

SMPs are defined by natural coastal processes <u>not</u> political boundaries

### 3 North Solent Shoreline Management Plan

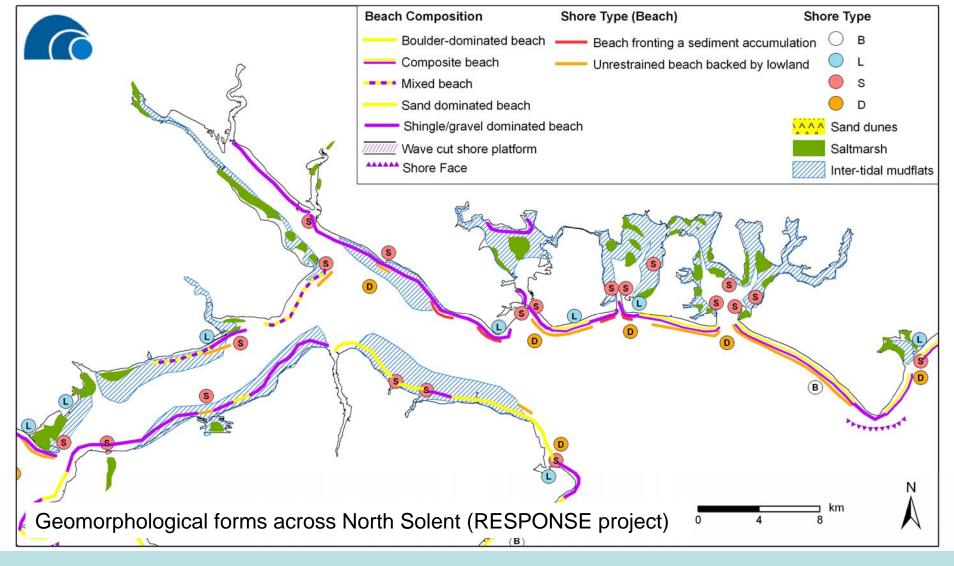


Selsey Bill to Hurst Spit (388km of shoreline) including Chichester, Langstone and Portsmouth Harbours, Southampton Water and the tidal reaches of the main rivers

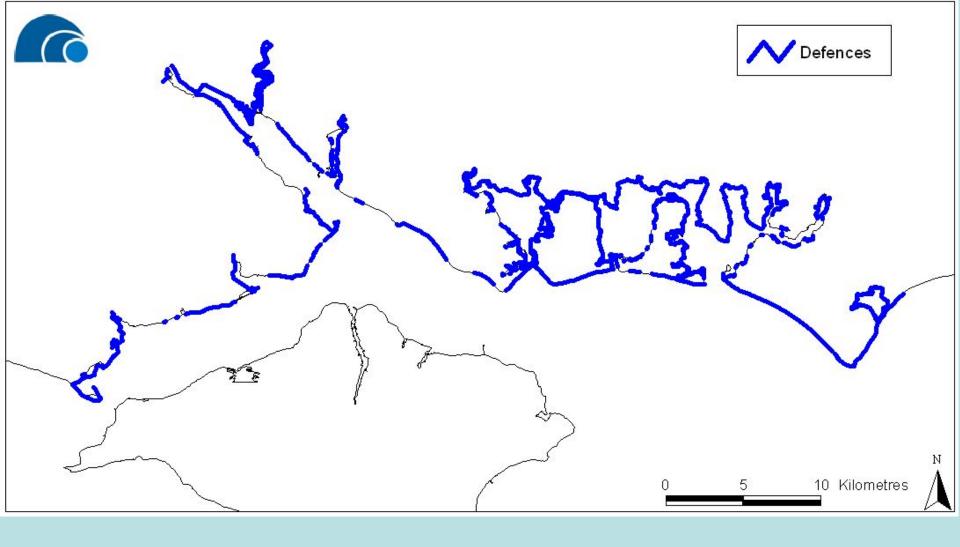
#### **Policy Units**

Single policy applied to each defined length of shoreline, based on coastal processes, and the features & issues



