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1 Introduction

Coastal Partners, in collaboration with AECOM Infrastructure and Environment UK Limited, is undertaking a Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for Hayling Island on behalf of Havant Borough Council (HBC).

The Coastal Management Strategy is being funded by Government Flood Defence Grant in Aid, administered by the Environment Agency and HBC Community Infrastructure Levy.

1.1 Purpose of this document

This report seeks to set out the engagement and outcomes of the Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy 2120 launch survey carried out between 29th July 2020 and 6th September 2020.

1.2 Wider engagement

This survey forms part of a wider engagement process being undertaken throughout the duration of the Coastal Management Strategy.

A stakeholder engagement strategy has been developed with a clear methodology that will help to ensure that the relevant stakeholders are informed and involved at the right time.

Overall strategic aim of the strategy:

- Develop **strategic coastal management** options for Hayling Island for the next **100 years**
- Outline a programme of **investment to reduce the risk** of coastal flooding and erosion to people living on the island
- Identify the potential funding sources and partners required to deliver that investment programme and **be open and honest** about where funding is likely to be a challenge
- **Incorporate adaptation strategies**, as defence improvements will not be possible in all locations
- Be **holistic, yet flexible** for both **people and nature**
- Respond to **future changes**, support sustainable development of the island and take into account **predicted sea level rise** and **climate change**
- Make a **partnership approach** central, between HBC, Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE), Landowners, businesses and local communities, making sure local needs and priorities are at its core

Engagement will help inform coastal management options bearing in mind what is technically feasible, publicly acceptable, most financially viable and environmentally acceptable.

Each stakeholder is likely to have a unique view on the use, development and protection of any coastal frontage. As such they can be a source of indispensable information which can be used to define issues and objectives and achieve broad consensus on a preferred strategy option.

2 Engagement summary

2.1 Community Survey

2.1.1 Survey format

An online survey was developed to seek the community's views on coastal management of Hayling Island. Responders were asked about their aspirations for the island and issues.

It should be noted, that at the time of the consultation Coastal Partners were formerly known as the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP) and therefore the consultation material bears the ESCP logo, name and previous website.

The survey was available to be completed online at www.escp.org.uk/Hi-strategy. Due to the timing of the consultation over the school summer holiday, the survey was made available for an extended period of time from 29th July 2020 to 6th September 2020.

Due to the amount of people on Hayling Island and because the consultation took place during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was decided that a paper version of the survey would not be delivered to residents. However, should residents have required a paper version they were able to request one via email or phone which would have been posted out direct to them. No requests for a paper version were received.

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The Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership, as part of Havant Borough Council, are working with consultants AECOM to develop the 'Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy'; a long term plan for flood and coastal erosion risk management on Hayling Island.

Being an island community, climate change is one of the largest challenges Hayling Island will face. If not planned for or managed correctly this could have significant impacts on the economy, the environment, public health and the existing way of life on Hayling.

Figure 1: Screenshot of the questionnaire

2.1.2 Distribution

Email

All stakeholders who had provided contact details previously received an email about the survey and a link to complete the survey online. More than 40 emails were sent to key stakeholders who represent a key organisation, community group within the local community with an interest in the Hayling coastline, as outlined below:

- HBC Cllrs
- Hayling Island Residents Association
- North East Hayling Residents Association
- Hayling Island Businessmen's Club
- Hayling Environment Forum
- Hayling Sewage watch
- Save Our Island
- Friends of Chichester Harbour
- Friends of Langstone Harbour
- Hayling Island Lions Club
- Stoke Fruit Farm
- Solent Open Water Swimmers
- Outdoor Swimming Society
- Happy Hutters
- Blue Marine Foundation
- The British Horse Society
- Hayling Health society
- Hayling Railway
- Hayling Island Horticultural Society
- Hayling Island Infrastructure Group
- Solent Protection Society
- Havant Friends of the Earth
- Havant Climate Alliance
- Sustrans
- Cycle Hayling
- Royal Society of Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIOWT)
- Bird Aware Solent
- RNLI
- Hayling Golf Club
- Tournerbury Golf Club
- Chris Bull Kitesurfing
- MDL Marinas (Northney/ Sparks)
- Hayling Yacht Company
- Wilsons of Hayling
- Hayling Island Sailing Club
- Hayling Ferry Sailing Club
- Mengham Rythe Sailing Club
- Mill Rythe Holiday Park
- Fishers Caravan Park
- Fishery Creek Touring Park
- St Herman's Estate
- Lakeside Coastal Village
- Langstone Quays resort
- Fun land
- Inn on the beach
- Ferryboat Inn
- Hayling Island Holiday Park
- Sinah Warren
- Tournerbury Woods Estate
- The Hayling College
- Hayling Island U3A
- Mengham Junior School
- Mill Rythe Infant School
- Hayling Community Pre-School
- Gorseway Nursery School
- Cherry Island Nursery
- Landowners
- Northney Farm
- Residents, particularly where private sea defences exist
- Warren Close Residents & trustees
- Marine Walk Residents Association
- Neighbourhood Forums
- Hayling Island Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT)

News promotion

At the start of August 2020, Havant Borough Council put out a press release on the Strategy and questionnaire launch. It is understood that it was picked up by the Hayling Herald as they produced a front page article in the September 2020 edition highlighting the Strategy and questionnaire.

Social Media

The consultation was promoted on the ESCP's social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and a selection of these posts are shown in Figure 2. The questionnaire was promoted a second time before it closed.

The posts on Facebook received the most overall interaction. The post on 4th September 2020 reached 2335 people with 441 engagements, which includes clicks on the post, likes, shares and photo views. This is an engagement rate of 18.8% which is very good as the average Facebook engagement rate in 2020 is 3.6% according to Hootsuite (<https://blog.hootsuite.com/facebook-statistics/#:~:text=The%20average%20engagement%20rate%20for,content%20in%20your%20marketing%20strategy.>)

From this post, 92 people clicked on the link to the project webpage where they could find out more information and fill in the questionnaire.

All the available analytics for the social media posts are shown in the table below.

Facebook	Reach	Engagements	Shares	Link clicks	Reactions
3 rd August	412	51	8	13	7
4 th September	2335	442	7	92	4
Twitter	Impressions	Engagements	Retweets	Link clicks	Likes
3 rd August	915	58	3	10	8
4 th September	490	30	1	6	2
Instagram	Reach	Impressions	Shares	Bookmarks	Likes
3 rd August	128	148	0	0	11
4 th September	112	132	0	0	10

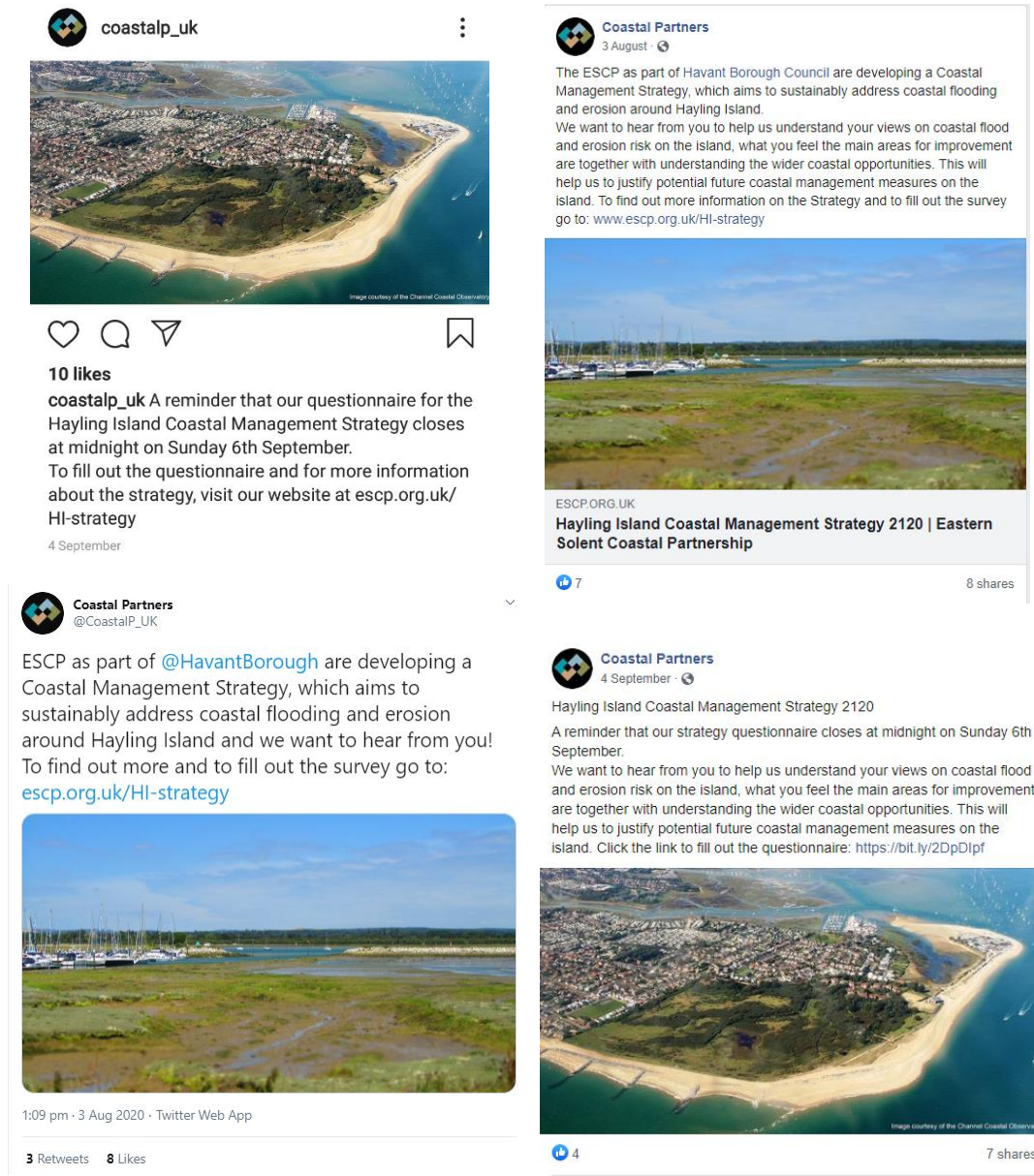


Figure 2: Selection of social media posts advertising the new information and questionnaire.

Website

Between 29th July and 6th September 2020, the dates when the questionnaire was live, the Hayling Island Strategy webpage had **815** page views. **639** (7.9%) of these were unique page views (where users have clicked onto a link to the page) spending an average time of **5 minutes 18 seconds** on the page. During the time of the survey being live, the webpage also achieved 1324 impressions (when page URL appears in search results).

During this same period, 184 people visited the website through a link on social media.

On Wednesday 5th August 2020, a short update, similar to the press release was also published on Havant Borough Council’s website. This provided readers with information about the Strategy, why it



is needed and directed them to the questionnaire. <https://www.havant.gov.uk/news/hayling-island-coastal-management-strategy-gets-underway-%E2%80%93-preparing-resilient-future>

3 Results

3.1 Survey Responses

In total 293 responses to the consultation were received. None of the questions were compulsory and some only appeared when a certain answer was selected, therefore not everyone answered every question.

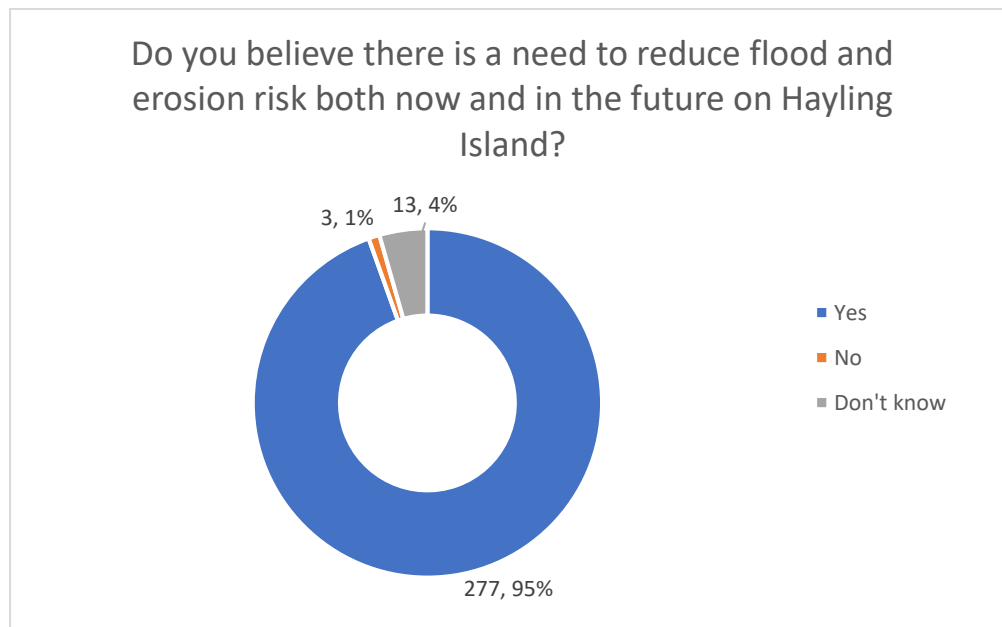
It is unknown if the responses are from households or individuals as this was not asked in the survey. However, from analysis of the comments, it is thought that the majority of them seem to be individuals as they are written in the first person.

212 of the respondents said they were a Hayling Island resident, 13 were from an organisation or business and 68 were visitors or tourists.

3.2 Results and Analysis

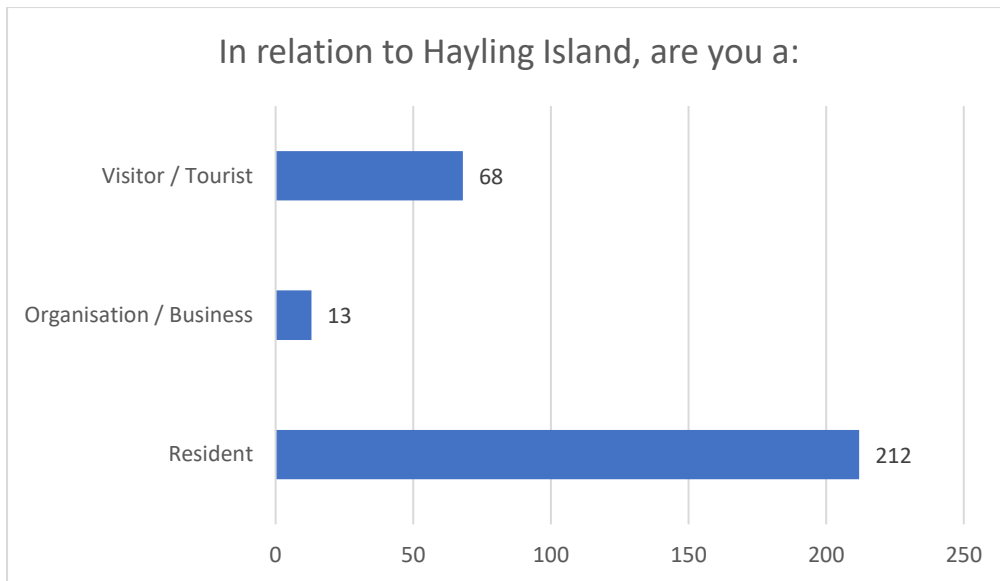
Question 1: Do you believe there is a need to reduce flood and erosion risk both now and in the future on Hayling Island?

Out of a total of 293 people who answered this question, 95% believe that there is a need to reduce flood and erosion risk on Hayling Island. In comparison, 1% felt there was not a need.



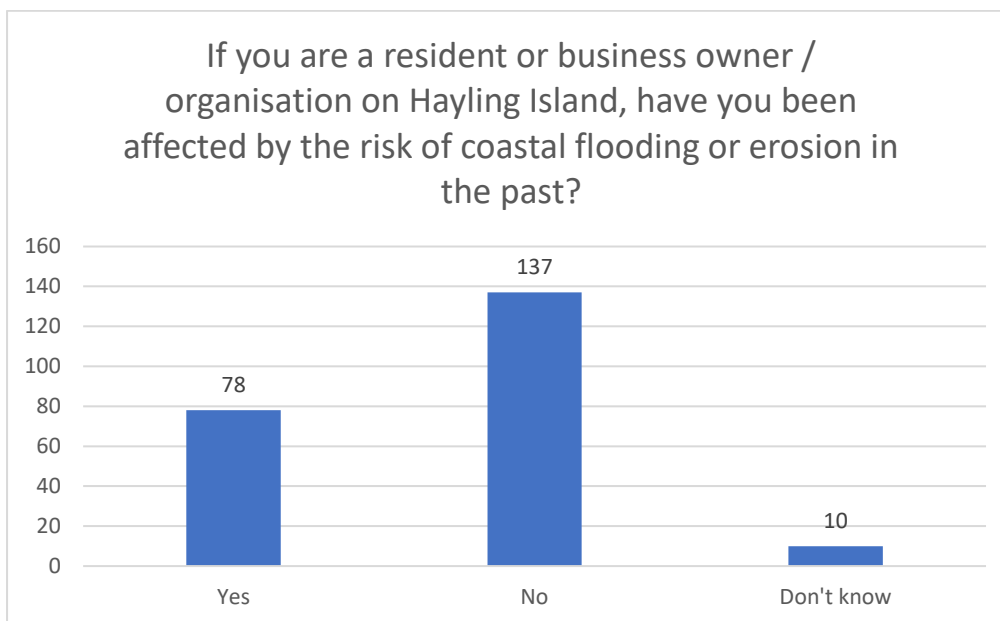
Question 2: In relation to Hayling Island, are you a visitor / tourist, organisation / business or resident?

The majority of respondents (72%) were residents of Hayling Island and 23% were visitors or tourists.



Question 3: If you are a resident or business owner / organisation on Hayling Island, have you been affected by the risk of coastal flooding or erosion in the past?

225 people answered this question, of which 78 (35%) said they had been affected by coastal flooding or erosion in the past.



Those that answered yes to question 3 were asked if they could provide further information and we have categorised the results into the areas they refer to. The majority of responses related to the South of the island and the open coast. This aligns with where Coastal Partners have received the most reports of flooding previously and known storm damage.

