

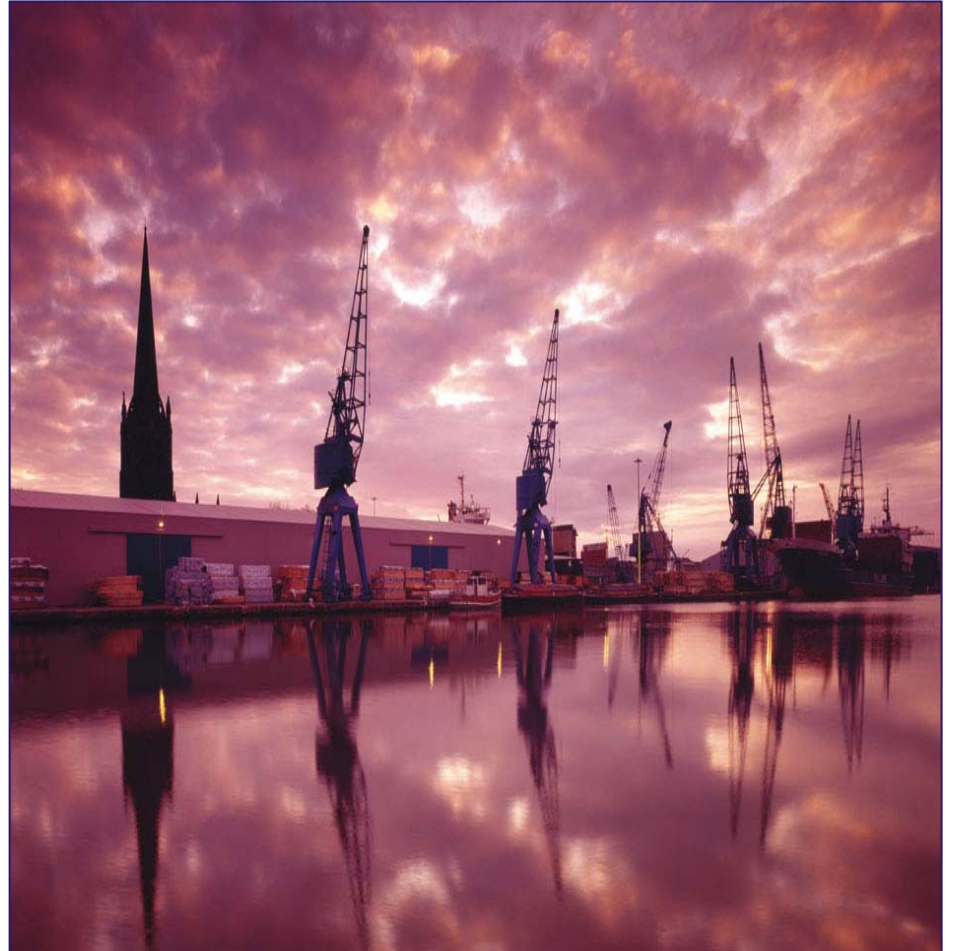


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Development on the
Humber Banks – ABP's
experience

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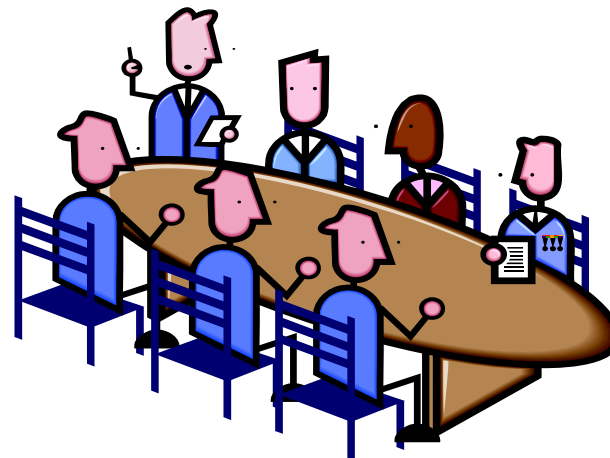


Key Aspects

- Terrestrial Planning Issues
- Coastal Planning Issues
- Environmental Issues including among others:-
 - Environmental Impact Assessment Directive
 - Habitats Directive
 - Water Framework Directive
- Flood Defence Issues

Addressing the Issues - the need for change by developers and regulatory bodies

- The need to clarify what the law requires
- The need to identify and deliver long term targets
- The need to find better ways of working
- The need to contribute to sustainable development



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Four objectives to achieve Sustainable Development are:-

- Effective protection of the environment
- Prudent use of natural resources
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment
- Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone

