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**A RESPONSE TO ENGLISH NATURE'S PROPOSED SCHEME FOR EAST HEAD**

The article published in the Chichester Observer last week explained English Nature's proposal for protecting East Head in a sustainable way.

The partnership working towards finding a solution to the East Head issue, wish to emphasise that, whilst the proposal may be promising, much further work is required to ensure that it is workable and fundable. This further work will be undertaken as part of the the review of the Coastal Defence Strategy and further work currently being commissioned by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy. It is expected to be released for public consultation in the Spring 2005.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

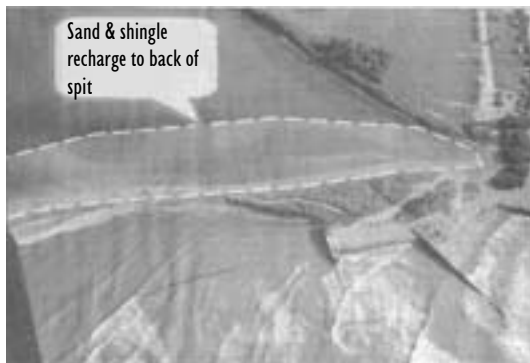


Illustration of the proposed English Nature scheme as reported in the Chichester Observer 16 Dec 2004

Chichester Harbour with a legal duty to manage the harbour and the surrounding land for the purposes of recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection. It has a wide range of powers to control navigation, moorings, works and dredging, as well as to maintain and improve the wildlife value and the landscape.

The Conservancy also manages the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to ensure that it is conserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of all, AONB officers and their staff work with national and local government, environment organisations, landowners and managers and their local businesses and communities to ensure that these unique landscapes and the rare and wonderful wildlife living in them are protected and enhanced.

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