Location area on Hayling Island	Number of responses
North	17
East	5
South	40
West	5
Not specified	11

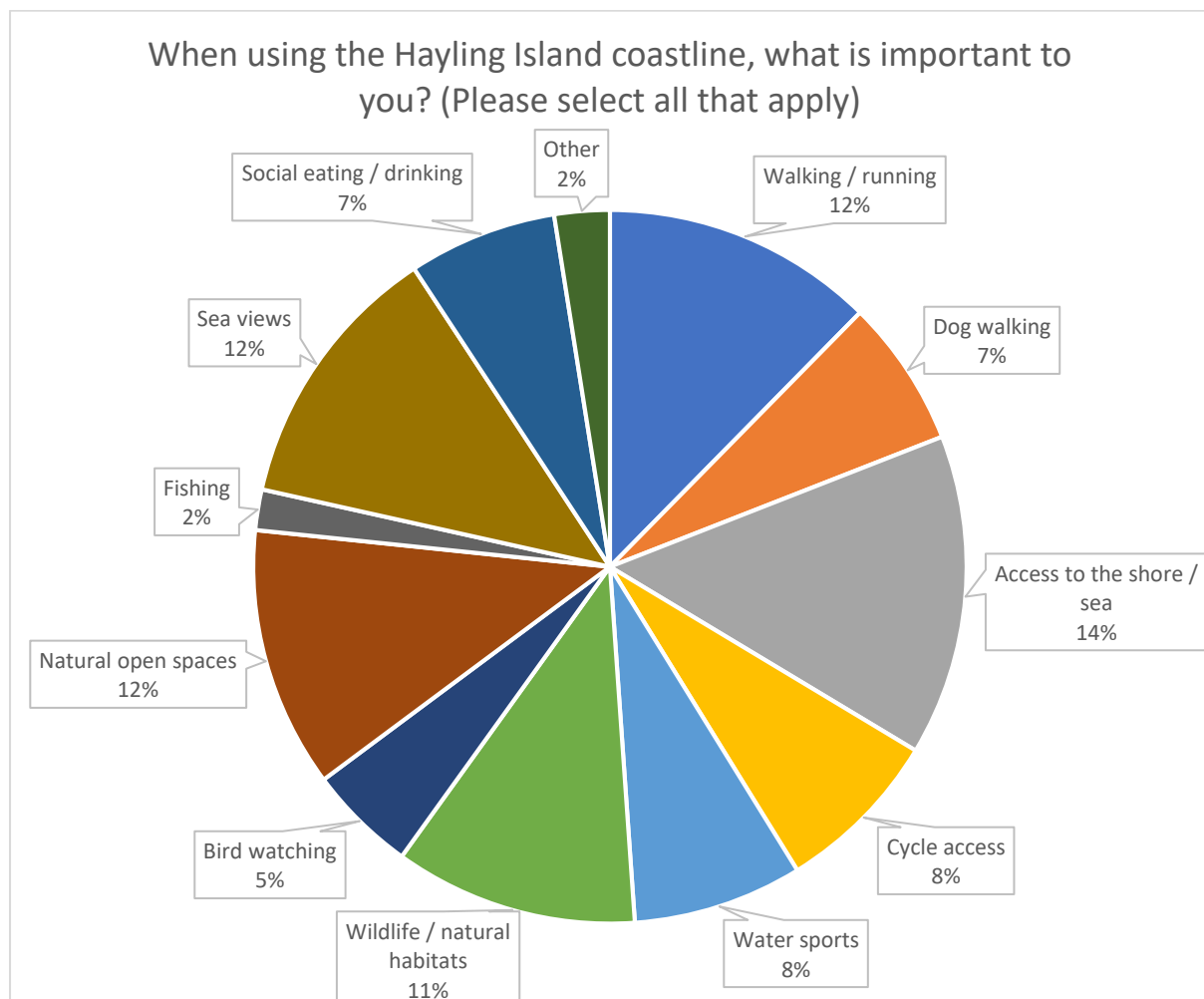
Question 4: Please upload any photos of historic flooding or erosion on Hayling Island if you are happy to share them with us.

This question only appeared for those who had said they had been affected by flooding or erosion.

12 respondents uploaded photos and a selection of those provided can be found in Appendix A.

Question 5: When using the Hayling Island coastline, what is important to you?

A total of 1794 answers were submitted as most people selected more than one. The answers were all quite split with no clear favorite, however, access to the shore / sea was the most selected answer with 14%. This was closely followed by natural open spaces and walking / running which, each received 12% of the votes.



Other included:

- 'Maintenance of residences close to/on the shoreline'
- 'Horse riding'
- 'Swimming'
- 'Leisure activities ie Golf course'
- 'Facilities for swimmers e.g. an outdoor cold water shower; safe bathing zone; cycle parking'

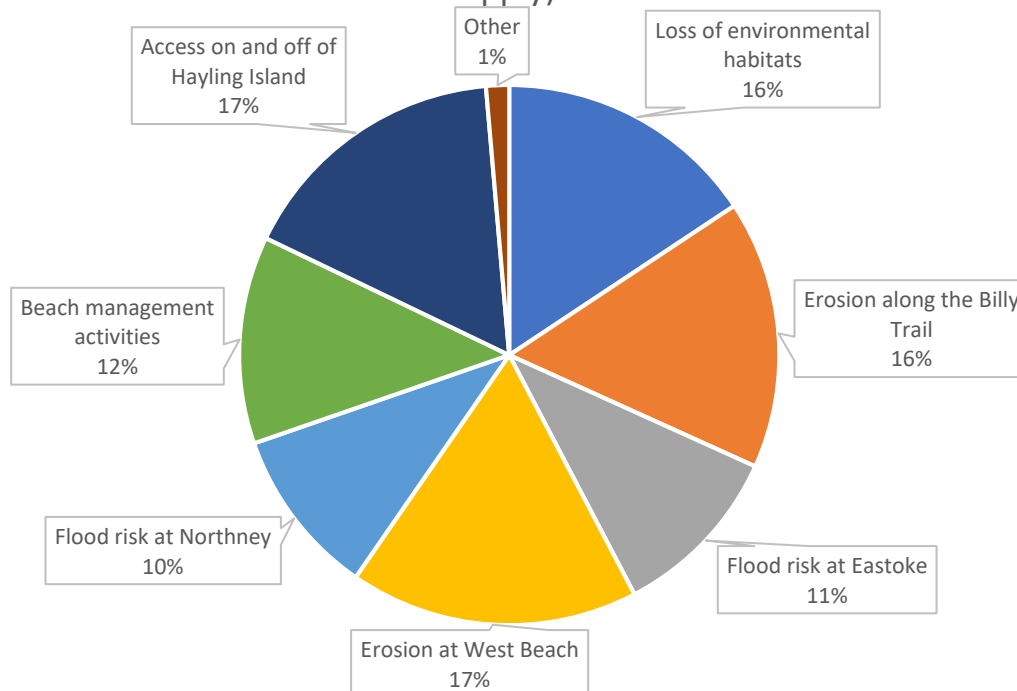
- 'Safe horse riding on the beach'
- 'Horse riding and driving'
- 'Access'
- 'Protection of my house from flooding'
- 'The right to live unhindered and not have to worry continuously about flooding'
- 'Foraging'
- 'Enjoying the location as a beach hut user'
- 'Peace and quiet. Poor development at plaza. Loss of sandy beach.'
- 'Disabled access the beach, which is getting more and more difficult every year.'
- 'Sewage & water quality'
- 'Campervanning '
- 'Sailing'
- 'Hayling rely on tourism and if the beaches are left to erode then that's it'

Question 6: With regards to coastal flood and erosion risk on Hayling Island, what issues concern you the most and why?

In total 1231 responses were received as most people selected more than one option. The concerns were spread fairly evenly between the options provided with access on and off Hayling Island and erosion at West Beach being joint top with 17% each. Loss of environmental habitats and erosion along the Billy Trail came a close joint second.

The reason for this could be that most people were concerned about all or the majority of the options, or it could be because they are all closely linked to one another.

With regards to coastal flood and erosion risk on Hayling Island, what issues concern you the most and why? (Please tick all that apply)



Other included:

- 'Flood risk to our property in south west Hayling'
- 'Population increase/new build homes particularly whilst aware of a severe flood risk in the future'
- 'Effects on property and environment'
- 'Hayling's quality of social life & its physical unity'
- 'Flood risk to our properties and site at the Kench, Ferry Road'
- 'Banning horse riding'
- 'Loss of business'
- 'Access to Hayling Beach to ride and drive horses'
- 'Flood risk at West Beach'
- 'Lack of overall awareness and preparedness for sea level rises - community and policy-wise'
- 'Untreated sewage often dumped into sea. Therefore risk or flood is obvious unacceptable risk'
- 'Erosion on Hayling GC (Golf Club)'
- 'Loss of areas to kite surf and park as this brings people to the island. Something to be proud of.'
- 'Climate change, is very important to coastal areas and should be considered in all new reports'
- 'Impacts on Langstone Harbour/Kench/Sinah Warren and North Shore'
- 'Erosion in other parts of the island, e.g. west coast'

Question 7: Please briefly explain why these are important to you.

268 people answered this question and the responses have been categorised into key themes. For each of the key themes, a selection of comments has been included to demonstrate the type of responses received.

- **Quality of life and island appeal.** 51 responses such as:
 - 'All areas important for general life and wellbeing'
 - 'They are what makes Hayling attractive to all'
 - 'It is a lovely place to be able to enjoy would be a shame to lose it'
- **Flood and erosion risk** (to people, property and amenity, including beach huts). 85 responses including:
 - 'To save houses along the foreshore which have no protection'
 - 'I do not want to see a deterioration in our living environment or damage to homes.'
 - 'The island needs to be looked at as a whole entity not just as fragmented parts, to address the issue of flooding and erosion both to natural and man-made environments'
- **Defence and beach management.** 21 responses such as:
 - 'Beach management activities seem to attract a lot of criticism, and it does seem to money wasted on it annually (wasted because it repeatedly needs doing again) - why not invest in longer term solutions.'
 - 'Beach Management is a euphemism for "let go"'
 - 'The storm of 2019 dramatically changed the sand bank and beach shape, there is only so many pebbles that can be moved from west end to east before the structure of west is further damaged, managed retreat is an option by maintaining the structure so other areas aren't impacted, therefore the golf course is not essential but housing behind is.'
- **Hayling accessibility** (roads, transport, traffic, bridge). 35 responses such as:
 - 'Access on and off the island is only just viable and any damage to the bridge would result in the island being cut off.'
 - 'Access south side of the bridge through Northney is not possible at certain tides in winter, erosion of the Billy trail will put more bikes on the overcrowded roads.'
 - 'The roads to access Hayling Island also need to be managed properly to ensure it is safe for horse lorry's, boat trailers, and everyday cars to use.'
- **Housing development and infrastructure.** 6 responses such as:
 - 'Because there is more and more building of homes and the infrastructure eg Health Centre is groaning already!'
 - 'Further building of new homes will provide too much pressure on the island infrastructure.'
 - 'The Island is already overloaded with houses, putting excess strain on services and roads. Equally, on the environment, in all of its aspects. Whether we like it or not, more housing is going to come, and of course, more overloading. All of the above listed concerns we become totally swamped, and of no benefit to anyone.'
- **Environment, heritage and enhancement.** 26 responses such as:
 - 'I would like to see habitats for the birds, insects and other wildlife on Hayling preserved/enhanced.'
 - 'Loss of heritage'
 - 'Loss of environmental habitats - much of the attraction and importance of Hayling is due to the presence of so many types of coastal and water habitats - we have a responsibility to protect this biodiversity.'

- **Tourism, Recreation & Amenity** - including Billy Trail. 44 responses such as:
 - 'Being able to ride our horses on the beach is vital to us'
 - 'Billy Trail is a useful cycle trail'
 - 'Hayling businesses rely on tourism and is well known as a beach resort. Allowing West beach and Billy Trail to erode and reduce in size will compromise the limited assets that Hayling has to offer, reduce visitor numbers and result in loss of revenue.'

Question 8: What do you like about the way Hayling Island's coast is currently managed?

224 people answered this question and the responses have been categorised into key themes. For each of the key themes, a selection of comments has been included to demonstrate the type of responses received.

- **Access.** 9 responses including:
 - 'Access is available for all who wish to use it'
 - 'The access ability to all people.'
- **Beach areas well maintained.** 4 responses including:
 - 'It's free, kept clean by Norse, welcoming generally, not built up like other coasts.'
 - 'The beach is always very clean, the people are friendly and quite respectful of each other. I also enjoy being able to ride my horses at the beach.'
- **Beach management.** 15 responses including:
 - 'I'm pleased with the beach management at south Hayling, the beach levels have been kept to a continually good standard since 2014 - although, it concerns me that it only takes one storm event to annihilate the beach and put the whole area at risk of flooding'
 - 'Beach replenishment and rock placement for sea defence.'
- **Cost effectiveness.** 2 responses:
 - 'It is cost effective for what can be provided, although it was a shame the north side of Eastoke Avenues defences didn't go as far as our property.'
 - 'I think the coast is managed as cost effectively as possible with the funds they have. The problem is that there has not been enough investment.'
- **Eastoke defences.** 20 responses including:
 - 'The Eastoke beach is well protected and maintained.'
 - 'The rocks at the entrance to the harbour work well to dissipate the large waves and also make a pleasant area to walk.'
- **Information provided.** 6 responses including:
 - 'We are kept well informed.'
 - 'The openness & honesty of the team.'
- **Natural approaches.** 20 responses including:
 - 'It is managed but the look and feel of a natural beach resort is preserved.'
 - 'The natural or semi natural shoreline remains on many sections of the coast and in places is used by a wealth of wildlife.'
- **Proactive** (a plan to do something, flooding minimised). 14 responses including:
 - 'There seems to be a plan to minimise flooding'
 - 'Trying to protect the coastline and if that's not possible, moving the beach huts for example so they are safe.'
- **Reactive** (after storms). 3 responses including:

- 'They react quickly when there is a problem.'
- 'They are quick to sort issues, like clearing the walk away of pebbles.'
- **Unsure** (don't understand certain policies, not involved long enough to comment, not clear on current plan). 18 responses related to being unsure about the current management or plans or said that they were unable to answer, including:
 - 'I don't understand the managed retreat policy and why it isn't being explained to the community'
 - 'To be honest I don't know too much about how it is managed.'

Although the question asked what people did like about the way the coast is currently managed, some people answered that they did not like the way it is managed. These counted for 112 of the responses and included:

- 'Nothing, current management seems limited at best with coastal protection being reduced rather than maintained increased. I have seen significant erosion around the island in the past few years.'
- 'Do not like the continuous work on main beaches'
- 'I do not think it is currently well managed.'

Even though some of these responses are disappointing, these comments are important as they give us valuable visibility on public perception and opinion of current coastal management practices on the Island.

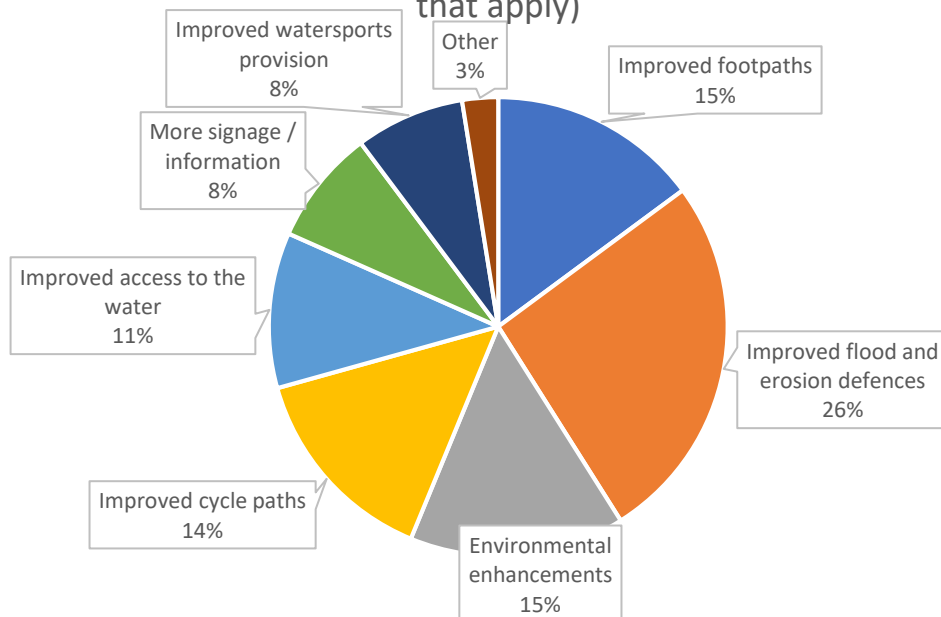
Question 9: If funding was unconstrained, what improvements would you like to see around the Hayling Island coast?

In total 948 answers were submitted in response to this question as more than one answer was able to be selected.

The most popular option that people would like to see around Hayling Island's coast if funding unconstrained is improved flood and erosion defences at 26%. This echo's many of the comments that were received as part of the survey and is unsurprising given that the Strategy is looking at flood and coastal erosion risk.

Improved footpaths and environmental enhancements came a joint second with 15% each. These also echo previous comments regarding access to the shore and protecting the natural environment.

If funding was unconstrained, what improvements would you like to see around the Hayling Island coast? (Please select all that apply)



Other included:

- 'Make HAYLING beach more appealing to visitors'
- 'The most important upgrade to the island is the need for a second road'
- 'If cycle paths are introduced anywhere they should not impact on the flow of vehicle access'
- 'start to support the relocation of properties for the benefits of the environment'
- 'Continues access for horse riders on the beach'
- 'Access for equestrians being maintained'
- 'Improved bridleways'
- 'Better access and provision for horse riders on the beach'
- 'Education / signage about horse riders on the beach'
- 'A stop on building of new houses on the island'
- 'More cafe / pub areas with a sea view, for all year round enjoyment'
- 'A second bridge. Until then plans that would work in the case of the bridge being "out of order"'
- 'Proper specific provision for overnight motorhome accommodation'
- 'Less coastal footpaths that erode dunes'
- 'Beach replenishment to include sand as in Spanish resorts'
- 'Improved access to unpolluted water should not be beyond reach'
- 'There are problems with sewage discharge especially after rain fall'
- 'Motorhome overnight facilities'
- 'Public beach, to mitigate trespass on private land'

Question 10: Do you have any further comments that you would like to make us aware of?

