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NATURE CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN

Objective	Recommendations	Timescale	Partners	Cross References
<p>NC1</p> <p>To minimise the adverse impact of development on the nature conservation resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Avoid development which may damage irreplaceable wildlife and habitats ➤ Any new development should be encouraged to minimise their impact on the habitats and wildlife of the estuary ➤ Only developments which require a waterside location should be considered for location adjacent to the estuary ➤ Any new development should comply with Policy Guidance and the Habitats Regulations <p>Action: Liaison between the IWC Planning Dept., EA and EN should be encouraged <u>early</u> in the development of any proposal.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>EA, EN, Planning Dept. - IWC</p> <p>CHC, Developers, EA, EN, Planning Dept. - IWC</p> <p>Developers, EA, Planning Dept. - IWC</p> <p>Developers, EA, EN, Planning Dept. - IWC</p>	<p>C1, C2, L2</p> <p>C1, C2</p> <p>L2</p> <p>C1, C2</p>
<p>NC2</p> <p>To maximise opportunities to conserve and enhance the nature conservation resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Design guidelines for developers should include opportunities for wildlife enhancement ➤ Landowners and farmers should be informed of land uses and management which is of benefit to nature conservation <p>Action: Ongoing through Planning Policy</p> <p>Overall Action: Conduct research to learn more about the resource</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>CA, EA, EN, Countryside Section IWC</p> <p>EA, EN, Farmers and landowners, Countryside Section IWC, NFU, MAFF</p>	<p>L1</p> <p>PA1</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">NC3</p> <p>To ensure that the appropriate protection is given to designated areas of the estuary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the estuary decision makers, managers and users relating to conservation designations and legislation ➤ Involve local people and organisations in the protection and conservation of important nature conservation areas ➤ Monitor the effectiveness of policies and designations <p>Action: Encourage further research and monitoring on the resource</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short/Medium</p>	<p>EA, EN, Planning Dept. - IWC</p> <p>EA, EN, Countryside Section - IWC, Local Community & Groups EA, EN, Countryside Section IWC</p>	<p>L2, PA2</p> <p>PA1 RM2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NC4</p> <p>To minimise disturbance to estuarine habitats and wildlife in recognition of international obligations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A methodology for monitoring the impacts of disturbance should be developed ➤ Users of the estuary should be informed of areas which are sensitive and areas which can be used without disturbing habitats and wildlife, via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clubs and organisations; • interpretation; and • codes of practice. ➤ The development of foreshore frontages for mooring and the provision of additional access, either on the land or water, should be discouraged in sensitive locations ➤ Future land use changes should be reviewed to consider potential impacts on the resource ➤ A sustainable strategy for maintenance dredging within the estuary is required to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the nature conservation resource and to identify the beneficial uses of dredging material <p>Action: Encourage further research and monitoring on the resource</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Countryside Section – IWC, CHC, EA, EN, MVC, NFSA, RA Countryside Section - IWC, EA, EN, Farmers and Landowners, Local Community, Local Groups</p> <p>CHC, Countryside Section – IWC, EA, EN, NHA</p> <p>Countryside Section – IWC, EN</p> <p>CHC, Countryside Section - IWC, EA, NHA</p>	<p>RM1</p> <p>A2, R4, PA2</p> <p>C1, L2, R1, R2</p> <p>C1, C2, L2 C4, P1</p>

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<p>NC5</p> <p>To monitor and conserve the saltmarsh habitat and where appropriate encourage opportunities for re-creation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An investigation into areas currently subject to erosion and accretion should be completed ➤ The opportunities for saltmarsh re-creation and/or protection should be examined <p>Action: Collate all research and identify habitat change Encourage the development of the salt marsh LIFE project and involve the Medina where appropriate</p>	<p>Ongoing /Short</p> <p>Ongoing / Medium</p>	<p>EA, EN, HWWT, Countryside Section - IWC, IWNHAS, MVC Coastal management – IWC, EA, EN, HWWT, IWNHAS, MVC</p>	<p>P1, RM1</p> <p>L2, RM1</p>
<p>NC6</p> <p>To achieve co-ordinated, comprehensive information about the nature conservation resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To develop a co-ordinated data collection and monitoring system ➤ To complete survey work to provide a comprehensive database of the nature conservation resource ➤ To carry out research into the impacts of activities on nature conservation <p>Action: Ongoing by the Estuaries Officer Encourage further research Encourage further research</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Medium/Long</p> <p>Medium/Long</p>	<p>BTO, EN, HWWT, Countryside Section - IWC, IWOG IWNHAS, MVC, NFSA, RA, RSPB EN, HWWT, Countryside Section - IWC, IWOG IWNHAS, NFSA, MVC, RA, RSPB EN, HWWT, Countryside Section - IWC, IWOG IWNHAS, NFSA, MVC, RA, RSPB</p>	<p>RM1</p> <p>RM1</p> <p>NC3, RM1</p>
<p>Key to Timescales: Short: within 2 years Medium: within 5 years Long: within 10 years</p>				