the design of that option. Each stage requires an AA, with the level of detail required dictated by the type of plan or project being developed. It is therefore not the intent of this

assessment to provide a level of detail that would duplicate a site specific, proposal-based AA.

More specific advice was sought from NE regarding consistency of approach and level of detail required for SMPs, in conjunction with concerns from the EA's Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP) regarding ability to deliver compensatory habitats more specific than Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) level. The NE Regional team advised that all the SMP's in the SE Region should restrict themselves to the equivalent broad BAP habitat groupings; key considerations identified were:

- Adding additional functional habitat groupings would increase complexity and cost of the North Solent SMP and RHCP
- A sufficient range of habitat is expected to be created by the RHCP to provide for the compensation requirements of the North Solent SMP and subsequent CDS and schemes
- Later iterations of SMPs will need to be mindful that guidance and habitat creation delivery will continue to evolve

The scale and stages in the government's approach for managing flood and coastal erosion risk management, and the habitats, interest features and impacts that require assessment at the different stages are summarised in Table 1.

Stage	SMP	CDS	Scheme
Aim	To identify policies to	To identify	To identify the type
	manage risks	appropriate	of work to put
		schemes to put	preferred scheme
		policy into practice.	into practice
Delivers	A wide-ranging	Preferred approach	Compare different
	assessment of risks,	including economic	options for putting
	opportunities, limits and	and environmental	preferred scheme
	areas of uncertainty	decisions	into practice
Output	Policies	Type of scheme	Design of work
Outcome	Improved management	Management	Reduced flood and
	for regional area of coast	measures to	coastal erosion risks
	over long-term (100	managing flood and	to people and assets
	years)	coastal erosion risks	
		for a specified area	
Level of	Interest features	Interest Features	Interest Features
Detail	represented by SMP		
	Habitat Groupings		
Impacts*	Coastal squeeze	Coastal squeeze	Coastal squeeze
	Saline intrusion impacts	Saline intrusion	Saline intrusion
*list of impacts	on Freshwater SPAs	impacts on	impacts on
for strategies and schemes		Freshwater SPAs	Freshwater SPAs
is indicative	Approximation of	Footprint of scheme	Footprint of scheme
and not	footprint of scheme	Beach recycling	Beach recycling
complete			Access

Table 1: Scale, stages and level of detail required at SMP, CDS and Scheme level (modified from Defra SMP Guidance Volume 2, March 2006)

The SMP AA will assess the following habitat groupings and impacts listed below in table 2.

SMP Habitat Grouping	Impact Assessed
Intertidal mudflat	Coastal Squeeze
Coastal saltmarsh	
Coastal vegetated shingle	
Saline lagoons	Saline Intrusion
Coastal grazing marsh	
Freshwater habitats (including ponds, reedbeds &	
wet woodland)	
Sand banks	Coastal processes
Coastal sand dunes	
Estuaries	
Rivers	
Maritime cliffs and slopes	

Table 2: Habitats and impacts to be assessed

For Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) the interest features will be assessed using SMP habitat groupings. Table A5.1 in the Appendix lists the interest features of each SAC and corresponding habitats and impacts to be assessed.

For Ramsar sites the interest features will be assessed using SMP habitat groupings. Table A5.2 in the Appendix lists the interest features of each Ramsar sites and corresponding habitats and impacts to be assessed.

For Special Protection Areas (SPAs), the bird species for which the site has been designated will be identified and the functional habitat which supports the birds will be assessed. Table A5.3 in the Appendix lists the functional habitats of each SPA site in terms of breeding, feeding and roosting and the impacts assessed. A workshop was held in March 2009 (attended by reserve and site managers, experienced birdwatchers and counters) to collate the views of local experts on the use of roost and feeding sites by waders and wildfowl in the North Solent (Cox, 2009a). Outputs from this workshop will be used to identify important networks of designated and undesignated sites that support the integrity and function of the SPA/Ramsar sites.

2 METHODOLOGY

This methodology has been developed in advance of the production of formal national Guidance on the application of an AA at SMP level, and in conjunction with the workings of the joint SMP Environmental Group, ensures a consistent approach between the North Solent and Isle of Wight and neighbouring SMPs.