151 people submitted further comments and the responses were categorised into key themes. Many of the comments crossed more than one category but they were put in the category that best fit with

the majority of the response. For each of the key themes, a selection of comments has been selected to demonstrate the type of responses received. The full list of comments can be found in Appendix B.

Climate change, sea level rise and flood and erosion risk. 5 responses, including:

- ‘What sea level rise data is being used in the forthcoming study? It seems that latest polar temperature peaks and ice sheet melt and erosion rates may be higher than anticipated. The study may need to revise their inputs on levels. Also, storm surge estimations will need constant review.’
- ‘There are still some issues with ditches being blocked which adds to flooding.’

Defences and beach management. 43 responses, including:

- ‘Although unsightly there is a need for off shore defences. The boulders at sandy point appear successful.’
- ‘Haying is in danger of disappearing under the waves, it would be great to find creative solutions to preserve the shingle and salt marshes.’
- ‘Concerned that the wooden defences have been removed at West Beach. The water came towards Ferry Road as a result last winter. House feels vulnerable now.’

Stakeholder involvement and education. 11 responses were received relating to stakeholder involvement in the Strategy and education about the flood and erosion risks, including

- ‘I am concerned that residents don't understand the risks and seem to believe that building a concrete wall all around will solve the problem. Also people buying property on the island need to understand the flood risk and potential loss of the bridge in the future. I doubt whether a new bridge or much expenditure on it could ever be justified.’
- ‘Consider all groups who use the beach in your strategy- we all have a right to access and enjoy the coastline here.’
- ‘The team needs to listen to the views of local residents and people who visit the island regularly rather than councillors who seem to have no interest in the area they represent.’

Funding. 7 responses relating to funding of the Strategy and defences, including:

- ‘Noting the amount of housing planned for the island and that some of this might be at risk then under 278 or 106 the developers should be made to contribute’
- ‘Realising that finances are restricted means less work will be achieved is a huge concern.’

Environment, Heritage & Enhancement. 18 responses, including

- ‘Please save our island. It is already disappearing and needs urgent action to stop this now. The natural habitats will be destroyed and the legacy you will be leaving will be loss, destruction and devastation’
- ‘Please do not ruin what makes Hayling so special’
- ‘Water quality is one of the major issues effecting Hayling Island water sports users. Southern Water and the environment agency need to ensure there is sufficient testing of water quality to ensure the safety of water users in this location.’

Housing development, access and infrastructure. 19 responses, including:

- ‘Access should be open and encouraged over lots of different user groups, no one user group is more important.’

- 'A second road on to the island is not just a nice to have but it is a desperate need that should be acted on now. If a road was built from the West side of the island NW across Langstone Harbour to join the A27 it could be incorporated into sea defence work to protect the western and north western coast of the island. That side of the island has suffered damage in recent years with storm surge up the harbour and endangers not only properties, farm land but also much needed habitat for the major visiting bird life that the area is renowned for.'
- 'Ill informed uneducated decisions based on finance and housing'

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity - including Billy Trail. 23 responses, including:

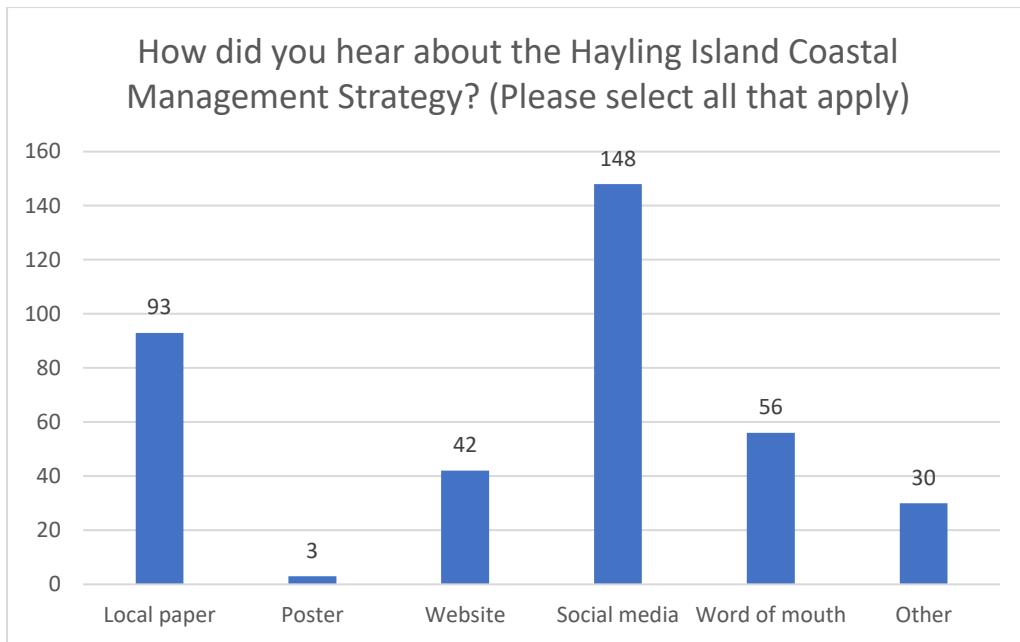
- 'I've been windsurfing at Hayling for 20+ years. It certainly feels like there is very little planning or interest in developing the main attractions to visiting: environment, sea front & associated ecology, water quality. We need more places to bring in tourism. Cafes and eating places along the main part of the beach. Better parking marked out. A cycle way and cycle hire'
- 'Hayling Island has a long tradition of equestrians enjoying the beach with their horses, this needs to be continued'
- 'As a resident and windsurf we I would like to see some sort of building to allow people to use west beach and access to the beach improvements'

Other. 22 responses relating to the Strategy, survey, positive comments and no further comments, including,

- 'Action is needed now. A plan in 2 years that will take even longer to implement is too late; much will have been lost and the plan/options out of date.'
- 'Please put some serious energy and funding into a proper strategy for this, not just maintenance.'
- 'This survey's timing is way too late. Should have been carried out way before the sea defences were destroyed at West Beach.'

Question 11: How did you hear about the Hayling Island Coastal Management Strategy?

A total of 372 answers were submitted as respondents were able select more than one answer. According to the results, most people heard about the Strategy via social media, but it is not specified whether this was Coastal Partners social media channels or others. Respondents also heard about the Strategy via the local paper which is likely the have been the article in the Hayling Herald that was previously mentioned earlier in the report.

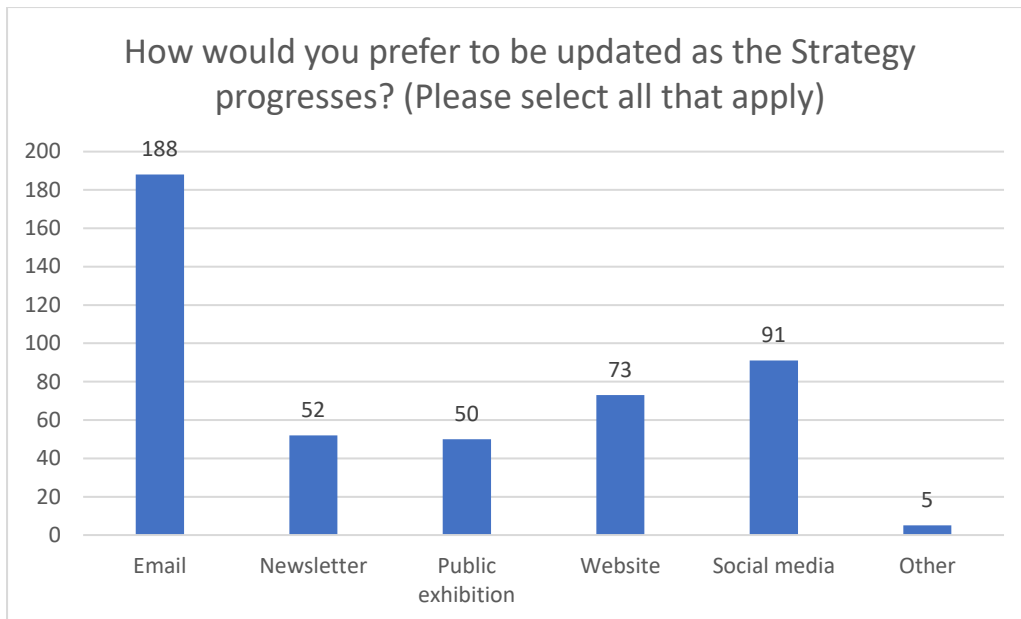


Other included:

- 'As a land owner Hayling Health Society (HHS) were contacted'
- 'Hayling Island Residents Association'
- 'Approached through Solent Outdoor Swimmers'
- 'Email'
- 'Havant Borough Council newsletter'
- 'Invitation from ESCP'
- 'Have been to several local HICMS meetings'

Question 12: How would you prefer to be updated as the Strategy progresses?

In total 459 answers were given to question 12 because some people selected more than one option. The most popular answer was email updates followed by social media. As part of the Strategy we plan to provide updates using all of these means to target as many people as possible. We will also look into other options such as updates in the local newspaper and progress/update stations in key community hubs as suggested in the 'other' comments.



Other included:

- 'Podcast'
- 'A progress/update station based in a public place such as library, community centre, church hall'
- 'Local newspaper - Hayling Herald'
- 'There is nothing good to hear'
- 'Not specified'

4 How will the Strategy use this information?

It is accepted that a questionnaire does not necessarily provide an exact representation of the thoughts of the entire community, especially when considering that not everyone has responded. However, the purpose of the questionnaire was to get a steer and provide the opportunity to all to respond. This then allows the project team to get a better understanding of public opinion and helps steer conversations with partners and stakeholders, leading to a better Strategy for all.

The project team will use the information gathered to understand where the key areas of focus need to be around the island, particularly from a flood and coastal erosion risk management perspective. Community concerns, aspirations, opportunities and other ideas will help inform and directly feed into the appraisal process at the next stage of the Strategy. Information gathered now will help us understand the community's objectives for different areas on Hayling and for the Island as a whole and where technically, economically, environmentally and socially sustainable they can be fed into the strategic management options for the future

Following the data gathering stage, we will start to develop and appraise strategic management approaches around the Island. At this stage, each strategic coastal management approach appraised will be assessed in relation to the community / stakeholder objectives, alongside a selection of other criteria, to help identify the best and most balanced approaches to take forward.

5 Next Steps

Engagement will continue throughout the Strategy production, with stakeholders providing a key information source. A key stakeholder group, made up of representatives from community groups and organisations, will meet in the lead up to key decision points to help steer the Strategy. They will work alongside the Steering group made up of professional partners and organisations with jurisdiction around Hayling Island. These groups enable discussions about concerns and/or opportunities, policy options and enhancements which, in turn, leads to more informed decision making.

The Strategy Stakeholder Group will meet again virtually in November / December 2020 for two workshops on opportunities and aspirations. Each meeting will focus on a different geographic area. One for the south coast of Hayling Island and one for the remaining harbour frontages. During this time the project team will also engage with landowners and coastal asset owners to highlight coastal risks and to understand their aspirations for the future in relation to their assets and coastal frontages.

Appendix A:



Appendix B

The comments below are those that were submitted as part of questionnaire's open text questions. They are copied word for word, in the order of submission, but any personal information has been redacted for data protection reasons.

Question 3.

My property at Meath Close was badly damaged by the 2014 Valentine's Day storm - lost the roof of my house to the wind and was displaced for 7 months. The waves were breaking over the prom at Eastoke leading to severe damage and flooding of the whole area.
The most significant damage occurred during the storms of 2019/2020. Never seen anything like that in 50 years!
Severe erosion on the Hayling Billy Trail. Repair work was temporary and a reoccurrence is inevitable without further action. Damage caused by the repair was not corrected. More details at http://www.cyclehayling.org.uk/billy-trail-reopens-but/
Northney Road annually floods with High tide, low pressure and storm surges - often coincides with rain running off fields and blocking roads for longer than tides. Has been on my doorstep in 2014 - flood protection measures installed after that.
My prolific use of West Beach has been affected by erosion. The demise of west beach is well documented
Garden at [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] Eastoke Avenue Hayling Island gets regularly flooded every year from Fishery Creek.
Loss of West beach access due to storm damage 2018/2019
We live on Southwood road [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] and the winter storms flooded the property in 2012
2018 erosion of west beach, golf club fence destroyed, loss of car parking close to west beach now reduces access for sport
The layout of the beach has been changed significantly. During one of the winters 2002 or 2003 (from memory) the groynes were being upgraded but over the weekend after the old ones were removed large volumes of material was just washed away.
Live in Northney, regular flooding so the village cannot be entered from either end. Also flooding by Langstone Quays Hotel. Storm drains not maintained. Sea walls on eastern side built in the war by the military are not being maintained.
We had people hire motorhomes from us that used to stay at the kite festival
Occasional flooding in Southwood Road when the sea breaches the existing defences between Creek Road and the Harbour entrance.
Unable to get home in Northney
Seafront flooding of grass and road. Water reached boundary wall due to overtopping in SW Gale.
West Beach eroded after removal of revetements
beach hut washed away and subsequently moved on west beach
Not in a designated flood-risk location, but water does cover some gardens on my street when high rainfall etc
14th February 2014, when I was returning home late at night from a visit to friends on the extreme south-eastern end of the island. I was caught in flash-flood water, all the street lights had gone out due to a power cut, and at a crossroads a Landrover crossed in front of me whilst I waited, stationary, and their bow-wave came up over the front of my car, over the windscreen and roof, causing the airbag system of the car to malfunction. The car was still driveable, but the alarms going off were a bit scary. I do not have any photos of this event.
Flooding on Southwood Road before latest improvements of sea defences

Disruption to travel when Langstone Bridge was flooded as a result of high winds and high tide.
We moved here in 2013 for the accessible public west beach & over the past 6 years we've seen dramatic increased in storm as well as 'normal' tidal surges so that our local valuable (for health & fitness of residents & visitors) Public Par 3 which is heavily used looks to be at risk from future flooding, public access to our southwest coastal path & beach has almost been lost, visitors' parking & beach hut users have lost established West Beach ground, & everyone values Inn on the Beach which provides a wonderful venue for all & its existence is threatened too. There is no other public beach like ours either on Hayling nor in the adjacent region.
Concern about high tides/wind/pressure creating incursions of sea water on to our site at the Kench, Ferry Road
Live on southwood road, at least once a winter we get flooded. Luckily never in our actual property
2014 flooding Eastoke area
Boyfriend lives down Bembridge Drive and his garage has been flooded a number of times due to the beach being overtopped at Eastoke.
Seasonal seawater flooding of Northney Road, see attached report for 8th November 2014. Also see report previously supplied at a meeting with ESCP for 3rd January 2014. These events typically occur most years since. Also, similar consequences observed by surface water flooding due to lack of maintenance of ditches and tidal flaps.
flooding on nearby roads and ,erosion of nearby coastal paths
I am a resident and a business owner. Properties in Creek road were affected many times in the 70's, 80's and 90's particularly
As a resident in Northney, there have been many times when we have been cut off by the road flooding at Northney road, and two hours later, by the junction of Copse lane and Gutner lane.
Flooding in Northney Road
Flooding in Northney Rd and Copse Lane
I live in Northney rd and have witnessed flooding from the sea and from land drainage blocking the rd for several hours
Overtopping of the road between the bridge Langstone Hotel and Northney road takes place three or four times per annum. This close the road for two or three hours either side of high tide. This road provides the only alternative to the Main road for emergency or other access to the south of Hayling Island
Flooding at the bridge , flood waters prevented traffic using safe egress from Island over bridge
Because of loss of breakwaters, etc. loss of car parking which is being taken over by the beach as it is receding.
PO11 [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED], sea regularly comes into the estate, blocking drains and floods area of the road and local garages
We own beach hut [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] which has been moved by HBC because of extensive erosion of West Beach
Flooding on the roads through Northney on various occasions
In the 1980s and 1990s, there was significant flooding, every winter, in the area between Selsmore, Eastoke and Sandy Point. In July 1984, much of south Hayling was flooded. I lived in Church Road and the road was flooded; the water rose to the level of air bricks on my house.
West Beach erosion since Havant Borough Council removed sea defences. This now necessitates the relocation of my beach hut
When the water tops the sea banks particularly at Northney Farm the sea water backs up the ditches and floods our garden. To date it has not flooded the house but does flood Gutner Lane at the junction with St Peter's Road causing major disruption.
Hayling Island Sailing Club continue to erode the dune that acts as a breakwater for the residents of Wittering Road

Our Beach Hut is being moved (B Block)
The sea wall is overtopped by sea water making the garden wet,when we have extream weather conditions
I have lived on Saltmarsh Lane since 1997 and watched the erosion including when the trail was closed bcause of the danger.
Treloar Road often floods when high tide or heavy rainfall
Flooding in residential roads & property
Damage to our concrete wall on North Shore Road which is on Langstone Harbour.
Erosion of West Beach and loss of leisure facilities plus carparking 2020
Although no issues so far, as i live on Sea Front and also own rental properties here and a beach hut so i am constantly aware of high tides and flooding
Erosion at west beach being accelerated by removal of sea defences. The degrading of a very popular watersports venue.
The beach has been taken over, car park shut etc! No need for photos just go and take a look at the beach!!
Southwood rd
We can't stay in our motorhome there and spend. Money locally like we used to
The car park has disappeared from West Beach
We get stranded at work as Northney floods ever spring tide
Seeing the beach get washed away
No but I know many who have. I can't understand why by chance I've just seen this (as you say) critical survey at the 11th hour (literally) and if you don't have significant representation from Islanders this survey is invalid. This survey at the very least should have flooded social media.
Walking the Billy Trail - parts are currently eroding
As a member of Hayling Island Sailing Club we have suffered additional fees and also loss of facilities as a result of sand build up caused by the lack of an coherent coastal protection policy
Flooding Creek Road. Bend near Meath Close and Havant Road from Esso garage to Westcroft. No personal damage but access issues.
My son ruined a car driving thru flooding in Northney a few years ago.
Unable to get down southwood road due to a floated road
Northney road regularly floods. Sometimes impassible. Coastal path at the end of fields in church lane significantly damaged due to coastal erosion. Now virtually impossible to walk along
Creek road and Southwood Road used to flood very badly
West beach parking and beach huts
Area between Inn on the Beach and the Hayling Golf Club. Removal of see defences a few years ago and the rest just recently has already been demonstated to have been a negative decision as a large part of the car park and annual event area has been lost.This has affected tourism, has cause the loss of a valuable leisure facility for Motor Home Users and the general public wishing to walk the sandy beach to the west of this point. Eventually it looks like the 9 hole GC will be affected if no action taken.
Sea came in higher than normal and caused damage
Less parking space on the beach causing cars to park on roads and double yellows causing huge obstructions and cluttering up small roads making road accidents more likely.
Flooding in nearby streets
High tide/sea flooding on beach reserve in front of Bound lane
Extreme weather combine with high tides often see a breach of existing flood defences in the central seafront region.

