

These objectives and proposals are a guide to the future activities and targets of the Fowey Estuary Partnership. The organisational involvement is necessary to identify those in the best position to achieve the targets. The lead body is underlined.

SECTION 5 MANAGEMENT POLICIES

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR CO-OPERATION AMONGST ESTUARY USERS, STATUTORY AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO SUSTAIN AND MANAGE THE RESOURCES OF THE FOWEY ESTUARY

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Develop a management framework to facilitate the delivery of the FEMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-operation of relevant authorities and interest groups when conducting projects in the FEMP area • Stronger framework for exchanging information 	<p><u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u></p> <p><u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u></p>	Ongoing
Encourage on-going public participation and involvement in estuary management	Encourage and support the programme of events organised by the Friends of the Fowey	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u> , through the Friends of the Fowey Estuary	Ongoing
Identify future funding to support the work of the FEP	Continue to explore all avenues of funding	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u>	High
Improve access to high quality, up to date and relevant data for decision making	Continue updating the manual of estuary data and promote information sharing when new data is collected.	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Caradon District Council, Cornwall County Council, Environment Agency, Restormel Borough Council, National Trust, English Nature, Imerys, ERCCIS, CAU	Ongoing

SECTION 6 LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO PROTECT AND WHERE POSSIBLE ENHANCE THE UNIQUE NATURAL BEAUTY AND DISTINCTIVE LANDSCAPE QUALITY OF THE FOWEY ESTUARY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF THE AREA BY RAISING AWARENESS OF ALL ESTUARY USERS ON THE VALUE OF THOSE ASSETS

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Conservation of the landscape setting of the estuary	Co-operation of relevant planning authorities in the upholding of existing planning regulations and policies	<u>Cornwall County Council</u> , Restormel Borough Council, Countryside Agency, Caradon District Council, Environment Agency, National Trust	Ongoing
Maintenance of native woodland along the waters edge	Survey programme developed in consultation with landowners	<u>Restormel Borough Council</u> , Caradon District Council, Forest Enterprise, National Trust, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust, Cornwall County Council, Silvanus Trust, ERCCIS	Ongoing
Promotion and protection of important geological sites and geomorphological features	Support the RIG site designation of the estuary	<u>RIGS group</u> , Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Completed
To assist conservation projects	Provide harbour equipment and staff, if available, for conservation projects	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u>	Ongoing
Increase awareness and involvement of the Fowey Estuary Partnership in planning matters	Highlight the importance of the Fowey Estuary Management Plan to the relevant planning departments	<u>Restormel Borough Council</u> , <u>Caradon District Council</u> , Fowey Estuary Partnership	
Use natural materials, where possible, in any building projects	Encourage through the relevant planning departments	<u>Restormel Borough Council</u> , <u>Caradon District Council</u> , Fowey Estuary Partnership	
Ensure the Fowey Estuary Management Plan links with the AONB management strategy	Ensure the Partnership is represented at the AONB management group	<u>Cornwall County Council</u>	

SECTION 7 NATURE CONSERVATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE:

TO PROTECT, CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY OF ESTUARINE HABITATS, INCLUDING THE ESTUARINE FRINGE, AND THE WILDLIFE THEY SUPPORT THROUGH CO-OPERATION WITH RELEVANT BODIES AND INCREASED AWARENESS OF ESTUARY USERS

