

PORTRUSH WEST STRAND

Views About Management

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 Article 28(2)

A statement of Environment and Heritage Service's views about the management of the Portrush West Strand Area of Special Scientific Interest ("the ASSI")

This statement represents the views of Environment and Heritage Service about the management of the ASSI for nature conservation. This statement sets out, in principle, our views on how the area's special conservation interest can be conserved and enhanced. Environment and Heritage Service has a duty to notify the owners and occupiers of the ASSI of its views about the management of the land.

Not all of the management principles will be equally appropriate to all parts of the ASSI and there may be other management activities, additional to our current views, which can be beneficial to the conservation and enhancement of the features of interest. It is also very important to recognise that management may need to change with time.

The management views set out below do not constitute consent for any operation or activity. The written consent of Environment and Heritage Service is still required before carrying out any operation or activity likely to damage the features of special interest (see the Schedule on pages 2 and 3 for a list of these operations and activities). Environment and Heritage Service welcomes consultation with owners, occupiers and users of the ASSI to ensure that the management of this area maintains and enhances the features of interest, and to ensure that all necessary prior consents are obtained.

MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Most of the earth science interest at Portrush West Strand is buried with occasional exposure of part of the geological series. Environment and Heritage Service would like to encourage the maintenance of the ASSI and its earth science interest.

1. The geological series

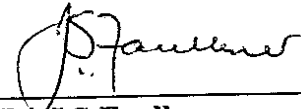
Environment and Heritage Service would encourage the continued use of the site for recreational activities. Provided no damaging activities are undertaken without consent, as set out in the Schedule (pages 2 and 3), the needs of owners, occupiers, users and the Department can be met. Specific objectives include:

Retain in an undamaged state (natural processes excepted) the geological series.

Retain the potential to access the buried geological series.

Retain the existing coastal dynamics.

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