Our 'A' block beach hut, emergency removal, winter 2018/19, with no planning, due to storm damage and sea level rise West Beach and a chaotic approach by HBC. In almost 50 years of residency, weathering of many road floods, difficulties of getting around, even across bridge and along Seafront Road.

Beach lands is under threat during winter 2019

Have not lived here that long to have any history of my own, but i do know areas in Hayling have a higher risk than others of flooding. Climate change has made this more concerning.

Loss of access to West Beach in the winter due to flooding. Loss of the beach huts that have been moved and also the ones that will be moved due to the removal of the sea defence, which will cause more flooding.

1). Multiple times we are unable to get through Northney Road between the bridge and the Langstone Hotel due to sea flooding, worse since the bank has been cut by Norse. 2) Multiple times on Northney Road, due to rain water running off the fields, by houses No 10-14. 3) Multiple times on Copse Lane, by 'The Meadows' due to rain water running off the fields. I have been sent videos of these I'm unable to load due to size, happy to email them to you if you provide an id.

Question 7.

The issues above would affect my quality of life and the environment I live in
Road to Northney Hotel often floods
As a dog walker and kite surfer I see the risk of flood and loss of land on a daily basis. Most of this is due to a lack of investment painting the existing flood defences built by previous generations.
Access on to the beach around Sandy Point is very limited beyond the promenade so I would suggest another opening be made in the rock revetment. I feel that there should be a more permanent solution for Eastoke instead of hoping the shingle stays in place long enough each winter. The West Beach defences don't seem to have been very well thought-out with the groynes being left behind to the damaged in future storms. The groynes should have been extended landwards to stop the sea from washing around the back. This section of the beach is the most popular for water sports and holidaymakers but the erosion is now threatening all car parking and recreation facilities.
Risk to housing and life
These properties have been and still are loved and used by hundreds of people primarily for leisure and recreation.
Erosion will lead to loss of habitat and space then in time flooding risk to residential properties. There is only 1 road on/off so it cannot be list.
The Billy Trail offers the only current, realistic possibility of a safe cycle route on and off the island. While it is threatened with further erosion, the councils have an easy excuse for ignoring its severe deterioration. As a resident, access on and off the Island is clearly important to me.
As a member of the Friends of Langstone Harbour we are keen to maintain access to the harbour for all. Our principal activity, apart from enjoyment, is keeping the coast clear of litter, and of vegetation management.
As a northney resident flooding impacts on access to my property and the integrity of the property itself. The Billy trail ought to be upgraded with tarmac and drainage as it has the potential to be a major peice of multifunctional infrastructure - flood resillience, transport (commuting, leisure and emergency vehicles) route for all cyclists, pedestrian even E scooters, engaging with nature (green infrastructure, utilities route, positive for health and wellbeing and bringing economic activity to the island. .
Island Access is more impnortant than anything else with no access we have no economy, no emergency vehicles, people cant get to work and many other (ask if you need an essay). Erosion at West Beach affects tourism income to the island. Northney access is required in case the A3023 is severed for any reason. Northney Lane and A3023 are likely to be severed simultaneously by the same tidal events. Billy Trail is potentially a additional cycle route off/on the island. Ferry Road is also just 1m about MHW and provides transport to portsmouth. Undermining of the Inn on the Beach which has a known groyne action when this gets removed the whole ofHayling Seafront will reshape causing significant change (source ESCP 2020) Possible threats to housing at WEst Beach - the sea has reached the ferry road three times in the last winter!
Billy Trail is a useful cycle trail, flooding at Eastoke is where I live, access because I need to get on and off of Hayling for work etc
We live a few hundred yards from the golf course at West Beach, we have seen the erosion so far and the removal of the beach huts, if it erodes another few hundred yards our property could be in danger.
Traffic is a nightmare with only 1 rd on & off.Wasting resources moving g shingle around put in long term struxtures
Because there is more and more building of homes and the infrastructure eg Health Centre is groaning already!
They all contribute to a lack of existing facilities and quality of island life
We would love the island to continue to be a lovely place for time to come

Because I run round the island and Billy Trail.
Should the Billy Trail and West beach disappear due to natural sea erosion there would be a great loss of important environmental habitats and Sandy Pont nature has to be protected. Flood risk at Eastoke generally will affect housing and has the potential to make Eastoke an island due to the very narrow swage of land NE of Creek Road area Flooding at Northney virtually cuts off the village of Northney and with only one access road on/off the Island limits traffic flow.
The storm of 2019 dramatically changed the sand bank and beach shape, there is only so many pebbles that can be moved from west end to east before the structure of west is further damaged, managed retreat is an option by maintaining the structure so other areas aren't impacted, therefore the golf course is not essential but housing behind is, flooding by hayling bridge must be managed but keeping the salt marsh is essential to the diversity so some fields should be used as flood meadow where the water on the road can flow
Hayling Island was unique in being called in the guide book 'where the countryside meets the sea'. This has been challenged because the council has allowed ugly developments to be built in view of the sea and harbours. They also intend to cram thousands more homes on the island which will turn it into an urban area without the services available in an urban area. Allowing ugly housing estates to be built on vital farming land only benefits the profiteering builders. The drainage system already cannot cope - every time it rains Southern Water lets sewage out into both harbours which can often be seen floating right across the on water surface. Southern water should be re-nationalised and run for the public not its CEOs and shareholders. The Havant Council should hang its head in shame and step down for not repairing the revetments at West Beach. Instead they have ripped them down and lost some of the beach area and parking. Have they not seen how overflowing the car parks are in summer! They also want to build on Creek Road car park and put an ugly 'pyramid' style entertainment centre on the green area by the fun fair (which they also want to build on). The Council are actively reducing the area of Hayling Island by building on green fields and car parks as well as letting some of it fall into the sea. s to be built
West beach with removal of defences will lose car park, possibly par 3 golf course and access to beach
With bad beach management the Erosion of west beach could get worse with the loss of environmental habitats. Protecting one part of HAYLING island has already had a big impact on west beach what was once a sandy beach is now full of shingle pumping ton of shingle on one part of HAYLING for a short term fix is not only an ongoing expense but not a long term solution.
Protection of the Island is important if this can be done whilst keeping access as it is or improving it that would be good
I would like to see habitats for the birds, insects and other wild life on Hayling preserved/enhanced. Further building of new homes will provide too much pressure on the island infrastructure. There are too many cars on the Island.
Eastoke densely populated, and whole peninsular vulnerable to break through at narrows. Northney , see above and where I live Billy line, important path for all islanders and even more so in view of single over congested main road
Without our beaches and car parks we will lose our tourists who bring in extra Revenues
A lot of people enjoy living and visiting the Island and a lot of money has been invested by business and home owners to maintain their properties on the island. It is not only a beautiful place to live but has some fantastic environmental habitats that are very important locally and of significant economic importance to the area as a whole.
I believe it is important to protect the natural environment for both people and wildlife and to try and live in harmony with it.
I live in Langstone and am a regular visitor to the island
We have a beach hut there!

Just makes it a nice place to live. I'm not sure that Eastoke should have been defended as the development there has been piecemeal, unplanned and generally unattractive, was it worth saving? How much more will it cost going forward?
They all effect the very nature and specific uniqueness of Hayling.
They all effect Hayling as a place to live and work
Danger to property and loss of amenities
Because they are heavily used amenities and little is being done to protect them
Access on and off the island is becoming more difficult daily. This is not only during the hot weather/holiday season. It is impossible to judge what time to leave home to get somewhere as the road conditions change by the hour. Sometimes there is no hold up so one is impossibly early for an appointment, other times the traffic is nose to tail for no apparent reason. Coming on to the island is just as bad with people jamming the roundabout, which has got significantly worse since the installation of the traffic lights and so called 'road management'. More building on the island will only make matters worse and bikes on the main road are a major problem as some people are afraid to overtake therefore causing further difficulties.
Hayling Island is a 'natural' environment which also 'naturally' reacts to the local climate. However there is a need to defend some areas of the Island to prevent loss of habitat and potentially increased flood risk notably on parts of the Billy Trail and at West Beach. Coastal erosion will lead to higher footfall in a reduced area and with planned development on the Island will undoubtedly result in loss of both habitat areas, potentially some SSSI's and also reduce opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the the remaining unspoilt areas.
I live close to the billy trail, I work off the island and we have no hospital on the island therefore require reliable access on and off
Access on and off island affects us all. Eastoke is nearest major flood-risk area to me, although parts of Salterns Lane are of immediate concern. Beach management activities seem to attract a lot of criticism, and it does seem to money wasted on it annually (wasted because it repeatedly needs doing again) - why not invest in longer term solutions.
These most affect me. I enjoy using the Billy trail for walks and cycling, I enjoy all the wildlife in the harbours, visible from Hayling Island, I enjoy swimming in the sea off the beaches, and I travel on and off the island daily for work.
Significant impact on Island life
We own the golf club land, along with the beachfront that runs alongside the length of the golf course at west beach and Sinah Lake. Due to the current 'manage and retreat' policy of Havant Borough Council in our location we have experienced a significant loss of beach material, compounded by the removal of various groyne, which has resulted in an increased frequency of flooding onto the golf course and removal of beach material making the beach hazardous to walk on, as a direct result. The golf club has over 900 x members, the majority of which are local residence, with a turnover around £2m annually. In addition, we permit the public to access the beachfront that runs parallel to the course for the leisure purposes (walking, dog-walking, horse-riding, watersports, sailing etc). 'CBK' (kitesurfing club) use our section of beach to offer watersports to their membership base (around 500). 'Hayling Ferry Sailing Club' also use out section of beach to offer sailing facilities to their membership base. All of the above activities drive a very significant amount of revenue onto Hayling Island every year, along with offering a beachfront to the 16K+ residences of Hayling Island. If the current rate of erosion continues we will lose the golf course, beachfront and all the activities that currently take place on it, along with all the revenue it generates for the local area.
I live 200 mtrs from Billy Trail, I am a keen golfer playing on a prestigious nationally recognised golf course.
To maintain our visitor numbers and to keep properties safe.

They are all integral to Hayling Island. If erosion continues without action the whole island will change drastically. If Northney is not protected the bridge will flood (at times it floods at each end already) and would block the only way on and off the island. Billy Trail southwards already being worn away - needs good management particularly up by Oyster Beds etc.

Hayling Island is a unique habitat and eco system to many native species and migratory birds. It provides unique opportunities for residents and visitors to participate in many leisure activities both water and land based. I have for many years been the run director for the annual charity Hayling Billy 5 trail race and am concerned that unless the Leisure trail is maintained then this charity race will have to cease. In addition the leisure trail is a popular recreational route for cyclists, walkers, bird watchers, runners and visitors.

I love walking down the Billy Track, for which I need to cross from the mainland by road. It would be awful to lose all that coastline and wildlife habitat.

Marine and coastal habitats provide multiple benefits to people and wildlife such as natural coastal defence, carbon storage and sequestration, fish nursery areas, wildlife refuges, recreation, amenity, wellbeing, tourism, etc. We need to protect, restore habitats and create new habitats to ensure resilience, and tackle challenging issues such as climate change and biodiversity loss.

Those valuing what I ticked earlier will move away or not move onto Hayling as flood risk, over-development erode: Hayling's mainland access for emergency & daily needs; our 'lungs' aka fields & wilder areas along the fringes; walkers' abilities to enjoy coastal paths/routes as they disappear; wildlife nesting lost to floods & development. Why is Hayling targetted both as 'let go' & at the same time ripe for housing development depriving us of even what fields we've left yet at the same time making traffic movement & cycling ridiculously limited?

They are what makes Hayling attractive to all

As the history shows in storeymap, defences have only temporarily (at best) improved protection leading to a cycle of build-fail-rebuild and associated short sighted development behind. The same applies to beach management. Now is the time to change direction for a long term sustainable island that will disappear in a century or two, and start by designating the island as a coastal change management area.

As West Beach is eroding other water users are going into the bathing zone - should Hayling beach be zoned differently to respect all water use needs? As swimmers observe marine life around the buoy areas, can beach-goers be educated better to respect the environment, less likely to leave trash on beaches etc.

We are concerned that houses may become flooded and this will cause damage.

I enjoy using the beach and don't want to lose it

It is a lovely place to be able to enjoy would be a shame to lose it

Hayling foreshore is a unique asset and should be cherished.

Access on and off the beach is important for everyone who enjoys visiting (both residents and tourists), in particular it's important that horse riders have easy access for the safety of themselves and those around them. The roads to access Hayling Island also need to be managed properly to ensure it is safe for horse lorry's, boat trailers, and everyday cars to use.

Flooding and coastal erosion causes problems for residents, wildlife and visitors alike . We must preserve the coastline for all of these groups to use, reside and enjoy.

Being able to ride our horses on the beach is vital to us

I think access is important

to ensure visitors can access the island and enjoy it

It's a beautiful shoreline and needs maintaining for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Already too much build up in the local area with loss of natural habitats

To drive down and ride

The west beach is a heavily used area for a lot of people and it would be a shame to lose its valuable area. Getting onto the beach from there is also an area used by many so its important that's its accessible by all. I also wouldn't want to see any habitat destroyed in the process.
I live on the front near Eastoke, the existing defence mechanism IMHO is only effective for a short duration during storms, then it becomes counter productive once the waves flatten the shingle to the level of the sea wall, then it usus this as a ramp to cascade over the walls
Much of the island has homes and businesses so surely we need to be protecting all of it.
Reduced risk to property and access for emergency vehicles along with reducing planning constraints.
There are not many beaches allowing horse access
Billy Trail walking/cycling and West Beach swimming are perfect leisure activities. Good for locals and tourists. Access on and off Hayling is already a major problem for locals and tourists. When road closes it creates chaos.
These are the areas I use and where I have seen the effect of coastal erosion. I believe that it is important to act now to improve the sea defences and prevent further loss of the coastline and reduce the risk of flooding.
Don't want to see habitats lost
There are limited places near London to ride on a beach. Most riders are respectful and only ride in the permitted times. This is spoiled by a handful who are non compliant. Also during Covid there were considerably more walkers on the beach that were unaware / ignored the times horse riders were permitted. It's important to share our natural resources for everyone
I do not know the details, but any erosion that affects the environment is important to be controlled as best as possible. Beach management so that it remains available to ALL current users is essential.
If the Havant Road is blocked (e.g. water main rupture June 2018) and Northney Road floods and is impassable (e.g. most winters) there is no alternative for the whole of the Island to access essential services on the mainland i.e. hospitals, rail & road network and is a further burden to Hayling business operations. When Northney Road floods the water also affects adjoining areas and can affect properties (I believe one house was affected around 1980). Hayling businesses rely on tourism and is well known asa beach resort. Allowing West beach and Billy Trail to erode and reduce in size will compromise the limited assets that Hayling has to offer, reduce visitor numbers and result in loss of revenue.
Access to leave and return to my home
Because I believe we need to protect habitats to maintain important biodiversity.
The erosion along the billy line causing issues with safety and making commuting by bicycle almost impossible due to flooding in many areas
We need to protect the isand
I've grown up using West Beachlands and now use it almost daily - I find it to be the most unspoilt, beautiful beach in the island with wonderful sandbanks. Although a resident of the island, myself and my family work elsewhere and need clear, reliable access to the M27 daily.
I use west beach and billy trail to ride my horses. I also live in eaststoke and worry about my property
being a surfer on Hayling I have seen good years and bad years of coastal erosion . I feel there could be better sea defences on haylings west and east ends. the rock groin improvements a few years ago at sandy point catch less shingle than the old ones. a waist of time and money!
Erosion will only result in further erosion, with the current population on Hayling living and commuting will only get worse. We need to not only protect what we have but expand to reclaim what we have lost.
There should nor be flood risks in the island. The beach and the billy are what make Hayling special. The billy is in constant use.