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Regularly review and update the Manual of Estuary Data	Review in tandem with the Estuary Management Plan	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u>	High
Linking of all nature conservation objectives to the objectives and targets of the UK and Cornwall Biodiversity Action Plan	Link to the Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative	<u>Cornwall Wildlife Trust</u> , Fowey Estuary Partnership	In Progress
Maintenance of nature conservation interests	Highlighted in the Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative and EA action plans	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Environment Agency, English Nature, Cornwall Wildlife Trust	High - see <i>LEAP</i>
Promotion of existing nature conservation measures within the estuary and development of a co-ordinated approach to further nature conservation initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the need for protected areas and ensure continued protection of CWT sites already identified • Carry out up to date surveys of areas to be considered - e.g. marsh land at Lostwithiel • Work towards the introduction of voluntary nature conservation areas within the estuary through a partnership approach 	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, English Nature, Voluntary groups, Planning authorities, Local landowners	Ongoing
Improve the public awareness of natural estuarine habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a nature trail in fringing woodland near Polruan • Education of all users on important estuary features, e.g. <i>Zostera beds</i> • Map <i>Zostera</i> beds in Polruan Pool • Monitor health of <i>Zostera</i> beds 	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency, English Nature, Volunteer dive groups, ERCCIS	Completed
Increase knowledge and understanding of the natural environment	Integrate information for the catchment onto a single GIS	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners, English Nature, consultees	Low
Support the designation of the VMCA	Work to achieve the aims and objectives of the VMCA	<u>Fowey Estuary Partnership</u>	Ongoing

SECTION 8 HISTORIC ASSETS

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCE OF THE FOWEY ESTUARY AND TO PROMOTE CAREFUL EVALUATION OF ANY PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT MAY AFFECT THEM

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Give further consideration to statutory protection of important sites not currently scheduled or listed	Consider in next district-wide reviews	English Heritage	Medium
Draw up detailed site-specific management prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out more detailed surveys at specific sites to record their character, degree of survival and condition • Make recommendations for their future protection and conservation and for public access and interpretation 	<p>English Heritage, Cornwall CC, District Councils, OCS, Landowners</p> <p>Cornwall Historic Environment, CAU, OCS, District Councils</p>	Medium
Encourage the appropriate management of archaeological sites and historic structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect sites and structures from development and activities that will have an adverse effect on them • Seek funding for the repair and conservation of selected sites and structures • Where appropriate, encourage increased public access and prepare interpretative information to enhance the understanding of the character, history and importance of sites 	English Heritage, CAU, District Councils, OCS, Landowners	Medium
Encourage further documentary research into key maritime themes identified in the Fowey Estuary Historic Audit	Primary research of historic documents held by the County Record Office, Fowey harbour Commissioners and others.	OCS, Friends of the Fowey Estuary, Landowners	Medium

SECTION 9 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO SUSTAIN THE COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF THE PORT OF FOWEY AND TO ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS BALANCE THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS OF THE ESTUARY

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Investigate the possibility of diversifying port trade	Consider proposals which would lead to a diversification of port trade	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Imerys, other commercial operators	Ongoing
Promotion of Fowey Harbour as a destination for cruise ships	Increase the level of promotion of the assets of the area through use of appropriate media	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Tourist Information, Caradon Countryside Service	Medium
Manage Fowey Harbour as a destination for visiting yachts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the needs of visiting yachts people • Maintain and improve existing facilities 	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Town Councils, Tourist Information	In Progress
Continue to support and aim to improve all commercial activities taking place in the estuary in a way that maintains the natural resources of the estuary	Ensure lines of communication between commercial users of the estuary and environmental groups are kept open	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Fishing Associations, private operators	Continual

SECTION 10 FISHERIES

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO SEEK WAYS OF CONSERVING AND ENHANCING RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES WITHOUT UNDUE DETRIMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT OR OTHER ESTUARY USERS

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Assess locations and types of aquaculture suitable for the estuary	Develop a set of guidelines for use when considering the licensing and placement of aquaculture facilities	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Fowey Port Health, DEFRA, Environment Agency, Cornwall Sea Fisheries Committee, English Nature	Low
Conservation and enhancement of natural fish stocks in the estuary	Continue to assess fishery status within the plan area to provide good information for future management	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Fowey River Association, landowners, West Country Rivers Trust, DEFRA	Addressed in Catchment Action Plan
Conservation and enhancement of salmon in the river	Consult the draft Fowey Salmon Action Plan and develop partnerships to deliver actions identified with the plan.	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Fowey River Association, landowners, West Country Rivers Trust, DEFRA	Addressed in Salmon Action Plan
Improve the understanding of the Bass population of the estuary	Undertake a population survey of the nursery area	Environment Agency, CSFC, DEFRA	Low
Evaluate bait collection activities within the estuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the nature and extent of the problem • Initiate discussion between Fishing organisations, EN Associations and FHC to develop appropriate solutions • Produce literature/notice boards, if appropriate, to promote considerate behaviour/inform of detrimental effects • Further enforcement of current byelaws and policy • Look for alternatives to bait-collecting from the estuary • Possible introduction of a permit system 	Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Angling Associations and Federations, Golant Quay Users Association, Nature Conservation Organisations	In Progress English Nature report now published

