

ICZM Forum Issues

Here are the results of the workshops held at the last ICZMP Forum December 2004. The issues raised will inform the production of a scoping report for the review of the ICZM Plan. Once produced, this will be subject to wide public consultation.

The task of turning the prioritised issues and themes into realistic and achievable actions will be aided by the work of several topic groups/working groups taking the actions forward. These being: social, environmental and economic

Format of Workshop

- After the introduction/presentation the attendees were split into individual groups; every attempt was made to ensure a balanced representation of interests within each group.
- Each individual was given a worksheet raising the following question:

What social, economic and environmental issues need to be addressed in the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan?

- The aim was then for each individual to note their own concerns/issues, without influence or direction from the collective.
- Subsequently, issues were then recorded on a flip chart particular to the individual group.
- To allow the issues to be prioritised, each member of the individual groups was given **15** markers to select **5** 'Top Issues' within their particular group. This was achieved by the allocation of **5** markers for their highest priority scaled down to **1** for the lowest priority.

Tallying/Definitions

Score

The 'Score' equals the number of dots the issue received, the greater the number of dots the greater the priority the issue was given.

Weighted Score

The 'Weighted Score' equals the Score divided by the number of people in that particular group.

Example:

People	Issue	Score	Weighted
Number of people in the individual group	Issue written on the flipchart at the workshop for that individual group	Number of dots given to issue at the workshop by that individual group	Score divided by the number of people in that individual group
<i>Example:</i>			
<i>6</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.57</i>

Top Issues

The 'Top Issues' equals the Weighted Scores receiving a score of 1.00 and over and therefore indicates the overall priority issues for that particular workshop.

Weighted Scores of 1.00 and over have been put into a separate table in descending order of priority.

Issue	Solution	Score	Weighted
Village Character (cobble stones)		11	0.91
Access (safe) to beaches		6	0.5
Affordable housing required to sustain role of villages	Strengthen role of planning, role for social housing (not just market housing, policy in LDF)	12	1
Importance of renewable energy		3	0.25
Planning system - lip-service		1	0.08
Bridlington Marina – not needed – protect existing beach also impact on coastal erosion		2	0.16
Visual impact of caravan parks		7	0.52
Poor infrastructure eg rural roads		6	0.5
Pollution from tourism, shipping, industrial waste		5	0.41
Better public transport required	More buses – frequency (cost), rail re-instatement/new routes, continue to invest in community services, general infrastructure improvements	11	0.91
Offshore dredging – coastal erosion/lobster fishing	Don't do it – environmental damage (distance off shore is a consideration) monitor impact/research, consider alternative sources, use of recycled material, community benefit	16	1.33
Natural assets – increased tourism	Responding to tourists needs/ access arrangements demands, year round attractions/facilities, N/S road improvements, segregation of uses (eg jet ski's), promote use of boats	24	2
Beach steepening - related to dredging		1	0.08

Erosion control – related to off-shore wind turbines		8	0.66
Knock on effect of sea defences		5	0.41
Local economic opportunities		11	0.91
More toilets required (not just tourism)	More – re-instate, no rates on public toilets, more than just toilets (eg shop/café - make them more sustainable financially)	11	0.91
Loss of local input to planning waste disposal policy – not transparent		10	0.83
Maximise contribution of leisure and tourism to support the coastal and economy	Allow controlled expansion through the planning process of leisure industry, invest in flagship leisure and tourism projects, Initiatives to improve quality, increased marketing and promotion partnership workings, Niche tourism products across the area and offshore, Sustainability	25	2.08
Aggregate removal/extraction	Establish clear position statement, public awareness,	13	1.08
Support employment opportunities other than tourism	Grants to assist investment and continuance of local industry, Community capacity building, Ensure contracts are geared to local market, Develop managed work spaces linking schools to enterprise culture, Added value from fishing industry, Improved infrastructure, Farm diversification and markets	23	1.91
Derelict private sea defensives		9	0.75
Minimise litter pollution	Extend rural beach partnership, Education in schools, On the spot fines, Litterbins, Sponsorship, Beach improvements/Stewardship grants	16	1.33