The objective of an AA is to evaluate the impact of the preferred policy options proposed by the SMP to determine whether the plan will not have an adverse

effect on the integrity of a European site; either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and to quantify the significant effect of the preferred policy scenarios. Policy Units that are within, or may have an effect on the integrity of the European site(s) will be included in the assessment. For each European site, a commentary will be provided, summarising the likely impacts of the SMP policies on the site, and identifying the preventative measures to avoid adverse effects.

The AA will be informed by the Solent Dynamic Coast Project (SDCP) findings to help assess the impacts of inter-tidal coastal squeeze and the extent of potential inter-tidal realignment sites. The SDCP results were calculated based on Defra's initial sea level rise allowance of 6mm per annum (FCDPAG, 2006). DEFRA have subsequently modified these sea level rise allowances, in response to research and improved predictive climate modelling, and advice from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Following discussions and consultation, the North Solent SMP has been advised by the EA and Defra to note that the existing sea level rise rates are currently being re-revised (UKCIP08) and may be available during 2009: and that the North Solent SMP's Action Plan should note that an Interim Review of the SMP should consider and take account of the revised sea level rise allowances. Therefore, quantification of the potential impacts, losses and gains of habitats will be based on the SDCP, which represents best available scientific data, and the existing FCDPAG (2006) approved sea level rise allowances.

The impacts of saline intrusion on habitats behind the seawall, was also estimated by NE in the SDCP. More recently Cox (2009b) has updated these findings, which will be used to inform the AA. Where NE require further assessment with regard to quantifying the impacts of saline intrusion, this will be undertaken with reference to using NE-approved expert opinion.

Due to the extent and location of the Solent Maritime SAC, and Solent and Southampton Water SPA and Ramsar sites, there is a requirement to assess cross-Solent implications at a strategic SMP level. Once the preferred policies have been determined for both the North Solent and Isle of Wight SMPs, the potential habitat losses and gains to the cross-Solent designated sites can be combined and totalled. If necessary, compensation habitat can be created and delivered through the nationally agreed, secured mechanism of the Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP).

The AA will evaluate the impact of the SMP preferred policy options after public consultation to determine whether the plan will or will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site and calculate potential habitat losses and gains.

The process of undertaking an Appropriate Assessment is summarised in Figure 1.

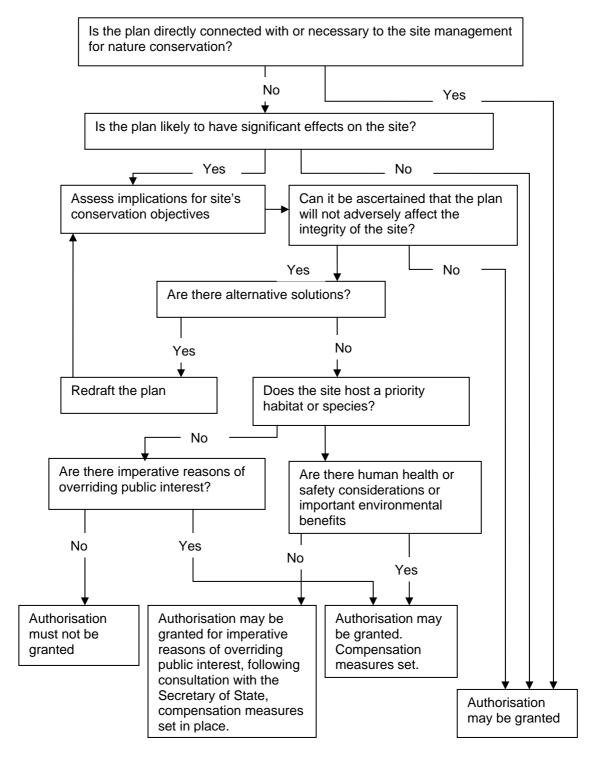


Figure 1: Flow Chart showing Appropriate Assessment process taken from European Commission (2001) 'Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting *Natura* 2000 sites'

3 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT STAGES

Figure 2 outlines the four main stages and how they relate.

