

5 Policy statements

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This section contains a series of statements and maps presenting the policy, and the implications for individual locations. These are to provide local detail to support the SMP-wide Plan presented in Section 4, and consider locally-specific issues and objectives. Consequently, these statements must be read in conjunction with those and in the context of the wider-scale issues and policy implications as reported therein.

5.2 CONTENT

Each Policy Statement contains the following:

Location reference This provides the general name used for reference to each policy unit and a number identifier which is sequential along the shoreline from north to south.

Summary of the Plan recommendations and justification This is a statement summarising the Plan and describing the rationale behind it. These focus upon the long-term Plan but also note any different short-term requirements.

Policies to implement the Plan This describes the policies and activities that will be undertaken in the short, medium, and long-term to implement the Plan. In this respect, ‘from present day’ is broadly representative of the next 20 years, “Medium-term” 20 to 50 years, and “Long-term” 50 to 100 plus years. These timescales should not be taken as definitive, however, but should instead be considered as phases in the management of a location.

Predicted implications of the Plan for this location This Table summarises the consequences *at this location only* resulting from the policies. These are categorised as “Property & Land Use”, “Nature Conservation”, “Landscape”, “Historic Environment” and “Amenity & Recreational Use” (which are being used nationally for the SMPs). The implications have been assessed for the situation by years 2025, 2055 and 2105, again to provide a nationally consistent picture. *Broad estimates* of potential residential and commercial losses have been included.

5.2.1 Policy units

Statements are provided for the following Policy Units:

<i>3b01 Kelling Hard to Sheringham</i>	<i>3b09 Mundesley to Bacton Gas Terminal</i>	<i>3b17 Great Yarmouth</i>
<i>3b02 Sheringham</i>	<i>3b10 Bacton Gas Terminal</i>	<i>3b18 Gorleston</i>
<i>3b03 Sheringham to Cromer</i>	<i>3b11 Bacton, Walcott and Ostend</i>	<i>3b19 Gorleston to Hopton</i>
<i>3b04 Cromer</i>	<i>3b12 Ostend to Eccles</i>	<i>3b20 Hopton</i>
<i>3b05 Cromer to Overstrand</i>	<i>3b13 Eccles to Winterton Beach Road</i>	<i>3b21 Hopton to Corton</i>
<i>3b06 Overstrand</i>	<i>3b14 Winterton to Scratby</i>	<i>3b22 Corton</i>
<i>3b07 Overstrand to Mundesley</i>	<i>3b15 California to Caister-on-Sea</i>	<i>3b23 Corton to Lowestoft</i>
<i>3b08 Mundesley</i>	<i>3b16 Caister-on-Sea</i>	<i>3b24 Lowestoft North (to Ness Point)</i>

Location reference: Gorleston

Policy Unit reference: 3b18

SUMMARY OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS AND JUSTIFICATION

Plan:

The position of Gorleston on the coast means it has very little influence or impact upon coastal processes operating elsewhere. It is an important residential, commercial and tourist centre. The long-term policy is therefore to continue to protect assets through holding the present line of defence.

Policies to implement Plan:

From present day: The present-day policy for this area is to continue to **hold the line** to protect the town frontage through maintaining and, if necessary, replacing existing defences. This will protect all properties and associated infrastructure.

This approach is consistent with the long-term Plan for this section of shoreline.

Medium-term: In the medium-term there will be no change from the above policy of **hold the line**. Defence of the frontage would most likely be through maintaining, replacing and upgrading the existing structures.

There will, however, be a change in the character of the resort over this period as beach will begin to narrow as a result of sea level rise combined with the restriction of landward movement due to the seawall.

Long-term: The long-term policy is to continue to **hold the line**. This will continue to protect assets within the town.

Adoption of policies to the north and south will provide a supply of sand, but the beach is likely to be very narrow and sporadic at some locations as a result of the greater exposure resulting from sea level rise. A more substantial defence, and therefore greater investment, may be required to provide integrity of defence and works would be required to prevent outflanking due to erosion of the cliffs to the south. This should however be economically justified.

Although this policy is considered sustainable for the timescales discussed, in the very long-term (i.e. much greater than 100 years) continued defence along this line may eventually become difficult to justify.

