



SOUTH DOWNS  
NATIONAL PARK



# Sussex Heritage Coast

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# National context

## Objectives

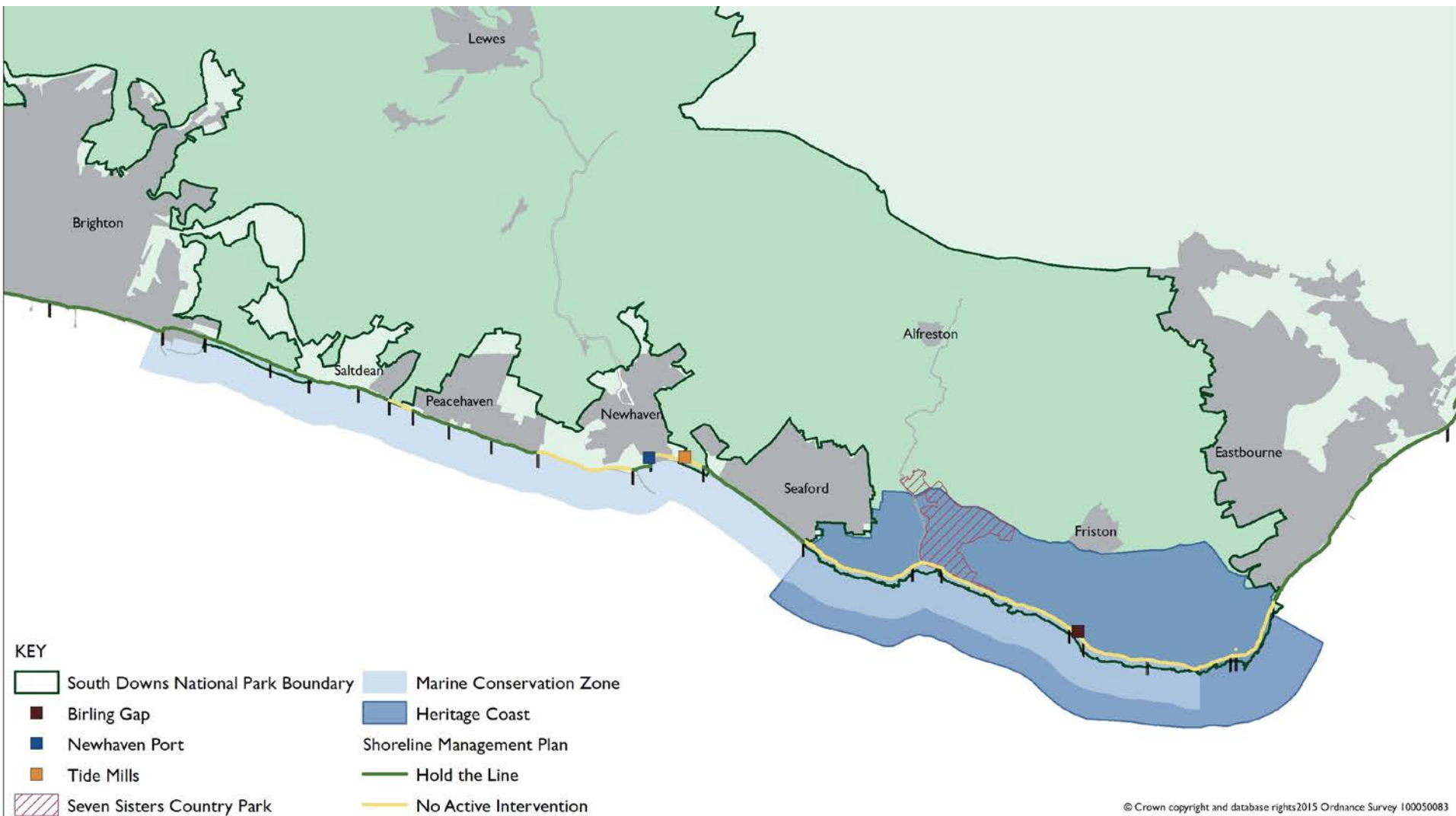
1. Conserve, protect & enhance natural beauty ...
2. Facilitate & enhance enjoyment, understanding & appreciation ...
3. Maintain & improve health of inshore waters ...
4. Take account of ... economic & social needs ...





