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## **2 Consultation**

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### **2.1 Consultees**

The involvement in the SMP process of all groups and organizations with an interest in the East Solent shoreline is seen as critical to its long term success. Table 1 presents the list of Consultees with an indication of their response within the development of the Stage 2 documents. More details of their responses are contained in Appendix 2.

### **2.2 Consultation process**

A three phase approach was adopted for consultation:

- initial contact and request for information, plus a public presentation to explain the SMP process (Stage 1)
- meetings with major Consultees (Stage 1)
- circulation of Management Unit plans for discussion and agreement, plus an open day for discussion of the plans (Stage 2).

The Stage 1 activities are summarized in Volumes I and III. Responses from Consultees were extremely helpful in highlighting concerns and bringing together information.

Consultation for Stage 2 comprised the circulation of Consultation Documents, an open day of presentations and discussions, and a three month response and discussion period. Each Consultation Document contained:

- an introduction to the SMP
- the management issues and objectives for the East Solent
- the approach to defining Units and selecting the preferred strategic defence options
- a plan for each Unit
- a glossary of terms and abbreviations

The plan for each open coast Management Unit was set out as an individual document, intended to contain sufficient information to stand alone for consultation purposes. Each plan included:

- a summary of the background information collated in Stage 1
- an impact matrix assessment of the implications of each strategic option on the physical, human and natural environments and the implications for coastal defence
- an assessment of the implications of a do-nothing policy
- the preferred strategic option (economic assessment was undertaken but not presented)
- suggested management operations to achieve the preferred option.

The open day was attended by over 60 people, including interested residents and representatives of many of the Consultee groups. Written responses to the Consultation Documents were received from over 40 Consultees and from an additional 40 private residents. Written replies were sent in answer to all concerns. Appendix 2 summarises the responses received from Consultees.

Major concerns for the open coast centred on the proposed coastal defence option of shoreline realignment for Bracklesham Bay and a short length of Langstone Harbour entrance channel. As a result of the consultation process it was agreed to amend the proposed realignment option for Bracklesham Bay; the SMP now recommends an urgent study of methods to achieve sustainable defence, without a presupposition that realignment is the preferred option. The realignment along the Langstone entrance channel remains as the preferred option, although the suggested approach to achieving a sustainable situation has been modified.

Consultation also resulted in a number of minor modifications to the background information and suggested approaches for other parts of the open coast. The modified open coast Consultation Document formed the basis of this volume of the SMP.

**Table 1 Stage 2 consultation response**

Organisation	Response
<b>Steering Committee</b>	Chichester DC ✓ Fareham BC ✓ Gosport BC ✓ Havant BC ✓ Portsmouth CC ✓ Environment Agency ✓ English Nature ✓
<b>County Councils</b>	Hampshire CC ✓ West Sussex CC ✓
<b>Other statutory Consultees</b>	Arun DC ✓ Countryside Commission Crown Estates Department of Transport Ministry of Defence MAFF (Marine Protection) ✓
<b>Harbours</b>	Chichester Harbour Conservancy ✓ Langstone Harbour Board ✓ Langstone Harbour Advisory Committee ✓ Portsmouth Commercial Port Flag Officer Portsmouth (MoD)
<b>Parish Councils</b>	Apuldram PC ✓ Birdham PC ✓ Bosham PC ✓ Chidham PC ✓ East Wittering PC ✓ Earnley PC ✓ Fishbourne PC ✓ Pagham PC ✓ Selsey Town C ✓ Sidlesham PC ✓ Southbourne PC ✓ West Wittering PC ✓
<b>Residents Associations</b>	Emsworth ✓ Hardaway and Elson Residents Group ✓ Hayling Island ✓ Hill Head ✓ Langstone (Residents Association) ✓ Langstone (Village Association) ✓ Lee-on-the-Solent + Northney + NE Hayling ✓ Pagham Beach ✓ Warsash ✓ West Wittering ✓

✓ Written response

+ Open day discussions only

Organisation	Response
<b>Commercial</b>	British Maritime Industries ✓ Continental Ferryport Local Fisheries Committee Southern Marine Industries ✓ Selsey Regeneration
<b>Landowners</b>	Cakeham Manor Estate + Church Farm Holiday Village ✓ Country Landowners ✓ Defence Land Services ✓

Organisation	Response
	Hayling Island Golf Club ✓ Meon Shore Chalet Owners Association ✓ National Farmers Union ✓ National Grid Company ✓ Pagham Beach (Holdings) Park World Holidays Solent Breezes Chalet Owners West Wittering Estate ✓ White Horse Caravan Co.
<b>Conservation Groups</b>	Bosmere Hundred Society ✓ Council for the Protection of Rural England ✓ English Heritage ✓ Fareham Society + Friends of the Earth (Portsea) Friends of the Earth (Gosport and Fareham) ✓ Friends of the Earth (Manhood Peninsula) + Friends of the Earth (Havant) Gosport Environmental Forum Gosport Society ✓ Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology ✓ Hampshire Wildlife Trust National Trust + Portchester Society Portsmouth Harbour Conservation Group Portsmouth Urban Wildlife Portsmouth Society + Portsmouth Environmental Forum ✓ RSPB Solent Protection Society Stokes Bay Society Sussex Wildlife Trust
<b>Recreation</b>	Fareham Sea Angling Club ✓ Hill Head Sailing Club Marine Safety Agency Portsmouth and Langstone Sailing Association ✓ Royal Yachting Association ✓ Southern Tourist Board