



THE ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

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The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership (the Partnership) was formed in May 2012 to provide an independent local voice in decision making about the management, upgrading and maintaining the flood defences in the Alde and Ore Estuary. This was a ground breaking initiative.

The Partnership was set up to oversee a strategy for the **estuary as a whole** and to prepare a plan, including a rolling programme of works, for the furtherance of the strategy. The Partnership has an important and influential role, making significant decisions about the future of the estuary. To date the Partnership has assessed the sustainability of the current defences and designed the upgrades which will be required to give a 1:200 standard in 2050. This means that, although the defences may be overtopped during a surge tide, they should not breach.

Twelve volunteer members, chosen to ensure that all aspects of the Alde and Ore estuary community are represented, make up this partnership and offer a wide range of skills. The Partnership is advised by the Environment Agency, Natural England and Suffolk County and Suffolk District Councils and the Suffolk Coast and Heath Unit. The constitution states that there shall be on behalf of the statutory agencies a presumption in favour of the AOEP's aims and objectives unless there are reasonable technical, engineering, built or natural environmental, financial, legal or other significant reasons against. The role of statutory bodies will be to provide neutral and impartial advice on these matters and to explain the statutory framework.

12 VOTING MEMBERS

Sir Edward Greenwell Bt	Chairman, Farmer Nominee
Guy Heald	Finance and Business *(Trustee)
Alison Andrews	Alde & Ore Association Nominee
Malcolm Walker	Aldeburgh Town Council Nominee
Harry Young	Business Representative
David McGinity	Butley Parish Council Nominee
Vacancy	Householder Representative
Brian Johnson	Boyton and Bawdsey Parish Council Nominee *(Trustee)
Rodney West	Ecological Representative for RSPB, NT, SWT
Mike Finney	Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council Nominee
Jane Marson	Landowner Nominee
Tim Beach	Snape Parish Council Nominee
Amanda Bettinson	Partnership Secretary

ADVISORS

Karen Thomas	Internal Drainage Board
David Kemp	Environment Agency
Emma Hay	Natural England
Jane Burch	Suffolk County Council
Bill Parker	Suffolk Coastal District Council
Haidee Stephens	Suffolk Coast and Heaths Unit



CONSULTANTS

Andrew Hawes Engineering Consultant
Richard Marson Estuary Trust Trustee/Funding Group Chairman

THE ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY TRUST

The Alde and Ore Estuary Trust (The Trust) was established in December 2013 and is a registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission (No 1155115). The Trust was set up by the Partnership to facilitate fund raising for flood defences in the Alde and Ore Estuary. Its charitable status enables donors to take advantage of various tax exemptions and reliefs available where gifts are made to a charity. Through enabling development, it is anticipated that sites offered as donations will received planning permission on condition that the increase in the land value is donated to The Trust and used for flood defence work.

TRUSTEES

Angela Sydenham (Chairman)
Guy Heald*
Richard Marson
Richard Pipe
Brian Johnson*
1 vacancy
Frances Barnwell (Secretary)

*These Trustees are nominated, the remainder being elected, by the Partnership.