Ports and Sustainable Development

- Ports industry is environmentally responsible
- Ports industry is essential for global markets
- Ports industry needs to accommodate changes to shipping and growth in markets
- Ports industry is a key aspect in sustainable transport

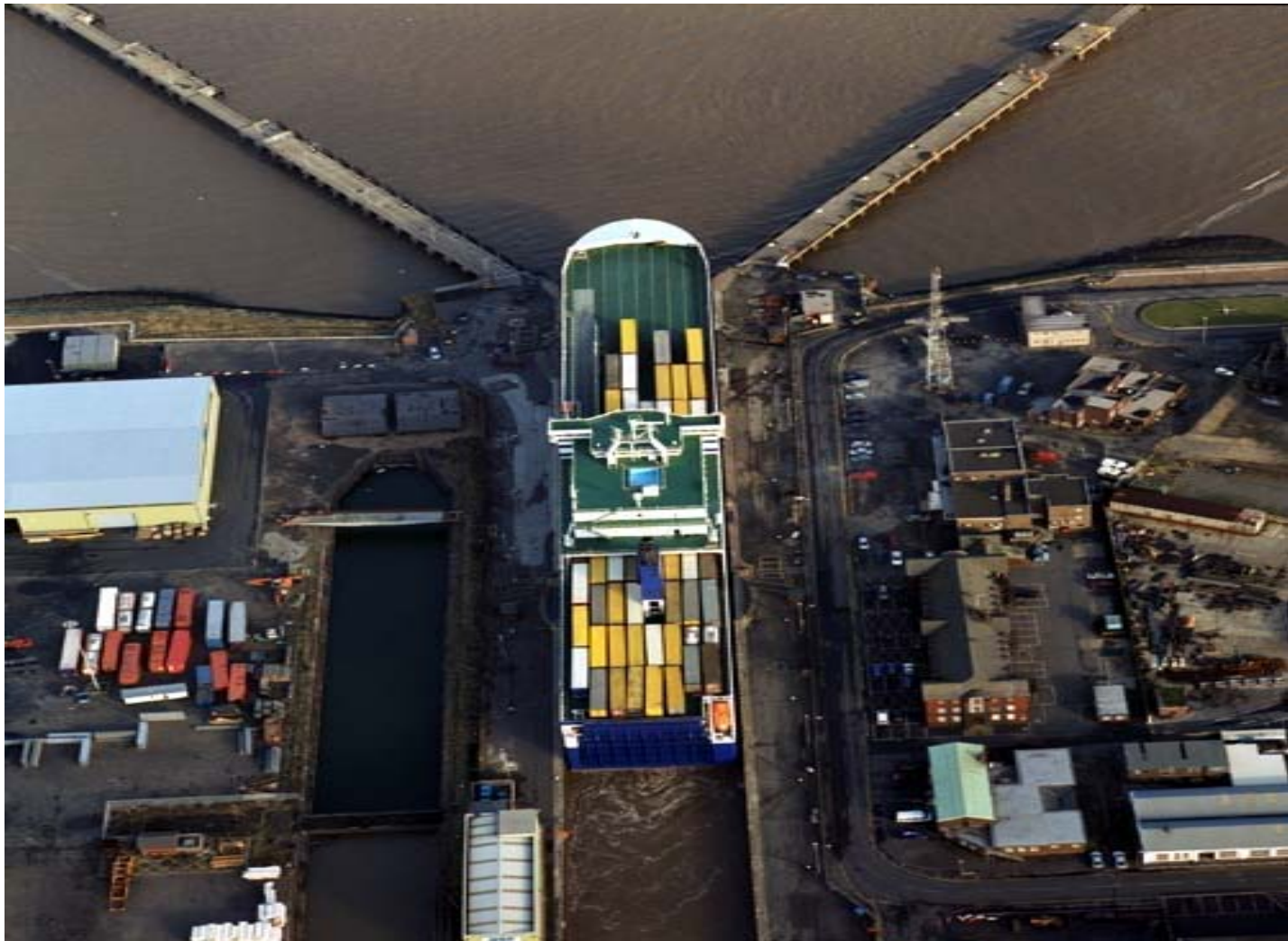


There Are Alternatives to Development

- Best use of existing capacity
- Greater productivity from existing infrastructure
- Introduction of new practices
- Greater use of information technology
- Speed up onwards transportation



But Not Always!

