

# Strategic Guidance Review Report

## Overview:

Strategic Guidance for the Solent was published in 1997 by the Solent Forum and is a coastal management plan. It was a mechanism bringing together the various sectors and stakeholders that had an interest in the Solent to strategically discuss the future management needs of the area. It also set out to raise awareness and understanding of the main issues; and to set out the ground rules for consultation. It took 2 years to prepare using a full time Forum officer and Forum members via topic groups.

The Solent Forum was established in 1992, to develop a greater understanding among the authorities and agencies involved in planning and management in the Solent area, and to assist and influence them in carrying out their functions.

The Solent Forum provides:

1. Strategic advice on matters that affect the Solent.
2. Information on changes in the operating environment that will affect your work.
3. Awareness and understanding of other stakeholders' roles, responsibilities and aspirations and of the Solent's resources and associated management issues.
4. Networking opportunities of all kinds and at all levels.

The Strategic Guidance is not intended as a 'grand plan' for the Solent. It seeks to provide the framework within which the wide range of activities are planned and managed together, and the national importance of the Solent can be further strengthened in the future.

The purposes of the 1997 Strategic Guidance as stated in the May 1997 consultation draft are to:

- Establish the general direction for the whole of the Solent in terms of strategic planning and management;
- Raise awareness and understanding of the main issues;
- Set out the ground rules for consultation;
- Identify priority project for Solent-wide action.

The Solent is an internationally important economic, recreational and environmental asset. We already have achieved a careful balance of the different interests, and will need to maintain that balance in the future. The main message of the Guidance is that the Solent is a well managed estuary system, and is a place to be proud of. With continued commitment, clear priorities and developing partnerships there is every reason to be optimistic about its long term future.

The Strategic Guidance document consists of:

- a suite of strategies and actions laid out by sector;
- an overview of the systems for regulating development;
- a framework showing the statutory and non-statutory plans in the Solent;
- a matrix and information on the consultative/liaison bodies in the area;
- identified Flagship projects to be undertaken by the Solent Forum officer;
- membership directory.

### Chapter List

1. Foreword
2. Nature Conservation
3. Landscape and Seascape
4. Historic Heritage and Maritime Archaeology
5. Ports and Shipping
6. Marine Aggregates
7. Oil and Gas
8. Recreation and Tourism
9. Naval Base and Defence Interests
10. Fisheries
11. Marine Industries
12. Transportation
13. Coast Protection and Sea Defence
14. Environmental Quality
15. Safety
16. Systems for Regulating Development

### Updated Chapters

- Nature Conservation - updated in 2003.
- Recreation and Tourism chapter - updated in 2011.
- Environmental Quality chapter – draft 2012 (needs to be agreed)
- Marine Aggregates – scoped 2012 – needs more work
- Energy Resources – draft 2011(needs to agreed)

### Removed Chapters

The Systems for Regulating Development chapter has been superseded by the Forum's Coastal and Marine Consents Guide, 2012 which reflects the changes that have taken place since the introduction of the Marine and Coastal Access Act, 2009.

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