

6 POLICY SUMMARY

6.1 Introduction

This section provides a summary table of the preferred policies for each Policy Unit. This states the policy up to 2025, from 2025 to 2055, and from 2055 to 2105.

Whilst brief comments are also attached to some policies in the table, it is strongly recommended that this policy summary is read in conjunction with the detail contained within Section 4 of this SMP2 since this describes the full intent of the management approach.

The abbreviations in the summary policy table are explained below.

SMP Policy	Abbreviation	Definition
Hold the Line	HTL	Maintain or upgrade the level of protection provided by defences or the natural coastline
Advance the Line	A	Build new defences seaward of the existing defence line
No Active Intervention	NAI	A decision not to invest in providing or maintaining defences or management of the coast
Managed Realignment	MR	Manage the coastal processes to realign the 'natural' coastline configuration, either seaward or landward of its present position

6.2 Summary of Policies

PDZ	Management Area		Policy Unit		Policy Plan				
					2025	2055	2105	Comment	
1	Scottish Border to Holy Island	MA01	North of Berwick	1.1	St John's Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				1.2	Fisherman's Haven	HTL	MR	NAI	Significant change from present management policy, but this is phased over the three epochs. HTL in the first epoch involves maintenance of existing defences; no new defences are appropriate given future policies
				1.3	Pier Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA02	Tweed Estuary	2.1	North Breakwater	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain and repair as coast protection
				2.2	Inner Estuary North	HTL	HTL	HTL	Improve defence and raise in 50 years
				2.3	Inner Estuary South	HTL	HTL	HTL	Improve defence and raise in 50 years
				2.4	Sandstell Point	MR	HTL	HTL	Significant change from present management policy to create a more sustainable shoreline alignment. Detailed study
				2.5	Spittal	HTL	HTL	HTL	Retain beach
		MA03	Scremerston Cliffs	3.1	Scremerston Cliffs	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA04	Holy Island Hinterland	4.1	North Low and South Low	MR	MR	MR	Significant change from present management policy in first epoch. Investigate need for hinterland defences set back from shore to counter flooding.
	4.2			Beal Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	No action required but intent to maintain access to Holy Island.	
	4.3			Fenham Flats	NAI	NAI	NAI	Encourage development of intertidal natural defence to rising hinterland.	
	4.4			Ross Low	HTL	HTL	MR	Maintain existing flood defences and allow natural dune accretion. In final epoch dunes may roll back due to higher sea level. MR of this process is required.	
	4.5			Waren Mill	HTL	HTL	HTL	Including new defence to road as required.	
	4.6			Shell Road (Holy Island)	MR	MR	MR	Subject to detailed examination raise road level.	
	4.7			Holy Island Clay Cliff	NAI	NAI	NAI		
	4.8			Holy Island Harbour	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain back defence to harbour area.	
	MA05	Holy Island North and East	5.1	North coast	NAI	NAI	NAI	Maintain natural dunes.	
			5.2	East coast	NAI	NAI	NAI		

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2	Bamburgh to Seaton Point	MA06	Budle Bay to Seahouses	6.1	Bamburgh and St Aiden's dunes	NAI	NAI	NAI	Potential realignment of road in the long term.
				6.2	North Seahouses	HTL	HTL	MR	Significant change from present management policy in third epoch. Examine alternative access road with the aim to reroute access.
				6.3	Seahouses	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain harbour defences as front line, thereby maintaining defence to the back of the harbour.
				6.4	South Seahouses	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA07	Seahouses to Beadnell	7.1	Annstead Dunes	NAI	NAI	NAI	Potential increased flood plain.
				7.2	Beadnell Links	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA08	Beadnell and Beadnell Bay	8.1	Beadnell North	HTL	HTL	HTL	Control development seaward of the harbour road.
				8.2	Beadnell South	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				8.3	Beadnell Harbour	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintaining harbour as a coastal management structure.
				8.4	Beadnell Bay north	MR	MR	MR	Relies on maintenance of buffer zone.
				8.5	Beadnell Bay south	NAI	NAI	NAI	Potential increase of flood plain.
		MA09	Embleton Bay	9.1	Football Hole and headlands	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				9.2	Low Newton	HTL	HTL	HTL	With the aim to retain dunes and sediment.
				9.3	Chuck Bank	MR	MR	NAI	
				9.4	Embleton	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA10	Castle Rock to Boulmer	10.1	Dunstanburgh	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				10.2	Craster	HTL	HTL	HTL	Areas adjacent to harbour require detailed examination.
				10.3	Howick	NAI	NAI	NAI	Potential realignment of road.
		MA11	Boulmer to Seaton Point	11.1	Boulmer Village	HTL	HTL	MR	
				11.2	Seaton Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	

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3	Seaton Point to Beacon Hill	MA12	Foxton Bay	12.1	Foxton Bay	MR	NAI	NAI	Adjust access as bay erodes.
				12.2	Golf Club	HTL	MR	HTL	Adjust defences as bay develops.
				12.3	Marden Rocks	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA13	Alnmouth Bay	13.1	North Links	MR	MR	MR	Maintain and adjust bank with groynes.
				13.2	Golf Links	MR	MR	MR	Re-shape frontage to retain sediment.
				13.3	Alnmouth Corner	HTL	HTL	HTL	To maintain estuary shape.
				13.4	Estuary Outer North	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain flood defence.
				13.5	Bridge frontage	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				13.6	Estuary Inner	MR	MR	MR	Significant change from present management. Local flood defence.
				13.7	Estuary Outer South	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA14	Birling Links	14.1	Birling Links	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				14.2	Breakwater Dunes	MR	MR	NAI	Encourage sediment build up in corner.
		MA15	Amble	15.1	North Breakwater	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				15.2	Inner Estuary	MR	MR	MR	Maintain and enhance habitat.
				15.3	Marina Area	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				15.4	Harbour	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				15.5	South Jetty	HTL	HTL	HTL	
		MA16	South Amble	16.1	Island View Bay	HTL	HTL	HTL	By maintaining defence at Pan Point and Island View but allow the coast between to adjust.
				16.2	Amble Links	MR	NAI	NAI	Retreat the area of the car park but review need for maintaining stability of the coastal slope to the graveyard.
				16.3	Coquet Bay	NAI	NAI	NAI	

