

Chichester Harbour **Site Management Plan**
2020-2030
Earnley Triangle

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Earnley Triangle is partly within the Chichester Harbour AONB and almost entirely within the Boatyard Patch SINC. It was designated as a SINC for its maritime influenced grassland, with pale flax *Linum bienne* and slender hare's-ear *Bupleurum tenuissimum*, both species typical of good quality coastal grassland. Slender hare's-ear is a species of principal importance and pale flax is a scarce local plant.

Earnley Triangle a mixture of grassland, scrub and small individual trees with a number of paths cut around and through the site. To the south east of the site is an area of close-cropped grassland, owned and managed by Havant Borough Council. The site is well used for public amenity by residents.

Earnley Triangle is private land. Conservation works are permitted only by Chichester Harbour Conservancy and must not take place without express consent.

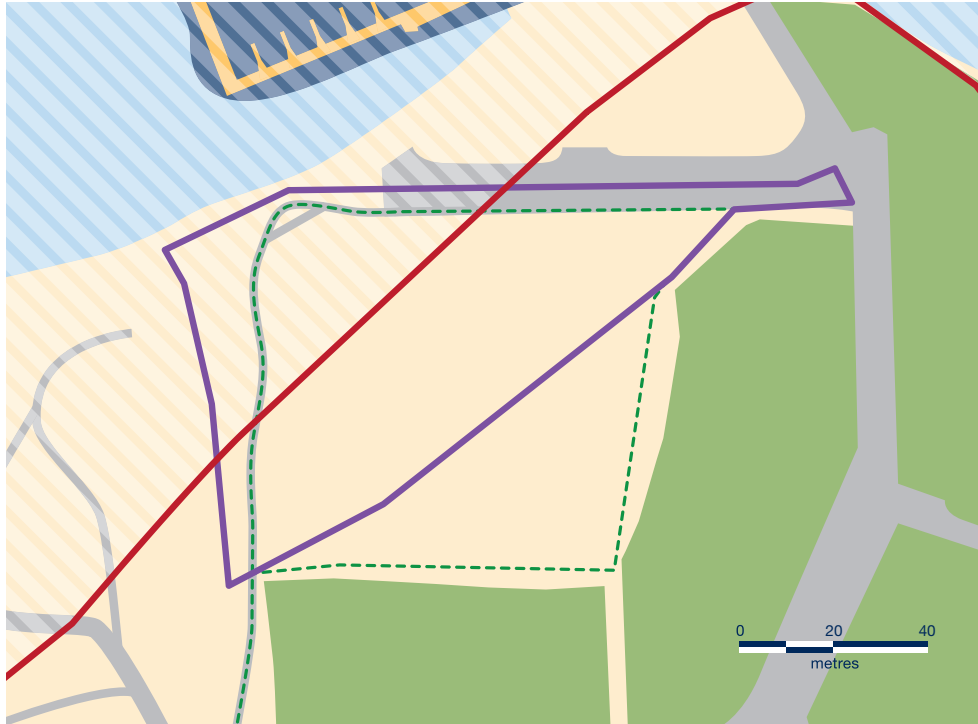
Cover: Slender Hare's-Ear.



Address	Earnley Road, Hayling Island, PO11 9SU
Grid Reference	SZ74659884
Size	0.58 hectares
Local Authority	Havant Borough Council
Ward	Hayling East
Landowner	Chichester Harbour Conservancy
Date Acquired	2010
Management	Chichester Harbour Conservancy
Designations	Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Boatyard Patch Site of Importance for Natural Conservation (SINC)
Zone of Influence	Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Special Protection Area (SPA) Ramsar Site

Location Maps

- The site boundary is outlined in purple.
- The AONB boundary, on the harbourside of the site, is outlined in red.



Management

There are two purposes for the management of the site.

- **The primary purpose is to conserve and enhance nature; and**
- **The secondary purpose is to maintain the public amenity area.**

Should the two management purposes ever be in conflict, the primary purpose will take precedence.

The overall aim of the Site Management Plan is to retain the coastal grassland habitat, control scrub, and maintain the access footpaths. This will be achieved through a programme of cut-and-collect, scrub-bashing, and footpath maintenance. Management will only be carried out by Chichester Harbour Conservancy, assisted by the Friends of Chichester Harbour.

For the purposes of clarity, it is not an objective of the Site Management Plan to manage the land to maintain priority views from the residential dwellings towards the Harbour. However, wherever possible, the Conservancy will pursue management that conserves and enhances nature without screening any priority views.

Grassland and Scrub

The site boundary is planted on two sides (to the north and west). Pink flowering hawthorn has been planted along the northern boundary with Sparkes Marina.

Management will consist of annual cutting back to maintain the access footpaths. Any new boundary planting will consist of a native hedgerow. Up to one-third of the grassland area will be cut each year. Cutting will only take place between late September and mid-November, to avoid the bird nesting season and allow plants to flower, whilst avoiding wet ground conditions.

The existing scrub has ecological value. Up to one-third of the scrub will be cut each year. Scrub management will take place any time between September and late February, to avoid the bird nesting season.

Most of the arisings will be disposed of on-site either in piles or by controlled burning.

Monitoring and Survey

An annual survey to be carried out by the Conservancy's Ecologist to monitor pale flax, slender hare's-ear and the coverage of scrub.



Access and Community Engagement

- The Conservancy will install and maintain an interpretation panel.
- There are three access points to the site: via Hollies Caravan Park to the west; Earnley Road to the south; and Wittering Road to the east. Vehicle access is via Wittering Road.
- Bovis Homes own the south-west corner of the site.
- Public access is provided by three public footpaths (no. 517, 518, 519). There is also a network of smaller informal paths throughout the site.
- The residential dwellings to the south and east of the site are the local stakeholders. These residents were consulted during the development of this Site Management Plan.
- For the purposes of clarity, any off-site garden waste, or general household litter, illegally disposed of at Earnley Triangle will be treated as fly-tipping and subject to prosecution.



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