3 North Solent Shoreline Management Plan

Southampton
Water

Portsmouth
Harbour

Langstone
Harbour

Chichester
Harbour

Hurst
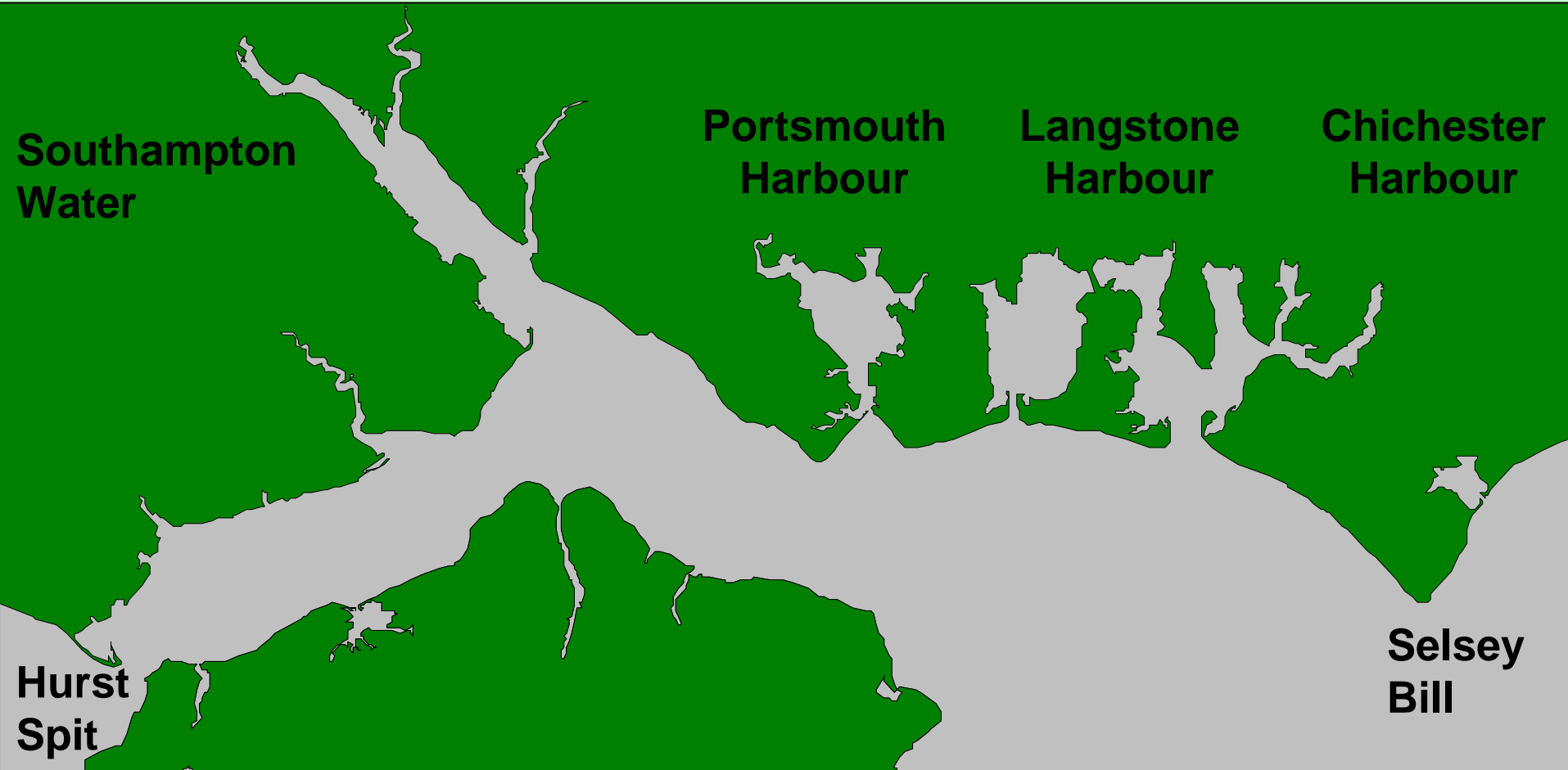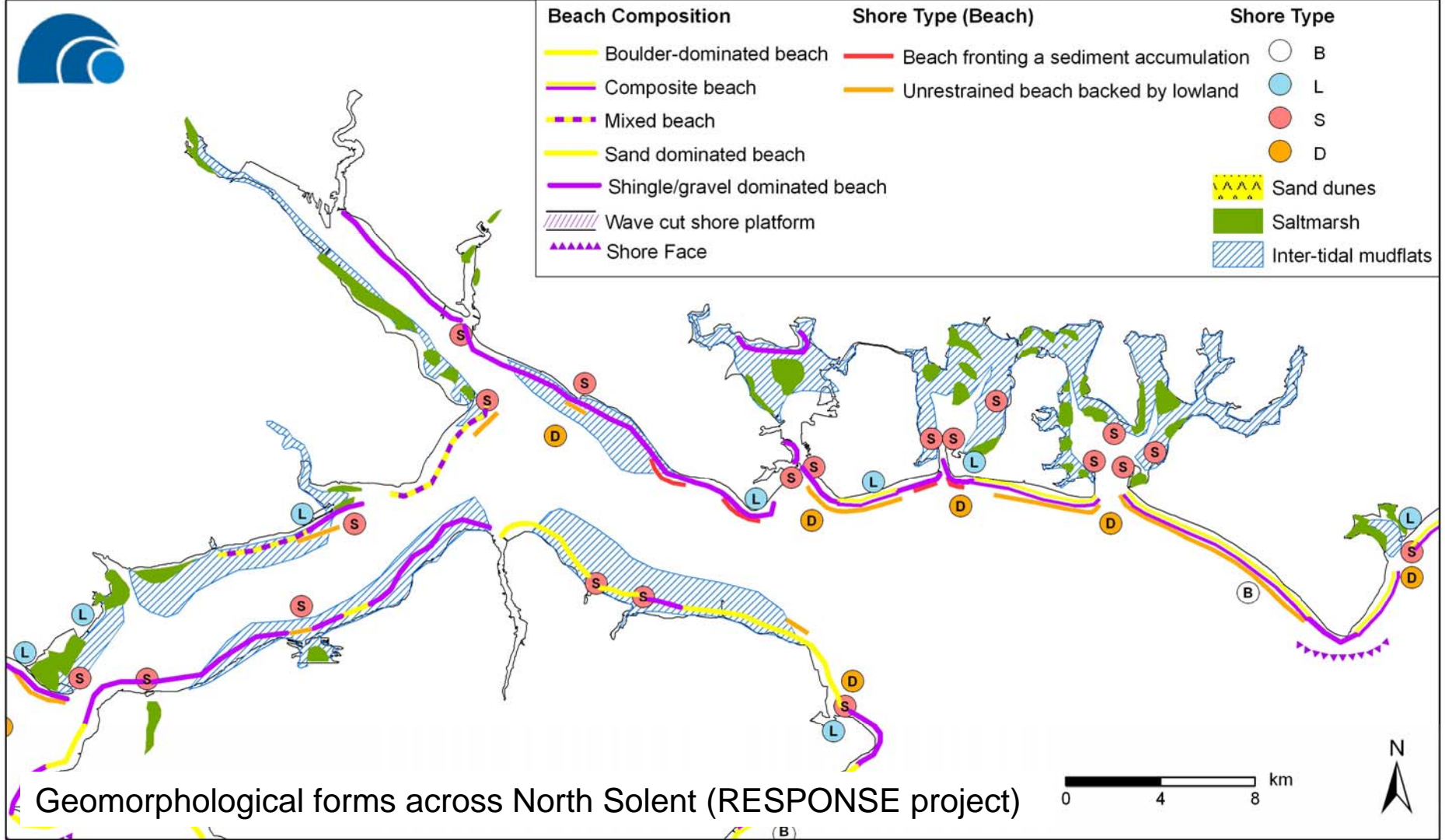Spit