3.1 Stage 1 - Screening

The main objectives of this first stage are to assess the likely significant impact of the SMP on the integrity of each European site and to scope out the method and level of detail for the AA, to determine if subsequent steps in the assessment are required. Firstly it must be established if the SMP is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site through consultation with NE. During this stage, information on other strategic documents and major developments is collected to assess the significant effects of the SMP 'in-combination' with other strategic documents and major developments. In addition the conservation features and objectives for the European sites within and near the SMP area are collected.

3.2 Stage 2 - Appropriate Assessment

This stage is also called the 'Appropriate Assessment' and is the main stage of the whole AA process. Its objectives are to determine whether the Plan would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site, alone or in combination with each other and other plans and projects, and to quantify the significant effect. In addition mitigation measures need to be assessed during this stage to avoid adverse impacts on the site.

The Habitats Regulations provide the requirement for an 'in-combination' assessment to determine the likely significant effects of a plan or project, alone and in-combination with other plans and projects. An 'in-combination' assessment will include other approved projects and plans and potential projects yet to be implemented in and around the SMP area that are sufficiently progressed to identify likely impacts. The in-combination assessment will therefore, be undertaken at a level considered appropriate to policy level assessment.

3.3 Stage 3 - Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest and Compensatory Measures

3.3.1 Alternative Solutions

If 'no adverse effect on European integrity' cannot be concluded then alternative options must be considered. An investigation into alternative solutions will consider if the objectives of the plan can be achieved in an alternative way to avoid adverse effects on the European sites.

3.3.2 Imperative Reasons of Overriding Interest

This is the last stage in the AA process and is only reached if the assessment of the SMP as a whole, results in negative impacts to the integrity of a European site and no alternative solutions or preventative measures are

available. This stage will examine if there is a need to implement the plan in the interest of imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI). At the time of drafting, IROPI were listed as follows: (see www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/ewd/ewd09.htm for further details)

- A need to address a serious risk to human health and public safety;
- The interests of national security and defence;
- The provision of a clear and demonstrable direct environmental benefit on a national or international scale:
- A vital contribution to strategic economic development or regeneration;
- Where failure to proceed would have unacceptable social and/or economic consequences.

Where the plan is agreed for IROPI then compensation measures will be quantified by New Forest District Council (as lead authority and on behalf of Operating Authorities involved in the North Solent SMP). Compensatory habitat requirements will be secured via the EA Regional Habitat Creation Programme.

The relative importance of the SPA or SAC within the European network will be considered. Some sites are designated for habitat types and species which are listed as priority under the Habitats Directive. These must be subject to particularly stringent scrutiny. In these cases the Directive requires considerations other than human health and public safety or overriding environmental reasons to be subject to an opinion from the European Commission. In all cases, this assessment will include close liaison with Natural England such that all parties are aware of and agree the constraints.

New Forest District Council and Natural England will develop a joint case to accompany the AA for submission to the Secretary of State with the knowledge that, if implemented, the plan would adversely affect Natura 2000 site integrity.

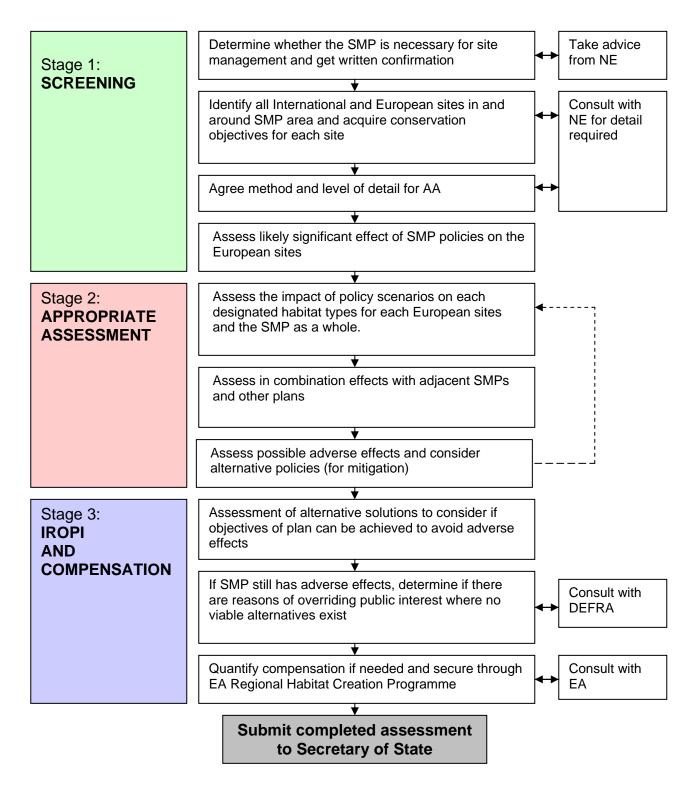


Figure 2: Flow chart of Appropriate Assessment

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APPENDIX A: European Designated sites

