

# Southern Marine Planning Conference

## Delegate Feedback (Expressed in numbers of respondent)

### Number of Delegates and Respondents

Number of Delegates	79
Number of Solent Forum Members	69
Number of questionnaires returned	28 (including 5 from non-members)

### Usefulness on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 = very useful)

Session 1 – Marine Planning	Mean 3.6	Mode 4
Session 2 – Towards SoMaP project progress	Mean 3.6	Mode 4
Session 3 – Implications of marine planning	Mean 4.2	Mode 5
Conference overall	Mean 4.1	Mode 4

### Should the Solent Forum lead on stakeholder engagement for marine planning in the Solent?

Yes	20
No	0
Has a role	7

### What role should the Forum play in future marine planning?

Being involved and coordinating stakeholder forums

Probably best placed to do this and I think the MMO would agree

Facilitating communication and discussion

As a communication tool. Raising awareness of the various consultations/planning debates

Should definitely have a role but needs to expand its contact base and find ways of engaging to ensure stakeholder proceedings are not dominated by a few loud voices. Much can be learnt from the Balanced Seas process on stakeholder engagement.

Information conduit between local stakeholders and Defra/MMO

A facilitator role. Best placed, well trusted, good contacts – will need funding ultimately

Lead stakeholder engagement and provide information and data

Inform MMO – SoMaP. Stakeholder engagement for marine planning. Test bed for ideas thoughts

Role in dialogue, although not at expense of other Forum work

Coordination of stakeholder input

Capable of leading. Not sure what role they should play though

Coordinating stakeholder input using and contributing the SoMaP out puts.

Provide support to the MMO particularly in a consultative/communicative role

Can lead but not at the expense of individual engagement from the MMO

Collating information and informing a wide range of people.

Facilitate not lead. Communication for South East area

Pivotal

Should act as a conduit to allow all stakeholders to influence the marine plan

Coordination only

Could act in an agency role for the MMO

Facilitator/coordinator for stakeholder engagement and Information hub

Certain until taken over by MMO – sort the national plan

Possibly – it would depend on the approach – but a tentative yes

**Would you like the Forum to host other marine planning events?**

Yes	26
No	0

**Comments:**

When marine planning begins in the Solent (three respondents)

Yes, glad the decision was made not to charge Solent Forum members given the current economic climate

If we are found to be one of the first marine plan areas, a further meetings would be helpful

**Would you like the Forum to organise other events on Solent related topics, if so specify?**

Yes	10
No	0

**Comments:**

ICZM – relationship with near shore environment

Variety

Show what work/investment has been carried out in the Solent. Share with other areas.

Recreational disturbance, Green Infrastructure, Brent Goose Strategy

Review of marine consents

Developing role of MMO. Progressing the evidence base

Marine conservation issues. Climate change and related aspects

**What additional comments do you have?**

Many talks interesting but curtailed. Should have been given more time. Programme format very good. Venue good, except inability to turn of lights.

Format of breaks between the presentations worked well

The day was very interesting however some aspects were already well understood by delegates. The provision of presentation abstracts along with space for delegate notes was most useful. Splitting lunch into two networking breaks is a good way to structure the day.

Always need more time for questions

Very useful, coming from Cornwall to hear about what is going on elsewhere.  
Thanks!

A good update and thoughts of the future

The Forum needs to be sure that it has the capability to deliver real stakeholder involvement (not just communicating with stakeholders). Without a radical change in the Forum's remit, outlook and processes, I am not sure that it is well placed to perform a role in marine planning.

There does not seem to have been much progress on marine planning so it is hard to get any sense of how it will happen. I get a sense that there are many disparate initiatives taking place but little coordination as yet. Also there was quite a bit of emphasis on terrestrial and coastal planning – eg: coastal pathfinder project and I am not sure the extent to which marine planning can impact on this work

The presentation by Stephen Brooker from the MMO was very useful to know the current situation regards to marine planning

Interesting and relevant content; well organised and run

Abstracts helpful. Good to have presentation text afterwards too. Good networking time and double lunch always a good plan! Some interesting speakers although a bit rushed.

Serious need to undertake stakeholder mapping exercise and understand their expectations. Has the Forum decided to undertake a Solent Plan? It was not clear what SoMaP found. Does the Solent need a plan – its shipping lane.

Informative and though provoking

Lunch arrangements worked well – managed to stay alert through all the sessions!

Diverse and interesting

Thanks – a really useful update for a non-specialist! Personally, I like the structure – a relatively large number of relatively short presentations – good diversity of ideas/projects