



Marine  
Management  
Organisation

# South east marine plan area

Iteration 2 (February 2018)

## South east survey - tell us your thoughts

This iteration 2 product builds on marine planning work throughout 2017 including;

Feedback from the iteration 1 engagement (February/ March 2017) that considered how appropriate East and draft South policies are for issues in the south east plan area.

Feedback from cause and effect engagement (July/ August 2017)

Internal review of new policies and strategies, new evidence sources and licenses granted in this plan area.

**This is your opportunity to identify your preferred response to address issues in the south east plan area.**



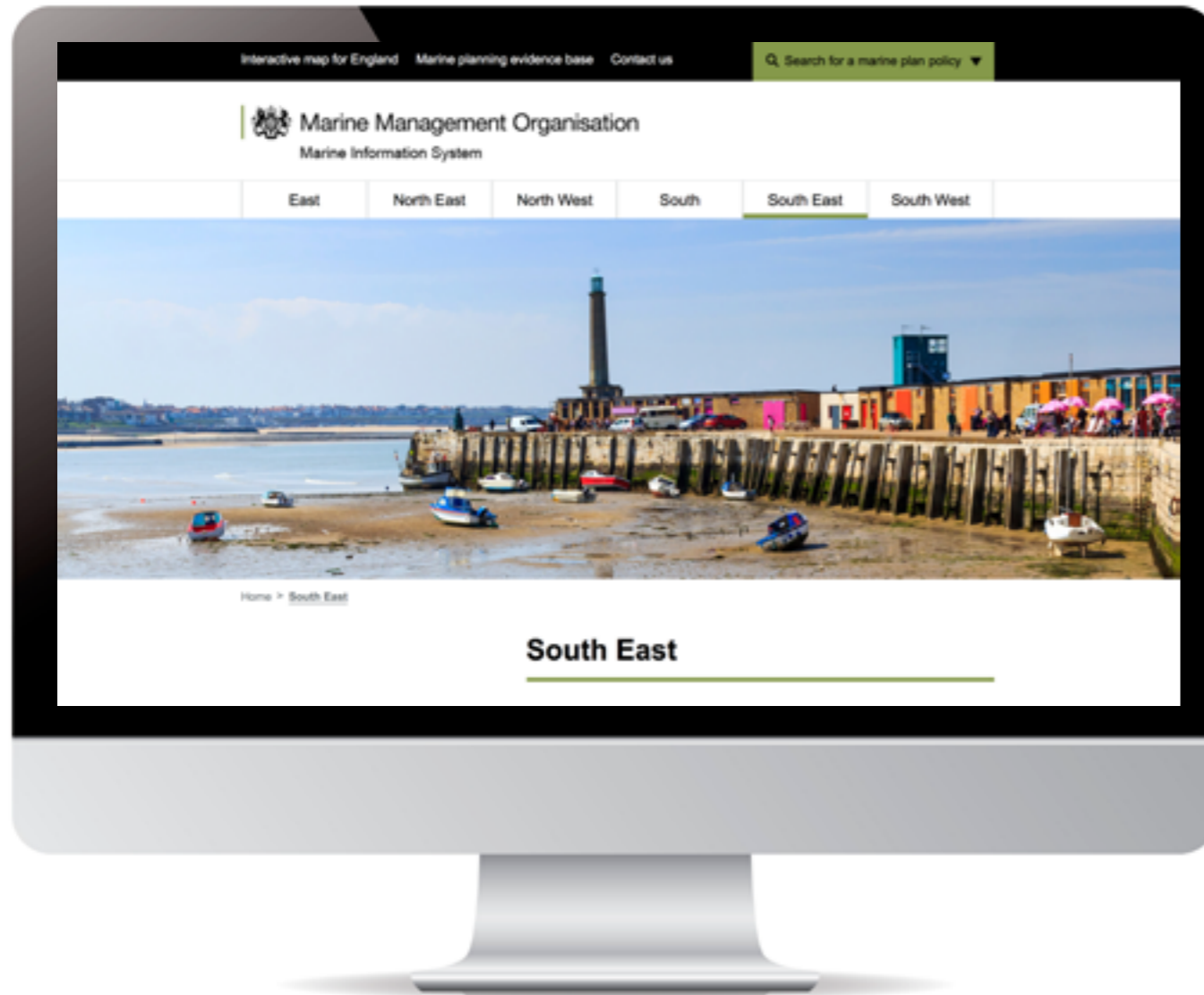
# About the south east plan area

The south east marine plan area covers approximately 1,400 kilometres of coastline, stretching from Felixstowe to near Dover; taking in over 3,900 square kilometres of sea. It borders the south and east marine plan areas as well as the French marine area.