A5.1 SAC interest features, habitats and impacts to be assessed

SAC	SMP Habitat Groups	Interest Features/Conservation Objective	Impacts
Solent IOW			
Lagoons	Saline Lagoons	Coastal lagoons	Saline Intrusion
Solent	Coastal saltmarsh	Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud	Coastal
Maritime		and sand	Squeeze
		Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia	
		maritimae)	
		Spartina swards (Spartinion maritimae)	
	Intertidal mudflat	Mudflats and sandflats - not submerged at low	
		tide	
	Vegetated shingle	Annual vegetation drift lines	
		Perennial vegetation of stony banks	
	Saline lagoons	Coastal lagoons	Saline Intrusion
Sand dunes Shifting white dunes with Ammop		Shifting white dunes with Ammophila arenaria	Coastal
	Estuaries Estuaries (function)		Processes
	Sand banks	Sandbanks - slightly covered by sea water all	
		the time	

A5.2 Ramsar interest features, habitats and impacts to be assessed

	SMP Habitat	Intere	st Features/ Conservation Objectives	
RAMSAR	Groups	Code	Ramsar Wetland Types	Impact
Solent &	Coastal	Н		Coastal
Southampton Water	saltmarsh		Intertidal marshes	Squeeze
	Intertidal mudflat	G	Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	
		Е	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
	Vegetated	E		
	shingle		Sand, shingle or pebble shores	Calina Internalan
	Saline lagoons	J	Coastal brackish/saline lagoons	Saline Intrusion
	Coastal grazing marsh	Sp	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	
	Freshwater	Тр	Permanent freshwater marshes/pools	
	habitat (ponds, reedbeds & woodland)	Xf	Freshwater, tree dominated wetlands	
	Sand dunes	Е	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	Coastal
	Estuaries	F	Estuarine waters	Processes
	Not assessed	В		Not assessed
	Not assessed	D	Marine subtidal aquatic beds	Not assessed
Chichester &	Coastal	Н	Rocky marine shores	Coastal
Langstone	saltmarsh	П	Intertidal marshes	Squeeze
Langstone	Intertidal mudflat	G	Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	Oqueeze
	miortidai madilat	E	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
	Vegetated	E	Carra, crimigio di possio criorec	
	shingle		Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
	Saline lagoons	J	Coastal brackish/saline lagoons	Saline Intrusion
	Coastal grazing marsh	Sp	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	
	Freshwater	Тр	Permanent freshwater marshes/pools	
	habitat (ponds,	Ts	Seasonal/intermittent freshwater	
	reedbeds &		marshes/pools on inorganic soils	
	woodland)	Xf	Freshwater, tree dominated wetlands	
	Rivers	M	Permanent rivers/streams/creeks	Coastal
	Sand dunes	E	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	Processes
	Estuaries	F	Estuarine waters	Not occood
Do wto we a cittle	Not assessed	B H	Marine subtidal aquatic beds	Not assessed
Portsmouth	Coastal saltmarsh	П	Intertidal marshes	Coastal Squeeze
	Intertidal mudflat	G	Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	Oqueeze
	intertidal madilat	E	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
	Vegetated	E	Carra, stringle of peoble strones	
	shingle		Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
	Saline lagoons	J	Coastal brackish/saline lagoons	Saline Intrusion
	Sand dunes	E	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	Coastal
	Estuaries	F	Estuarine waters	Processes
	Not assessed	В	Marine subtidal aquatic beds	Not assessed
Pagham	Coastal	Н		Coastal
	saltmarsh		Intertidal marshes	Squeeze
	Intertidal mudflat	G	Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	

