

## **Manhood Peninsula Action Group**

*Campaigning to protect the  
Manhood Peninsula from over  
development*

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### **Notes of Meeting held on 16 June 2021 – 18.00 – Zoom – to develop a future plan for the Manhood Peninsula**

#### **Present:**

Joan Foster, Louise Goldsmith, David Betts, Paul Bedford, Martyn Chuter, Keith Martin, Ian Sumnall

#### **Notes:**

A general discussion took place, concerning:

1. Growth: cannot go on forever – need to make the case to manage and maintain at a sustainable level.
2. The Manhood Peninsula is at capacity with its current population and infrastructure
3. It struggles to cope with a doubling of the population during the spring/summer season
4. The many caravan and campsites have an impact which is not acknowledged by CDC or other agencies. Is Airbnb adding additional pressure?
5. We have to reduce major pollutants for future generations (e.g. there is an environmentally friendly road surface that reduces particulate emissions)
6. The shoreline is vulnerable to sea level rises and the coastline is extremely dynamic
7. The flooding risk is high unless action is taken at a global and national level

It was agreed that a baseline of data should be collected to enable further work:

- Number of residents (current data is from 2011 census: 26,183). Could be obtained from electoral registers by parish
- Number of dwellings
- Age profile
- Employment
- Traffic volumes
- Number of visitors
- Road usage (B2145 acts as an A road)
- Connectivity or lack of, cycle routes
- Water use capacity data and difference winter/summer
- Sewage – at capacity data
- Flooding – climate change predictions
- Environmental protection required

Access to the following could be useful:

Chichester Harbour, Pagham Harbour and East Head Management Plans. The Sustainable Tourism on the Manhood Peninsula (STOMP) report data will be helpful.

Agreed that there are two parallel streams of work, one to strengthen the evidence base against planning applications and to influence the Local Plan. The second to prepare an Eco-Friendly Manhood Plan for zero carbon, pollution and waste.

Action: To discuss next steps at the MPAG Committee meeting on 21 June 2021