<p>We go to Haying at least once a week throughout the year. We visit mainly for walking along the shore, but also to swim. We use the local shops in Mengham frequently when we visit. We occasionally walk or cycle along the Hayling Billy Trail.</p>
<p>Concerns that rising sea levels will reduce the feeding and roosting areas available to the birds. Potential additional recreational pressure on the birds due to loss of access to the water due to car park closures. There is anecdotal evidence that more people are now using Blackpoint (a roost of great significance) to windsurf due to car park closures.</p>
<p>The above all impact on the very uniqueness of our island. It is vital it is protected, as it has been in the past, for future generations.</p>
<p>Coastal erosion and flood risk greatly diminish our quality of life, reference the activities I selected as important to me. Access on/off the island is of course the existential threat to all islanders although I had understood the risk was mitigated by the sheet-piling completed some years ago on the sea wall of the small car park opposite the Northney petrol station.</p>
<p>We live here, walk our dog twice daily & drive on & off the Island on a regular basis. We enjoy the wildlife ,habitat, natural open spaces own a small boat for fishing and pleasure and regularly use pubs and restaurants with sea views.</p>
<p>Because I live here and work here. I need access. Northney Road is now often flooded on high tides - raising the bank from the bridge to the hotel would make a huge difference - and also provide better safety for walkers/staff getting to the hotel.</p>
<p>Access south side of the bridge through Northney is not possible at certain tides in winter, erosion of the Billy trail will put more bikes on the overcrowded roads.</p>
<p>Specifically flooding of Northney Road effects journeys from our house. Flooding of the road has occurred since we moved here in 1986 and still it floods.</p>
<p>ALL FLOOD & EROSION RISK IS IMPORTANT. THE ONES I HAVE LISTED ARE THE EASIEST TO PREVENT</p>
<p>As explained above, closure of the road through Northney prohibits the access for emergency vehicles whenever the main road is closed.</p>
<p>Living in Northney, I am concerned about 1) current flooding endangering access along Northney Road during high tides and after heavy rainfall, 2) future flood risks in Northney when the eastern sea defences are breached, (which seems likely in the near future), 3) damage to the Hayling Billy trail, which I use for walking and cycling</p>
<p>We see much money spent on studies and consultants on long term protection but precious little on flood defences. The only exception was the superb activity to place the rocks to protect Eaststoke peninsular. The rocks have stayed firm and done their job .. unlike the gravel and spraying silt from the barge which only last till the next high tide/storm. But we see no lessons learnt and implemented to provide long term protection for the above key sites and issues</p>
<p>Because I spend a lot of time at the beach and so do my friends and family and the way west beach has disappeared is frightening</p>
<p>Hayling is a community by the sea , but also a vital leisure resource for the south .</p>
<p>Hayling is a wonderful place to live so the loss of any of the coastline would only spoil the Island for residents and visitors alike. A lot of businesses rely on visitors to keep them going and if the visitors stop coming due to the loss of beaches, leisure facilities or natural areas it will affect the prosperity of the whole community. The hotels, cafes, takeaways, holiday parks etc support the jobs of many in the service industry and site / building maintenance supports many local trades. The possible loss of any jobs would affect the wider economy.</p>
<p>"Beach Management" is a euphemism for "let go"</p>
<p>I live in Copse Lane . This is the main access onto the Island when the main road is blocked (increasingly frequently).Recently the hedge which stabilised the bank from the public footpath northwards to Yacht haven has been removed . If sea ingress is permitted at this point the ingress of sea water would flood my property , inundate Copse Lane and also threaten the main road</p>

which is approximately level with us.. The eastern sea defences also need strengthening along the east coast of the Island.
Destroying the natural beauty of Hayling Island.
They all effect the island and its existance
This are all areas I use and important for the future of the island so residents can continue to use them
Currently HBC are inept at protecting west beach, no idea about sea defences, completely unaware of what is happening, only interested in a so called master plan that is never going to work or happen
Access - speaks for itself surely. There's only one road on/off Hayling,it's lifeline. All/any erosion reduces the island's size and ability to continue existing.
I live in a property on Sea Front Road, that is only about 500 metres from West Beach and there is no significant barrier between my property and the beach should the sea encroach further. There are numerous properties in the area at risk.
Hayling is unique and rural and would be good to keep it that way.
As a resident of Northney the risk to properties and access is of great concern. The lack of a safe footpath between the bridge and Langstone hotel, together with effective sea defences, makes walking so dangerous and I have had several 'near misses'. As a keen cyclist the Hayling Billy should be the ideal way to avoid traffic on the small winding roads but it's rough surface makes it inappropriate for road bikes and does not provide a viable alternative to the car for getting around the island and its shops. If the erosion is not halted this environmentally friendly alternative to the busy roads will disappear altogether.
Think it quite obvious from the answers given. They are all things that appeal to us when living on the Island
All authorities are in denial about the deficit of material caused by commercial dredging.the saltmarsh main stabilising plant(hybrid spartina) is in decline what is being done to hybridise it again
I live on Hayling and spend much of my leisure time here.
I have noticed we have fewer waders along the east Hayling shore, especially curlews which are endangered iconic marshland bird
They all form an intrinsic part of life on the island. It is so important that we improve and maintain all coastal amenities and attractions not only from a financial viewpoint, re. tourism, but also from an islanders perspective, personal, mental well being. By saying this I mean all these benefits are so important to uphold and maintain and go hand in hand with why we choose to live here.
Our nearest beach for our grandchildren to enjoy and us to walk and visit restaurants
Many houses and businesses at huge risk
Hayling is unique to the Borough of Havant. It's the only tourist draw in the havant area which makes money for the council. The hayling billy trail is being used by ever increasing numbers of cyclists snd walkers. The west beach is a haven for water sports and the golf club is recognised both nationally and internationally.
Basic nimbyism would like to preserve what we have and ensure that emergency services can reach me
Relocation of my beach hut. Possible inundation of the SSSI adjacent to West Beach
Maintaining the unique coastline and facilities on Hayling Island in its natural state whilst also protecting homes and property particularly with the new developments on the island.
I live on Sea Front Road directly opposite the par 3 Public Golf Course. In choosing the location for my retirement home I was mindful of close proximity of the beach, golf courses and the associated SSSI habitat which provides a haven for birds, flora and fauna and the opportunity to exercise. When purchasing my property due diligence searches put the Flood Risk in Zone 1 with less than 1 in 1000 annual risk of flooding. It should be noted that I estimate that the damp course

of [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] to be 4.6 metres above mean sea level with the services such as electrical equipment and pumps below this level. In January 2020 the sea level was 3.3 metres above this datum with an additional 4 metres wave height

I live approximately 400 yards from the sea at West Beach and the lack of an active sea defence strategy, eg not replacing groynes, which I believe were effective against sea incursion, is a concern to residents. The current approach, which I understand to be a 'wait and see what happens' plan, is I believe largely or completely driven by economic imperative, and not really a strategy.

For the general environment

Currently these issues are being ignored by the government. West beach has been allowed to erode to a frightening extent and local concerns have fallen on deaf ears. It will take years to implement any strategy / measures necessary to stop further erosion by which point there will be no means by which to fix the damage which has already been done.

I live towards Sandy Point and I can see regular flooding at Eastoke with my own eyes.

Local businesses make the local economy which make the local community

They are all important in different ways. We need visitors to the Island to help the local economy. We need to maintain the unspoilt areas of the Island to protect local wildlife & increase biodiversity. We need to help prevent flooding to preserve already existing buildings & the degradation of West Beach.

The constant erosion of the sand dunes is worrying. The birds nesting, creature habitats, loss of grasses that stabilise the dunes. Loss of protection from flooding.

The beach huts have been located in their current location for many years, from my knowledge way prior to 1946 when I first visited. Problems as a result of flooding have arisen as a result of the failure to maintain the sea defences (revetments), said to be for lack of funds. The strategy needs to learn from mistakes through lack of funding and set down a budget for the maintenance of the sea defences and car parking, maintain the budget and employ competent Contractors to carry out repairs as if the current situation continues, the whole of the West Beach will be lost to the elements

[PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] Marinas on Hayling Island. In addition to protecting the welfare of our customers and tenants in relation to flood risk and climate change, we are also keen to see any development that promotes the sustainable use of the coastal environment for all. A proportion of our customers come onto Hayling Island to visit our marinas, and so this is also important to our business. We also promote sustainable development that seeks to protect the environmental habitats that exist around the Island.

I am concerned that the Billy trail provides a bit of an embankment protecting low lying areas of the island behind it. Should this be breached significant areas of farmland are at risk.

Hayling Island has one of the few stretches of shoreline in Hampshire that are accessible to ridden and driven horses, and the ability to exercise their horses at Hayling Beach is highly valued, both by local equestrians and those from further afield. There are many health benefits of riding on a sandy beach for both horse and rider. Long sandy stretches are good for building up fitness levels and often the sand can encourage muscle tone and strength. It can provide outstanding views of the sea and is a refreshing way to see areas of beauty. Any changes in shoreline management that affects access to the beach (and indeed elsewhere on the Island) for horses would be of great concern to equestrians. The BHS supports responsible use of beaches by equestrians (see the Society's advice at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/planning-a-ride/riding-on-beaches>) and is working closely with Havant Borough Council to promote responsible, considerate and lawful use of Hayling Beach by all.

The ever changing coastline which is having a dramatic effect on HISC and its facilities and ability to operate successfully due to sand build up in the channel. Erosion of our causeway is also of concern.. I am also a resident of Eastoke

Flooding of property and devaluation of property
I have been living or holidaying on the island for 68 years it needs saving.
With the whole Western area of HI there seems to be little concern about erosion from the people who can make a difference.
There does not seem to be any evidence of rising sea levels so doing nothing may be the best approach.
I commute daily and i own a house at Sandy Point
Where we live and travel via on/off the island.
Safety of homes and people. Protection of income from tourism. Protection of wildlife habitats, especially birds.
I
More and more pollution is created by vehicles having to queue getting on and of the island. Possibly poor traffic management Worried we are losing cycling / walking paths due to the erosion when we should have access to more replenishment of the beach seems a short sighted view on the problem and makes the beach less attractive
The natural habitat needs conserving also ANOB areas should be preserved
Need to halt erosion now or we are in danger of loosing wildlife habitat
Access has become more difficult over the years along with the erosion of the islands coast
As a resident and being close to the West Beach sea front i am keen to ensure there is no further erosion here or elsewhere on the Island.
Hayling Island is relatively undeveloped compared to other seaside resorts, it has beautiful beaches with wild natural areas close by, and should be protected to preserve these.
I'm most worried about why policy makers are not trying to mitigate emissions now to prevent the worst predictions of sea level rise.
the reduced parking for watersports enthusiasts at west beach. No value seems to be put on this top notch venue.
it will lead to a loss of bio and geo diversity on the island if there is no immediate intervention
The beach is only a few minutes walk away and I very much value access for walking, swimming and wonderful views of the sea in all weathers. It is why we moved here in the first place. It would be very sad to see this exceptional coast line eroded and unusable for residents and visitors alike. On a personal level it would be devastating to have our house flooded.
Sea defence taken away from West Beach is a retrograde step. Billy Trail is virtually unwalkable at times. We have only one road on and one road off, the A3023 which cannot cope with the present volume of traffic. The plan to build nearly 200 new dwellings in Sinah Lane would only exacerbate the problem and should not be approved.
Because it's destroying the island!
Flooding from beach erosion at West Beach. The loss of the SSSI and wildlife habitats at West Beach.
Maintain the environment for future generations
West beach erosion worries me as it shows that the council seem to forget that the sea defences were needed 50 years go but don't think they are needed now !!!
I regularly use West beach car park for water sports.
It is difficult to overestimate how critical the proper management of the island is to all.
Important for well being, adding social value and decreasing obesity and depression
Because it's the most beautiful coastline in the south with a hive of activity
These are the areas where I see the greatest impact of coastal erosion.

Environmental habitats need to be maintained to keep a balance. No Billy trail to walk along. No West beach and soon no golf club. A permanent solution to flooding required, not shifting pebbles up and down.
We are losing the beaches which are just going to cause more flooding on the island
To keep a beautiful island safe from flooding
Overcrowding of people, difficult to commute. Loss of beautiful coastline today
I have lived on Hayling for 50 years and watched the steady erosion of the shorelines. Having also visited many other areas along the South Coast, Hayling appears to be the only place without a firm strategy to stop erosion. All the places I could mention have put in place sea defenses but for some reason our Council has chosen to remove them resulting in significant loss of existing beach. It has been called a managed retreat but it appears to everyone in our area a complete abrogation of responsibility by the Council.
It will ruin the Billy trail and West Beach area
We want what's left of the island to remain above water
Live very close to West Beach
Having been regularly caravanning at Hayling for over 50 years I love the island as it is and also thinking about retiring here but have concerns on what the future holds regarding rising sea levels.
Keen windsurfer, concerned over loss of facility
I am hoping that we can come to an arrangement with HBC overnight parking on West Beach
Because the Island is disappearing
Any erosion of the natural infrastructure and beauty of the Island should be a concern for everyone when it is technically possible to avoid it
Needs to be kept as wild as possible
Hayling needs natural open space and access without flooding
All of these issues are important as habitat loss affects the local wildlife, flooding in any area is expensive for all involved. Access on and off the island is shocking most weekends and sunny days, we don't need anything to affect this.
The island needs to be looked at as a whole entity not just as fragmented parts, to address the issue of flooding and erosion both to natural and man made environments
It is what makes living on Hayling, all are fantastic benefits to both residents and visitors.
Environmental and leisure activities are the main reasons I use Hayling. It is thankfully not over commercialised like many areas around the local and wider UK coast line.
Loss of habitat, SSSI sites, coastal erosion
If the risk of erosion and coastal flood are not managed then people will lose their homes and the tourists will cease to visit. In a nutshell Hayling Island will cease to exist in the near future as it will be under water.
Because our lovely island needs protecting from flooding
The erosion of the coast line and the lack of permanent sea defence is of utter importance.
West Beach, Billy Trail and Golf course are very important assets.
We come on a regular basis in our motorhome but parking has been greatly reduced as has access to the beach.
Affects quality of leisure amenity and environment
All areas important for general life and wellbeing
To maintain access to main areas of habitation being key parts of the island
Our home is on Hayling I don't want to move. But I will if you do nothing about it
Loss of heritage

Keeping the beaches maintained so that more people will use them, bringing increased income to the island.
Northney road is access for many residents. The billy trail is heavily used for recreation. Cyclists and walkers. This is the only access off and onto the island for these activities which is really safe as the A3023 is so busy now. This is more important than ever with the local plan bukilding proposals and can provide a safe alternative to car travel to ease congestion
AS we walk around the island there is evidence of erosion all the time. Parts of the billy trail are already falling into the harbour and soon it will be neither a walking or cycle path. The area near to the ESSO garage is particularly vulnerable as it is only a short distance from the sea shore to the main road on and off the island so surely this part of the coast must be secured. West beach by the golf course is already eroding and beach access is hazardous and parking limited. How long before the sea reaches the road! There is still only one way on and off the island by a single lane bridge that is already over the capacity it was built for. What happens if sea rises damage the bridge.?In view of all the the previous comments the extra new building already planned for Hayling needs to be stopped until there is a coastal management strategy and implementation date.
I understand the need to allow it to do what it needs to do but I don't want to lose some of land which is used so much
Need access to home location
Destroying a beautiful place to swim and paddle board, particularly for young children in the safety of the sandbar at low tide.
It's not gonna come back
I have already explained about the west beach area. I know that over the last few years you have carried out studies of the beach profile which the folks doing the work explained to me was to enable you to understand how the wind and tides would affect this area so a suitable strategy could be developed. Now experience has shown that a strategy of removal of sea defenses clearly has not worked. I have written on this subject to the Havant Council but the answers received have been from people who seem to know nothing and don't give real answers. I am an engineer myself specializing in land and water. I am sure that you as engineers specializing in coastal defense musty have some proper explanations of why there has been lack of action on West Beach.
The Island is already overloaded with houses, putting excess strain on services and roads. Equally, on the environment, in all of its aspects. Whether we like it or not, more housing is going to come, and of course, more overloading. All of the above listed concerns we become totally swamped, and of no benefit to anyone.
This is a beautiful island which should be protected from the sea
The area at West beach is eroding rapidly with a loss of habitat and soon properties will be at risk. We only have 1 road on/off the island and it needs to be maintained.
The whole of the island is at risk. Being a resident ALL areas are of great significance. Do we ignore coastal flooding? So the Island sinks? Many people live here and we should ALL be protected. This is a beautiful place.
I'm a windsurfer and an environmentalist
Concerned that erosion will lead to loss of land mass and lead to loss of natural habitats
We live on the Seafront and witness the overtopping, more shingle should be left at beachlands
I am worried that The Billy Trail is under threat, it appears to me (as a layman) that it is teetering on the edge of serious damage from the sea and various points. Mature trees are being undermined, fields situated between the sea and the trail are shrinking each year. Given the lack of money available to rectify issues elsewhere on the coast, I am worried that once a weather event severely damages a section of the trail it could be lost forever. West Beach is another concern. After removal of the remaining damaged sea defences next to the Inn on The Beach, we

are going to see a rapid and major change in the shape of the beach this winter, potentially putting the building under threat, as well as the golf courses. The loss of usable parking space has already been seen. Events such as the Kitesurf Armada and Watersports Festival are held here.
The natural environment needs protecting for the diverse wildlife.
Loss of public amenities and private assets
Loss of these things will reduce Hayling's attractions and amenities.
I would often go for a ride on hayling Island down the Billy Trail, enjoying the views and wildlife that I come across.
West Beach and the Billy trail are the 2 most popular areas for residents and visitors alike. If they are allowed to erode away, quite simply the 2 most beautiful and widely accessed recreational areas of hayling, renown on the south coast, will have disappeared and everyone will be heartbroken and very sad.
Fed up of seeing sewage deposits around former N.Hayling Holt on the Billy Trail.
Erosion at West Beach has resulted in the loss of beach huts and parking. It would seem that winter storms will destroy the beach unless urgent action is taken. Access on and off the island is only just viable and any damage to the bridge would result in the island being cut off.
We want to be able to still enjoy the island safely as it is
Over the last few years Hayling has been rapidly losing land due to erosion, especially from East Stoke corner heading east and the length of the billy trail. These areas of the island are vital to our homes and vital to the tourist trades.
I do not want to see a deterioration in our living environment or damage to homes.
I live at Sandy Point and flooding occurs sometimes
I believe the risk is much greater than you have stated. The most current scientific evidence points to global warming increase of more than 1.5 degrees in the next 5-10 years. This will lead to many more serious weather events such as storms and a greater increase in sea level than predicted resulting in flooding. I feel that any strategy need to consider the compounded effects of the climate crisis. I also feel that any strategy need to consider tourism on the island and where possible results in benefit for both erosion and beautification.
My family and I have visited HI since 1948 and seen many changes here, not all for the better. My concern is decisions will be based purely on cost and the idiosyncrasies that make HI special to its residents and visitors will be placed second.
Beach erosion affects all of us and wildlife/habitat it's detrimental to island life
To maintain the comfortable balance of tourism and natural beauty of the coastline of Hayling and it's sea life, not least to protect local housing and businesses.
To save houses along the foreshore which have no protection
Erosion at Billy Trail and West beach and flood risk at Northney link in with Loss of habitat and environment changes,. The Island was, and still is just about, environmentally rich - although lack of vision in a succession of councils have meant a squandering of Hayling's natural beauty, wild and open environment and naturally provided leisure opportunities. It cannot take anymore damage, from a mixture of contrary neglect and over development, and natural changes on a fragile landscape. It can be protected. Beach management plans seem to be grandiose , money wasting and unnecessary in terms of creating facilities and activities around a raft of infrastructure instead of understanding that what visitors and residents mostly want is a simple clean open beach area, the sea activities alone are needed and minimal toilet and refreshment. A look at Witterings would suffice and mediteranean coasts. The sea is the attraction, access to it, clean and safe and unobstructed. , We had all that and what is left should be protected by flood and erosion methods.
I grew up on Hayling and would like future generations to enjoy the beaches and salt marshes
Access off the Island is essential. West Beach/ Billy Trail/Loss of Environmental Habitats - consequences of NSSMP not fully understood by residents and planners and present actions seem

