

# Portfolio Holder Decision



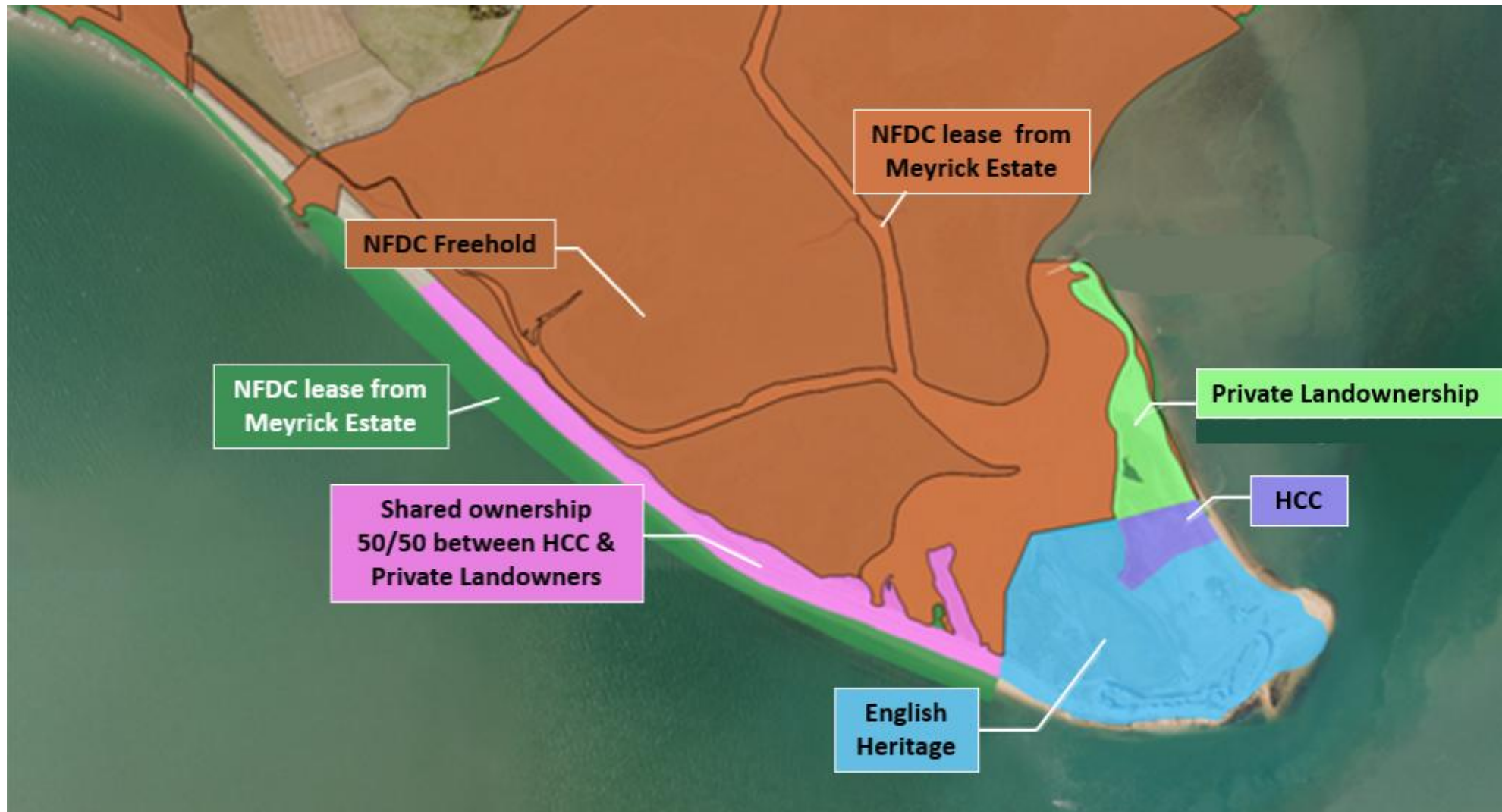
A decision by Portfolio Holder - Environment & Sustainability has been published:  
Maintenance & Management of Hurst Spit