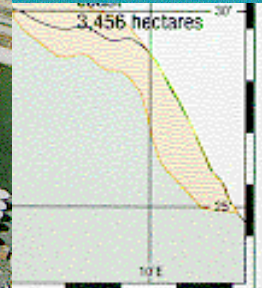
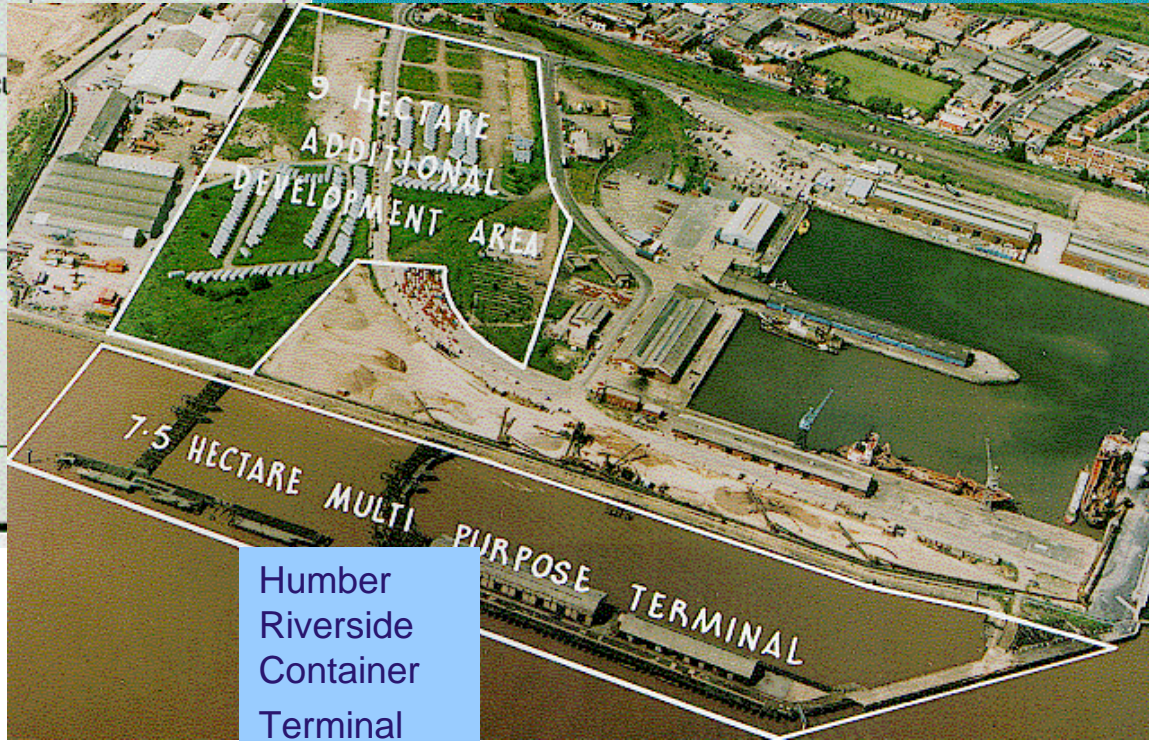
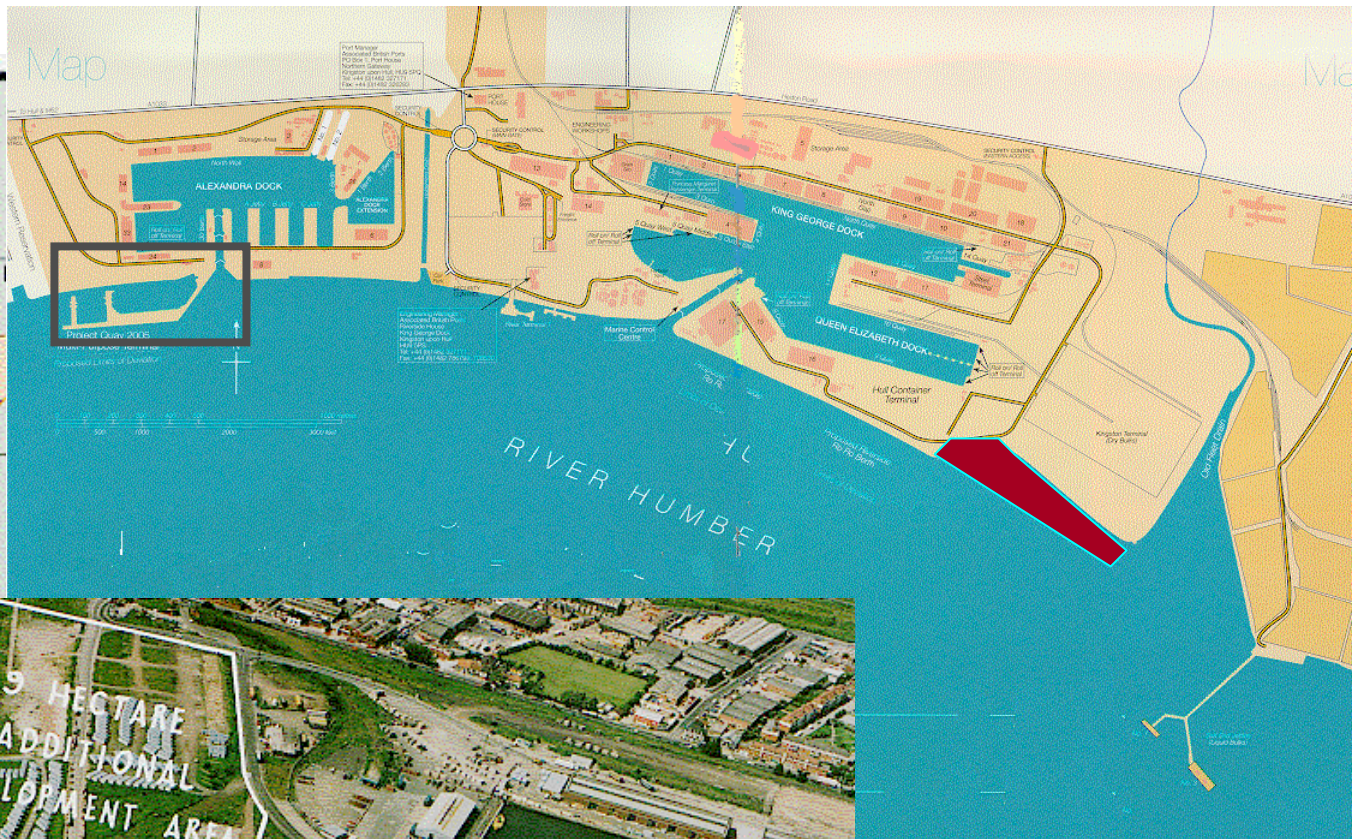
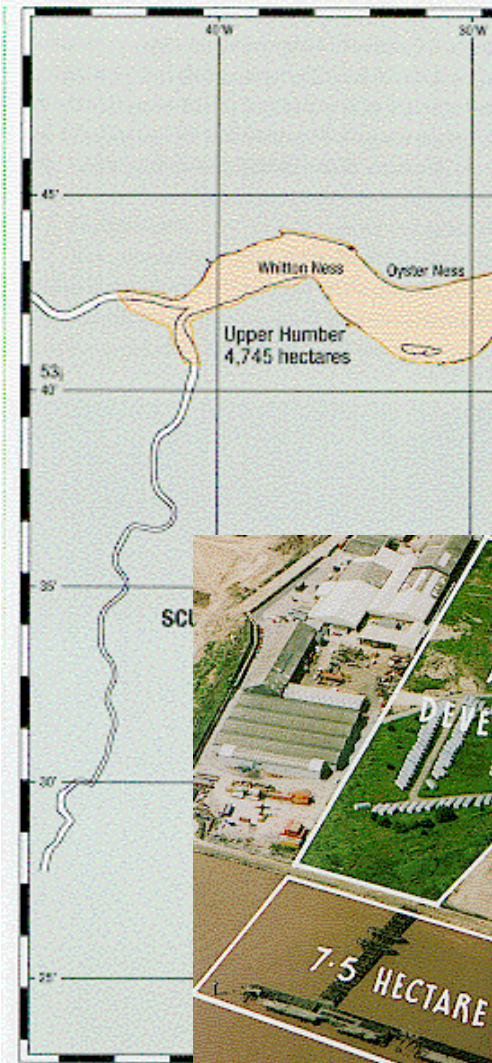