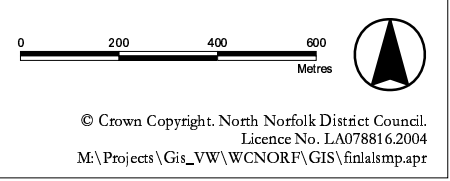
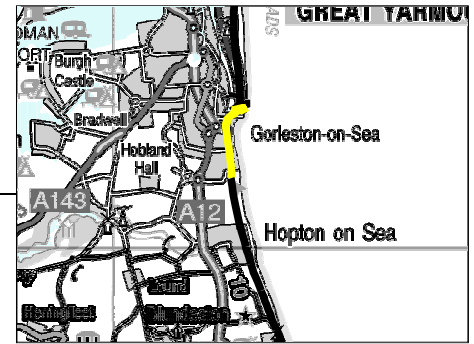
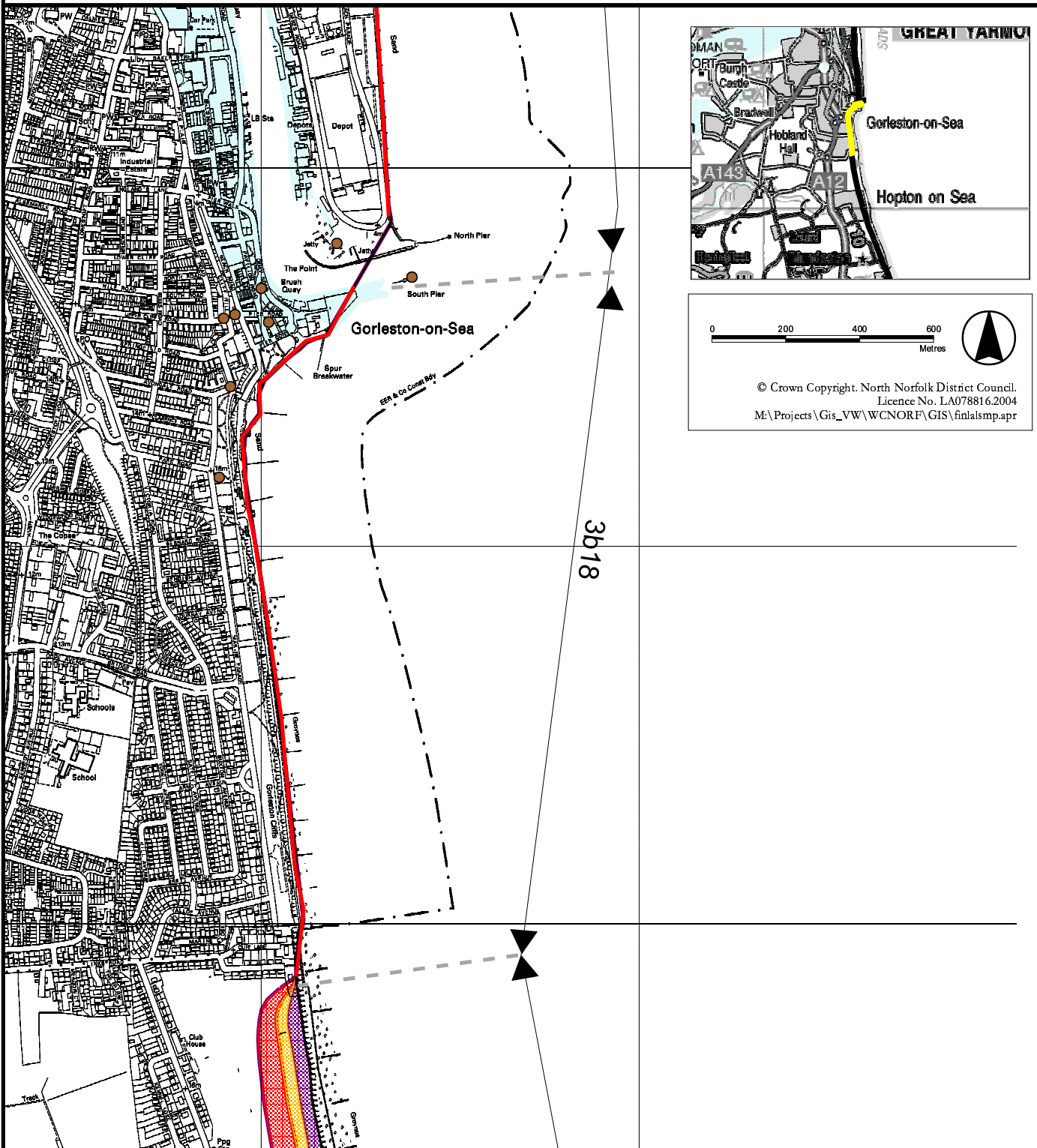
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PREDICTED IMPLICATIONS OF THE PLAN FOR THIS LOCATION

<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Property & Land Use</i>	<i>Nature Conservation</i>	<i>Landscape</i>	<i>Historic Environment</i>	<i>Amenity & Recreational Use</i>
<i>By 2025</i>	No loss of property, land or infrastructure behind the existing defences. No issue with port operation with respect to defences.	No conservation objectives have been identified, but the possibility for biodiversity enhancement has been recognised through dune management.	No landscape objectives have been identified.	No loss of heritage sites landward of the existing defences.	No loss of community or tourist facilities landward of existing defences. Beach present.
<i>By 2055</i>	No loss of property, land or infrastructure behind the existing defences. No issue with port operation with respect to defences.	No conservation objectives have been identified, but the possibility for biodiversity enhancement has been recognised through dune management.	No landscape objectives have been identified.	No loss of heritage sites landward of the existing defences.	No loss of community or tourist facilities landward of existing defences. Narrow beach present.
<i>By 2105</i>	No loss of property, land or infrastructure behind the existing defences. No issue with port operation with respect to defences. Possible work required to maintain pumping station outlet to sea.	No conservation objectives have been identified, but the possibility for biodiversity enhancement has been recognised through dune management.	No landscape objectives have been identified.	No loss of heritage sites landward of the existing defences.	No loss of community or tourist facilities landward of existing defences, but risk of overtopping of promenade (without defence improvements), particularly along southern section. Very narrow beach present, particularly along southern section.

Kelling to Lowestoft Ness Shoreline Management Plan

Policy Unit 3b18: Gorleston



POLICY (FOR FULL DETAILS SEE RELEVANT POLICY STATEMENT)

From Present Day:	Medium-Term:	Long-Term:
Hold the line through maintaining/replacing existing defences	Hold the line through maintaining/replacing existing defences	Hold the line through maintaining/replacing existing defences

- Indicative erosion zone up to 2025
- Indicative erosion zone up to 2105
- Policy Unit boundary
- Indicative erosion zone up to 2055
- Environmental/Cultural Heritage**
- National Nature Conservation Designation
- Important Heritage Sites
- International and National Nature Conservation Designation
- 2003 Indicative Floodplain © Environment Agency