

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW (SMP) APPROVAL FORM

1. General Information			
Region	South West		
SMP title	Hurst Spit to Durlston Head		
Purpose/objective of product			
SMP final report setting out high level management policies for the coast.			
Key Contacts			
Coastal Group	Southern		
Lead Authority	Bournemouth Borough Council		
Project Manager	David Harlow		
EA Contact	Neil Watson		
EA Communications Contact	Ben Vizard		
2. List of Documents to Support Recommendation for Approval			
Item	Document	File Reference	Comments
1	Approval Form	Item 1_HStoDH_Approval Form.doc	This document.
2	Location Plan	Item 2_HStoDH_Location Plan.pdf	Plan showing stretch of coast covered by this SMP.
3	Draft letter of approval	Item 3_HStoDH_Letter of Approval.doc	This is offered for use as the basis for the letter to the lead authority. The final version will signify the approval and will be added to the LA's website.
4	Completion Report	Item 4_HStoDH_Lead Authority Signed Completion Report.doc	Completion report signed by the Lead Authority.
5	Natural England (NE) Letter	Item 5_HStoDH_Natural England Letter.doc	Letter from Natural England dated 27 July 2010 confirming agreement with the conclusions of the Appropriate Assessment.
6	SMP CD	Item 6_HStoDH_Final SMP_V3	CD containing full version of SMP. (Hyperlink to final SMP is www.twobays.net/smp2.htm)
7	Action Plan	Item 7_HStoDH_Action Plan.pdf	The Action Plan forms part of the completed SMP. This is a live document, owned and updated by the Lead Authority and monitored by the Southern Coastal Group.
8	Quality Review	Item 8_HStoDH_SMP Review.xls	Final version of Quality Review Group (QRG) review and audit trail.
9	Defra letter re HRA	Item 9_HStoDH_Defra HRA.tif	Letter from Defra to Bournemouth BC dated 1 July 2011 confirming response to

3. Consultation and Adoption

Stakeholder consultation and public engagement played an integral role in the development of the shoreline management policies. The lead authority, Bournemouth BC, undertook to organise the stakeholder consultation throughout the SMP development. Three main groups were involved in the SMP development - the Client Steering Group (CSG), a Key Stakeholders Group (KSG) and an Elected Members Forum (EMF).

The **Client Steering Group**, which was responsible for overseeing the development of the SMP, consisted of the following authorities and associate partners:

- Bournemouth Borough Council as lead authority
- New Forest District Council
- Purbeck District Council
- Poole Borough Council
- Christchurch Borough Council

Associate Partners

- Poole Harbour Commissioners
- Natural England
- The National Trust
- Dorset County Council
- Hampshire County Council

The **Elected Members Forum** comprised Elected Members from each of the operating authorities, together with Environment Agency Regional Flood Defence Committees, supported by observer representatives from Defra and Natural England.

The **Key Stakeholders Group** comprised representatives from groups with local, regional and national interest in addition to site specific interests. Such a group was selected to achieve an inclusive consultation approach, taking consideration of all interests in the coast. Representatives included:

- County Councils
- Town Councils
- Parish/Ward Councils
- Residential Interest Groups
- Commercial interests eg. Poole Harbour Commissioners
- Conservation bodies eg. National Trust, RSPB
- Recreational groups
- Cultural and historic interest groups eg. English Heritage

Altogether well over 400 stakeholder groups were contacted during the Initial Stakeholder Engagement stage. An information leaflet and questionnaire explaining that the SMP was being reviewed and requesting data and further information, was widely distributed along the coast. Following this initial stakeholder consultation, the second round of stakeholder consultation was then held to confirm the issues and objectives. The policy development process commenced once the objectives and values for the coast had been agreed. Stakeholder Workshops and feedback forms from the online consultation were used to inform the draft policies for the SMP.

The following programme summary identifies significant dates in the SMP development process:

Initial CSG meetings	June 2007 to Nov 2008
EMF full meetings (5 no.)	Nov 2008 to Aug 2009
Monthly CSG meetings	2009 and 2010
Public meetings	Feb 2009
First KSG meeting	March 2009
Second KSG meeting	Nov 2009
Public Consultation (3 months)	Nov 2009 to Feb 2010
Final SMP dissemination	Late 2010

The Public Consultation included a range of approaches:

- In November 2009 large "Our Coastline is Changing" information boards were displayed along the seafront from Hurst Spit to Durlston Head (35 in total).
- A second 'consultation summary' leaflet was distributed from 26th November 2009, at SMP Roadshow events, through seafront and civic offices and libraries.
- The SMP Roadshow (30th November - 4th December 2009). This was five drop-in exhibitions across the region during which Draft SMP2 policies were displayed, providing local people with an opportunity to examine the proposed policies, and ask questions of the professionals.

A total of 525 people attended the Roadshows; a further 50 attended a separate meeting of the Hengistbury Head Residents Association.

- The Draft SMP was made available online, with comments invited from the public between 1st November 2009 - 17th February 2010.

Appendix B of the SMP sets out the stakeholder engagement process in detail. This Appendix forms part of the SMP documentation that will be held on the SMP website (www.twobays.net) along with all the other reports, and is therefore available for public scrutiny.