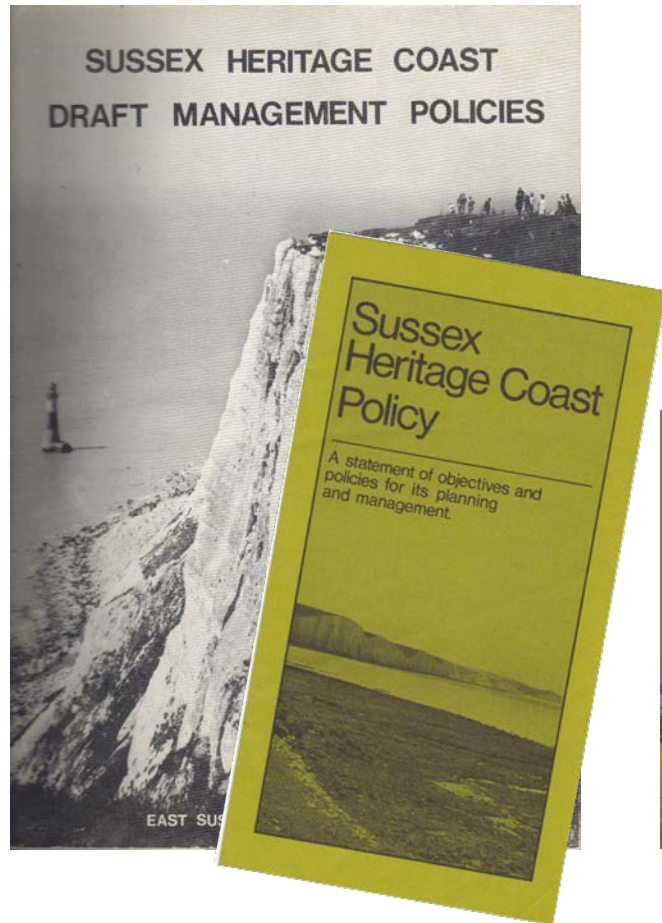


# Undeveloped Coast





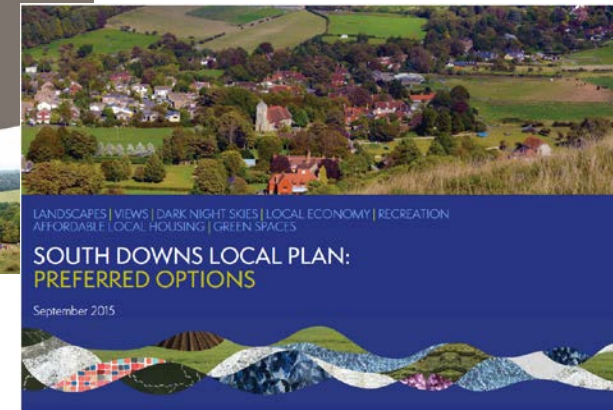
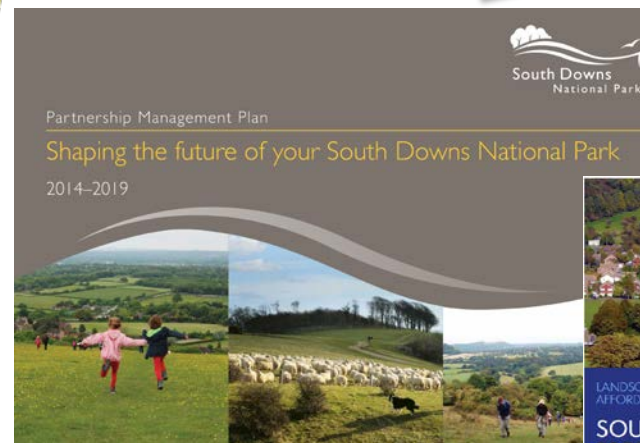
# Sussex Heritage Coast



The first Heritage Coast – 1973;

From Policy Statement (1976);

to 2014 – SD National Park.





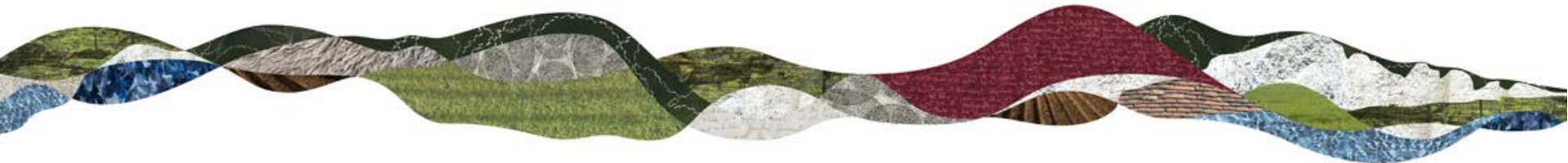
# The Heritage Coast Partnership

Key stakeholders;

Synergy in current work;

Shared aspirations;

Building a strategy.





