



Hurst Spit to Lymington Coastal Strategy

A quick guide to responding

Have 5 minutes? Please respond to the [Environment Agency consultation](#) and support BUDS.

Why BUDS matters?

Beneficial Use of Dredged Sediment (BUDS) means using suitable dredged material to raise and restore saltmarsh rather than disposing of it at sea. Healthy saltmarsh provides important habitat for wildlife and helps reduce wave energy and erosion. BUDS could help maintain existing saltmarsh, reverse habitat loss and support the existing coastal defences.

SLAK believes the technical, regulatory, financial and organisational challenges can be overcome. The Environment Agency has now recognised that successful BUDS could lead to changes in the Strategy's Preferred Pathways. We want BUDS to be actively developed and delivered at scale.

Suggested answers

5a. Hurst Spit - Tend to oppose/Strongly oppose

Support BUDS to protect the saltmarsh behind Hurst Spit and include North Point in the Strategy to support navigation of the Keyhaven River.

5b. Keyhaven West & Central - Tend to support/Strongly support

Support. A footbridge over the Dane Stream would help maintain the coastal walking route.

5c. Avon Water - Tend to support/Strongly support

Support, but bring forward the timing where possible to reduce flooding risk in Keyhaven.

5d. Keyhaven East to Fishtail - Tend to oppose/Strongly oppose

Support the use of BUDS in front of the existing seawall to maintain and restore saltmarsh.

5e. Jetty Butts & Oxey–Pennington - Tend to oppose/Strongly oppose

Support the use of BUDS in front of the existing seawall before more intrusive intervention is pursued.

5f. Normandy to Salterns - Tend to oppose/Strongly oppose

Support BUDS in front of the existing seawall. The proposed managed realignment area appears too small to provide a cost-effective long-term solution.

5g. Lymington - Tend to support/Strongly support

Support raising the existing coastal defences.

6. Overall support for the Draft Strategy? - Tend to oppose/Strongly oppose

A suggested comment:

I welcome the Environment Agency's late addition recognising that BUDS could potentially change the Preferred Pathways. I believe BUDS should now be actively investigated and delivered at scale. The technical, regulatory, financial and organisational barriers should be treated as challenges to overcome, not reasons to defer this important opportunity.

Most important: say something about BUDS

7. How well do you think the Strategy balances flood protection, adapting to change, and working with natural processes? - Neither well nor poorly/Poorly/Very poorly

8. Which of the following is most important to you in this Strategy?

- Reducing flood risk to homes and businesses
- Supporting recreation and access

9. How clear was the consultation information overall? - Mostly clear

10. Any additional views or information you would like to share about the Draft Strategy?

BUDS could potentially retain and enhance the existing marsh footprint, reduce future sea-wall costs, protect important freshwater wetlands and harbour amenities, and create more diverse habitats through carefully designed topography.

You do not need to use these words exactly. A short personal response is valuable.

Please complete the consultation here:

[Environment Agency Hurst Spit to Lymington consultation](#)

The more people who tell the Environment Agency that BUDS should be actively developed, the stronger the message.