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4	Beacon Hill to Beacon Point	MA17	Beacon Hill to Creswell	17.1	Beacon Hill Links	MR	MR	MR	Significant change from present management, with a view to create long-term sustainable solution. Develop a progressive transitional approach to defence in line with erosion pressure to sustain defence to the main village and its access.
				17.2	Low Hauxley	HTL	HTL	HTL	With the probable need to realign the southern end.
				17.3	Druridge Bay north	MR	MR	MR	Develop drainage plan and access management.
				17.4	Druridge Bay south	MR	MR	MR	Examine potential for tidal flooding inland.
				17.5	Creswell	HTL	HTL	HTL	
		MA18	Snab Point	18.1	Broad Sands Rock	MR	NAI	NAI	Significant change from present management policy. Realign road.
				18.2	Snab Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	
		MA19	Lynemouth Bay	19.1	Lynemouth north	NAI	MR	MR	Develop land use plan for the area so defining realignment.
				19.2	Power station	HTL	HTL	MR	Modify defences to assist realignment plan.
				19.3	Lynemouth dunes	NAI	NAI	MR	Maintain flood defence.

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5	Newbiggin Moor to Seaton Sluice	MA20	Newbiggin	20.1	Newbiggin Moor	NAI	NAI	MR	Maintain competent flood defence potentially along a retired line.
				20.2	Newbiggin Point	HTL	HTL	HTL	Limited intervention to protect graveyard.
				20.3	Newbiggin Bay	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain beach through recharge.
		MA21	Spital Point to Blyth East Pier	21.1	Spital Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				21.2	Hawks Cliff	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				21.3	Sandy Bay	NAI	NAI	NAI	Relocation of mobile assets. There may be some incidental benefit derived from management approaches along 21.4.
				21.4	Wansbeck Estuary	NAI	MR	MR	Significant change from present management policy in second and third epochs. Further investigation of the possible medium and longer term approaches for MR involving weir removal and/or river training/control points to benefit elsewhere.
				21.5	Cambois Beach	MR	HTL	HTL	Significant change from present management policy in second and third epochs. Selective local works (hard points) to assist realignment and safeguard properties and assets – including use of existing revetment to aid this process. Manage the recession process elsewhere to ensure no breaching through dunes. Set any new development back from shore (buffer zone).
				21.6	Blyth East Pier	HTL	HTL	HTL	This is a key feature in controlling the plan shape of the PDZ.
		MA22	Blyth Harbour	22.1	Blyth Harbour	HTL	HTL	HTL	Check compatibility with CFMP and Blyth Flood Risk review.
		MA23	Blyth West Pier to Seaton Sluice	23.1	Blyth West Pier to Beach Gardens	HTL	HTL	HTL	Prevent breaching into South Harbour.
				23.2	Beach Gardens to Promenade	HTL	HTL	MR	Realignment at the end of the promenade will be needed in the longer term in response to rising sea levels.
				23.3	South Beach	MR	MR	MR	Manage the recession process to ensure no breaching through dunes. Further investigation of local erosion at Meggie's Burn.
				23.4	Seaton Burn	HTL	HTL	HTL	Policy extends along short section of existing wall at Seaton Sluice headland.

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6	Seaton Sluice to River Tyne (North Shields Fish Quay)	MA24	Seaton Sluice to Curry's Point	24.1	Collywell Bay	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				24.2	Crag Point to Curry's Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	Crag Point headland to remain undefended. Local intervention to maintain/relocate Harley Cove steps for use as an emergency access from the beach and allow access to view the unbroken coal measures.
		MA25	Curry's Point to Brown's Point	25.1	Curry's Point to Trinity Road Car Park	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintaining this headland causes less pressure on frontages to south.
				25.2	Trinity Road Car Park to Briardene Burn	MR	MR	MR	Local works may be needed at access points and at transition between defended and undefended frontages (at both ends) to prevent outflanking.
				25.3	Briardene Burn to Brown's Point	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				25.4	Table Rocks to Brown's Point	HTL	HTL	HTL	
		MA26	Brown's Point to Tynemouth North Pier	26.1	Brown's Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				26.2	Cullercoats Bay	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				26.3	Tynemouth North Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				26.4	Tynemouth Longsands	HTL	HTL	MR	Pulling the coast forward to maintain a beach and dunes (not a hard reflective structure at the toe)
				26.5	Sharpness Point	NAI	NAI	NAI	
				26.6	King Edward's Bay	HTL	HTL	HTL	
				26.7	Tynemouth Headland	HTL	HTL	HTL	Maintain existing retaining walls at the headland.
				26.8	Tynemouth North Pier	HTL	HTL	HTL	
		MA27	Tynemouth North Pier to Fish Quay	27.1	Prior's Haven	NAI	NAI	NAI	
27.2	Quayside			HTL	HTL	HTL	Defence standard needs to be examined in detail at Fish Quay with respect to tidal flooding.		