



2 Consultation

2.1 Consultees

The involvement in the SMP of all the groups and organisations with an interest in the Solent shoreline is seen as critical to its long term success. To achieve this involvement from the outset the project team consulted widely to obtain information and to gain an understanding of the diverse issues relevant to the SMP. Table 1 presents the Consultees contacted, the level of their involvement for Stage 1 and summarises their interests and concerns.

2.2 Consultation process

A three phase approach was adopted for consultation:

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

At the outset of the study all Consultees identified by the Coastal Group were informed that the SMP was being developed, invited to the introductory presentation and asked to provide information. The information requested included:

- areas of interest
- subjects/activities of interest
- existing or future plans and aspirations relating to the shoreline
- issues of concern
- sources/locations of published data or reports.

Responses to the first phase were received from over 60% of the Consultees, as indicated in Table 1. Follow up discussions were held where particular concerns were expressed.

Meetings with the major Consultees were undertaken, including:

- members of the Steering Committee
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- Langstone Harbour Board
- Defence Land Services
- Hampshire and West Sussex County Council.

Each of these major Consultees provided detailed information on areas of responsibility, existing shoreline problems, existing defences, potential conflicts of interest with other groups, plans for coastal defences and plans for development. Meetings were not held with representatives for Portsmouth Harbour as they were awaiting publication of the Portsmouth Harbour Plan, which has since been released in Draft.

The final phase of consultation related to the preparation and agreement of plans for the Management Units. This is discussed in the Stage 2 volumes of the SMP (Volumes II and IV).

Coastal Groups representing adjacent shorelines are also preparing SMP's. The South Downs Group, to the east, are led by Arun District Council and have appointed Gifford Associated Consultants to act as consultants. The West Solent Group are led by New Forest District Council and have appointed Sir William Halcrow & Partners Ltd as consultant. The Plan areas overlap to some extent to ensure continuity of management. In the east the overlap extends from Selsey Bill to Pagham. In the west the overlap is limited to the River Hamble frontage from Hook Spit to Warsash. Consultation between the Groups has ensured that the three plans are compatible.



Table 1 Consultees involvement in Stage 1 and summary of interests

Organisation		Initial Response	Meeting	Consultation	Environment	Planning	Recruitment	Navigational	Commerce
Steering Committee	Chichester DC Havant BC Portsmouth CC Gosport BC Fareham BC Environment Agency English Nature	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
County Councils	Hampshire CC West Sussex CC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other Statutory Consultees	Arun DC Crown Estates Countryside Commission Department of Transport		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harbours	Chichester Harbour Conservancy Langstone Harbour Board Langstone Harbour Advisory Committee Portsmouth Commercial Port Flag Officer Portsmouth (MoD)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parish Councils	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Residents Associations	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Commercial	British Maritime Industries Continental Ferryport Local Fisheries Committee Southern Marine Industries Selsey Regeneration	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Landowners	Cakeham Manor Estate Church Farm Holiday Village Country Landowners Defence Land Services 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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conservation Groups	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recreation	Fareham Sea Angling Club Hill Head Sailing Club Marine Safety Agency Portsmouth and Langstone Sailing Association Royal Yachting Association Southern Tourist Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