

SOLENT DISTURBANCE AND MITIGATION PROJECT: MITIGATION IDEAS FROM WORKSHOP

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	HABITAT MANAGEMENT										
	New habitat creation				*				*		Could be carried out in combination with managed retreat. Potential sites – Lower Test, Meon, along Southampton Water, Lymington. HLF bid for wetland project should be explored.
	Create secure roosting sites										As above
	Increase prey availability			*					*		
	SPATIAL PLANNING										
	Site development away from coast			*					*		
	Provide alternative recreational facilities away from coast								*	Forest Park proposals in Test Valley	Use developer contributions. May not be effective if alternative locations not as attractive as coast, particularly so in Portsmouth area because of proximity of coast. Need to assess carrying capacity of alternative areas.
	Improve accessibility of existing parks and open spaces, link to walking and cycling strategies									Southampton	
	Provide links between open spaces to increase accessibility and connectivity									Brighton and Hove Eco Networking Concept	Use developer contributions.

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	VISITOR MANAGEMENT										
	ZONATION										
Saltgass Lane, Keyhaven	Attract visitors to less sensitive areas; discourage/prevent access to sensitive areas	All recreational users	*				*	*		Royal Victoria CP shoreline; Path at Lepe near Lighthouse	Manage demand through carpark costs and capacities, restriction of on-road parking by wardening, and provision of attractions/facilities such as toilets, food, improved walking surfaces, hides.
	In areas where habituation has occurred, need to avoid 'unusual' activities										
Eastney	Establish more formal coast paths where there are gaps in network to minimise people using beach	Walkers			*			*			
Sinah Common, Hayling Island	Realign footpaths where necessary	Walkers	*				*				
	Restrict/prevent access to foreshore at specific points	All recreational users			*			*		Priddy's Hard	Use of landscape barriers (eg gorse, bramble, ditches etc) and low chestnut paling see-through barriers
	Provide dedicated fenced dog exercise areas	Dog walkers		*				*		St James's Park, Portsmouth, Bournemouth,	Could make provision of dog areas a condition of new development. St. James' Park has been attracting dog walkers by default simply because it is fenced.
	Electronic tagging on dog collars									USA	Use of electronic tagging may be appropriate but takeup may be low. GPS collars or infrared beams can be used to give pet a shock when crossing an invisible

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	Provision of kite surfing facility to focus activities	Kite surfers									
	Provision of designated launching access for wind/kite surfers, sailing	Water sports users									
Black Point and Stoke, Hayling Island	Restrict access to water sports launching and landing from boats at specific points	Water sports users									
	Restriction on overflying aircraft										
	CONTROL MEASURES										
	Use of permits and codes of conduct rather than byelaws										
	Dog control orders	Dog walkers								Stanpit Marsh, Christchurch; Lepe Beach, Fishbourne	Orders to keep dogs on leads, restrict specific access at certain times etc. Difficulties in getting such measures agreed, particularly when people have been using an area for years. Difficulties in policing. Peer pressure could be effective.
	Licensing of dog walking businesses	Dog walkers									
	Covenants regarding keeping of pets in new developments	Dog walkers				*			*		Difficult to enforce and substantiate need