to contradict the new Local Plan. Eastoke - fully understand risks and present actions but we do need Eastoke residents to take more active responsibility for flood defences. Beach Management activities are necessary but we need a forum which encourages Resident participation in the decision making process not just in consultation. We need resident participation which is not anti-change focused and works with the authorities to adaptively manage our our whole Island.
I enjoy living on Hayling, but if nothing is done to protect the island then i will no doubt have to move away, or be washed away, along with all of the above.
As a whole all of the island is at risk, the loss of any part (physical, environmental, social etc) is a loss to everyone now and in the future
The loss of any part of the environment (physical, social, etc.) would be detrimental to all residents
The RSPB is the UK's largest conservation NGO.
Hayling Island was a quiet place to live with lovely sandy beaches which over the years have been lost because of erosion not only on the southern beaches but also along the Hayling Billy Trail
I represent 19 residents who access the harbour or who have property on the harbour.
Parts of the island are falling away, this could be prevented. There is only one way on/off the island which will be affected by flooding
My property is on the Western side of Hayling Island and is at risk of flooding in the future. I need access on and off the only road access to Hayling Island. A site of conservation for environmental habitat in Langstone Harbour is adjacent to my property
The island is slowly being eroded by the sea, made worse by climate change with no plan. We don't want to lose the Billy trail used by so many, we don't want people to lose their homes. The south coast is a busy place, if the issues impacting Hayling and the wider coast can't be managed where are all the people impacted going to go?
To protect homes and the natural environment
We own a piece of Salt Marsh that abuts our properties. Ingress due to flooding is a large concern especially at very high tides. The residents are very concerned that they may become permanently stranded due to rising sea levels.
Billy Trail - we cycle regularly, a favourite route. West Beach - the removal of the groins in our view is very irresponsible, short sighted and detrimental to the island. Northney - where we live, and if it floods we can't get to work. Also the lack of safe path between the bridge and hotel is a major concern. Various proposals to prevent flooding have been prevented due to a plant. Access to the bridge - to get on and off the island to get to work/leisure/medical services
We need to protect and preserve
These are issues that must be of concern to anybody living here!
Loss of environmental habitats - much of the attraction and importance of Hayling is due to the presence of so many types of coastal and water habitats - we have a responsibility to protect this biodiversity.
Billy Trail - the trail is a very important asset which we should be utilising rather than destroying. It provides the only safe north/south route for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists. It is a disgrace that it has been allowed to deteriorate instead of being well maintained.
West Beach erosion - the policy not to protect this stretch of coast seems to have been made over a decade ago. The effect of the policy has been to allow erosion of the sea defences and to put the low lying land behind (the golf club, Sinah Lane, etc) at risk of flood. The policy should be reappraised.
Beach Management - this is essential, but the effect of beach management on the navigable channels in Chichester Harbour, Langstone Harbour and Hayling Bay must be kept under review.

As an example, the channel from Chichester Harbour entrance to Sparkes Marina and Mengham Rhythe Sailing Club is sensitive to the beach management activities at the harbour entrance, and there has been at times a large build up of sand to the north of HISC.

Access on and off Hayling - the must be improved, especially with the increase in houses that has been allowed on Hayling. A second bridge is not feasible, so traffic improvement must be achieved by improving the existing roads, better road management and control of traffic junctions and use of the Billy Trail for cyclists and pedestrians.

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Question 8.

I'm pleased with the beach management at south Hayling, the beach levels have been kept to a continually good standard since 2014 - although, it concerns me that it only takes one storm event to annihilate the beach and put the whole area at risk of flooding
Not sure. Only aware of moving shingle from west to east each year.
The natural environment is important. I would hate to see the areas character changed.
At a minimum maintain the the sea defences built by previous generations. Rather than actively remove them. E.g.. west beach sea defences.
The rock revetment around Sandy Point has proved effective and the timber coastguard revetment with regular maintenance reduces erosion worries in that area.
Love natural approach especially at Sandy Point
I like the work to the east,
Nothing. The current management plan at West beach is to do nothing which is not acceptable.
Best I can come up with is there is at least an attempt to do something about it. But I'm unsure how much even that has achieved.
That the western coastline is largely natural and unspoiled
Natural Seafront - always changing before your eyes. The power of the sea is exciting - many areas to access and experience that energy and excitement. Natural environment is minimally managed which is ok but could be improved. Oyster beds off the Billy Trail are great but in disrepair
Nothing, haphazard, no joined up thinking or process. This strategic effort should have coincided with decisions to withdraw sea defence maintenance
It is cost effective for what can be provided, although it was a shame the north side of Eastoke Avenues defences didnt go as far as our property and stopped 3 doors further east to us.
I dont ,its short sighted
I like the way the seafront has largely been left unspoilt but I wish there was a better and longer promenade.I also think flood defences should be put in at Northney and Eastoke. I don't live in either of those places but it must be a worry for anyone who does.
Nothing.
The movement of the stones after the winter storms on the beach at Eaststoke
Protection of Eastoke is ok but would like the complete promenade cleared of pebbles when there is a storm, but very disapointed that West Beach timbers have been removed with no replacement other than let it just flood!
Not much it seems adhoc based on funding
Nothing.
Eaststoke seems secure
Not a lot
To be honest I don't know too much about how it is managed
I love the cycle routes and easy safe walking routes. I love the easy access to the seaside
Not a lot!
I don't
Where I live in Southwood Road it has been well managed in recent years with extensive defense works , but the rest of the Island is dangerously lacking in modern defence work and needs prompt action.
Could do better!
I'm pleased the revetments at West Beach have been removed allowing the return of a more natural and useable beach. Pity that the concrete defence of the Inn on the beach was ever put there as it is not in keeping with the rest of the beach.

We are kept well informed.
Movement of beach shingle following winter gales
Very poor at West Beach and Billy trail. No overall strategic approach, just total focus on Eastoke
I don't!
The current focus appears to be solely related to beach replenishment directed towards Eastoke. Overall there appears to be no cohesive strategy in place to engage landowners and the general public to agree a long term approach.
Nothing - It's not. Reducing car parking areas and dumping of sewage.
Not a lot
There seems to be relevant action to keep the shingle in place between West Town and Eaststoke Corner and beyond, to the Lifeboat House. However, the western end by the ferry to Eastney seems to receive less attention from the authorities.
Maintenance is good
Nothing - it is not being managed in a way that supports the local residences or local businesses at all.
Nothing. It's being neglected
I question whether it is managed. Certainly biased and non holistic approach.
Nothing springs to mind.
Nothing - money appears to be thrown at Eastoke (perhaps because of Hayling island Saiing Club) and assocaited monies properties in the area - at a disadvantage to other areas that need coastal management. West Beach is totally ruined already - with recent removing of old defences just making it worse (but seems to be part of council plan for that area!!!)
Nothin, it has been left to deteriorate with sea defences left to rot. Water management is negligible.
Trying to protect the coastline and if that's not possible, moving the beach huts for example so they are safe.
I don't.
Not alot
Nothing, really.
It's free, kept clean by Norse, welcoming generally, not built up like other coasts.
Great concern about the West end of Hayling island future management
Access for horse riding.
Informal access to the water especially at the West Beach.
The beach is always very clean, the people are friendly and quite respectful of each other. I also enjoy being able to ride my horses at the beach.
Groynes and sea defences preserve coastline
I don't like anything about the way it's managed, you're doing an awful job
It has great access, a very friendly team and gorgeous coastline.
Easy access
Sensitively managed
All catered for and the preservation of the large areas of natural beauty
Very accessible
Access is available for all who wish to use it
The access ability to all people.
I like the fact that there is management
They react quickly when there is a problem.
It is managed but the look and feel of a natural beach resort is preserved.

I am not clear what the current management plan is and I only see areas being cordoned off without any action. The Billy trail path was improved a few years ago and this made walking with my son in his wheelchair a lot easier.
Access to all and a shared space which all can enjoy.
They manage to balance the majority of uses for everyone
I think there needs to be more patrolling / fines to deter the bad eggs causing the issues. A blanket ban for all doesn't make sense
The beach replenishment scheme at Eaststoke demonstrates that regular maintenance can save the islands assets. By current accounting methods other Island coastal areas will not be economic to protect. However, this should not mean that those areas are not regularly monitored and periodic pragmatic maintenance provided. This is particularly relevant for the north east leeward coastline of the Island, where relatively low cost repairs might reduce or even remove the effects of the majority of typical flood events, whilst the risk of catastrophic flood will obviously remain.
There seems to be a plan to minimise flooding
I think the sea defences at Eaststoke have been successful and have reduced storm flooding.
I would like the management of Hayling's coast be a priority
All management strategies look natural or are made of natural materials to fit the landscape.
It is not
not a lot at the moment, stop cutting budgets and start looking after hayling
Not a lot
Not sure I do
So far keeping things reasonable, but we do need to think about how to manage the likely changes in the not-so-distant future.
The excellent information boards have made all the difference to the level of debate.
I do not understand the policy at all we seem just to have let it erode. I suspect it would cost more to fix now than if you had maintained. I have been a visitor for more than 15 years and must with many more bring income to the island. I admit to not having full knowledge of the situation but I feel really upset to see it's loose such a historic area.
When improvements are made with Environmental Agency funding, they are well executed and attractive; for example: the car park opposite Northney petrol station (sheet piling); the large rock emplacements to reduce erosion at eastern end of island (coastal side of Sandy Point nature reserve); and the rock protection on the walk to the south east of Mengham Rythe sailing club. Well done!
Difficult to think of anything .
Not sure. Eastoke has been better protected but the recent West Beach erosion is alarming.
Whilst we understand why Eastoke has preference because of the housing numbers, and the bridge has recently received some protection , on the west side, but access to Northney and flooding of the agreements cultural land is also important.
Unable to answer
Nothing.. removing the defences at West Beach was disastrous, managed retreat is a failure
With regard to Northney between the bridge and the hotel I feel that HBC are not managing or even maintain the current sea bank and are using the the efforts of English nature to do nothing the sea defence
It is largely unobtrusive (except along the sea front) and the natural environment maintained.
Very little management is seen so there is little to like .. except the inspired use of the norwegian rocks to protect Eaststoke peninsular.
I think it is mismanaged the massive rocks all got washed away and the shingle is piled up so high you cant see the sea from beach huts needs to be done more carefully not just dumped

sandy point seems to be looked after well
The maintenance of the beach shingle and (until recently) the groins seems to be very effective.
The rural nature of the Island is preserved intact.
Nothing
Bad, should never have stopped repairing and ridiculous the amount of money spend on putting pebbles back on the beach for it only to be washed away the next day, this is changing the coastline, has lost the sandy beach.
I can't say I do there is a lack of funding
There is no management at west beach
Not a lot as the management don't appear to be working actively with the good of the Island within their brief.
The defences at the Eastern end of the sea front are excellent.
Coast is not managed . .west beach area by Inn on Beach seems to have been abandoned . .and Winter storms will make even worse.
The use of large rocks appears to have been effective as well as being great for kids to clamber on and sit for picnics. Would like to see this extended; especially adjacent tot he Billy trail.
Like many retired people I would be unable to fund buying an alternative property should larger scale flooding and ultimately being unable to sell my property occur. Further, flooding and erosion will diminish the environmental benefits of living on the island.
Very little. Particularly the lack of maintenance of the wear plates on the piles to the groynes
Currently not a lot. Most of it is reactive rather than proactive and preventative. The path around Sandy Point was swept away in 2020 and was not repaired for some months. West beach erosion will only get worse if not regularly maintained.
There is a coherent plan
I support the idea of maintaining the sea defences around the East Stoke area where there are numerous properties. However although the Western end of the island is less densely populated it is important to not neglect the car parking facilities that encourage tourists to visit and provide a wonderful location for windsurfing (and the heritage associated with the sport, with the local signage depicting 'the home of windsurfing'), kitesurfing, paddle boarding etc. Not to mention the fantastic golf links.
They seem to be taking notice of views of people's concerns and ready to act - hopefully
I think nothing is being done to protect the west beach and the hayling billy trail.
There is some voluntary effort and some structures are not brutal..so yes if some erosion so landscape it but ensure access roads are clear at all states of the tide.
Nothing. It does not seem to be managed at all. Havant Borough Council's strategy is to leave everything to the mercy of the waves and the tides and the ravages caused by storms.
Unfortunately in recent years there has been a general lack of sea protection works.
See below
Not impressed
I've lived here over ten years and the honest answer is its not being managed currently or if it is its being managed extremely poorly.
We have lived here since 2016 and have not yet seen any flooding near us (Bosmere Road, Southwood Road) so the current approach appears to be working.
Is it managed?
The openness & honesty of the team.
More needs to be done to protect Sandy Point I am pleased that efforts are being made to address the erosion
No

Unfortunately I have not been involved in the area long enough to comment.
annual beach renourishment seems effective (if non permanent)
People are permitted to ride and drive their horses on the beach within specified times, allowing equestrians the relatively rare opportunity to experience the benefits outlined above.
Nothing that I can think of but it seems daft that most of what is being spent is on the bit that is the most likely to flood to the detriment of the rest of teh Island
shingle bank that absorbes the wave energy and the sea wall that protects our property with ongoing maintenance
Regarding the Hayling Billy Trail. I would call it wanton mismanagement.Utter shambles.
The Eaststoke beach is well protected and maintained.
I do not think it is currently well managed.
Glad you did something even if not completely affective at Sandy Point
Needs better consideration, more than stone embankments that are eroded overnight in bad considerations.
It doesn't feel proactively managed.
Not much
some maintenance only, I do not like what appears to be short term planning
Nothing
The research to establish the level of predicted erosion
It's not
Not a great deal. The lack of management of the area directly in front of the golf course is particularly disappointing. this has caused huts to be moved into a car park and to necessitate another car park being closed. This had a serious impact during the busy summer months. This is a beautiful area but it is sadly neglected by Havant BC and Norse are woeful. This is not meant to be a simple winge - it is fact. I would be very happy to be involved in any future plans or research.
Existing coastal maintenance has been carried out using natural materials (rock, wood and shingle) in keeping with the naturalistic feel of the sea front and shore lines
I don't understand the managed retreat policy and why it isn't being explained to the community
N/A
the current system of protection with groynes is helping to the impact of long shore drift on the island, the rate of transport and loss of sediment has been reduced and the beach is building but i think more can be when a more integrated coastal management strategy is adopted for the island
Not much! The erosion by the Spring gales showed that shifting around a bit of shingle is expensive and ineffective against the might of the sea. The 70's wooden defenses should have been properly repaired; if public bodies were good negotiators the cost savings in the long term would be well worth it.
Nothing!
Nothing, Haylings beaches are not accessible to the disabled. The concentration of beach huts along the carparks is removing enjoyment of the beach and sea views for the people that cannot access the beach. It is ridiculous that we live on Hayling Island but have to drive along the coast to other resorts to enjoy the sea and beaches.
Unique low lying area
East stoke beach replenishment
I like the
Sadly: not a great deal about the lack of investment in west beach! However the Billy Trail is a highlight.

Need to expand parking perhaps with direct access to beach. Very important environment for water sports users, provided for free from nature. The equivalent value by manmade investment would cost far far more, providing significant benefit to priorities and maintain.
It's awful and no one seems to care about it or tourism for the area that brings in revenue
The rocks at the entrance to the harbour work well to dissipate the large waves and also make a pleasant area to walk.
It isn't being managed anymore and this is so sad
Nothing it's so poorly managed
Nothing spending and wasting money on moving shingles along beach
Very little
It's appalling in West Beach.
It's a waste of money keep putting pebbles onto beach to be washed away again
Not aware it is, unless you call sifting gravel long term management
Like the replacement boulders near the HI Sailing Club
There is a lot of effort with sea defences Eastoke end which I am pleased about . I am not sure about leaving West Beach so open to the sea.
I see no evidence of it being managed.
Nothing!!
Nothing comes to mind
Nothing
I don't feel it's managed well at all right now. Is anyone actually managing it?
Not much to like so far :do not see any proactivity to move mitigation processes forward at a reasonable pace.
I don't
Not sure that I do
I've been very disappointed by the removal of revetment in front of the beach huts, the discharge of raw sewage into the sea and the lack of communication with the peoe on Hayling
I like the fact the they try by adding more stones to the beach each year but it saddens me that is is not enough.
Nothing!..I think it's disgraceful that shingle is piled up twice a year at a ridiculous cost and other options would be long term.
Nothing
West Beach appears to have been abandoned
It's not managed well except at Eastoke
Do not like the continuous work on main beaches
Apart from raising sea defenses in certain areas I'm not sure much else is evident
The continuous management of protecting the south east end of hayling island
i dont its shocking...its not managed its pathetic
Nothing. The coast does not seem to be "managed". HBC does not seem to care about problems on Hayling.
I don't think it is managed. There seems to be a policy of do nothing
Nothing -- I do not think it is managed at all. Moving lots of shingle from one vulnerable end (west beach) to the other (Eastoke) seems a waste of time and money. We need stone groynes in more parts of the shore like the ones at Sandy Point. Not shingle that gets washed away every winter.
They are quick to sort issues, like clearing the walk away of pebbles
Not a lot. Most of it looks rub down, neglected and 80 years out of date
Nothing

Morning much
If I am honest not a lot! I really like what was done with the rocks from Norway used for the defense of Eastcote right up to Sandy Point. It really works well and as the sand and gravel naturally move the rock approach begins to look natural and form nice sandy bays which are good for residents and tourists. The gravel approach used on most of the Southern shore has this going for it - it has prevented serious flooding. The negative part is the loss of beach amenity. I appreciate that the focus tends to be on protection of households and property but if you can develop a method of achieving this aim that still keeps some nice sandy beaches (Hayling used to be famous for that facility) then that would be a good thing
Nothing
Is it currently managed? I see little evidence of management!
Not much. Letting west beach erode is simply daft
Nothing as there is no management at West beach; old defences have failed and been removed but not replaced
The question is ... is it really managed ??? It seems neglected by the powers that be is my view.
Nothing
The rocks at Sandy Point
Eaststoke is well protected
I like the shingle management, it is a very good way to dissipate energy that would otherwise be directed towards vulnerable land and buildings. I hope this can continue, despite the ignorant public complaints about it being "pointless" without applying any critical thought as to why it is done each year. I feel like ESCP could do more to educate the public on this, mainly to ensure funding doesn't get threatened by politics.
Nothing
I was not aware of any effective management...
I like how relatively unspoilt it is but a lot more could be done to improve or augment how it is managed.
Not sure.
I like reading updates of what is going on. I think the public toilets are well managed. And I like the disability paths even though I'm not disabled.
Work done by the RSPB to protect the bird population is good.
Nothing
The only activities we see are the annual shingle replenishment and fairly regular works on groins. I do feel there should be a review to see if there is another strategy to protecting our coastline, maybe a breakwater/bank off the coast.
It looks like plenty of effort is being put into preserving the environment and protecting homes.
Flooding is minimised in the short term
I've certainly seen the quality of HI beaches demise over the years from beautiful golden sand to mostly pebble (this was the cheaper option) to manage however we're just about managing to hold onto the blue flag status but this has been compromised of late. I'd like to see a joint sewage management plan incorporated too as raw sewage that continues to pumped into Langston is another abominable activity that a hugely impacts health and safety of residents trying to enjoy spending leisure time in the water
Nothing it's a diabolical farce
Beach replenishment and rock placement for sea defence.
Not doing enough for resistance with homes on northshore Rd and warren close
Nothing can rival the main beach, so why did you alter the protection?

