

Langstone Mill Pond and Coastal Path Access.  
Statement of Common Ground  
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It is widely acknowledged that residents and visitors care deeply for their local area and amenities. All parties recognise and share in this passion for the Mill Pond, the local environmental habitats, and coastal access between the Mill Pond and Wade Lane. These issues are equally important to us.

We are committed to the following 2 priorities in the medium term (25 years).

- **Maintenance of the Mill Pond Wall; and**
- **Maintenance of the coastal path along its current route by construction of a footbridge towards Wade Lane.**

All are in agreement that appropriate remedial maintenance works to the Mill Pond wall should be permissible for purposes of preventing a breach, if it is done within the environmental sensitivities and mitigating adverse impacts on the interest features.

It is important to all parties to sustain coastal access along the existing route for the medium term, via the construction of a footbridge.

The Independent Assessment undertaken by RHDHV, published in October 2023, provides all partners with an understanding for the future transition of coastal and terrestrial habitats at this location. Based on a robust evidence base Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency, and Chichester Harbour Conservancy, agree on this Statement on Common Ground. This independent report has enabled these consenting organisations to agree a solution.

There is agreement that these priorities are reached in a wider principle of supporting environmental, social and economic adaptation to climate change and coastal squeeze in the medium term. A wider Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan is proposed for determining the longer term actions for coastal management.