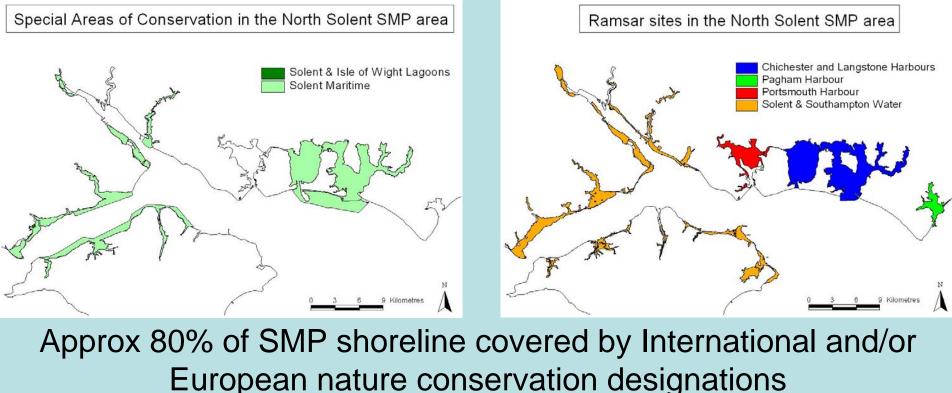


Wide variety of habitat types includes the most vulnerable to climatic changes and rising sea levels - saltmarshes, soft cliffs and barrier beaches and spits



Approx 80% of the SMP shoreline is defended or has active beach management

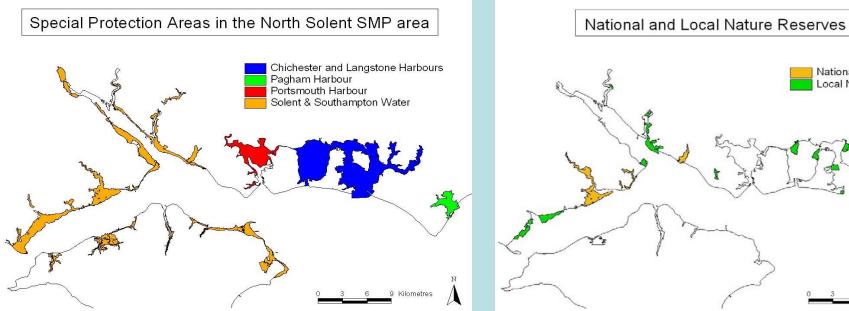
Private owners maintain approx 50% of shoreline



### European nature conservation designations

National Nature Reserves

Local Nature Reserves

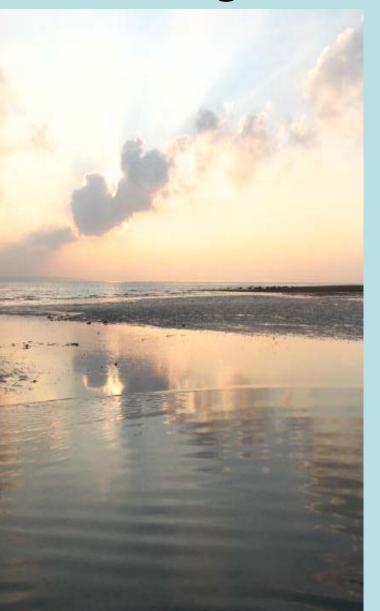


# Why is your involvement important for management of the Solent coastline?



- Opportunity to inform stakeholders of strategic coastal management issues
- Demonstrate that the coast is managed and monitored
- Raise public and political awareness of areas potentially at risk from tidal flooding and/or coastal erosion
- Consider all concerns and issues to determine achievable, realistic and functional policies

## Why is your involvement important for management of the Solent coastline?



- Explain implications of potential shoreline evolution and climate change
- Promote appropriate development
  & prevent inappropriate development
- Discussions will improve understanding for both organisations and the public of issues and scope of SMP
- Benefit from local knowledge and observations
- Consultations aim to minimise / avoid conflicts and misunderstandings

### How is the North Solent SMP relevant to you?

- Raise awareness of areas at risk from tidal flooding and/or coastal erosion, and implications of possible land use changes
- Opportunity to meet with others and share concerns and reassurances
- Ensure that your concerns are heard and considered
- Contribute to development of realistic and achievable policies for coastal defences