I think the coast is managed as cost effectively as possible with the funds they have. The problem is that there has not been enough investment.

It is very important that the dialogue channels are open to discuss and debate all the information and if that is what the coast management has done currently then, well done. The solution however is not acceptable.

It appears to be fair and even handed, in a way so that all people can enjoy the island

The natural or semi natural shoreline remains on many sections of the coast and in places is used by a wealth of wildlife.

NOTHING. It seems to me that all defence work has been done piecemeal, probably because no one wants to spend the money to do a good job that will last years rather than having to be topped up each year.

Not sure of anything at the moment.

Preservation of the beach and the flood defences at the eastern end of the Island

Nothing, current management seems limited at best with coastal protection being reduced rather than maintained increased. I have seen significant erosion around the island in the past few years.

It isn't.

What 'management'? The removal of the groins at West Beach has decimated the area, loss of car park and beach, far faster than believed envisaged. Appalling way to treat the island, ignoring the wishes of residents and visitors.

Not a great deal. The constant stones that are placed on the beach yearly get washed away. We need a proper sea defence wall like in Portsmouth where we can have the lovely sandy beaches back again, just how it used to be

To be honest - not much!

The survey cannot be considered to be balanced if you ask for "likes" and not "dislikes. Likes - generally the beach management at the east end is good, especially the recycling of shingle; shingle bank at the east end of Seafront is effective and in character. Dislikes - beach management at West Beach; concern that beach management will only be partially carried out, leaving many "flood routes" where flood water can bypass minimal defences.

Question 10.

<p>My family have lived on the Island for over 50 years. The defences that were installed in the 70s were not pretty but they worked. It was such a shame to see the beach huts moved last year - to the detriment of a very dear friend who owned one.</p>
<p>Many locals in the north of the island like the areas rustic and natural feel. Too many 'improvements' such as footpaths and cycle lanes would change the areas character for the worse. Leave it as natural as possible while improving flood protection and the environment. What better location to use to champion environmental best practice.</p>
<p>Stop blaming climate change for a lack of investment and maintenance of existing sea defences. There was clearly a risk of erosion when the original defences were built. Stop removing existing sea defences and repair and replace if necessary.</p>
<p>The small timber splash wall that runs along the Eastoke Corner car park has been deteriorating for a few years and options should be considered for its replacement as it has proved to be a valuable last line of defence in previous extreme storm events.</p>
<p>Surely without better flood and erosion management the others will disappear anyway.</p>
<p>Action is needed now. A plan in 2 years that will take even longer to implement is too late; much will have been lost and the plan/options out of date.</p>
<p>The hayling Billy trail is a mess. it could get cyclists off the A3023 if it was tarmaced. This would also enable families with pushchairs and disabled people using scooters and wheelchairs to access the wonders of the Billy Trail, currently often only viable for mountain bikes, dog walkers with boots and a few horses. Already falling into the sea in places due to current non intervention policy. Super opportubnity to really make the trail a real sustainable value to the whole area.</p>
<p>Must be part of a coherent plan for the island. This should be the local plan but this strategy will not inform the 2036 local plan which is frankly shocking because it will be too late. My suggestion is that this strategy MUST inform the local plan at all costs. The strategic value will be seriously deminished if it adds nothing to the Local Plan 2036</p>
<p>North side of Eastoke Avenue would benifit from further defence as while the seafront is protected with the stone replacement scheme it will be wasted if the water comes in around the rear of it i.e. up fishery creek.</p>
<p>Please do not waste money on signage - the latest sign announcing additional parking available near the Inn on the Beach is ludicrous - who is it for, most people coming down do not know what was there before and do not care there is more available - they just want one spot - we expect that this is some person in the council who wants to announce how wonderful they are in pushing a piece of paper around relating to the "additional Parking". We need more transparency on why we need over 60 man months (£410K) of effort to create a strategy.....????</p>
<p>You want people to visit & spend money but dont maintain car parks to a decent level .Ban motorhome overnight parking that could generate money.Generally dont care about the place.Bins overflow.</p>
<p>At the bottom of this survey it says "Please press submit to ensure your responses are captured." But there is no 'Submit' button! I pressed the blue ✓ button but was taken straight to the ESCP Website, so I've no idea whether my 'responses have been captured'. Normally when you respond to a survey and submit your responses you get a statement saying 'Thank you, your responses have been received' - or some such wording. This needs correcting as it's confusing.</p>
<p>This survey's timing is way too late. Should have been carried out way before the sea defences were destroyed at West Beach.</p>
<p>Hayling is a living changing island that has to adapt to future sea level rise and can not expect the funding Portsmouth received to add a metre of extra protection, Hayling needs to be more agile looking at all options managed retreat of some areas, flood meadows that will increase salt marsh</p>

and increase the buffer zones, housing must be environment with inbuilt solar and ground source heating to save extra structure, but also built some defences where buffering can not be achieved

People on Hayling do not want any more development here or other messing about. Just protect what is here at the moment.

When I was a young boy the traffic jams trying to get onto HAYLING went nearly to Rowland's castle. This shows that Hayling used to be a very popular destination for people wanting clean and sandy beaches. As the beach has become more shingle than sand it has become less popular. Back then the HAYLING billy also took thousands to the beach. It seems the council only want to do build more houses on HAYLING and not invest in the seafront.

We need to avoid over development/adding more concrete to the waters edge. I would tick 'Environmental enhancements' if I knew what they were: for example, I do not consider the building of a wall around Langstone as an 'enhancement', but in fact the complete opposite. There are rowing and sailing clubs that would benefit from financial assistance to help increase opportunities and aspirations in children and young people. There are established rowing clubs (Langstone Pilot Gig Club & Langstone Cutters) that promote traditional fixed seat rowing - is there any way of providing apprenticeships in traditional boat building skills for young people? Fixed seat rowing is a growing sport in the UK - skilled craftsman are needed to manufacture and maintain the boats.

Northeast Hayling Residents Association committee has had significant involvement with local defenses, and would like to be consulted. Representing about 300 people it is the biggest representative body on the island. Contact me on [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED]

We need more places to bring in tourism. Cafes and eating places along the main part of the beach . Better parking marked out . A cycle way and cycle hire

A second road on to the island is not just a nice to have but it is a desperate need that should be acted on now. If a road was built from the West side of the island NW across Langstone Harbour to join the A27 it could be incorporated into sea defense work to protect the western and north western coast of the island. That side of the island has suffered damage in recent years with storm surge up the harbour and endangers not only properties, farm land but also much needed habitat for the major visiting bird life that the area is renowned for.

It concerns me that damaged flood defences on West beach are being removed and not replaced. This might save money but does not protect the coastline, homes or the environment! Is this the best way of planning for and 'managing' the threat of rising sea levels around Hayling Island?

Quite disappointed about the removal of defences on south west of the island and apparently no plans to replace. A lot will be lost.

I am concerned that residents don't understand the risks and seem to believe that building a concrete wall all around will solve the problem. Also people buying property on the island need to understand the flood risk and potential loss of the bridge in the future. I doubt whether a new bridge or much expenditure on it could ever be justified.

The coast is so unique and important. It is vital it is not only protected but enhanced and improved for future generations.

I wish you well in your endeavours and look forward to further news. [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED]

No

I don't feel the strategy team have properly considering the revenue that is generated by local businesses along with west beach section, all of which will be lost if improved flood and erosion defences are not put in place.

Please save our island. It is already disappearing and needs urgent action to stop this now. The natural habitats will be destroyed and the legacy you will be leaving will be loss, destruction and devastation

Strategy Team should WALK the old Billy Trail (part not with solid surface) also try riding a bike along seafront. Look at special groyces etc that have been used effectively in other parts of the

UK and also abroad - less cost that being paid at moment (just to move shingle!!) and far more effective.
Obviously the potential impact on property and lifestyle of residents is greatly concerning and Coastal management is imperative to protect the Island for generations to come. Hayling Island represents a revenue stream for the Borough of Havant and is a jewel in its crown. Upgrade the Billy Trail to make it suitable for all types of cyclist and improve cycle paths all across the Island. Make Hayling cycle friendly.
Protect the natural habitat areas - don't let them be built on or beaches made private - they should be for the general public to be able to walk/cycle across, enjoy and relax.
This strategy needs to align with the Governments 25 Year Environment Plan, Net Zero targets, Nature Recovery Network Strategies, and Climate Adaptation Plans.
All year round bathing zone is very important to the growing number of outdoor swimmers. Restrictions to dogs on beaches all year in this area.
Hayling Island has a long tradition of equestrians enjoying the beach with their horses, this needs to be continued.
Consider all groups who use the beach in your strategy- we all have a right to access and enjoy the coastline here.
Since the new rock revetments, sandy point has become a very unstable and unsafe beach. We have always had very stable sandbars which allowed the waves to break off the beach and flooding only really occurred during very heavy swells with a gale behind it. Now we get a sandbar for a few weeks, have a small storm and it's washed away! Washing shingle away from the rocks, I have even seen the rocks tumble in particularly bad weather, very unsafe. Also the current used to be very consistent, ebbing and flowing in roughly the same pattern, now it's very unpredictable! I have surfed on this beach for 25years and I firmly believe it's never been so unpredictable and dangerous, someone will drown here soon. While I do believe the rock revetments along the promenade are doing a good job, the rest of the beach towards sandy point is awful. And as for west beach, what genius decided to take away the sea defences there?
It would be nice if there was better signage showing where we are and are not allowed with the horses and dogs
any footpaths should be multi users paths to allow disabled access, horses and others to all share paths in a safe way. Better car parks and signage to educate about the animals, habitats and coastal defences etc.
You will have seen how popular Hayling has become through lockdown. It is worth investing in. The better our coast looks the more people will want to come back and support the local economy.
I am greatly concerned at the discussion about banning horse riding on the beach. There has never been a previous issue and this year the circumstances were unlike ever before, beach goers staying later and coming from miles away as there was nothing else to do and combined with the unusually hot weather and riders coming from further afield it was a difficult situation but one that was not managed by the council At all. Had people been at the beach, limiting ALL users and advising on correct usage it would BA e been different. That said, there were no accidents and since then there have been no complaints as things have returned more closely to normal. I think it is highly unfair to punish all riders for a few incidents which turned out to be fine in unprecedented times.
I would be concerned if access for horse riders was removed.
It is a fantastic open space (especially at low tide) that can easily be used by all who wish to as long as the guidelines are adhered to. Making it easier to find information about what these guidelines/rules are (both on site and online before arrival) would help allow people to both use the beach/sea/surrounds whilst remaining respectful of the measures put in place to keep the area available for generations to come

Access should be open and encouraged over lots of different user groups, no one user group is more important.

I would rather see a solid offshore defence system in place (a sea wall) and the beaches returned to sand

I live on the seafront and watch the shingle get washed away frequently. Surely it makes sense to have something heavier that doesn't wash away - but I guess that will cost money. It would be really nice to have a sandy beach that is easily accessible as I am on crutches due to having MS. Sadly very little of the beach is easily accessible.

The Havant Plan wants to regenerate the Hayling beach front. This is only meaningful if the coast line is preserved and access is improved. Coastal defenses can be provided as part of the regeneration project, e.g. a tidal swimming pool can be a tourist attraction and a flood defense, a large groin can be a fishing and walking attraction as well as a flood defense, a broad walk can be for pleasure and flood defense. We need to avoid high concrete walls. Maybe large rocks could be transported by sea to the beach to create an irregular rocky beach defense, maybe a rocky cove. It could look and feel natural but actually be constructed. We need to protect the golf club.

I live on Hayling Island in the 1970s and 1980s and attended The Hayling School. My family moved away when I finished school and I later moved back to Hayling during the 1990s with my partner and our young son. I now live near [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] but return regularly to Hayling to walk and run on the Billy Trail and to ride my horse on the beach as I used to do as a teenager [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED]. I loved riding on the beach then and I still enjoy it today. I am aware that some riders have behaved foolishly and have not followed the rules but I do hope that the whole riding community will not be punished for the errors of just a few. The erosion on the beach is concerning and I support any action that can be taken to reverse the problem.

I understand that there is some consideration being given to banning horses from the beach. For many horse riders beach riding is a memorable experience which the majority of us partake in with consideration given to other beach users and their safety. It would be a huge loss were we banned from using the beach.

Please don't ban horse riding. As mentioned there are so few beaches close to London and it's an amazing experience and such a privilege for both horse and rider

It appears that a minority of inconsiderate horse riders have been the subject of complaints by other beach users. They do not represent the majority who very much value the access to the beach for horse exercise in a natural environment obviously only available on the coast. Riders have no issue with time restrictions to come early or late when relatively few other users are there. However, to remove this facility totally would be very bad news for those who enjoy the freedom to ride on the foreshore in a responsible manner.

The sea wall between Hayling Bridge and Langstone Quay Hotel comprises a clay-bund. It has not been maintained or repaired despite being eroded daily by pedestrians during the thirty years we have lived on Hayling. The pragmatic addition of clay, or equivalent, to the top of the bund with regular inspection and maintenance of the tidal flaps would reduce the number of events where the road floods and is impassable. It would also reduce the likelihood of houses flooding along Northney Road due to the sea over-topping between the bridge and hotel and flooding eastwards across North Common, see report previously supplied to ESCP 3rd January 2014.

The car park at West Beachlands - damaged and reduced significantly in last year's storms - needs better management with greater landscaping of remaining land use to ensure safe, accessible parking for those wishing to use the West beach. As this beach is most popular with water sports enthusiasts, I would love to see its future considered more carefully and defences rebuilt rather than simply retreating.

I have seen the beach go from a 15 feet drop to a single step to access to reach the sand. I have watched the coastal paths being eroded that the remaining paths are flooded more frequently. I have watched damage to property from waves increase annually. I am sick of reading that the

concerns of land holders and residents are unheeded by the authorities that we pay for by people who do not have a clue what it is like to live with the results of their votes and actions. We need a sustainable long term plan that will protect the existing land of Hayling weather it is beach, footpath, property or any other type, we need to protect and keep what we have.

Assuming that it is decided to keep the island populated, no matter what form of transport is used in a hundred years time there will still be a need for goods and people to go on and off the island. Therefore secure and safe access to the island is vital. I strongly recommend that actions taken as part of the long term strategy should at all times improve today's areas of concern, such as traffic management which is at the moment appalling. Another example would be the Hayling Billy Trail. All that side of the island will need sea defences, so the plan for them should include significant improvements to the Trail at the same time (this would also improve the flow of vehicles along what is currently the only access to and from the island).

Access to the water needs to be carefully managed for watersports. There needs to be specific points to do this in less environmentally sensitive locations. Maybe free parking, enhanced slipways etc. Provision of protected high tide roost sites for the birds needs to be created e.g the shingle at Gunner Point and Blackpoint.

I guess just being a user of this area for over 15 years I would want to try and save this historic area and would not have an issue to pay more for using the area being a mom islander It just not clear why the defenses were not maintained or we were giving any options much earlier. This island must be enjoyed by many visitors. Good luck and stay safe.

To restore and "hold the line" of the Hayling Billy Trail would be top of my list of projects of community/recreational value to Hayling Islanders and visitors. Regrettably I doubt the investment to protect the Trail from destruction can be justified by the Environmental Agency cost-benefit analysis because the economic value of the farmland lost is not material; and the attributing more than a small percentage of of tourist Gross Value Added to the Hayling Billy would be hard to justify since there are many other tourist attractions, and most tourists come by car. (Hence), are there other criteria that could improve its prospects of funding? -perhaps the Hayling business and residential community could be asked to contribute part of the cost through a levy (refer the funding proposal of the Langstone houses/businesses protection scheme).The problems I foresee with my suggestions are: (1) A levy would be hard, both politically and practically, to implement: for example there is no Hayling parish council with fundraising powers (and I do not

We feel that the longstanding flood defences in Northney have not been maintained for many years . Regular maintenance would have reduced the urgency and cost of what is currently being contemplated.

The seabed around the north of the island has silted up over the years considerably. When I was a child the channels were a lot deeper. So there was more capacity to take the water. Now the water travels over the silt and comes inland. It has no where else to go. This is also destroying the marshlands. Why can't the channels be better dredged to stop the silting? In the creek off Gutner Lane I estimate the silting to be about 6 feet in 40 years. Mud flats are being created where once there were clear channels with vertical sides to the banks. The marshland and wildlife havens have been destroyed during this process of silting.

A footpath on a repaired bank, along the shore at Northney has been subject to planning by NEHRA for several years, but Environmental issues always seem take precedence over human safety!

Reading the strategy was like a children's book and not easy to follow. Too much historical information.

