

# West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy

## Appendix K: Letter of support from Natural England

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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Jenny

**RE: Finalisation of West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy and Letter Of Support**

Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area (**SPA**)  
Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (**SAC**)  
South Wight Maritime Special Area of Conservation (**SAC**)  
Isle of Wight Downs Special Area of Conservation (**SAC**)  
Solent and Southampton Water **Ramsar** Site  
Medina Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Thorness Bay Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Newtown Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Bouldnor and Hamstead Cliffs Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Yar Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Colwell Bay Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Headon Warren and West High Down Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Freshwater Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (**SSSI**)  
Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (**AONB**)  
Tennyson Heritage Coast  
Hamstead Heritage Coast

Thank you for your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 concerning the finalisation of the West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy and the further modelling associated with the change in strategy around the Gurnard Marsh area.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England recognises the need for and supports the West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy for the area from East Cowes to Freshwater Bay along the west Isle of Wight coast.

Further to my colleague Simon Thompsons letter of support for the development of the strategy, I would again like to remind you that, the Appropriate Assessment for the Isle of Wight SMP concluded an adverse effect on integrity. Natural England would like to remind the Council that this



does not preclude carrying out an Appropriate Assessment at scheme level for projects subsequent to or identified in the strategy. The schemes will need to be reviewed under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) when more detailed options and designs are available because the works (including the maintenance works) are within or adjacent to the European and international sites listed above.

We stress that this letter does not constitute Natural England's assent or advice for the purposes of s28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). When more details of any proposed operations become available and before carrying them out, the operating authority, having considered its general duty under section 28G(2) of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), is required to give notice to Natural England. The operating authority is required to carry out the works in accordance with the provisions of section 28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) as the proposed works are within or adjacent to the SSSIs found within the designated sites listed above.

This advice is offered based on the information provided to date within the West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy. It is given without prejudice to any advice that Natural England may offer in accordance with its statutory role under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), or any assent that may be required under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact Matt Taylor on 02080 267692 or [Matt.Taylor@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Matt.Taylor@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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