The south east marine plan area is important for the ports and shipping sector, which brings over £2.5 billion to the national economy, containing 30% of England's ports including Felixstowe and Dover. The area is also important to marine conservation, with six special areas of conservation and 14 special protection areas (SPA), including one of two SPAs which are entirely marine. The plan area also hosts a number of recreational facilities including, 17 blue flag beaches and over 140 recognised Royal Yachting Association routes.



# Marine Information System (MIS)



The [Marine Information System](#) is a website that provides quick and simple access to marine plan policies and supporting data and information from the [marine planning evidence base](#) and [interactive map](#).

Throughout this document there are links to the south east section of [MIS](#).

MIS can be accessed on multiple devices including mobile, tablet and desktop.

South east plan policies are currently in development.



# 'England's maritime gateway to the world'



## Vision

- The Thames continues to be a busy gateway for shipping routes enabling access to the capital and beyond
- The shallow estuarine environment and sandbanks are being conserved and enhanced ensuring healthy habitats for species
- In Essex, there is a distinct sense of remoteness from the wilderness of extensive salt marshes and mudflats
- The Essex and Kent coasts are important for recreational activities, including boating and sailing
- The iconic seascape of the white cliffs of Dover are a distinctive backdrop to the busy coastal communities in East Kent

The full length vision for the south east is available [here](#). To provide your views on the draft south east vision please [complete the survey](#)



[Tell us](#) | [About](#) | [MIS](#) | [Vision](#) | [Objectives](#) | [Responses](#) | [Next part of the journey](#) |  
[Stakeholder engagement](#) | [Get in touch](#)