CONTRARY TO WHAT THE CYCLING LOBBY MAINTAIN, LEISURE CYCLING IS FAIRLY WELL CATERED FOR ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE IMPROVED. HOWEVER HAYLING IS TOO SMALL TO BE SUITABLE FOR THE SERIOUS CYCLIST. NEW DELIGHTFUL FOOTPATHS ARE PERFECTLY FEASIBLE WITH GIVE & TAKE FROM LANDOWNERS AND PRESSURE FROM ENGLISH NATURE

Ensure that present drainage and flood prevention infrastructure is maintained. For instance in the North east of the island some road flooding is caused by non functioning tidal flaps. Also many road drains are largely non functioning due to debris and sediment run off. Field ditches are not maintained, so water cannot run away to the sea. All of these are low cost means of ensuring the access to the island is always open and damage to the road surface is minimised. Land owners should be required to maintain the sea defences on their land and prevent further deterioration of existing sea defences.

Learn lessons from the success of the use of rock to protect the front from erosion

Inn on the beach is very popular all year and needs to be saved

Improve the flood and erosion defences and the other problems will mostly disappear.

Money needs to be spent to protect the beach the homes, the tourist economy, the business and promote Hayling as a great place to visit with good road access, things to do and great beaches for swimming and water sports.

We should have never gone down the pile it high with Shingle route. I believe the option of an off shore reef was a far better idea. The Shingle has ruined Hayling seafront

Watersports is the lifeblood of Hayling, watersports do not want or need boardwalks, shops and cafe's or restaurants, currently the master plan is to shrink the boardsports area, push the swimming zone closer to the boardsports area, decrease the parking, allow horses to trample through the watersports area in overweight large lorries, many years ago there used to be a sign saying windsurfing area, that's gone so the now tiny eroded carpark is full of campervans and day trippers swimming in this boardsports area, if only the council had maintained the sea defences we would not have lost 70% of the watersports carpark, it wasn't difficult we all told HBC what would happen to the carpark, but the refused to listen, and nw they have done it again by removing more sea defences rather than repairing

The sea defences at West Beach should be to the same construction and standard as the defences in place at the Eastern end of the sea front, ie large boulders with shingle/gravel infill. This combination is relatively maintenance free and is very successful employed from the Coastguard lookout building to the Chichester harbour entrance, ie the Eastern 2 miles of the seafront.

The clearing and extending of existing ditches would I'm sure be an easy and cost effective action of flood reduction.

No dredging has taken place in Fishery Creek for more than 15 years causing intermittent flooding which has destroyed the footpath (part of the national walkway??)

What sea level rise data is being used in the forthcoming study? It seems that latest polar temperature peaks and ice sheet melt and erosion rates may be higher than anticipated. The study may need to revise their inputs on levels. Also storm surge estimations will need constant review.

Let Mengeham Rythe Sailing Club repair their sea wall. They are serious and competent people who would do a good job and protect quite a long stretch of shore at low cost to public purse

As a windsurfer and SUP user I am passionate about maintaining the West beach car park and the easy access it provides to the water. I speak to many fellow windsurfer who travel to Hayling on a regular basis from as far away as the Midlands because of the local conditions and its reputation as the home of windsurfing. We must embrace this amazing location that we have and protect it. I travel regularly to France and they would not neglect such a beautiful location. La Tranche-sur-mer in the Vendée is a great example. From April to September they provide places to eat at the beach and several locations to hire water sports equipment. We could do exactly the same here with some investment and imagination. What a feather in the cap that would be for the local council and the additional revenue it would generate for local businesses. <http://www.vendee-guide.co.uk/la-tranche-sur-mer.htm>

With the latest staycation it has been very difficult to access Hayling at times - even to eat sometimes! More people are now aware of the enticements so this will probably not change Also as it is now more difficult to visit West Witterings beach people obviously look for an alternative

place to visit and enjoy but facilities must be safe and updated and environmentally thoughtful but also good for the residents
havant councillors who represent hayling must do more to protect and support the Island. They are perceived as not caring enough to actually support the island and the people who vote for them. We need action on erosion all around the island and not just Eastoke.
See above
Closer cooperation between all parties responsible for protection of the coast line on the Island. Not much sign of any effective promised Partnership.
https://havantbc.researchfeedback.net/k/159592825576/checkrs-bdrw-2c-off.gif
There is little to be liked about HBC's management of the Hayling Coast, particularly the western end. In short it seems confused, for on one hand there are proposals to enhance the water sports at West Beach (kite surfing, wind surfing, paddle boarding etc) with associated festivals, thus raising the profile of Hayling creating income for the Borough; and on the other is the removal of the groynes and revetments which has allowed the beach to move back about 60 metres over the winter of 2019/2020. The sea breaking over the reduced banking and flooding parts of the Par 3, breaking up the car park and necessitating the removal of Beach Huts. It is likely that further storms will erode the shore further, the Par 3 flooded in its entirety and housing and Seafront Road put at risk. It should be noted that HBC have committed to continuing the defence of the Eastoke Peninsular because of the number of homes in that area, but seem blind to those at the West end of the Island which although fewer are in general, of higher net worth and thus pay hi
Groynes are cost-effective, and require little maintenance..... revetments
I think that they need to find better means of communicating with the residents of Hayling island and ensure that their needs are first and foremost in the implication of any strategy. It's no good making decisions that affect residents in isolation with little consultation. I think that they also need to publish a programme of timescales and deadlines in relation to the strategy as nothing ever seems to be achieved to completion. This would also help residents keep track of what is being achieved as well as giving the Strategy Team targets to meet.
Tide heights globally are increasing about 2mm. a year. I inspected tide records for Portsmouth (showing monthly high tide totals per month) and the highest value was for a month in 1978. I believe that your central premise, that Hayling Island will be subject to unprecedented flooding in the future, is incorrect. Clearly current operations need to continue and need to be extended at pinch points like Eastoke Corner. Further than that there is a risk that all we do is contribute to make-work for otherwise unemployable environmental activists.
Realising that finances are restricted means less work will be achieved is a huge concern
The Team need to review past work to prevent water penetration from high tides / winds etc . As a user of West Beach for in excess of 70 years , I can see the deterioration of the Area and can foresee a point when the area know as West Beach will be no longer. I understand pressure is being made by English Nature. I am all for preserving the environment but there has to be a balance and users of the area must be considered.
Not at this time, unfortunately.
The BHS would welcome any initiative that helps to promote and sustain responsible use of the beach and asks for continued involvement and input to the development of this Strategy by both the Society and local equestrians.
I'm hoping for an improvement in strategy. I won't hold my breath.
One cause of concern is Combined Sewage Outlets in times of heavy rainfall. Information boards citing current water quality would be useful.
Tourism is of essential economic importance to the island: the abandonment of West Beach car park maintenance and subsequent removal of coastal defences, will impact the island's economy and put resident's properties at risk.

This is difficult not being being aware of existing discussions and forward planning. review of access to and off the island. Infrastructure: a cycle/foot bridge for Hayling /Portsmouth should be built rather than have the ferry. I think this would be greener in the long term greatly reduce pressure on Havant Road, as long as buses are then put in place either side as well as improving Ferry Road on Hayling for cyclists. I would also to increase traffic fluidity within the island, this could be making roads off Havant Road a one way (thinking right now of especially West Lane in particular) system to avoid cars stopped on the main road when trying to turn to the other side. But, But the best solution and only solution might be to have one road in and one road out: Havant road would have one lane inbound for cars and the other for cyclists and buses. I would then use the Hayling Billy line to create one lane out for cars and buses and another (narrower one for cyclists).

How can planning permission be granted when there is no provision to defend the beach at West Beach and other areas.

It is easy to be critical of the management and I think this is justified but I would also welcome the opportunity to be involved in constructive plans for the future. As a semi-retired [PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED] as well and living and owning property directly on the Sea Front i feel I could, potentially, provide useful support. I would be very happy to discuss any ideas with whoever is responsible for teh work. And in any event - best wishes!

I think you need to be doing much more to make people aware of the links between current carbon emissions and future flood risk. Politicians need to be talking about this much more urgently.

please go and have a look at the recent work carried out by contractors in the closed part of West beach car park. Its appalling. Tarmac strips ripped up and meant to be cleared and level but big lumps of tarmac left all mixed up with shingle and hard-core. A complete waste of time and money.

i will like to work on this project

We don't need "enhancements" ; often badly judged and likely to ruin the natural nature of our beaches and rough areas behind them. Cleaner sea water should be essential, why is this not properly tackled after all these years?

Look after the area for the future generations, stop being selfish and stop building houses on the island!

The pollution events by Southern Water are becoming a joke. Neither Southern Water, HBC or the Environment agency seem to care and are all shirking their responsibility to warn the public of the very real risk of entering the sea on Hayling Island. It is not just humans at risk the local wildlife are also at risk. For this to be happening in 2020 is unforgivable and needs to be addressed without further delay.

As a resident and windsurf we I would like to see some sort of building to allow people to use west beach and access to the beach improvements

The recent, appalling, raw sewage pollution by Southern Water in Langstone needs urgent attention by HBC and appropriate sanctions. Raw sewage in the water of a beach that is so popular to sail, kite and bath at - and is critical to the economy - is a disgrace.

The local mp are shocking and won't invest

I do not feel confident with the current strategy especially at West Beach. We need a clear explanation about the long term impact of removing the sea defences and why this is believed to be the best option for all and not just financially. I am also hugely concerned about the impact of more housing on coastal erosion and also water quality. Southern Water is failing as it is to keep raw sewage from regularly pumping into the harbour. With more housing surely the pressure will be greater?

On the seafront along from Eastwood upto ferry point a nice promenade

The sewage issue needs to addressed urgently. Not to do so makes any developments for water sports ppe space beach access irrelevant.

Seek views of those personally affected urgently. Postal surveys for many islanders not on social media. Ensure you also have views of learned members of the Island that have been affected ie could be views as consultants who are personally affected
Concerned that the wooden defences have been removed at West Beach. The water came towards Ferry Road as a result last winter. House feels vulnerable now.
I've been windsurfing at Hayling for 20+ years. It certainly feels like there is very little planning or interest in developing the main attractions to visiting: environment, sea front & associated ecology, water quality.
There are still some issues with ditches being blocked which adds to flooding
Please do not ruin what makes Hayling so special
Water quality is one of the major issues effecting Hayling Island water sports users. Southern Water and the environment agency need to ensure there is sufficient testing of water quality to ensure the safety of water users in this location.
Please no more messing about with our wonderful island we need to ensure that locals and visitors alike have access to the coast and have unpolluted water around the coastline. We feel like poor relations whose voice is never heard and it is disappointing and soul destroying
Yes....Care!
Cannot understand why the original defences cannot be replaced and improved.
Noting the amount of housing planned for the island and that some of this might be at risk then under 278 or 106 the developers should be made to contribute
Get the services sorted and a line with protecting or homes from coastal erosion
Put your hands In your pockets and put in sea defences. Stop taking bribes and lining your own pockets. You should be ASHAMED
The team needs to listen to the views of local residents and people who visit the island regularly rather than councillors who seem to have no interest in the area they represent.
As mentioned above. With the local plan and subsequent increased population and housing that will take place it is vital to protect the community from coastal erosion
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Please get something done before the island becomes damaged even more.
Please bring back over night stays, one day two of the larger car parks. It's very easy to put up signs to say they must be one car park size apart (5meters) even paint out some bays just for that use. This was something people where traveling from all over the world. This could really bring much needed money into our area over the coming years, seen as how we are now in recession.
It seems a waste of money to keep moving shingle back to the east end, only for it to be repeated every year. A permanent solution should be used
Sanitation/cleanliness of the seawater is extremely important to us as we love to windsurf and our son loves to swim in the sea We would love there to be more bars and restaurants and facilities enjoying the splendid views and habitats in Hayling but this would also require some kind of park and ride scheme and/or tolls for non-residents to deter the inevitable additional traffic
I'll informed uneducated decisions based on finance and housing
Hayling Islanders are a specific community who are very keen to make this a special place. Defense against sea inundation is something that on a low flat land is a top priority. If this was Holland no one would be even thinking of not protecting it. So I realize that you folks have limited resources of man power. What you need is to have a team of volunteers who would feed back to you where there are coastal erosion problems - these folks would be your eyes. Just this morning I cycled around the southern shore of Mill Rythe. All of the low land is protected by an embankment built many years ago. It is a fine structure but is suffering from what appears to be zero maintenance. The same is true of the Billy Trail defenses. At the moment folks are so upset by the sea defense situation it has created a poor relationship between the people and you guys. I

think that if you could share in a open manner what you are doing and what you are hoping to achieve it would be a really good thing. I have a friend who works with you so I know what a nice gu
Good and effective coastal defence and management. Then the other things will look after themselves.
Footpaths are not cycle paths yet they are used as such risking the safety of those using them correctly (on foot)
Most Island resident friends I talk to regarding this issue all seem to want immediate future coastal strategies put in place to secure the Island and their homes. But feel let down by the government's in charge. Too much talk and not enough positive moving forward actions. Yet another year of gravel shifting. Yet another survey !!! Actions speak louder than words
Use of shingle and pebbles on beach should cease and be replaced by rocks as at Sandy Point or concrete as at Prinstead.
The whole of Langston harbour seems to have less spent on it than Chichester harbour, equalise upwards, please
Please put some serious energy and funding into a proper strategy for this, not just maintenance.
The job of tourism and environmental management is to protect an area from being spoiled or destroyed so it is there for future generations to enjoy. As one of the best features on the south central coast of the UK, the aim therefore, must be to protect the shoreline from being eroded and to make sure it remains for future generations to enjoy. With a strong focus on also carefully managing the tourism to match the capacity of the facilities, infrastructure and space. But it all starts with ensuring there is still a coastline to protect!
Whilst Coastal erosion is a natural phenomena that HBC must decide what resources to allocate, the blatant dumping of tonnes of raw sewage into the harbour is an absolute disgrace. Southern Water, it seems, are happy to pay minor fines rather than upgrade their infrastructure.
Spend some of the monies the island has put into the coffers of HBC. Instead of everywhere else
Although unsightly there is a need for off shore defences. The boulders at sandy point appear successful.
I would like to suggest a feasibility study in to the mass planting of salt resistant trees on open land behind the beach. Ideally a mix of vegetation would be planted to encourage biodiversity. Trees planted would offer natural protection in storms (winds and high tides), prevent erosion via their roots, and beautify the environment for tourism and ecological sustainability. The beauty of the area just to the east of the fun fair already shows evidence of how this might work. It also provides a low cost solution that has many benefits.
I may have a cynical view but all correspondence so far points to reason and logic that HBC, HICMST have purposely avoided reaching out to all HI residents for their input, for example the limited amount of time to complete the survey and very little information made available to those who do not have online access, which applies to a large percentage of HI residents given they are pensioners. This is selective canvassing and must be addressed, if it wasn't for the Hayling Herald following the strategy many Islanders would be none the wiser to the strategy's progress and decisions. No one knows this Island like it's residents, our views need to be listened to and taken into account. It is likely not all of our wants, needs and musts will be answered but it would be prudent to take on board how we feel we have been let down so far, and work with residents to make the right decisions now for the present and future generations of Islanders. By masking HI a great place to live and visit you generate more income for local businesses, in turn gen
There is a natural sandbank barrier both east and west that could be enhanced to provide protection and at the same time creating a beautiful natural bay
pay for sea defence along the west side of the island
Flood and erosion defences are necessary on West Beach , and small parts of the Billy Trail in order to keep the well used trail viable. Footpaths and cycle paths, as has been recently proved,

can be vital . Links between east and west island by bike are non existent.(squashed up 'cycle ways' on roads do NOT constitute a proper cycle way). According to Havant Local Plan, in many places in the documents , are worthy comments to the effect of : 'open space has an important role to play in enhancing the quality of the environment...', and the importance of 'the local eco network', and - in recognition that our open space is enclosed by the sea, we are a coastal community- '... any proposed flood protection... are appropriate to the character and biodiversity of the area'. . Islanders have long accepted that the sea is a powerful dictator as far as a small ,flat Island goes!. but managed retreat is a financial recourse as much as an environmental one.

Haying is in danger of disappearing under the waves, it would be great to find creative solutions to preserve the shingle and salt marshes.

We need a Vision of what Hayling Island can be - the new Local Plan goes some way towards that but I think it needs to be bolder and take advantage of our "Islandness". Why not Hayling Island - the first Eco Island where all our decisions about the island are determined by our environmental credentials - planning for houses, solar power generation and grants, cycle access, electric/ hybrid cars have free beach permits - put this together with the electric cars trundling up and down billy track, electric bike hire at the start of the billy. Encourage eco friendly businesses with cheaper business rates - Wey to Go in West Town is brilliant we need more. Encourage artisan businesses. Build bird hives along the Billy.

lock gates at sandy point channel and at Ferry Inn channel. If you control the sea with lock gates, you control the flooding in those areas. This would also help the backing up of flood water over the Lanstone bridge. Like the polder dams in Holland.

None

None

The RSPB currently run project work via a management agreement at the West Hayling LNR. We are planning to carry out some habitat restoration work involving the lagoon and island there within the next few years. Also of note, the landfill site at that point is increasingly becoming susceptible to erosion (it is still contained at present).

Yes spend the money that is necessary to give the Island a good and secure sea defence that will last for years.

This is not just a coastal management strategy - Hayling Island is a much loved home, place to walk, run, cycle, visit the beach, enjoy the water and eat out. People have their livelihood here. The decisions made with regards to coastal management will have very real impacts on people's lives and their future, this is not just figures in a document. As we deal with the impacts of climate change we need to ensure that we adapt to deal with the impacts to create a resilient island while continuing to educate the public about what can be done to fight climate change.

Northney Road flooding has been made worse due to Norse cutting the bank in a number of places. The plan to restore the sea defence to its previous height has been stopped by Natural England, all because of a plant - samphire, we believe. The cutting of the bank now means that it is under sea water twice a day. The banks of the ditches are also mown by Norse. If it is so rare, why are the ditches mown? Can this plant be moved to an alternative location, thus allowing the sea defence to be reinstated? It is now so dangerous walking along Northney Road - you either trust you luck on the road or balance along the crumbling defences. All the sea flaps need urgent maintenance around the north of the island.

Stop ignoring Hayling, we matter!