SECTION 11 WATER QUALITY AND POLLUTION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE:	TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY WITHIN THE ESTUARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE MEASURES TO REDUCE POLLUTION THROUGHOUT THE ESTUARY
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OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Installation and operation of pump-out facilities for yachts	Facility to be sited in Berrill's Yard	Fowey Harbour Commissioners, SWW	Completed/ongoing
Review trophic status of the estuary	Carry out eutrophication studies of the estuary	<u>Environment Agency</u>	Completed. May carry out further work in future. Medium
Achieve UWWT standards for Golant and Bodinnick and the shellfish waters improvements of Fowey and Polruan by 2005	Improve treatment works	<u>South West Water</u> , Environment Agency	Addressed in AMP3 until 2005

SECTION 12 SEDIMENTATION, DREDGING AND DISPOSAL

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO WORK TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS OF SEDIMENTATION AND TO MAINTAIN DEEP WATER ACCESS IN THE ESTUARY WHILE CAUSING MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Promote the understanding of sediment dynamics in the Fowey Estuary	Commission study of sediment dynamics of the estuary	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Cornwall CC, Environment Agency	High
Evaluate change in sedimentation at Lostwithiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review changes in use Encourage removal of large debris Review water abstraction quantities at Restormel Review land management higher up the river 	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Lostwithiel Town Council, South West Water, FHC, West country Rivers Trust, FWAG	Low
Removal of sediment build-up above Lostwithiel bridge to prevent further bank erosion	Dig sediment out and take measures to protect bank and prevent further erosion e.g. use of stakes or similar method	<u>Lostwithiel TC</u> , Environment Agency, Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Medium
Improve condition of the river bank at Coulson Park in Lostwithiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out remedial work to prevent further erosion Tree replacement & small scale planting 	<u>Lostwithiel TC</u> , Restormel BC, Cornwall CC, Rural Development Commission, Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Environment Agency	Ongoing
Assess heavy metal concentrations in estuarine and dredged sediment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue sampling of dredged material Initiate sampling in other areas of the estuary Continue with spot sediment analysis for heavy metals Monitor current disposal site 	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , DEFRA	Continual
Review coastal processes affecting the estuary	Production of a Shoreline Management Plan, which extend 1km into estuary systems	Cornwall and IoS Shoreline Management Group, LA's and Government organisations, Consultancies	Ongoing
Investigate the possible reduction of the amount of dredged material	Undertake a sediment survey of the estuary in an aim to assess the dredging requirements	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Southampton & Plymouth Universities, Camborne School Of Mines	Ongoing
Research other means of sediment disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate disposal on land Investigate use of sediment for land fill Evaluate current method of dredging 	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Environment Agency, Consultants	Ongoing
Possible reduction of pollution originating as run-off from new buildings	Planners to consider methods to reduce pollution from new buildings e.g. interceptors	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Cornwall County Council, Caradon DC, Restormel BC,	Ongoing
Possible reduction of pollution from agricultural land	Landowners/managers to consider use of drainage ditches. Whole Farm Management Plans.	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Landowners, West Country Rivers Trust	Medium
Review pollution pathways into the estuary	Undertake assessment survey of the estuary to identify all possible pollution pathways	<u>Environment Agency</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners, FWAG	

SECTION 13 LITTER AND WASTE DISPOSAL

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: WORK TOWARDS ENSURING THAT THE ESTUARY REMAINS, AS FAR AS PRACTICAL, FREE OF LITTER

