

## A STRATEGY FOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENT & ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE SOLENT

Detailed below is the **RITE** Action Plan which identifies the key players for taking forward the recommended actions from the Strategy

| RITE ACTION PLAN            | ACTIONS   |  | KEY PLAYERS                                      |
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|                             | LANDBASED RECREATION  |  |  |
| <b>R</b><br><br>RECREATION  | R1  | Continue to support coastal recreation opportunities, if they meet recreational need and do not have a serious effect on the resource, character of the coast or other users.  | EA EN HA LA<br>NGOs                              |
|                             | R2  | Determine methods of managing public access to sensitive areas of the coast – see <b>E1</b> - and for reasons of safety.   |  |
|                             | R3  | Seek to improve access for all; in particular exploit opportunities for the disabled and those who are mobility impaired   |  |
|                             | R4  | Provide an attractive and safe environment, particularly for those with restricted mobility. This should include adequate resting spots. See R1, R2, R3.   | LA   |
|                             | R5  | Promote, maintain and extend the Rights of Way network   | RoW LA Tourism                                   |
|                             | R6  | Where possible reroute the Solent Way through negotiation with landowners  | LA Landowners<br>RoW NGOs                        |
|                             | R7  | Assess the feasibility of a Circular Solent Way, linking the Isle of Wight and mainland coastal paths. This will also complement the information section of the Action Plan  | SF   |
|                             | <b>WATER BASED RECREATION</b>   |  |  |
|                             | R8  | Maintain and improve the standard of Solent water quality  | EA Industry RYA<br>SWQC UG                       |
|                             | R9  | Improve public awareness of water quality in the Solent  |  |
|                             | R10   | Encourage boat users to adopt a code of practice with reference to the environment   |  |
|                             | R11   | Consider stricter control over access and permitted recreation where conflict/safety is apparent   | HA LA MCA<br>NGOs RYA UG                         |
|                             | R12   | Examine the trends, pressures, demands and facilities (including launch points) relating to water-based recreation to develop an integrated approach to water based recreation on the coast                            | SF   |
|                             | R13   | Undertake a mooring count/use an demand survey as part of a Water Recreation Study   | SF HA  |
|                             | R14   | Examine the efficiency of mooring areas, to determine the alternatives available   | HA   |
| R15                         | Assess which launch points are inadequate and either improve them or close them, whilst encouraging the use and maintenance of good quality launch points | HA   |  |
| <b>I</b><br><br>INFORMATION | In1   | Establish an integrated approach to interpretation and information provision along the coast through the use of key sites, heritage trails and educational material explaining the attributes of our coastal resource. | EA EN HA LA<br>NGOs SPS Sport<br>England Tourism |
|                             | In2   | Generate a public awareness campaign to promote the Solent and its protection  |  |
|                             | In3   | Look to improving signage where possible and when resources allow.   | HA LA  |
|                             | In4   | Establish key information points for signs and boards where particular information is important.   | EA EN HA LA<br>NGO                               |
|                             | In5   | Rationalise signs to minimise clutter.   | EA EN HA LA<br>NGO SF                            |
|                             | In6   | Determine a “Solent Standard” so that the public understand symbols / signs along the length of the coast.   | EA EN HA LA<br>NGO SF                            |
|                             | In7   | Examine and improve interpretation on Solent Ferries   | FERRY<br>COMPANIES SF                            |
|                             | In8   | Support collaboration between teachers and organisations to increase the educational use of the Solent   | EA EN HA LA<br>NGO SF                            |

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| <b>T</b><br><br>TRANSPORT   | T1 | Ensure proposals for recreation development on the coast supports integrated and/or public transport policies   | LA SUSTRANS   |
|                             | T2 | Reduce pedestrian/cycle/vehicle conflict to improve safety of all users   | LA UG   |
|                             | T3 | Provide fully for the needs of the cyclist with safe and convenient parking in appropriate coastal locations  | LA SUSTRANS   |
|                             | T4 | Continue to seek to remove the emphasis on the private car  | LA UG   |
|                             | T5 | Investigate innovative schemes to encourage the use of public transport   | DTLR LA HA  |
|                             | T6 | Devise controls/schemes to resolve existing car parking problems, continue to work towards integrated land use and transport policies as a method of car park management.                               | LA  |
|                             | T7 | If car park charging is considered the best method of curbing use of the car, a co-ordinated approach to car park charging should occur.  | LA  |
| <b>E</b><br><br>ENVIRONMENT | E1 | Determine areas or zones where access for recreation needs to be controlled and develop the appropriate method of management  | EA EN HA LA UGs   |
|                             | E2 | Seek to retain sea views and open up new ones should opportunities allow.   | LA  |
|                             | E3 | Seek to remove and/or replace those structures that are detrimental to the visual amenity   | EN LA   |
|                             | E4 | Where appropriate encourage habitat creation/restoration with native species  |   |
|                             | E5 | Undertake environmental enhancements such as landscaping. Improvement of floorscape/street furniture and provision of litter and recycling bins   | LA HA   |
|                             | E6 | Produce materials that are aimed at the widest range of society so all can value and enjoy the coast  | LA NGO RoW TOURISM  |
|                             | E7 | Seek to increase the use and provision of waste facilities and recycling bins   | LA,HA, NGO UGs  |
|                             | E8 | Promote schemes such as Marine Conservation Society's Adopt a Beach as an approach to the coastal litter problem  | MCS   |
|                             | E9 | Promote clean codes of conduct such as Dog Owners Code of Practice for Beaches.   | LA NGOs   |
|                             |    | <b>EA</b> Environment Agency<br><b>EN</b> English Nature<br><b>HA</b> Harbour Authority<br><b>LA</b> Local Authority<br><b>MCA</b> Maritime Coastguard Agency<br><b>MCS</b> Marine Conservation Society | <b>NGO</b> Non-Government Organisation<br><b>RoW</b> Rights of Way<br><b>RYA</b> Royal Yachting Association<br><b>SF</b> Solent Forum<br><b>SWQC</b> Solent Water Quality Conference<br><b>UG</b> User Groups |