

CHICHESTER HARBOUR CONSERVANCY

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CHICHESTER HARBOUR AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN (2019-2024)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Conservancy is leading with the preparation of the next Management Plan (2019-2024) on behalf of the four local authorities (Hampshire County Council, West Sussex County Council, Havant Borough Council, and Chichester District Council) and Natural England.
- 1.2 This Statement of Community Involvement formally sets out the policy and standards for consulting residents, local groups, stakeholders and statutory consultees in preparing the next Management Plan and how Chichester Harbour Conservancy will consult during its development. It is a framework designed to ensure there is genuine involvement in making and shaping the Management Plan. It will also enable the Conservancy to demonstrate that the preparation of the Management Plan was sound and fit-for-purpose.
- 1.3 Not all sections of the Management Plan (2019-2024) will be open to consultation. Areas which we are not consulting on will be clearly marked in the consultation document.
- 1.4 The Conservancy acknowledges there is a difference between 'engagement' and 'consultation'. Engagement is to work with local people to create new policies, i.e. starting from scratch. Consultation is to publish the draft policies and then seek the views of local people on them. The Conservancy undertook a significant amount of engagement work in the past on the Management Plan. Since this Plan is a continuation of that previous work, the Conservancy will consult on the new document, rather than engage. We will therefore be seeking views on the draft Plan after it is published on 16 July 2018.

2.0 Who will we consult with?

- 2.1 The Conservancy will consult with anyone who may have a role or interest in shaping the Management Plan for Chichester Harbour AONB, including local people, local businesses and partnerships, local community groups, landowners, developers, public sector organisations, and national organisations and agencies.
- 2.2 The Conservancy currently has an active role with the following partnerships, whereby a partnership is defined as a regular meeting of 3 or more organisations.

- Arun and Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT)
- Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership
- Bird Aware Solent / Solent Recreation and Mitigation Partnership
- British Ports Association Environmental Group
- British Ports Association Regional Ports Group
- Chichester District Archaeology Society (CDAS)
- Chichester Harbour Federation Crime Forum
- Chichester Harbour Heritage Partnership (CHHPs)
- Chichester Harbour Oyster Partnership Initiative (CHOPI)
- Chichester Water Quality Group
- East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group (EHCIAG)
- Mariner Managers Meeting
- National Association of AONBs
- Natural Environment Group
- Solent & Southern Harbour Masters Association (SASHMA)
- Solent European Marine Sites (SEMS)
- Solent Forum
- South Downs Astronomical Society (SDAS)
- South East and East of England Protected Landscapes Group (SEEPL)
- Standing Conference on Issues Associated with the Coast (SCOPAC)
- Sussex Environment Educators Forum
- Sussex Marine and Coastal Forum
- Thorney Island Conservation Group
- UK Harbour Masters Association

2.3 In particular, the Conservancy recognises the following stakeholders as having an interest in the Management Plan. In due course, the Conservancy will send to the consultation draft to these stakeholders. This list is not definitive; it is intended as a starting point.

Apuldram Fishing & Boat Club	Emsworth Sailing Club	Ministry of Defence
Apuldram Parish Council	Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club	National Association of AONBs
Associated British Ports	Emsworth Yacht Harbour	National Farmers Union
Birdham Parish Council	English Heritage	National Trust
Birdham Pool Marina	Environment Agency	Natural Land Management (Eames Farm)
Bosham Association	Friends of Chichester Harbour	North East Hayling Residents Association
Bosham Parish Council	Friends of Maybush Copse	Northney Marina
Bosham Sailing Club	Friends of Nore Barn Woods	Northshore
British Trust for Ornithology	Haines Boatyard	Old Park Wood Estate
Burhill Estates	Hampshire and the Isle	Open Spaces Society

