

South-east Devon European Site Mitigation Strategy

Mitigation delivery status

Oct 2025

Mitigation measures (refer to Table 26 p218 onwards in the previous strategy.		
Site	Measure	Complete Y/N
All	Dawlish Warren SANGS	Y (26ha)
All	SW Exeter SANGS	Phase 1 - 17ha
All	Habitat Regulations Delivery Manager	Y - Ongoing
All	Wildlife Warden (2)	Y - Ongoing
All	Vehicle for the Wildlife Wardens	Y - Ongoing
All	Project Officer (Dogs project)	Y - Ongoing
All	Devon Loves Dogs scheme	Y - Ongoing
All	Visitor number monitoring	Y - Ongoing
All	Visitor behaviour monitoring	Y - Ongoing
Exe Estuary	Close railway crossing at Cockwood	N ¹
Exe Estuary	Low planting around edge of Imperial Recreation Ground	Delayed ²
Exe Estuary	Screening and modifications to gates at Exminster Marshes.	Y
Exe Estuary	Gate slipway at Exmouth Imperial Recreation Ground	N ³
Exe Estuary	Continuation/adaptation as necessary of access restrictions (temporary fencing, etc) to prevent access along shore near roost at Dawlish Warren	Y - Ongoing
Exe Estuary	Reed/other screening between Bight & Golf Course @ Dawlish Warren	Discontinued ⁴
Exe Estuary	Limited, localised changes to Golf Course @ Dawlish Warren	Discontinued ⁵
Exe Estuary	Modifications of slipway at Mamhead to encourage users not to enter the estuary	Y
Exe Estuary	New interpretation boards (five boards)	Existing signage sufficient.
Exe Estuary	Updates of the Exe Estuary leaflets	Y
Exe Estuary	Review and revision of byelaws	N ⁶
Exe Estuary	Codes of Conduct	Y ⁷

¹ Agreement between all parties that this is kept on hold pending continued success of Exe wildlife refuges.

² Recommended as part of 2024/25 ABP. Delayed due to extensive repairs which are required on the revetment by EDDC/EA. Not viable to plant prior to these works, which would damage/destroy the planting.

³ See (1) above.

⁴ Measures at distal end of Warren discontinued following EA review of BMS and future management options. Site highly dynamic and longevity of site conditions/measures uncertain. Funding to be rolled forward into future mitigation measures identified for Dawlish Warren.

⁵ See (4) above.

⁶ See (1) above.

⁷ To be reviewed at EEMP Forum Sept Oct 2025

Exe Estuary	Personal aircraft code of conduct	In progress - EEMP
Exe Estuary	Review of zones	Y
Exe Estuary	Monitoring Wildlife Refuges	Y
Exe Estuary	Procurement, installation and maintenance of buoy markers	Y

Mitigation measures		
Site	Measure	Complete Y/N
Exe Estuary	Install dedicated signs - kite & wind surfing (Exmouth)	N ⁸
Exe Estuary	Update signs at public slipways	Y
Exe Estuary	Dog control order to control dogs on the mudflats	N ⁹
Exe Estuary	Patrol boat	Y ¹⁰
Exe Estuary	Carry out scoping study for creation/ modification of a viable disturbance-free roost at Dawlish Warren	N ¹¹
Exe Estuary	Create new/improved high tide roost on site of old bird hide at Dawlish Warren	Discontinued ¹²
Exe Estuary	Monitoring of wintering wildfowl	Y
Exe Estuary	Relocate Bird hide @ Dawlish Warren	Discontinued ¹³
Dawlish Warren	Live visitor management plan	Amended ¹⁴
Dawlish Warren	Carry out audit of information boards	Y ¹⁵
Dawlish Warren	Rationalisation of path network	Discontinued ¹⁶
Dawlish Warren	BBQ info at local retailers	Amended ¹⁷
Dawlish Warren	Regular Warren Newsletter	Discontinued ¹⁸

⁸ Incorporated into wider estuary signage at slipways.

⁹ See (1) above.

¹⁰ Change of approach to utilise EPA RIB approved by HREC July 2025.

¹¹ Dependent on how the roost changes over time. Potential to implement anything will be dependent on the outcomes of Environment Agency work and may not be possible. Conversation to be had with NE.

¹² Bird hide no longer available for use by public and access to hide complicated by changing coastal dynamics.

¹³ See (11)

¹⁴ Carried forward under monitoring proposals as part of wider mitigation strategy update.

¹⁵ Further work recommended as part of 24/25 ABP.

¹⁶ See (4)

¹⁷ Initiated with limited success – new approach with public awareness campaign “No BBQs at DW” banner in 2023/24 proving to be more effective. Banner redesign proposed for 25/26.

¹⁸ Site management report limited capacity for this. Discontinued.

Dawlish Warren	Review and modify parking	Discontinued ¹⁹
Dawlish Warren	Removal of Dog Control Order	Revoked
Dawlish Warren	Byelaw preventing fires and barbeques in buffer zone	Under review
Dawlish Warren	Petalwort translocation	N ²⁰
Dawlish Warren	Banks or fencing around existing car park	Under review

Mitigation measures		
Site	Measure	Complete Y/N
Dawlish Warren	Visitor Centre	Amended ²¹
Dawlish Warren	Petalwort monitoring	Y - Ongoing
Dawlish Warren	Vegetation monitoring	Y - Ongoing
Dawlish Warren	Erosion monitoring	EA undertaking
Pebblebed Heaths	New dog bins	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Monitoring of path width and erosion	Y - Ongoing
Pebblebed Heaths	Map of sensitive areas	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Codes of Conduct	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Boardwalks/Path surfacing	Y - Ongoing
Pebblebed Heaths	Educational work with schools	Y - Ongoing
Pebblebed Heaths	Interpretation boards	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Detailed material on the web	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Signs directing people to preferred routes	In progress

¹⁹ Visitor counters installed and data collection routinely gathered, also influenced by (13).

²⁰ Translocation took place spring 2024. Funding for monitoring of success (winter/spring 25/26) approved as part of 24/25 ABP. See progress report.

²¹ New visitor centre not considered economically viable. Measures to update and improve existing interpretation at current VC taken forward in new strategy.

Pebblebed Heaths	Signs asking visitors to behave differently	Y- Ongoing ²²
Pebblebed Heaths	Changes to car parks	Y
Pebblebed Heaths	Species monitoring – Annex 1 breeding birds & Southern damselfly	Adapted ²³

²² “Paws on Paths” public awareness campaign Spring 2024 and 2025. “Bag it and Bin it” Dog fouling campaign Autumn/Winter 2024 and 2025.

²³ Nightjar productivity modelling work completed.