	E	Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
Vegetated	E		
shingle		Sand, shingle or pebble shores	
Saline lagoons	J	Coastal brackish/saline lagoons	Saline Intrusion
Coastal grazing marsh	Sp	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	
Freshwater	Тр	Permanent freshwater marshes/pools	
habitat (ponds, reedbeds &	W		
woodland)		Shrub-dominated wetlands	
Rivers	M	Permanent rivers/streams/creeks	Coastal
Sand dunes	E	Sand, shingle shores (including dune systems)	Processes
Estuaries	F	Estuarine waters	
Not assessed	Α	Shallow marine waters	Not assessed
	В	Marine subtidal aquatic beds	

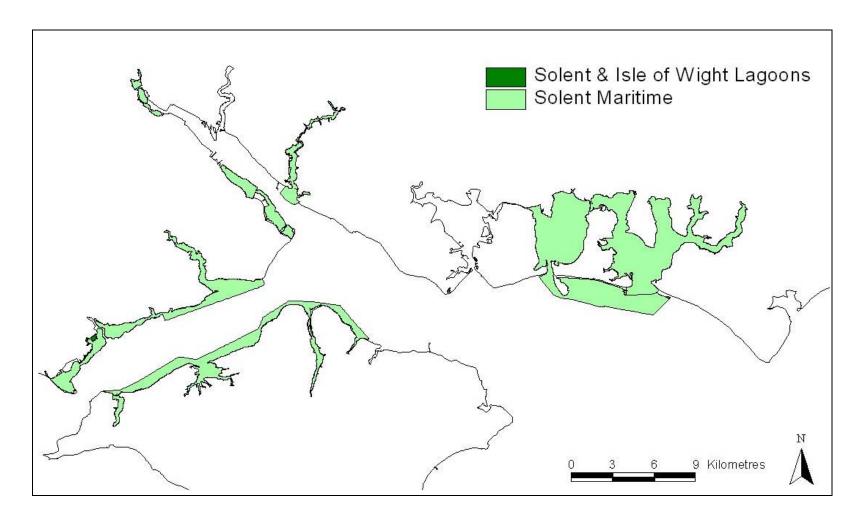
A5.3 SPA interest features, habitats and impacts to be assessed

SPA	Interest Features		Functional Habitat	SMP habitat grouping and impact to be assessed		
		Feeding	Nesting	Roosting	SMP habitat grouping	Impact
Solent &	Solent & Annex I species		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	Coastal Squeeze
Southampton	(Common tern, Little tern, Mediterranean gull,	Intertidal mudflat & sand (at high water)			Intertidal mudflat	
	Roseate tern, Sandwich	,	Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
	tern)		Unvegetated shingle	Unvegetated shingle	Sand Dunes	Coastal Processes
		Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
		Saline lagoons			Saline lagoons	Saline intrusion
	Migratory species	Intertidal saltmarsh		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	
	(Black-tailed Godwit,	Intertidal mudflat		Intertidal mudflat		Coastal
	Dark-bellied Brent, Teal,	Intertidal mixed		Intertidal mixed	Intertidal mudflat	Squeeze/Coastal Processes
	Ringed plover) and	sediment shores		sediment shores		
	Waterfowl assemblage	Intertidal sand flats		Intertidal sand flats		
				Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
				Unvegetated shingle	Sand Dunes	Coastal Processes
		Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
		Open freshwater		Freshwater habitats		
		Fresh marshes & open water			Freshwater habitats	Saline intrusion
		Coastal grazing marsh		Coastal grazing marsh	Coastal grazing marsh	Sainle minusion
		Terrestrial grasslands		Terrestrial grasslands	Freshwater habitats	
		(wet and dry)		(wet and dry)	/Coastal grazing marsh	
Portsmouth	Migratory species	Intertidal saltmarsh		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	
	(Dark-bellied Brent,	Intertidal mudflat		Intertidal mudflat	Intertidal mudflat	Coastal Squeeze
	Dunlin, Black-tailed			Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
	godwit, Red-breasted	Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
	merganser)	Open freshwater		Freshwater habitats		Saline intrusion
		Fresh marshes & open water			Freshwater habitats	
		Coastal grazing marsh		Coastal grazing marsh	Coastal grazing marsh	
		Terrestrial grasslands		Terrestrial grasslands	Freshwater habitats	