Adoption Dates	Bournemouth Borough Council	27 July 2010
	New Forest District Council	03 November 2010
	Borough of Poole	06 December 2010
	Purbeck District Council	07 December 2010
	Christchurch Borough Council	08 December 2010
	Southern RFDC	06 October 2010
	Wessex RFDC	12 July 2010
Quality review process (EA Quality Review Group comments and CSG document changes and responses) - start date		22 December 2009
Recommendation for approval		26 July 2011

4. Quality and Environmental Criteria

Statement of Compliance with Guidance

This SMP was issued as a draft for consultation in late 2009. It was initially reviewed at this stage by the EA's Quality Review Group (QRG) and comments passed back to the CSG for consideration and response. This process was repeated until the CSG had provided satisfactory responses to all QRG comments, and was completed in September 2010. At this stage it was concluded that the plan is generally in line with the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Guidance Note. Policy appraisal techniques have been

satisfactorily applied and the plan sets out sustainable policy options for the three prescribed epochs (short, medium, long term) based upon technical, environment, economic and social assessments. The plan also sets out the findings in the required format. Procedures have been followed 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
- making sure the SMP meets the principles of sustainable development.

The attached Completion Report (Item 4) addresses the questions set out in the SMP Guidance Note, and has been completed by the lead authority.

Environmental Assessment

Strategic Environmental Assessment

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) provides a systematic appraisal of the possible environmental consequences of high-level decision-making (that is plans, policies and programmes). Government policy is that SMPs should be subject to the SEA process, to help ensure that consideration of the socio-economic and environmental issues relating to the coast has been central in developing and evaluating policy.

The main SEA report for this SMP is presented at Appendix F, and has been undertaken to a satisfactory standard. In addition, a Statement of Environmental Particulars has been prepared. This document will form part of the SEA Post Adoption Statement but is not subject to QRG review and is not required prior to any approval. The SoEP is included on the CD (item 6) as part of the SEA documentation.

Water Framework Directive Assessment

The requirements of the Water Framework Directive are to protect, improve and provide for sustainable use of the water environment. Furthermore, the European Floods Directive (2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks) requires that the environmental objectives of the WFD are taken into account in flood and coastal erosion plans.

A Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment has been undertaken in line with the published guidance (Guidance for Assessment of SMPs under WFD: 2009) and has been found to meet objectives. It is reported at Appendix L of the SMP.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

For SMPs a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is required to establish the scale and implications of impacts of the proposed plan, and to provide a determination on whether a course of action is acceptable in terms of its impacts on the integrity of international environmental sites.

As part of the HRA undertaken for this SMP, an Appropriate Assessment was carried out. For this SMP the Competent Authority is Bournemouth BC. It was determined that it was not possible to conclude that the policy options within the SMP would not have an adverse effect on the internationally important sites in the area. Natural England, in their role as appropriate conservation body, have confirmed their support for the proposed policies and agreed that there was a case for Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI). Natural England's letter of 21 July 2010 (Item 5) refers.

Consequently an IROPI submission was made to Defra. Confirmation that Defra has no objections to proposed plan approval has been received (Item 9 of approval bundle). In conclusion, the plan is compliant with the Habitats Directive and there are no outstanding issues to resolve prior to approval.

Action Plan				
<p>The Action Plan sets out the actions required to implement the plan, and this will also be used to inform the CLG and Defra on any requirements relating to Local Authority performance (eg. National Indicator 189 or any successor). A key facet of the Action Plan has been to ensure that each action is achievable and is transferred to the Medium Term Plan (MTP) as appropriate.</p> <p>The current Action Plan is a live document owned by the Lead Authority. The intent is to continue the partnership approach which was adopted to develop the SMP. The current Action Plan will be regularly monitored by the Southern Coastal Group and updated as required. The Action Plan will be held on the Two Bays SMP website alongside the other SMP documents, and any updates will be published in place of the current Action Plan as required. .</p>				
Erosion Mapping				
<p>Coastal erosion risk information that takes account of updated Climate Change data (UK Climate Projections UKCP09) will be available over the next year. The National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (NCERM) project team will produce a comparison report for each SMP to explain any differences between the NCERM data and SMPs, which may have been caused, for example, by using different climate change data. NCERM will be updated regularly and can take account of any changes to SMP management policies.</p> <p>It will be necessary for the CSG/Coastal Group to consider the need for this information to be incorporated in this SMP, and for appropriate activities to be identified in the updated Action Plan.</p>				
Outstanding Issues				
QRG has not identified any outstanding issues to be resolved prior to approval.				
5. Approval				
Has the Quality Review Group completed its review and identified any outstanding issues?	Yes/No			
Has the Lead Authority signed the Completion Report?	Yes/No			
Recommendation for Approval				
Signed by Ken Allison, Head of Asset Management	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Date</td> <td>26 July 2011</td> </tr> </table>		Date	26 July 2011
	Date	26 July 2011		
Approval				
Signed by Geoff Boyd, Acting South West Director	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Date</td> <td>04 August 2011</td> </tr> </table>		Date	04 August 2011
	Date	04 August 2011		