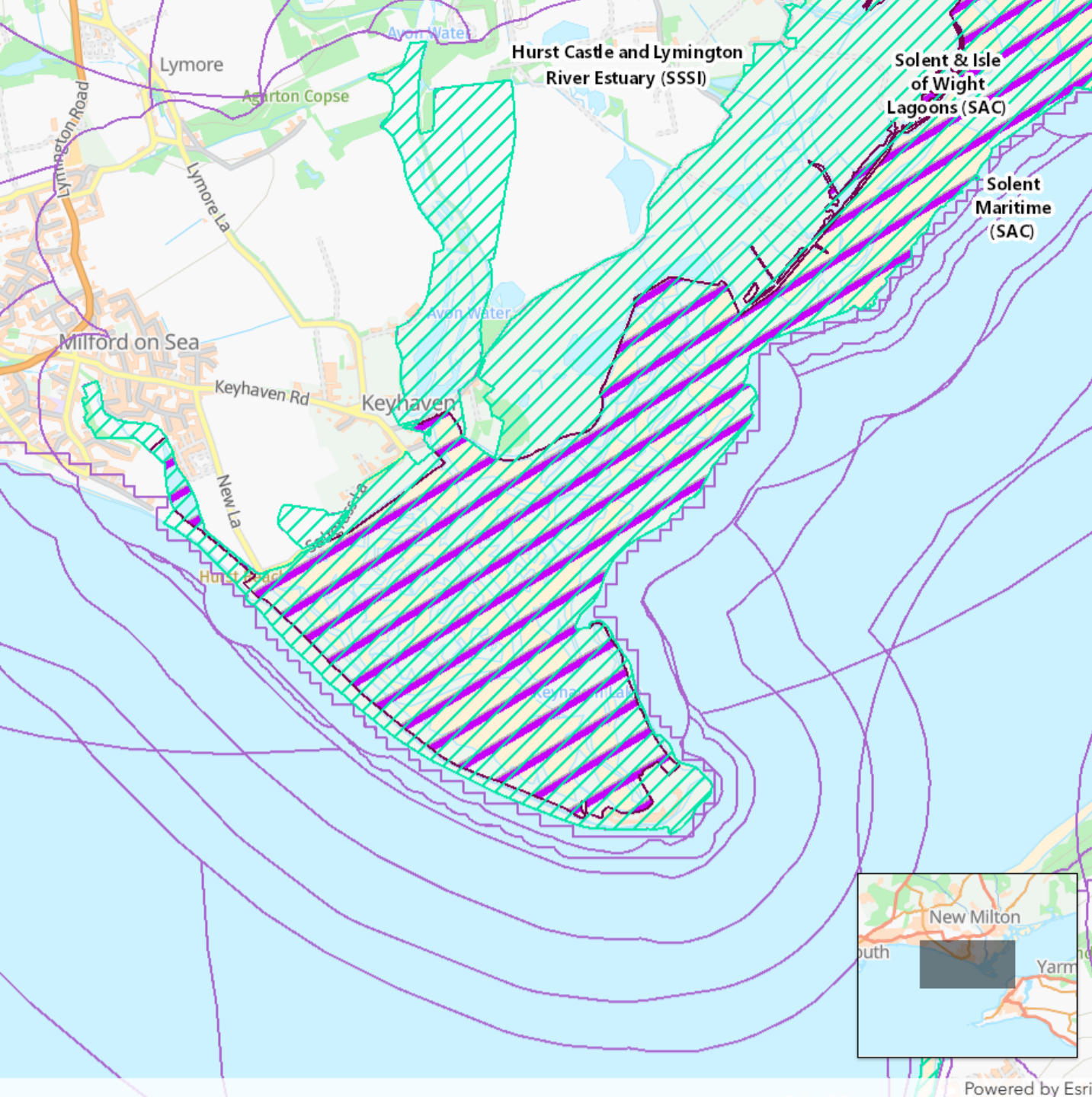
On 19 February 2025, Cllr Geoff Blunden, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability made the following decision:

1. That it be noted that:
  - NFDC is not a landowner of Hurst Spit
  - NFDC has no statutory duty to undertake FCERM
2. That when maintenance and repair work is required to Hurst Spit, NFDC approach those landowners and organisations that have an operational interest in Hurst Spit to gauge their interest and likely financial support to enable repair works to be undertaken.
3. That NFDC will consider undertaking maintenance and repair works to Hurst Spit if in receipt of external funding (Grant in aid or other) and if works are required to protect against flood and erosion risk and if the appropriate licences and permissions are in place.
4. That the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability write to the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs to express concerns over the potential impacts of damage to Hurst Spit and the lack of funding provision to undertake repair works.



# Land Ownership





- Highly designated area. Important features such as:
  - Vegetated Shingle
  - Overwintering birds
  - Ground nesting birds
  - Geological formation
  - Heritage/Historic features

# Designations

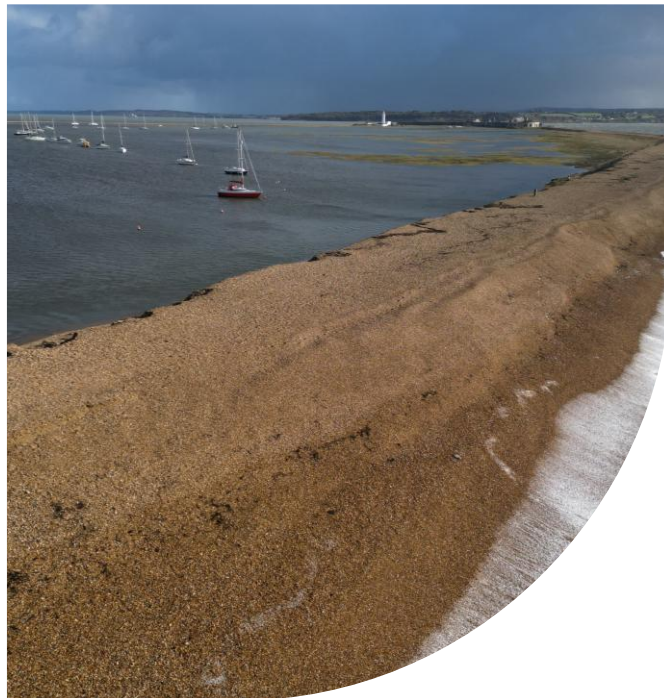




## Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM)

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (**Defra**) has the overall policy responsibility for flood and coastal erosion risk management in England.