Selsey
Bill

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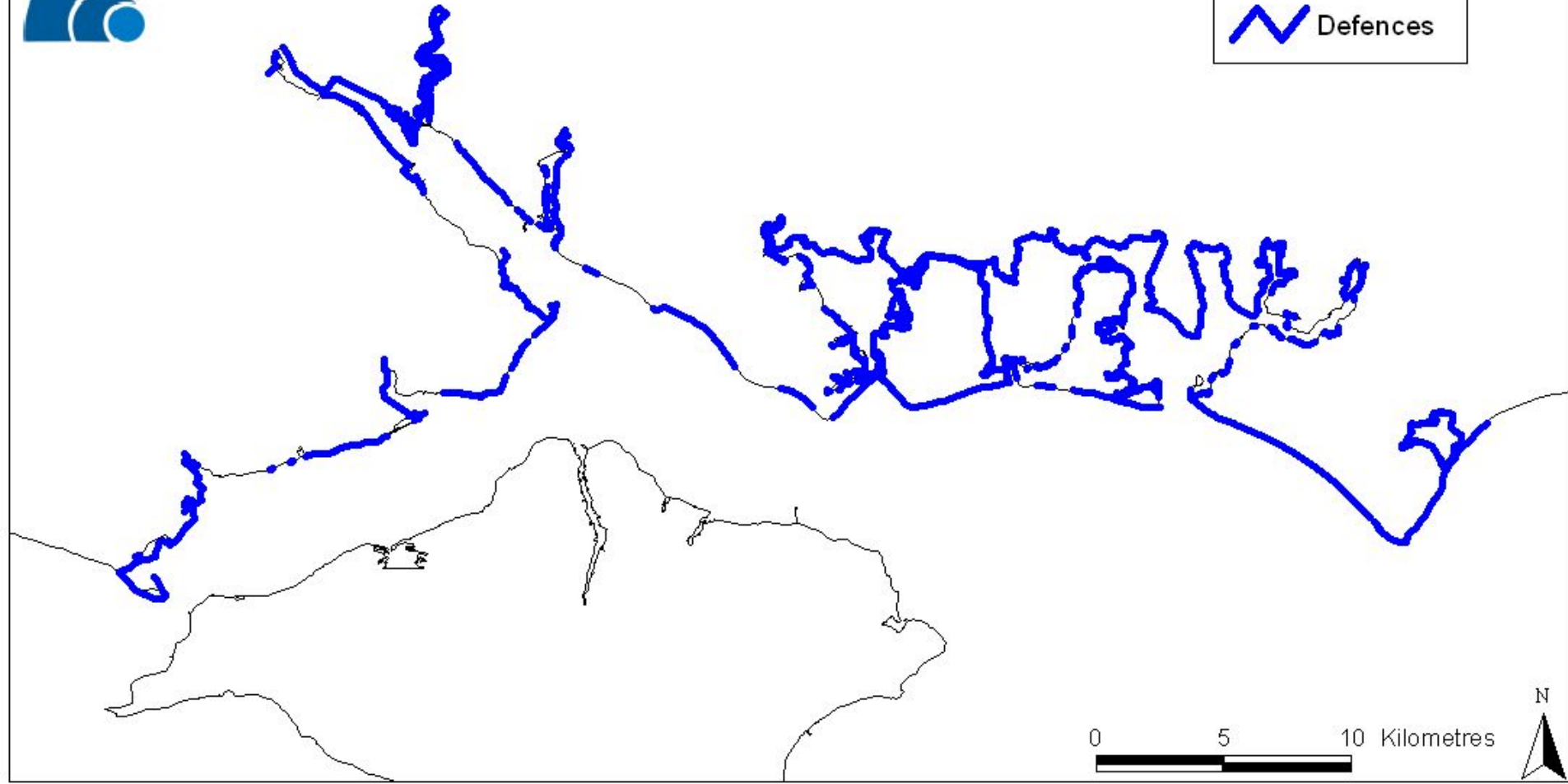Southampton Water and the tidal reaches of the main rivers

Policy Units

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

Geomorphological forms across North Solent (RESPONSE project)
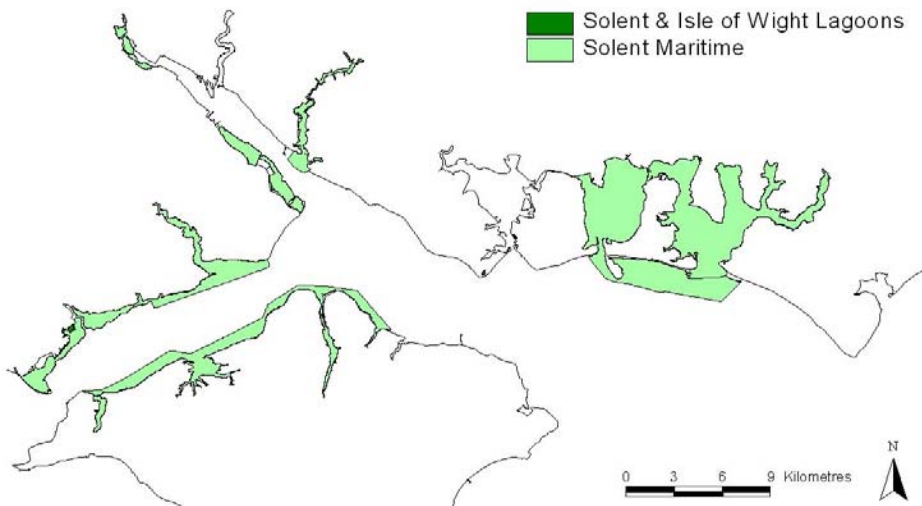
Wide variety of habitat types includes the most vulnerable to climatic changes and rising sea levels - saltmarshes, soft cliffs and barrier beaches and spits
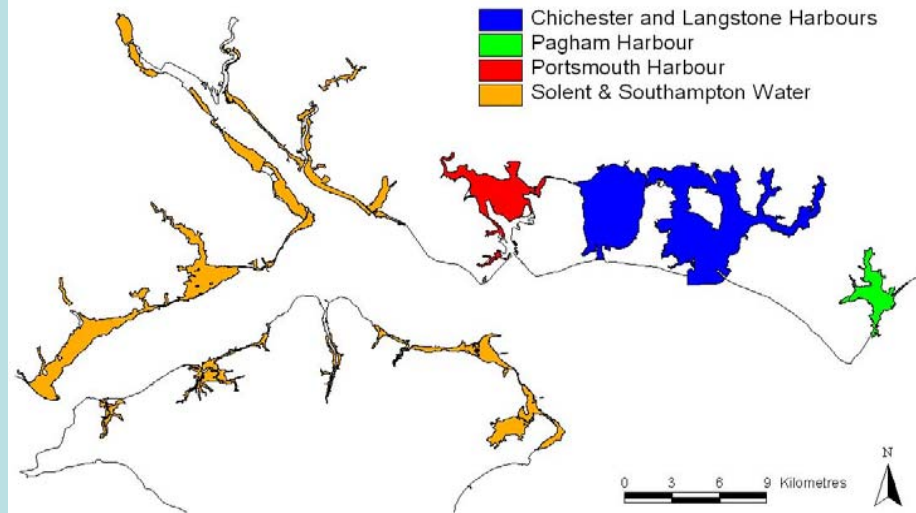
Approx 80% of the SMP shoreline is defended or has active beach management

