

ISSUE REPORT COMMENTS

Background to the Estuary

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14	Somerset County Council	2.	Map2.2	Distinction needed between "Low lying coast" and land <10 metres above MSL. There are symbols for the former which are missing in certain areas e.g. between Brue and the Axe coastline.
58	Inland Waterways Association, London	2., 15.	M8.	Organisational structure : IWA feel that the process of designating SAC's includes totally inadequate open consultation and the designation of sites has seemed arbitrary. Without a full and open consultation process, SAC's and SSSI's attract less support from local and national organisations than could be possible otherwise. The designation places major planning restrictions on future land use without consultation or compensation for loss of access or use. Legislation should be amended to provide for full and fair treatment for all existing interests, and meanwhile ensure adequate informal consultaion precedes any further submissions. It is felt that the report might have commented on this.
187	Country Landowners Association, Gloucestershire	2.		Organisational Structure No mention is made of the chief users of the land in the SES area, i.e. the landowners and the farmers. It is essential that their views are taken into account.

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239	WDA, Pontypridd	2., 3., 15.	M8.	Organisational Structure WDA with its economic development remit has a major role and interest in industrial development / redevelopment, urban regeneration, land reclamation, landscape and environmental improvement. These activities can potentially impact on the Severn Estuary environment, in areas such as ecology, landscape and pollution, just as greater levels of protection in the estuary can influence and affect potential development activity and environmental practices in adjacent areas. WDA can offer an all Wales perspective, skills and experience in land reclamation, environmental management, development projects, either generally or for specific projects past or present within the study area.
246	British Waterways, Gloucester and River Severn	2.		Organisational Structure Report omits that BW are responsible for shipping on the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and the River Severn, north of Gloucester.
247	British Waterways, Gloucester and River Severn	2.		Environment - Tides and the Severn Bore Reference to 'tidal excursion' being important for studies of pollution and sediments is relevant information perhaps for the River Severn and Gloucester Docks Water Injection Dredging, and Purton discharge to the estuary.

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248	British Waterways, Gloucester and River Severn	2.		Environment - Salinity Saline water reaching Gloucester or beyond can present a risk to Bristol Waterworks via pumping saline water into canal not mentioned here (is mentioned as an issue on p 105 W8).
249	British Waterways, Gloucester and River Severn	2.		Environment The report mentions that the large quantities of suspended solids also cause low dissolved oxygen levels in the tidal river (although BW own measurements during the WID study and the tidal bores revealed no low oxygen levels).
339	Youth Hostels Association	2., 14.		Environment YHA consider that a section describing the Geology of the Strategy Area should be included as the estuary has some interesting geological formations, including dinosaur footprints and spectacular cliff sections.
397	Individual	2., 15.	M14., M16.	Once having established this future perspective, it will be necessary to have a clear sense of these conditions in present terms. This often takes the form of a 'state-of-the-environment' report which describes the environmental, social, economic and institutional conditions at this time. Often trends can be cited to indicate improving or worsening conditions.

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422	Individual	2., 15.	M10.	Organisational Structure Shoreline Management Plan process is integrated with and ultimately influenced by the SES. If the Strategy is to be relevant, that it must be 'the' process for the estuary which includes, is influenced by, and guides all other planning processes in the area (i.e. Local Agenda 21s, Local Authority Planning, Shoreline Management etc.).
454	South Gloucestershire Council	2.	Map 2.1	The "South Gloucestershire Local Plan" notation is incorrect and should read "South Gloucestershire Local Plan in preparation". Also the Draft Structure Plan should be mentioned for the relevant authorities, as this is in the public domain. This map should also refer to: Rural Areas Local Plan Bristol North Fringe Local Plan Yate and Chipping Sodbury Local Plan Thornbury Local Plan
517	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		An energetic human environment Does Figure 2.3 relate only to those portions of the local authority areas falling within the scope of the strategy, the others giving local authority-wide data?

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518	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		An energetic human environment Last para. Ross should have been accorded its full 'Ross-on-Wye' title.
519	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		A Coastal Economy Royal Portbury Dock as well as Avonmouth should have been mentioned as the former is now more active than the latter.
521	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.	D1., D2., L1.	The argument that sustainable improvements accompany a "healthy economy" is not one that should be pressed too far; the first does not necessarily follow from the second. It is dangerous, in landscape protection terms, to place undue emphasis upon the environmental advantages of economic development.
522	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		A changing economy Re. last paragraph - respondent does not consider that it is correct to say that local government reorganisation has caused Gloucestershire and Somerset councils to alter administrative arrangements. To what changes does the text refer?

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523	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		A divided human environment The Environmentally Sensitive Area status of the Somerset Levels and Moors is currently encouraging fewer "agricultural improvements", taking these to relate to increased production.
524	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		A divided human environment The point about development and environmental conflict is well made in demonstration of the urgent need for a Severn Estuary Strategy.
525	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		Organisational Structure It is important that "costs and benefits" should be seen as applying to the environment as well as to business interests.
526	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		Organisational Structure Recognition given to the importance to the estuary of voluntary groups and individual residents is welcomed.

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527	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.	Map 2.1	<p>As update, following info. provided: Bristol Local Plan - it is believed that this has now been adopted. The draft Northavon Local Plan was withdrawn at post-deposit stage. Preliminary consultation has taken place in respect of a South Gloucestershire Unitary Development Plan. The Woodspring Local Plan is awaiting the inquiry inspector's report. The 'Avon Area' Joint Replacement Structure Plan is expected to be placed on deposit in the middle of 1998. The draft of the Monmouthshire Unitary Development Plan is due to be published for consultation early in the New Year. Newport County Borough Council has recently sought pre-consultation comments upon its Unitary Development Plan.</p>
530	CPRE, Avon / CPRW, Monmouthshire	2.		<p>Life in the Estuary Attention should have been drawn to the fact that the twaite shad is nationally rare.</p>

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729	The Ports Panel	2., 15.		The Ports Panel represents all port, harbour and waterway facilities in the Severn Estuary in both England and Wales and has been discussing relevant issues for many years. The Panel has considerable interest in a workable management system for the Estuary. The ports sector is an important part of the region's general industrial structure, not only in isolation but as a vital link to many other businesses and industries. Representatives on the Ports Panel have considerable experience in the development and implementation of estuary strategies.
973	WDA, Pontypridd	2., 3., 15.	M8.	Would be interested in contributing to the process of developing the Estuary Management Plan.