Under the Coast Protection Act 1949 and Land Drainage Act 1991 Local Authorities and the Environment Agency (EA) have permissive powers to carry out work to reduce the risk of erosion and flooding by the sea.



**There is no legal obligation for Local Authorities to carry out coastal protection work.**

The Local Authority delivers coastal protection projects using permissive powers where funding is available through EA grant aid and partnership funding. The proposed works must provide:

- A clear economic benefit.
- A practical engineering solution.
- A solution which meets Environmental legislation.

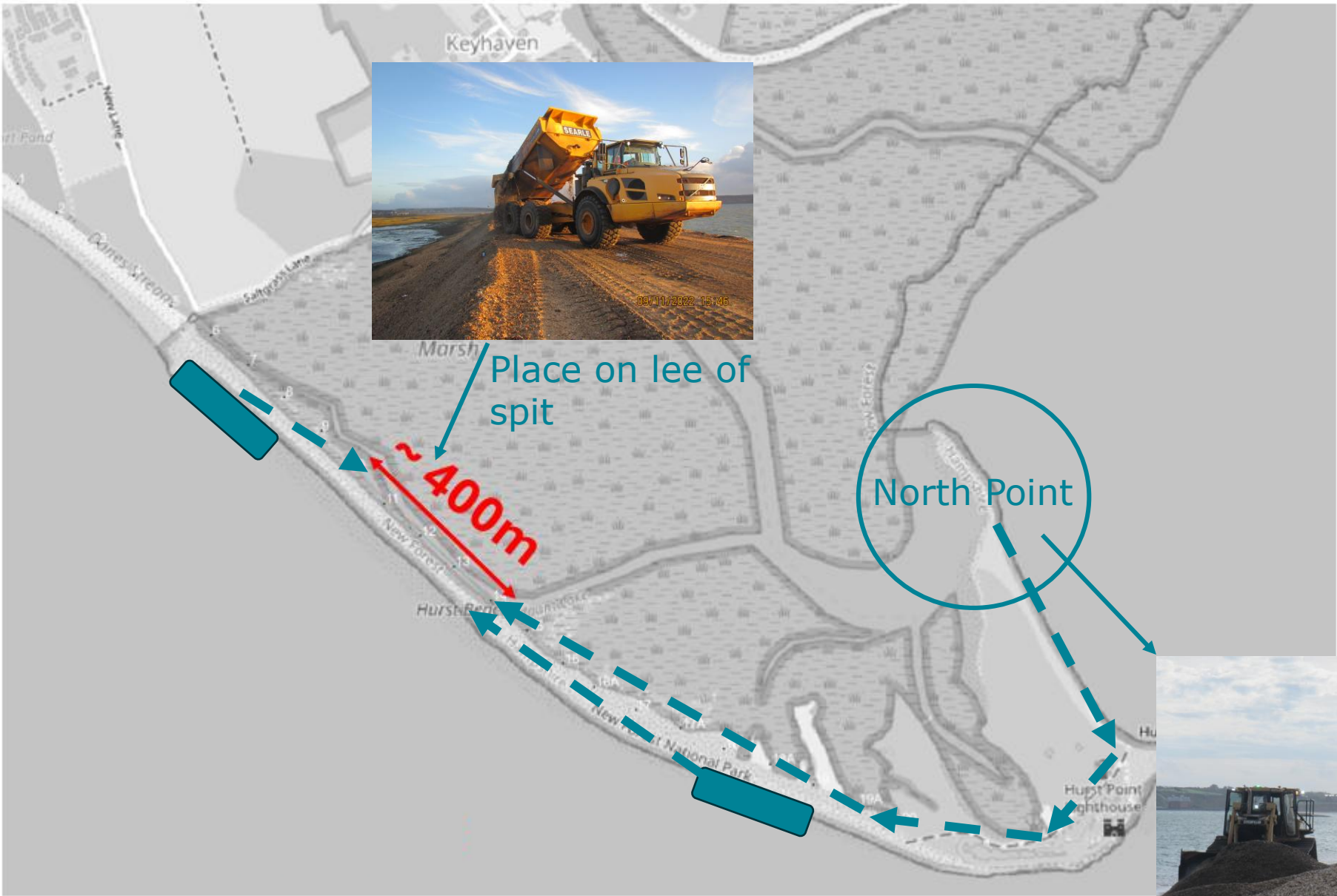
# Funding






- In the past funding for maintenance works (beach recycling/trimming) has been obtained from Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) administered by the Environment Agency.
- Contributions have previously been provided (2022) by landowners such as Hampshire County Council and English Heritage.







-  Damaged Area
-  Typical areas of accretion for trimming
-  North Point used for recycling





# Storm Impacts



Crest width  
<1m  
Vehicle access  
along crest lost



**Questions?**