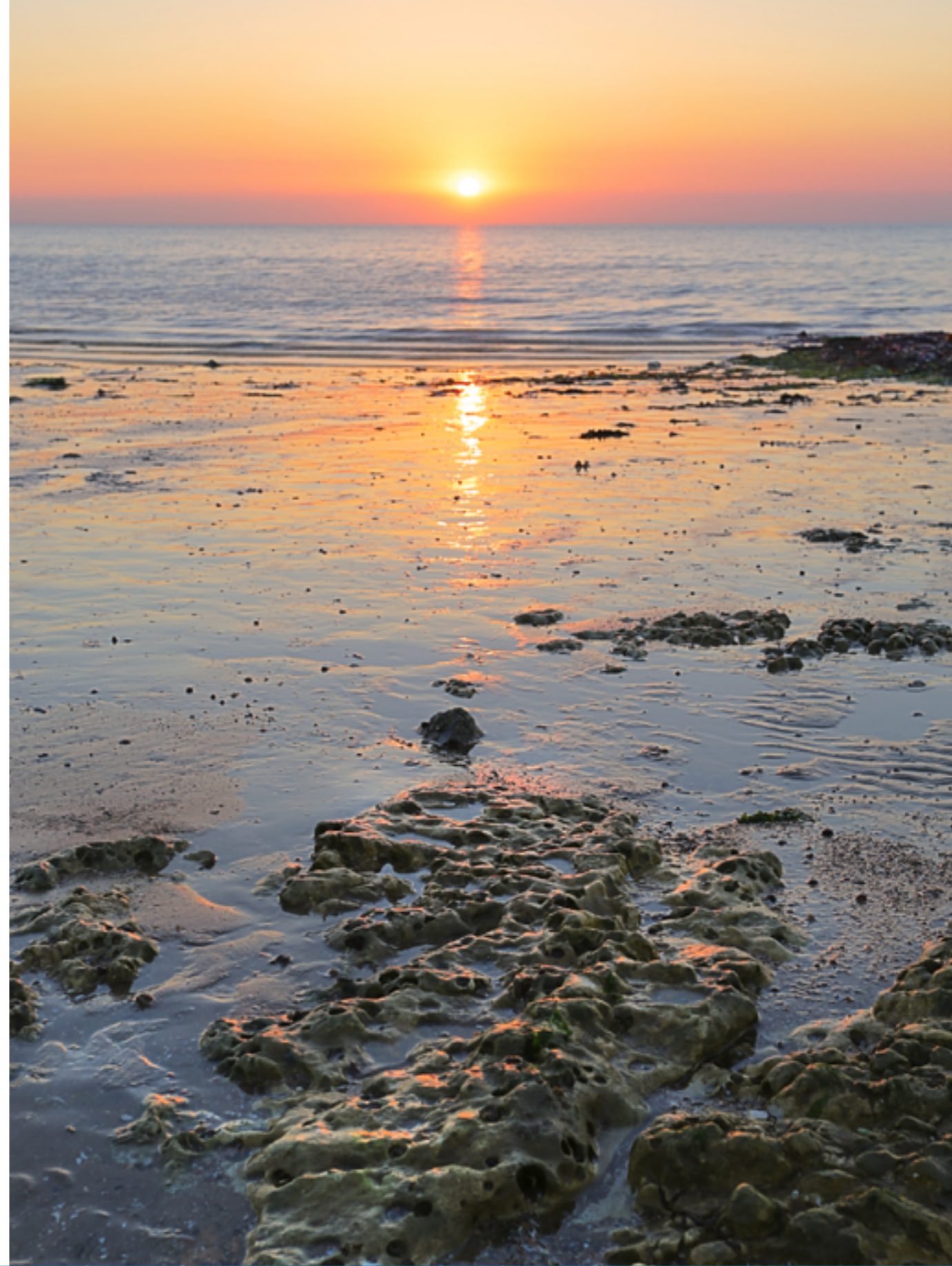
# Objectives

The [Marine Policy Statement](#) sets high level marine objectives for the UK which reflect the principles of sustainable development. The objectives are:

- **Achieving a sustainable marine economy**
- **Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society**
- **Living within environmental limits**
- **Promoting good governance**
- **Using sound science responsibly**

These objectives will be delivered in the south east marine plan area through a variety of means, but principally by addressing the issues through marine plan policies.

Our experience and discussion with stakeholders have shown that these objectives will appropriately address the issues of the south east marine plan area.



# Responses to south east plan area issues

The issues for the south east plan areas have been grouped by theme or sector.

Different ways to address the issues have been developed for each grouping.

These are shown in a survey for each grouping

- please select your 'top 3' responses to address the group of issues
- please set out why you have chosen these three in the box provided.
- you can provide an alternative response in the space provided in each survey

Please note:

- Spatial information for the south east plan areas is available on [MIS](#)
- The numbers for each issue relate to their unique ID in the [issues database](#) where the supporting evidence is shown.

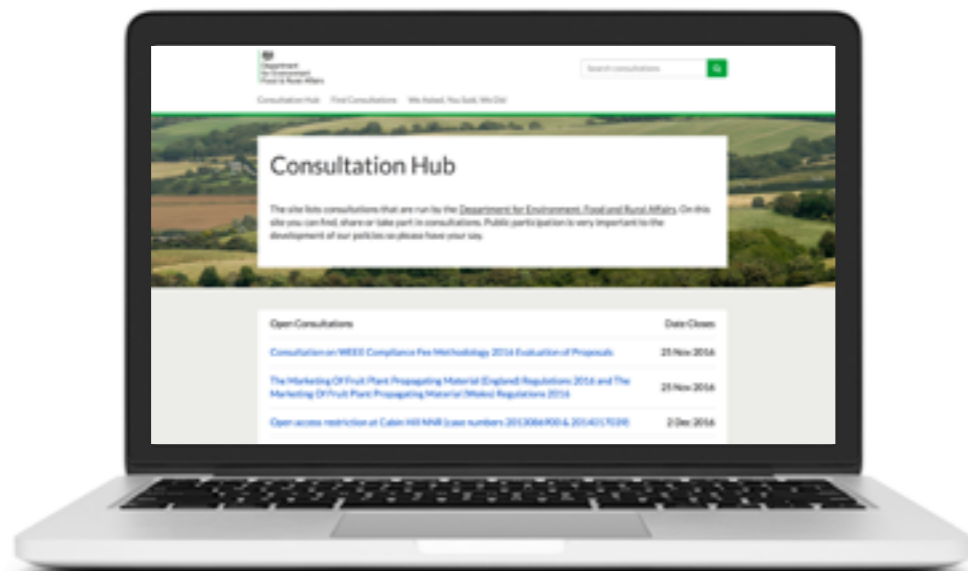
[Take part in the option survey for the south east plan area >>>](#)



# Stakeholder engagement

The MMO are seeking your views on the responses to issues developed in iteration 2 and asking you to identify your preferred approach to those issues and vision.

From 29 January to 29 March 2018 we would like to hear your feedback on our work to date. Your responses will be used to form Iteration 3.



[Take part in our engagement > > >](#)





## Next part of the journey

### Engagement workshops iteration 2

February to March 2018

### Analysis of responses

April to June 2018

### Development of Iteration 3 content

Summer/Autumn 2018

### Engagement on iteration 3

Early 2019

### Sustainability Appraisal

Ongoing

### Habitats Regulation Assessment

Ongoing

Your local marine planner is [Tom Pavitt \(London\)](#).

Further details on the planning process can be found in the [statement of public participation](#).



Get in touch



Marine Management Organisation  
Lancaster House  
Hampshire Court  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE4 7YH



0300 123 1032



Email: [planning@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:planning@marinemanagement.org.uk)



[www.gov.uk/mmo](http://www.gov.uk/mmo)