Shoreham Port Beach Huts

Summary
In 2022 we installed 8x beach huts to the west of Southwick Beach. The local response to this was hugely supportive and showed the need for beach huts in the area. With this in mind, and as part of our aim to improve the Port for everyone, Shoreham Port will be installing 17x new beach huts to the east of Southwick Beach in the area shown below, which will provide further opportunities for enjoyment of the beach.

Planning permission has been granted, (planning reference AWDM/0400/24) and new huts will be added to the area in 2025 and 2026.



Coastal Ecology
Preliminary ecological surveys of the area have shown that the vegetated shingle contains species that require protection. To protect these species, we have developed a plan to improve the quality of the remaining area while creating a new protected area along the coast to which plants can be relocated. Protecting rare native species is important to support local biodiversity and habitats for wildlife.

Aims
To conserve the vegetated shingle, our key aims are;

1. Retention and protection of existing vegetated shingle behind and adjacent to areas affected by construction.

2. Translocation of rarer plant species (e.g. yellow horned poppy and rock sea lavender) to retained and protected areas.

3. Enhancement of retained coastal vegetated shingle through the removal of invasive species (e.g. silver ragwort) and the use of removed shingle substrate to create a varied topography in retained areas.

4. Creation of a new area of coastal vegetated shingle habitat within the identified 'Compensation Site' located at Spending Beach to the west of the proposed Beach Huts site, as shown on Location Plan.


Silver Ragwort


Yellow Horned Poppy


Rock Sea Lavender

Plan
To achieve this, we will;

1. Remove invasive species (Silver Ragwort) to provide a more suitable environment for native species.

2. Install site boundary to ensure works do not overspill into the retained area of the site.

3. Collect rare species (yellow horned poppy and rock sea lavender).

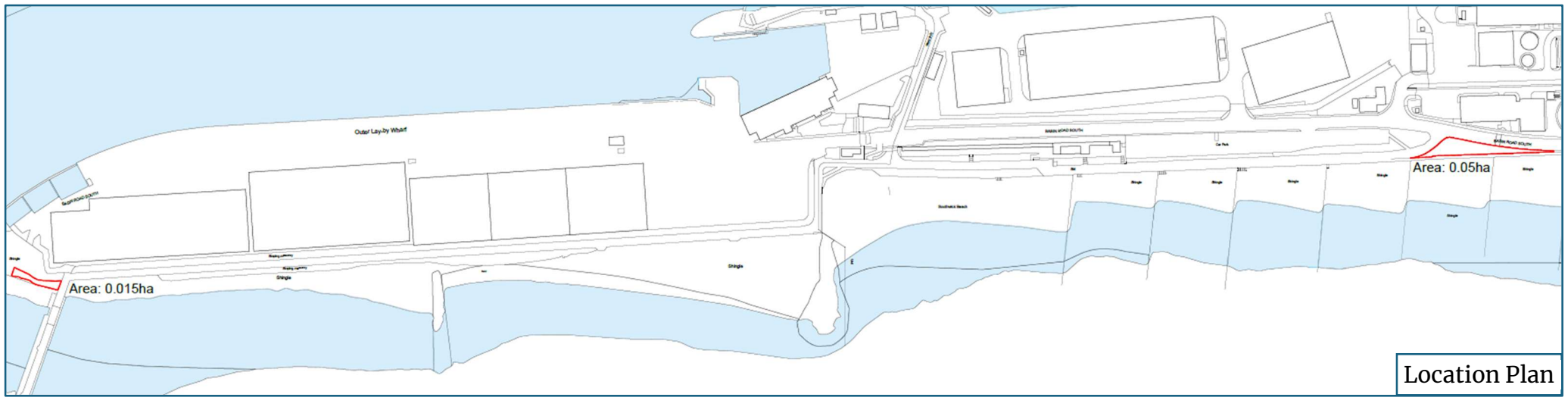
4. Remove shingle from the area of concrete pad and redistribute it to the rear of the new beach huts and the new compensation site.

5. Translocate collected rare species to the rear of new beach huts and compensation area.

6. Install concrete slab foundation for beach huts.

7. Install beach huts.

8. Infill gaps between beach huts with barrier chain to prevent access to habitat behind huts and protect it.



Location Plan