Private owners maintain approx 50% of shoreline

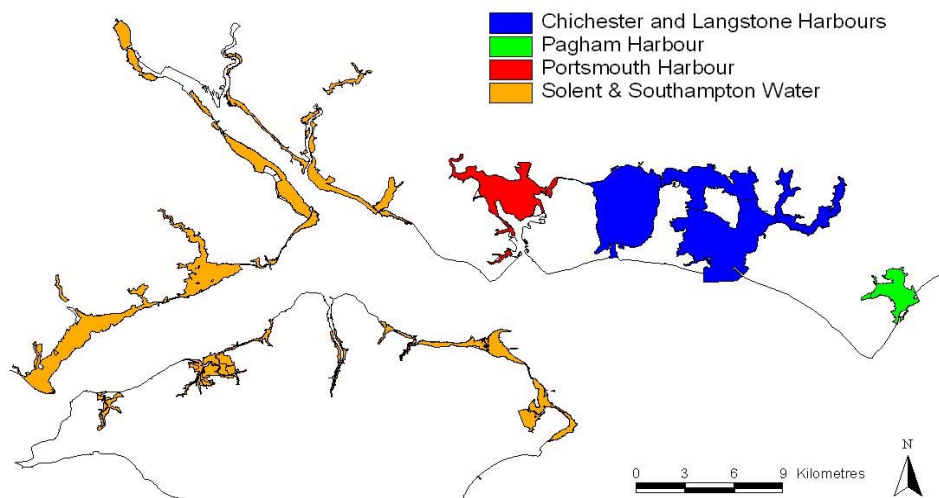Special Areas of Conservation in the North Solent SMP area

- Solent & Isle of Wight Lagoons
- Solent Maritime

Ramsar sites in the North Solent SMP area

- Chichester and Langstone Harbours
- Pagham Harbour
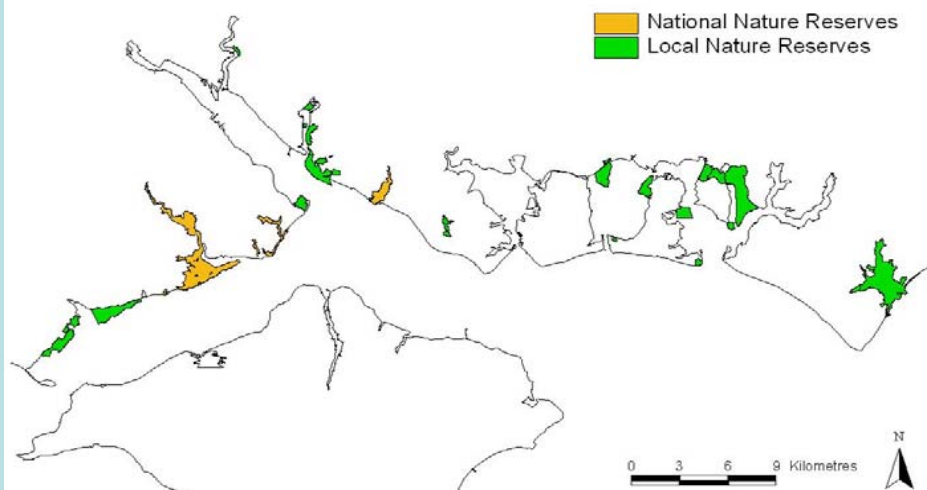- Portsmouth Harbour
- Solent & Southampton Water

Approx 80% of SMP shoreline covered by International and/or European nature conservation designations

Special Protection Areas in the North Solent SMP area

- Chichester and Langstone Harbours
- Pagham Harbour
- Portsmouth Harbour
- Solent & Southampton Water

National and Local Nature Reserves

- 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