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Planning and Transport
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Date: 04 August 2011
Ref: SWMT 11029

Dear David,

**Shoreline Management Plan Review (SMP)
Hurst Spit to Durlston Head**

I write in the context of the Environment Agency's (EA) strategic overview to confirm EA approval of the above mentioned second generation Shoreline Management Plan.

This approval is provided on recommendation from the SMP Quality Review Group (QRG) and recognises that the QRG is satisfied that you have followed the guidance for:

- developing an overall understanding of the coast;
- identifying and analysing problems;
- engaging stakeholders at appropriate stages;
- developing policy in line with current guidance; and
- ensuring that your SMP meets the principles of sustainable development.

I understand that the Plan has been adopted by your council and the following partner authorities:

- New Forest District Council
- Borough of Poole
- Purbeck District Council
- Christchurch Borough Council

The approved plan will be stored electronically in the EA along with this letter, as a permanent record of the approval. Please maintain an audit trail of any agreed amendments to the approved plan.

Any future policy option changes in the SMP arising from emerging strategies will need to be formally recorded by means of the agreed change process. This should be done through Raahil Javaheri, at the EA.

I would be grateful if you would keep the EA's Regional Flood and Coastal Risk Manager (RFCRM) involved in any developments. Also, please ensure that the approved status of the plan is now reflected on your SMP website. The Statement of Environmental Particulars (SoEP) will also need to be published on the website.

Future decisions on approval or funding of the investments or studies identified in the plan will be subject to FDGIA allocation and appraisal processes.

The EA, through its National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (NCERM) project, is providing information on coastal erosion risk which takes account of the latest climate change predictions (UKCP09). A report comparing SMP and NCERM data will be prepared, along with guidance on making any amendments to the SMP that may be required. Achievement of this will be dependent upon the continuing liaison between EA Regional staff and yourself. You will need to review this data, or any other significant coastal developments, and consider possible amendments to the SMP.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to developing this plan and look forward to working with you on putting it into practice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Boyd', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Boyd
Acting South West Director
Environment Agency

Encl: Bundle of approval documents items 1-9