



Bird Aware Solent

Mitigating disturbance of birds and planning for housebuilding

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The Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership



- Natural England
- RSPB
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- New Forest National Park Authority
- South Downs National Park Authority
- Hampshire County Council
- Isle of Wight Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Southampton City Council
- Chichester District Council
- East Hampshire District Council
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Havant Borough Council
- New Forest District Council
- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council



Developer contributions



£181 per dwelling to fund interim measures

75% of all visitors to the Solent coast originate from within a 5.6 kilometres zone



Public Orientated Brand



Proposals to Mitigate



- Ranger Team
- Communication/
Education
- Dog Initiatives
- Codes of Conduct
- Site specific projects
- Suitable Alternative
Natural Greenspaces



Monitoring



Ranger Team



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About the birds



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The Solent coast and its wildlife are special. The sheltered coast and harbours provide a rich diversity of habitats for birds. Every winter more than 90,000 waders and wildfowl fly here from as far as the Arctic.

Coastal birds live by the rhythm of the tides. At low tide they feed around the water's edge. At high tide they rest together on the shore or close by to conserve energy and wait for the next low tide. Find out more about some of the Solent's best known birds by clicking on them below.

The UK's birds are in three categories of conservation importance: red, amber and green. Red is the highest conservation priority, with species needing urgent action. Amber is the next most critical group, followed by green. These categories help conservation bodies and the government to prioritise their work. More information on these categories can be found on the RSPB website [categories explained](#).

The Solent coast is special



Bird migration



Why do the birds need my help?

- The Solent coast is very busy with people. They often disturb the birds unintentionally.
- When the birds are disturbed they stop feeding or worse still, fly away. It can take them a whole day just to regain the energy they used.
- Many of the birds can only feed at low tide so feeding time is limited.
- Short daylight hours in winter mean feeding time is even more precious.
- At high tide the birds need to rest to conserve energy. There is often little ground above the high water where they can rest undisturbed.
- Cold, wet and windy weather makes survival even tougher.
- We can all play our part to ensure continued enjoyment of the Solent, by both people and birds alike.

See what you can spot in the Solent...

Tick the birds off the list as you see them!



How YOU can help...

- Look out for birds feeding and nesting on the coast.
- Take care not to scare or disturb them.
- Move further away if a bird becomes alert and stops feeding.
- Stay on the paths where they exist.
- Always follow requests on signs.
- Exercise your dog away from nesting or feeding birds to avoid disturbing them.
- Keep your dog in sight and on a short lead if you cannot rely on its obedience.
- Don't forget to clean up after your dog.
- If you are going out on the water contact the local harbour authority for special permission.
- Tell your friends and family about Bird Aware Solent.

To learn more, talk to our Coastal Rangers or visit our website at www.birdaware.org

The Bird Aware coastal code



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- **Move further away** if birds become alert and stop feeding
- **Stay on paths** where they exist
- Always **follow requests** on signs
- **Exercise your dog away from coastal birds** to avoid disturbing them
- **Keep your dog in sight** and on a short lead if you cannot rely on its obedience
- Please **clean up after your dog**
- If you are going out on the water **contact the local harbour authority for special guidance**



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Definitive Strategy



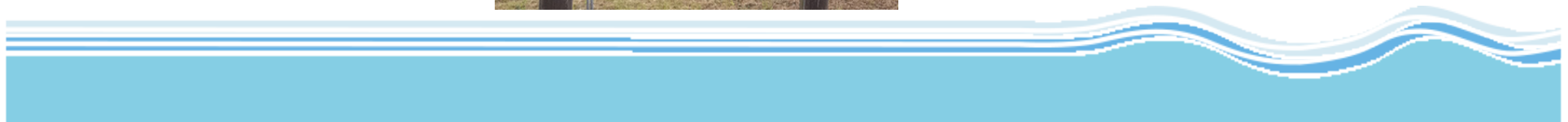
Mitigate housing planned till 2034 (plus 80 years in-perpetuity element)



Traditional Response



Alternative Sites



Site Specific Projects



Ball-Park Annual Costs



	£k
Rangers	270
Other staff	105
On-the-ground projects	400
Operational budget including monitoring	90
In-perpetuity funding	<u>950</u>
Total	1915



Developer Contribution



£500- 600 per dwelling
or a sliding scale ranging
from £337 for a 1 bed
property to £880 for a
5+bed property



Other similar scheme costs:

Pagham Harbour SPA: £1100 per dwelling

New Forset SPA: £1300 per dwelling

Thames Basin Heaths SPA: £3000-£1100 per dwelling



Forthcoming Consultation



Thank you for Listening