Health and Safety issues for holiday makers		1	0.08
Health and Safety issues – coastal erosion cliff top paths	Relocate dangerous paths inland, improve signage, Adopt a footpath, Promote coastal footpath and awareness of dangers, Education, Cliff profiling,	18	1.5
More blue flag beaches		4	0.33
Maintain local transport network to combat rural isolation		2	0.16
Protect sensitive habitats		1	0.08
Compensation for lost coastal land		5	0.41
Maintain public access		4	0.33
Uncertainty causing low land value			
Maintain sustainable fishing industry and environment issues		16	1.33
Conflict between various leisure interests	Allow controlled expansion through the planning process of leisure industry, Invest in flagship leisure and projects, Initiatives to improve quality, Increased marketing and promotion, partnership working, niche tourism products across the area (one officer etc), sustainability	5	0.41
More tree/shrub cover			
Sustainability issues regarding current defences		3	0.25
Adverse effect of erosion on caravan industry		9	0.75
Local involvement in decision making		9	0.75
Coastal resorts not big enough to sustain the coastal zone		2	0.16
Preserving the mudflats			
Lack of initiatives		3	0.25
Environmental assets			

Roll back policy – non caravan	Sensitivity to planning / fees etc., clarity on the policy on what if its not possible to roll back, no – interest loans from council – mechanism to help relocate, address financial constraints	9	0.75
Recreational activities not all compatible	Code of conduct, Designated areas for activities, Raise awareness of how best to use the space	14	1.16
How to generate income from all visitors		14	1.16
Plans affecting residents		7	0.58
Sensitive planning issues regarding implementing roll back ‘compensating for coastal erosion	Supportive council to encourage roll back, review policy on applications for roll back	16	1.33
Coastal management to protect beaches and cliffs	Greater awareness of people to coastal erosion and associated issues, Highlight risk areas (eg Tunstall), Those areas under threat should be supported – not punished, cross subsidy – wealth - % areas most at risk	11	0.91
Fear of change – how do we be innovative		5	0.41
Wave generated power – use the power		2	0.16
Dog waste on beaches – encourage responsibility	Make it easier – provide bins, signage, improve collection – avoid overfull bags, sensible size, contact point for full bins	18	1.5
Land reclamation		1	0.08
Education – locals not using assets		8	0.66
Roads		3	0.25
Coastal erosion	New improved sea defences – coastal Skipsea/Mappleton, Roll back support for residents – sustainable solutions	46	3.83
Street lighting	Need for street lighting in Skipsea, Needs to be	19	1.58

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Road closure (Southfield lane)	Another road to replace Southfield Lane, Skipsea when it closed, High priority need to consult residents/caravan owners effected by the impact of this potential closure	10	0.83
Lack of suitable amenities (litter bins for dog mess on beach)	Provision of appropriate street furniture, Need for Officer to enforce bye laws, Dog bins	10	0.83
Negative impacts of tourism		5	0.41
Enforcement of bye laws		8	0.66
Better public transport	Volunteer drivers for CT (hard to find), more support for CT so paid drivers available	5	0.41
More funding / support community transport			
Traffic / local parking issues		7	0.58
Improved promotions of tourism		1	0.08
Need for protection of natural habitats	Restricting development on coastal areas, Targeted education,	6	0.5
Road communication protection and development	Need better road to Hull – upgrade roads will encourage settlement	26	2.16
Beach marine litter		10	0.83
Coastal footpaths	Look at compensation scheme to compensate landowners to maintain footpaths, see Coastal erosion and protection solutions	29	2.41
Coastal erosion and protection of houses and roads	Make the coast more desirable and improve road link is to achieve this, Extend defences North and South of settlements – protect residential areas, Coast is to big to protect all – focused approach, Public meetings to feed into	40	3.33

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Sustainable fisheries and including recreation especially bass		19	1.58
Leisure facilities		8	0.66
Linked business and environmental tourism initiatives	Money to encourage links to promote sustainable development	25	2.08
Beach access and safety	Improve access for disabled physically restricted, Need for less steep ramps – not steps, ESP close to caravan parks and residential areas, Ranger services and examine reporting mechanisms between department on coast	27	2.25
Research into coastal dynamics and processes		9	0.75
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