	of Wight Wildlife Trust	
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Hampshire Police	Paines Boatyard
Chichester & District Archaeology Society	Havant Youth Training Scheme	Plantlife
Chichester Harbour Federation	Hayling Island Residents Association	Ramblers Association
Chichester Harbour Trust	Hayling Island Sailing Club	RNLI Hayling Island
Chichester Marina	Hayling Yacht Company	Royal Society for Protection of Birds
Chichester Ship Canal Trust	Historic England	Royal Yachting Association
Chichester Uni PGCE	Itchenor Parish Council	Southbourne Parish Council
Chichester Harbour Water Tours	Itchenor Sailing Club	Southern IFCA
Chichester Wildfowlers	Itchenor Society, The	Southern Water
Chichester Yacht Club	Lakeside Coastal Village	Sparkes Marina
Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council	Langstone Cutters Gig Club	Sussex IFCA
Christian Youth Enterprise	Langstone Harbour Board	Sussex Police
Church Commissioners	Langstone Residents Association	Sussex Wildlife Trust
Cobnor Activities Centre Trust	Langstone Sailing Club	Thorney Island Sailing Club
Crown Commissioners	Langstone Village Association	Three Harbours Beef
Cobnor Estate	Manhood Peninsula Forum	Tournebury Estate
Country Land and Business Association	Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group	West Wittering Estate
Dell Quay Sailing Club	Marine Archaeology Trust	West Wittering Parish Council
Emsworth Business Association	Marine Conservation Society	West Wittering Sailing Club
Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust	Marine Management Organisation	Wilson's Boatyard
Emsworth Residents Association	Mengham Rythe Sailing Club	Woodger Trust

2.4 It is appreciated that some of these stakeholders are already represented on the Advisory Committee. However, the Members role on the Advisory Committee is to act in best interests of the Conservancy, which is not necessarily their own organisation. It is therefore appropriate that Advisory Committee Members formerly respond to the consultation on

behalf of their stakeholder organisation so there is a written record of their views. This will help with revising the Plan and provide evidence that the consultation process was sound and transparent.

2.5 A range of other organisations operating in Chichester Harbour will also be consulted with, including BME groups, those representing the interests of disabled people, and local churches.

2.6 In due course, the overall number of consultation responses will be reported to the local authorities. Collectively, they will help to validate the Plan, enabling it to be adopted.

3.0 When will we consult?

3.1 The consultation on the full draft Management Plan (2019-2024) will take place from 12 noon on 16 July 2018 and conclude on 12 noon on 28 September 2018.

4.0 How will we consult?

4.1 The Management Plan and its associated documents will be written in plain English. The list of organisations in Section 2.3 will be sent a hard copy of the document by post in July 2018.

4.2 The Conservancy will also:

- Publish the consultation document available on its website.
- Make the consultation document available at the four local authorities and at all the libraries in and around Chichester Harbour, including the main libraries in Chichester and Havant.
- Host four exhibitions around the Harbour during the consultation period. These will take place in West Itchenor, Chidham, Emsworth and at South Hayling.
- Email everyone on the Conservancy's database about the consultation.
- Promote the consultation through its social media accounts.
- Issue a press release and advertise the local exhibitions in the local newspapers.

4.3 The Conservancy will only receive online comments. Respondents without access to the Internet are able to use a public computer at a local library in order to take part. Should anyone require further assistance during the consultation, they can call the Conservancy on 01243 510982.

5.0 What happens to the comments we receive?

5.1 All comments will be collated, analysed and taken into account. Specifically, all comments will be considered by the Management Plan Task & Finish Group, with a summary presented to the Advisory Committee and Conservancy in November 2018.

- 5.2 The Conservancy may contact individuals to discuss their particular comments if it is appropriate. It is not envisaged that the Conservancy will respond to all comments, nor provide acknowledgements.
- 5.3 Comments will be reviewed and considered by officers and where appropriate, changes to the document proposed.
- 5.4 There are likely to be circumstances where the Conservancy considers that it is not appropriate to alter the Management Plan to accommodate the views of a respondent, for example, when the proposed changes are contrary to other policies.

6.0 When will the Management Plan be adopted?

- 6.1 The Management Plan will be signed-off by the Advisory Committee and the Conservancy in January 2019, and then passed to the four Local Authorities for adoption by 1 April 2019, or as close to that date as possible.

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