# Vision

*The iconic landscapes, seascapes, wildlife and heritage will be conserved and enhanced through landscape scale partnerships.*

*Opportunities will exist for increasing understanding and enjoyment whilst supporting sustainable access and developing the economic benefits to the area.*





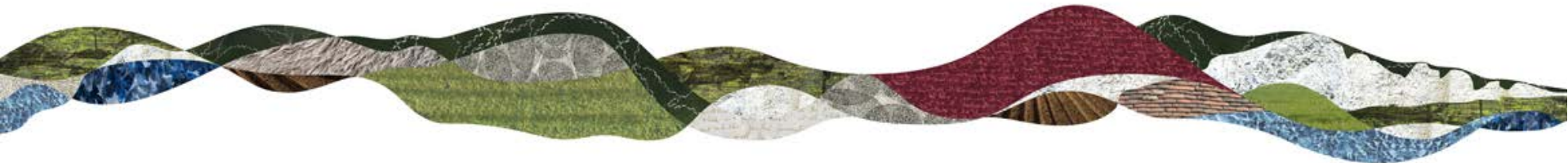


# I Natural Resource Management

Landscape scale partnerships;

Protecting the coastal &  
marine environment;

- Seaford to Beachy Head SSSI;
- Beachy Head West MCZ.





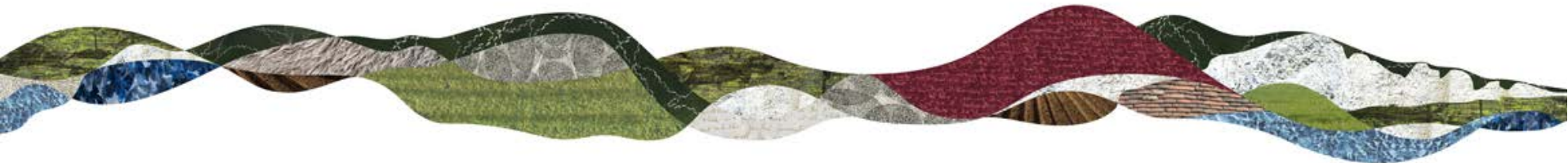


## 2 Sustainable Cultural Tourism & Recreation

Engagement;

Key co-ordinated messages;

Gatekeepers.





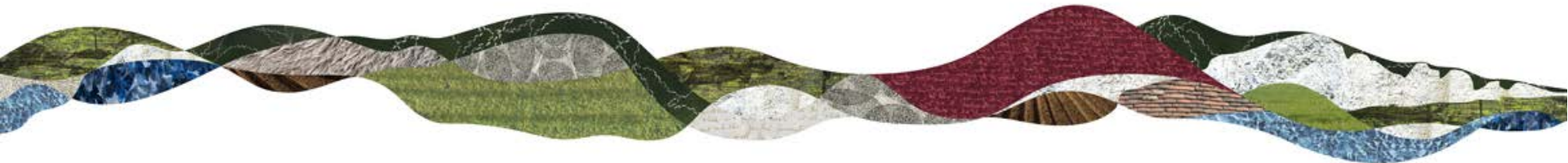
### 3 Access

Developing an access

Hierarchy;

Improving coastal access;

Planning ahead.







## 4 Heritage

Understanding the resource;

Preserving, enhancing;

Interpretation.







# 5 Interpretation

Audit;

Future strategy;

Carrying capacity.





## 6 Local Community

Build on existing initiatives;

Engagement;

Volunteers and gatekeepers.

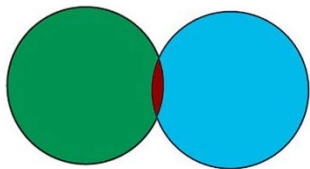




## 7 Planning

### SD Local Plan

- *NPPF context;*
- *Dedicated Open Coast Policy;*
- *CIL and Infrastructure Development Plan.*



### South Marine Plan

- *the Seascape;*
- *Marine Conservation Zone.*



National Planning Policy Framework

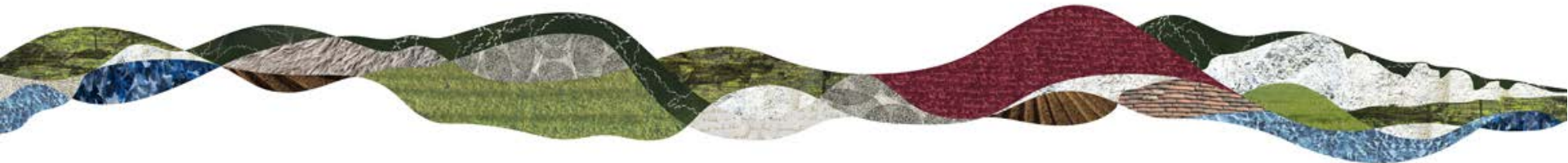






# Heritage Coasts: Conclusions

- Are Heritage Coasts still a relevant definition?
- What is the potential for development of their role?
- Key points to take Forward





# Questions





