

Location reference:	Godrevy Point to St Agnes Head
Management Area reference:	MA29
Policy Development Zone:	PDZ11



PREFERRED POLICY TO IMPLEMENT PLAN:	
From present day (0-20 years)	NAI along undefended cliff and coves. HTL at Portreath Beach. HTL at Portreath Harbour. MR at Porthtowan.
Medium term (20-50 years)	NAI along undefended cliff and coves. MR at Portreath Beach. HTL at Portreath Harbour together with the MR option. MR at Porthtowan.
Long term (50 -100 years)	NAI along undefended cliff and coves. MR at Portreath Beach. HTL at Portreath Harbour together with the MR option. MR at Porthtowan.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC POLICIES

Policy Unit		SMP1 Policy	SMP2 Policy Plan			Rationale
		50 yrs	2025	2055	2105	
29.1	Undefended cliffs (including cove at Chapel Porth)	Do nothing	NAI	NAI	NAI	No active intervention will meet high level objectives and satisfy AONB and heritage coast criteria. NAI would not preclude maintenance of the National Trust owned wall at Chapel Porth to maintain existing lifeguard facilities as required. Road and pathway routes are close to eroding cliff sites in one or two locations which need consideration.
29.2	Portreath Beach	Hold the line	HTL	MR	MR	This frontage will come under increasing pressure from sea level rise. Some element of realignment in the medium to long term is suggested for the frontage running from Battery Hill to the Pier and this should be coordinated with planning for future maintenance of the pier and harbour. Any realignment must however take account of the World Heritage site designation which covers Tregaea Terrace as well as the Pier and Harbour.
29.3	Portreath Harbour	Hold the line	HTL	HTL(with localised MR)	HTL(with localised MR)	Condition assessment and maintenance study required fro the pier and harbour structures. Technical issues relating to pier should feed into wider managed realignment scheme in the longer term as part of an on-going capital expenditure programme at Portreath.
29.4	Porthtowan	Hold the line	MR	MR	MR	The preferred approach at Porthtowan would be to manage the frontage under a managed realignment policy. This would accommodate the natural variability of this area and allow priority to be given to enhancement of the natural dune system as a UK priority BAP Habitat, whilst continuing to encourage natural and sustainable response to climate change impacts. The dune system is constrained on three sides by local development but appropriate management techniques have been employed historically to stabilise sand accumulations and encourage dune

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Key: HTL - Hold the Line, A - Advance the Line, NAI – No Active Intervention MR – Managed Realignment					

PREDICTED IMPLICATIONS OF THE PREFERRED PLAN

Policy Unit		Theme				
		Property & Land Use	Nature Conservation	Landscape	Historic Environment	Amenity & Recreational Use
29.1	Undefended cliffs (including cove at Chapel Porth)	Limited impacts, no loss of property anticipated.	Preferred plan and NAI approach will support high level SMP objectives for nature conservation and the Godrevy Head to St Agnes SSSI.	The plan would support landscape values and the objectives of the AONB and Heritage Coast designations.	There are a great number of historic sites along the cliff top of this frontage but very low erosion rates dictate little impact occurring under the preferred plan.	Possible loss of sections of the coast SW coast path.
29.2	Portreath Beach	Impacts on property and road routes in medium to longer term.	Preferred plan will allow for some natural adaption of the beach frontage which will benefit sandy foreshore habitats.	The plan would support landscape values and the objectives of the AONB designation but defence structures would continue to dominate the frontage.	There are potentially some impacts on the extent of the World Heritage site.	Important recreational use of the frontage would be affected but should not be compromised by realignment or the plan generally.
29.3	Portreath Harbour	No impacts on property.	Preferred plan will allow for some natural adaption of the beach frontage which will benefit sandy foreshore habitats.	The plan would support landscape values and the objectives of the AONB designation but defence structures would continue to dominate the frontage.	There are potentially some impacts on the extent of the World Heritage site.	Important recreational use of the frontage would be affected but should not be compromised by realignment or the plan generally.
29.4	Porthtowan	There are quite likely to be some impacts on both residential and commercial	Preferred plan will allow for some natural adaption of the beach frontage which will	The plan would support landscape values and the objectives of the	There are potentially some impacts on the extent of the World Heritage site.	Preferred plan would support recreational and amenity use of the frontage.

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		properties located close to the foreshore.	benefit sandy foreshore habitats and help to support the objectives of the Godrevy Head to St Agnes SSSI.	AONB and Heritage Coast designations.		