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Background









METROQUARD







Running Walking Bird Migration Trails







Strategy Aim & Vision

A sustainable future for Hurst Spit to Lymington frontage for the next 100 years up to 2124:

Enabling communities, the environment, wildlife, heritage, recreation, tourism and business to adapt to climate change and sea level rise





Why is a Strategy needed?





Saltgrass Lane, Keyhaven



TIME

Based on UK's highest climate change prediction



Condition of Assets





Flood Risk



750

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1500 m





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Intertidal Habitat Loss



1971 1984 2001 2019 **Future** Future +1m



Erosion of Hurst Spit



Valentines Storm (Feb 2014)

- 1 in 50 year storm
- 4.5m waves & 1.29m surge
- Spit survived
- High energy waves did not impact Keyhaven

However,

- Major damaged along 50% of length
- Crest narrowed by approx. 7m
- Significant loss of material
- Sections where significant crest lowering occurred

Emergency Works:

- Over 40,000T recycled
- £120K



What if we were to do nothing?



Increased flood risk to properties

Increased erosion and complete erosion of intertidal habitats by 2040

Embankment & seawall subject to increased pressure



Defences to be overtopped by sea levels around 2040

Erosion of the landfill site due to wave action, exposing the sea to potential pollution



Damage to and deterioration of the protected saline lagoons and grazing marsh



What if we were to do nothing?

- Erosion, narrowing and over washing of Hurst Spit within 5 years.
- Overtime natural roll back of spit possible, with impacts on the habitats behind











Hold the line – Maintain

Rural & Urban

Strengthening of existing embankment, existing walls and structures

Hurst Spit

Shingle recharge and recycling









Hold the line – Sustain

Rural & Urban

Strengthening of existing embankment, existing walls and structures - and raising when Standard of Protection drops below current

Hurst Spit

Increasing volume of shingle recharge over time to sustain current Standard of Protection









Hold the line – Upgrade

Rural & Urban

Raise and strengthen existing embankment New flood wall at (or near to) existing and replacement of structures

Hurst Spit

Initial large volume shingle recharge followed by smaller shingle recharges over time









Managed realignment / Set back wall

Managed Realignment (Rural)

New embankment set back from existing coastline making space for intertidal habitats.

Set back wall (Urban)

New flood wall set back from existing waters edge

Hurst Spit

Managing rollback of the spit.













- Balance between Hold The Line (HTL) and Managed Realignment (MR)
- Any MR would require further offsetting of terrestrial habitats
- Challenging to locate suitable locations





Next Steps

- Assess the options
- Understand potential cost
- Understand benefits lead to investment discussions
- Creative investment...where guidance allows
- Without investment 'do nothing' might be the only option

Final Points

- Change is happening with or without this Strategy
- Strategy is an opportunity to manage that change and explore how best to adapt accordingly
- Along with the challenge comes opportunities



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