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Improvement of waste reception facilities at Fowey Docks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to skips • Provision of better information and signing of waste disposal facilities for commercial ships 	<u>Imerys</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Ongoing
Provision of sewage disposal facilities for yachts	Provision of a suction to shore facility at Berrill's Yard for sewage disposal from yachts	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , South West Water	Completed
Improvement of reception facilities at access points	Provision of large mobile bins at Berrill's Yard, Albert Quay (all year), and Golant (April-Sept.)	Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Restormel Borough Council, Caradon District Council	Completed
Production of Harbour Waste Management Plan	Necessary for harbour to comply with MARPOL and MSA regulations	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Consultees	Completed and reviewed biennially
Improve recycling facilities for Harbour users	Increase recycling reception points around the estuary and afloat	Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Restormel Borough Council, Caradon district Council	High

SECTION 14 TOURISM AND RECREATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO ENSURE THAT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND TOURISM THE NEEDS OF THE VISITOR ARE INTEGRATED WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Maintain signing and information for visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational Management Plan • Interpretative Plan for the estuary as a whole • Provision of map-based information in main car park • Standardise signs 	<u>Restormel Borough Council, Caradon District Council</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Fowey Town Council, Cornwall County Council, Ramblers Association, National Trust, Leisure Users, Tourist Information, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, English Heritage, OCS, Environment Agency	Ongoing
Encourage sustainable tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold discussions with local tourist industry/chamber of commerce • Ensure that increase in tourists can be supported by the present infrastructure 	<u>Restormel Borough Council, Caradon District Council</u> , Tourist Information, Caradon Countryside Service, Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Medium
Encourage visitors to visit river area in Lostwithiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of landscaped picnic area alongside proposed woodland within Coulson Park • Provision of two historical interpretation boards in Coulson Park 	Lostwithiel TC, Restormel BC, Cornwall CC, Rural Development Commission, Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Environment Agency	Completed summer 1998
Provision of better onshore facilities for estuary users	Assess the need for and provide or improve facilities such as toilets and showers for yachts people	<u>Fowey Harbour Commissioners</u> , Restormel Borough Council, Caradon District Council, user groups, clubs and bodies	Ongoing

SECTION 15 ACCESS

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE ESTUARY FOR ALL WITHOUT COMPROMISING NATURE AND LANDSCAPE INTERESTS

OBJECTIVE/PROPOSAL	SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION	SUGGESTED ORGANISATIONAL INVOLVEMENT	SUGGESTED PRIORITY
Improve access for those with disabilities to points with a view across the estuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of parking spaces for the disabled • Improvement of paths to the outer estuary where possible • Provision of information regarding suitable routes 	<u>Cornwall County Council, Restormel Borough Council</u> , Caradon District Council, Countryside Agency, Ramblers Association, National Trust, Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Medium
Promotion and preservation of existing footpaths	Participation in the Parish Paths Partnership to maintain and promote existing rights of way	<u>Cornwall County Council</u> , Fowey Town Council, Lostwithiel Town Council, St. Veep Parish Council, Lanteglos Parish Council, Restormel Borough Council, National Trust	In progress or completed
Promotion of the South West Coast Path	Production of a strategy for the coast path	Countryside Agency, South West Coast Path Project	Strategy published
Improve information regarding car parks	Improve existing car parking arrangements and also information relating to car parks and facilities	<u>Restormel Borough Council</u> , Caradon District Council, Cornwall County Council, National Trust	High
Promotion of cycle routes around the estuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage cycle hire in the area • Provision of cycle parks in public areas • Investigate possible routes and publicise them, giving an indication of difficulty 	Sustrans, Caradon Countryside Service, Town Councils, District Councils, National Trust	Medium
Improve facilities and safety of slip at Caffa Mill	Initiate discussions between authorities to improve lower slip	<u>Restormel Borough Council</u> , Fowey Harbour Commissioners	Ongoing