

# Durlston Head to Rame Head Shoreline Management Plan

## What does it mean to you?



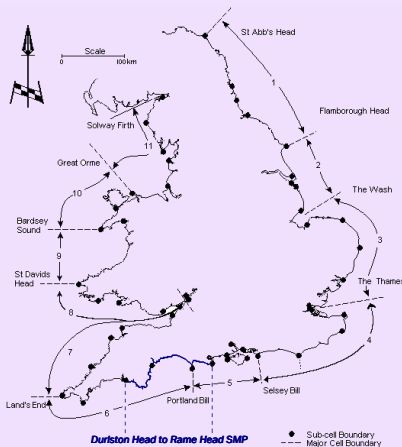
## The Coastline

The South West has a dynamic coastline and uninterrupted coastal processes have created some of its most beautiful and important features. However, coastal erosion and flooding by the sea are also hazards to property on the coast. This results in the need for coastal defence works to protect assets from natural processes.

Balancing the desire to protect property and livelihoods, whilst maintaining the integrity of the natural coast, requires creative management solutions and difficult decisions have to be made about where and how to protect.



## Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs)



In the mid 1990's, Coastal Groups and Local Authorities were encouraged by Government to adopt the concept of Shoreline Management Plans, with a view to producing sustainable coastal defence policies. In order to achieve this, the shoreline of England and Wales was divided into 11 sediment cells, based on natural coastal process. Each cell was then divided into smaller sub-cells, bounded by either headlands or estuaries, to create manageable SMP areas.

The objectives of SMPs are to:

- ⇒ Improve our understanding of coastal processes.
- ⇒ Work in partnership with all interested organisations and the public.
- ⇒ Prepare a setting for the long term planning of coastal defences.

## Shoreline Management Plans – Review

Over the last 10 years we have made significant progress in understanding and mapping coastal processes through the first generation of SMPs.

Following a review of the strengths and weaknesses of these SMPs and full consultation with the industry, the Government has now updated SMP guidance. It recommended that the second generation SMPs should be appraised over a 100-year timescale, rather than the previous 50-year period. This offers a truly sustainable "vision" for the coast.

In addition, the guidance is much more prescriptive ensuring that stakeholders are fully immersed in the whole production process and that the SMP reviews are consistent throughout the country.



## So What Does It Mean To You?

Your views matter and the inside of this leaflet illustrates the area and issues covered by this SMP.

In order to produce an agreed plan, we need to ensure that the following are achieved:

- ⇒ Full stakeholder & public engagement on issues within the SMP area.
- ⇒ All opinions and views are registered at an early stage.
- ⇒ The plan is framed around both current and predicted data.
- ⇒ All parties have the necessary information they require about the



# The South Devon and Dorset Coastal Authorities Group



The South Devon and Dorset Coastal Authorities Group (SDADCAG) works to promote sustainable shoreline management along the coastline, between Durlston Head, near Swanage and Rame Head, near Plymouth. This process is being led by Teignbridge District Council.

SDADCAG is one of eighteen similar coastal groups covering the coastline of England and Wales.

## Members

Caradon District Council	Network Rail
Defra	Plymouth City Council
Devon County Council	Purbeck District Council
Dorset County Council	South Hams District Council
East Devon District Council	Teignbridge District Council
Environment Agency SW	Torbay Council
Exeter City Council	West Dorset District Council
Natural England	Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

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