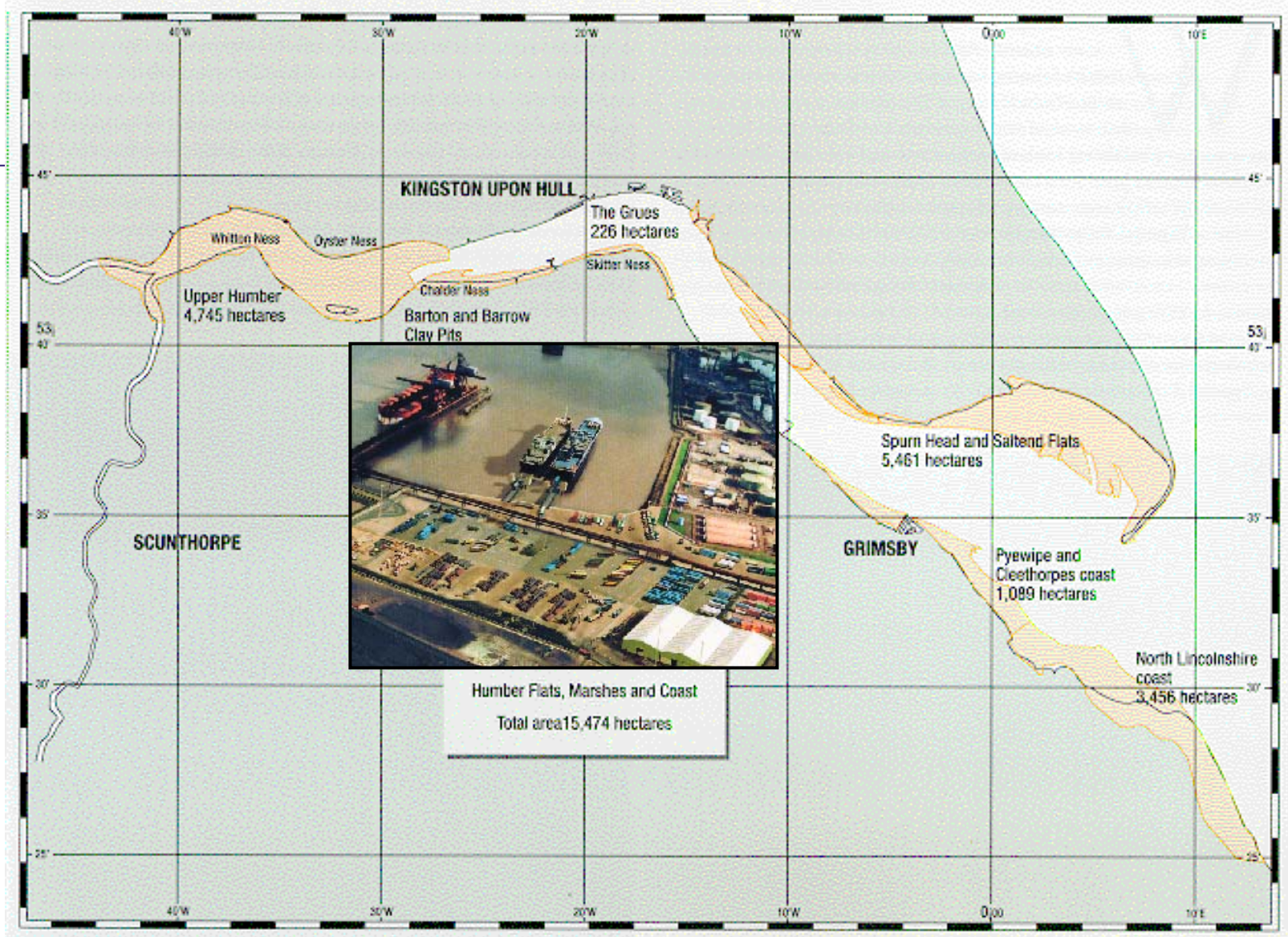
Experience with Habitats & Birds Directive: What have we learned?

