



Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Partnership and Environment Agency – Statement of Joint Working and Cooperation 2013

A new Statement of Joint Working and Cooperation has been produced between the Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Partnership (comprising Adur District Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, Shoreham Port Authority and West Sussex County Council) and the Environment Agency (EA). The purpose of this Statement is to promote effective partnership working between the relevant parties to ensure that flood risk management and related matters associated with the regeneration of Shoreham Harbour are fully taken into consideration. This Statement replaces the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU, 2009).

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The MoU (2009) was produced to proactively address flood risk management issues associated with developing regeneration plans for Shoreham Harbour. It considered the working arrangements, roles and responsibilities of the EA and Project Partners as well as outlining the technical evidence base required to support the preparation of a Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP). It helped to provide investor confidence and secure resources from project partners and central government.

Progress on Managing Flood Risk to Date

The MoU has helped in working towards a comprehensive approach to managing flood risk at the harbour. Key areas of work carried out to date include:

- Completion of the Shoreham Harbour Design and Flood Risk study (JBA, 2011)
- Updated Adur and Worthing Councils' Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (JBA, 2012)
- Updated Brighton & Hove City Council's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (JBA 2012).
- Input into the Capacity and Viability Study (AECOM, 2011).
- Input into the Environment Agency's Adur Tidal Walls scheme.
- Input into the Western Harbour Arm and South Portslade Industrial Estate & Aldrington Basin Development Briefs.
- Collaborative working on:
 - Brighton Marina to River Adur Strategy (Halcrow, currently being drafted)
 - West Sussex Flood Risk Management Strategy (WSSCC, currently being drafted)
 - Rivers Arun to Adur - flood and erosion management strategy (2010)



This work has provided assurance that risks of flooding can be appropriately mitigated without increasing the risks of flooding elsewhere. Project Partners and the EA agree that the MoU has successfully served its purpose and should now be replaced by the following Statement of Joint Working and Cooperation to continue with the objective of facilitating collaborative working.

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The Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Partnership and the Environment Agency continue to be committed to working in cooperation together to enable sustainable development at Shoreham Harbour that will avoid and reduce the risks of flooding and coastal processes.

Priorities and Working Arrangements

The Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Partnership and the Environment Agency agree to commit to prioritising officer time and resources to input into strategic planning and regeneration proposals for Shoreham Harbour.

The Flood Risk Sub Group, led by Adur District Council, will continue to steer the progress of relevant technical studies and strategy documents and will:

1. Ensure the evidence base remains current, appropriate and accurate in relation to flood risk, including commenting on scopes of work for new contracts.
2. Identify and bid for flood risk infrastructure delivery funding opportunities, including the gathering of supporting evidence in order to achieve viable solutions.

All partners will commit to:

1. Providing timely responses and comments on emerging Development Plan Documents (including Joint Area Action Plan, BHCC City Plan and ADC Local Plan); and other planning documents (including strategies, guidance documents and development briefs).
2. Providing timely comments in response to pre-application processes and planning applications within the Shoreham Harbour regeneration area.
3. Attending regular meetings including Planning Policy and Flood Risk Sub Group meetings and Project / Leaders Board meetings on occasion through mutual agreement.
4. Attending workshops and other engagement activities as and when required through mutual agreement.
5. Informing one another of upcoming consultations and appropriate deadlines in good time so as to enable responses to be prepared in a timely fashion.

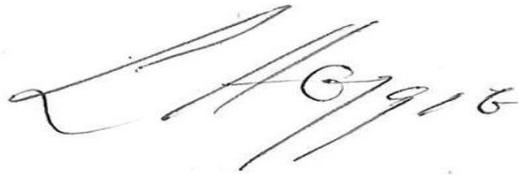


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