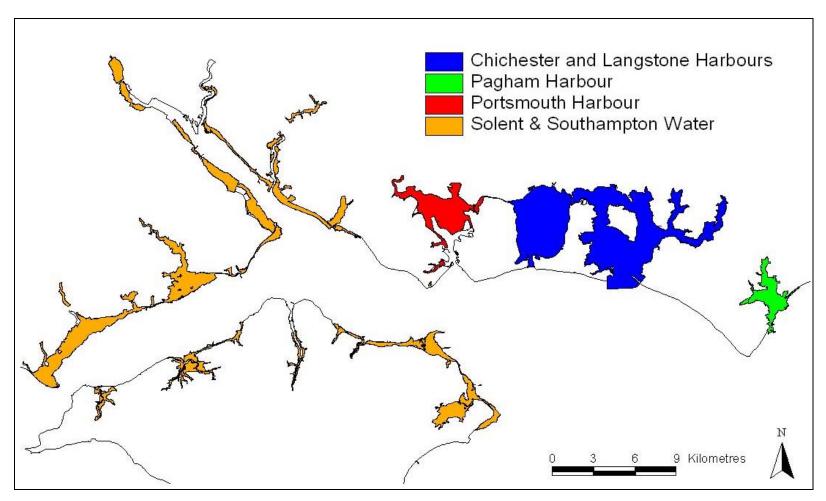
		(wet and dry)		(wet and dry)	/Coastal grazing marsh	
Chichester &	Annex I species		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	
Langstone	(Common tern, Little tern, Sandwich tern)	Intertidal mudflat & sand (at high water)			Intertidal mudflat	Coastal Squeeze
		-	Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
				Unvegetated shingle	Sand Dunes	Coastal Processes
		Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
		Saline lagoons			Saline lagoons	Saline intrusion
	Migratory species	Intertidal saltmarsh		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	
	(Grey Plover,	Intertidal mudflat		Intertidal mudflat		Coastal
	Sanderling, Dunlin, Bar-	Intertidal sand flats		Intertidal sand flats	Intertidal mudflat	Squeeze/Coastal
	tailed Godwit,	Intertidal mixed		Intertidal mixed	intertidal mudilat	Processes
	Redshank, Dark-bellied	sediment shores		sediment shores		F10065565
	Brent, Shelduck, Teal,			Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
	Ringed plover, Curlew,	Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
	Turnstone, Wigeon, Pintail, Shoveler, Red- breasted merganser)	Open freshwater		Freshwater habitats	Freshwater habitats	- Saline intrusion
		Fresh marshes & open				
		water				
	and Waterfowl	Coastal grazing marsh		Coastal grazing marsh	Coastal grazing marsh	
	assemblage	Terrestrial grasslands		Terrestrial grasslands	Freshwater habitats	
		(wet and dry)		(wet and dry)	/Coastal grazing marsh	
Pagham	Annex I species	Intertidal saltmarsh		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	
	(Common tern, Little tern, Ruff)	Intertidal mudflat (at high water)		Intertidal mudflat	Intertidal mudflat	
		Intertidal mixed		Intertidal mixed	intertidai mudilat	Coastal Squeeze
		sediment shores		sediment shores		
			Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	Vegetated shingle	
				Unvegetated shingle	Sand Dunes	Coastal Processes
		Shallow sub-tidal			Not assessed	Not assessed
		Saline lagoons			Saline lagoons	Saline intrusion
	Migratory species	Intertidal saltmarsh		Intertidal saltmarsh	Intertidal saltmarsh	Coastal Squeeze
	(Dark-bellied Brent)	Intertidal mudflat		Intertidal mudflat	Intertidal mudflat	Coasiai Squeeze
		Open freshwater		Freshwater habitats		Saline intrusion
		Fresh marshes & open	<u> </u>		Freshwater habitats	
		water				

Coastal grazing marsh	Coastal grazing marsh	Coastal grazing marsh	
Terrestrial grasslands	Terrestrial grasslands	Freshwater habitats	
(wet and dry)	(wet and dry)	/Coastal grazing marsh	

A5.4 Geographical area of SACs in the North Solent SMP



A5.5 Geographical area of SPAs in the North Solent SMP



A5.6 Geographical area of Ramsar sites in the North Solent