- Too much time
- Too many new definitions
- Too much uncertainty
- Too little clarification



But the industry has had successes:





ABP Approach

- Scoping
 - Environmental
 - Legal
- preparation of EIA based on a range of options
- EIA addressing both EIA Directive and Habitats Directive
- identification of impacts
 - on ecology
 - on favourable conservation status
- decision on likely significant effect
 - No adverse effect - mitigation
 - Adverse effect - compensation
- information on wider coastal management issues

ABP Approach (continued)



- Production of IROPI
- Agreement on compensation objectives
- Development of options
- Choice of preferred option
- Construction
- Monitoring

Mitigation/Compensation Objectives

- need to comply with Habitats Directive
- need to contribute to long term estuary management
- need to agree with regulators and NGOs







Working Together Better

- Understanding the law
- Understanding the procedures
- (developing the procedures)
- Clarity
- Openness
- Involvement
- Shared Objectives



Working together better

- Examination of legal issues
- Finding ways of meeting legislative needs
- Agreement on information needs
- Agreement on how information should be used
- How to deliver long term goals (sustainable development)

Need for Linkage and Integration of Policies

- Habitat Directive
 - IROPI
 - Alternatives
 - Compensation/mitigation
- Spatial Planning
- EU transport policies
- SMPs etc



Conclusions we need:-

- port development
- to protect and improve the environment
- to comply with legislation
- to work together
- to identify shared objectives
- holistic and long term sustainable management of estuaries





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