

Alternative Cuckmere Solution

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ALTERNATIVE CUCKMERE SOLUTION

PRIVATE SECTOR APPROACH

- The Legal Environment
- Use of Land – and assets
- Changes - Sea Level rise, Tourism
- Planning - Policy Designations
- Planning - Governing Policies
- The Development Plan
- Minimise Costs



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS/POLICY

- PPS1 – Sustainable Development
- PPS1 – Addendum on Climate Change
- PPS7 – Sustainable Countryside Develt
- PPS9 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation
- PPS5 – The Historic Environment
Replaces PPG15 & PPG16
- PPS25 – Flood Risk





Cuckmere Haven

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50°45'35.38" N 0°08'52.43" E

elev 7 m

Eye alt 500 m



THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL

- The only reasonable solution short-term
- Planning Application
- Supporting Documents
- Objections by Statutory Consultees
- Decisions of Wealden & Lewes DC's
- Request for 'Call In' by English Nature
- Secretary of State requirement for EIA
- Request to NE to withdraw 'Call In' Request

BENEFITS OF RAISING THE BANKS

- Preserve the Status Quo – Ecology, Tourism, Archaeology etc.
- Minimum Intervention – Small-Scale Vehicles & Work Plan
- Low Cost - £1m not £2.9m or £18m
- Protects for the Short & Medium Term
- Protects A259
- Preserves Assets

FOR OTHER SOLUTIONS DOUBTS STILL EXIST

- On Sea-level rise
- Whether tourists would come with limited foot-paths
- Whether a new ecological regime would develop as planned with flooding.
- Inundation of Important Historic Artefacts
- About the Engineering needed to protect the A259
- Whether salt-marsh would grow or not
- Salt-Marsh or Mud Flats?

The Cuckmere Valley – respected National Iconic Landscape



Raising the Banks will give 50 years to ponder long-term solutions in the light of more knowledge about sea levels and Societal changes. More leisure time or fear of terrorism may increase UK tourism. Many factors could change long term decisions.

Why the hurry?