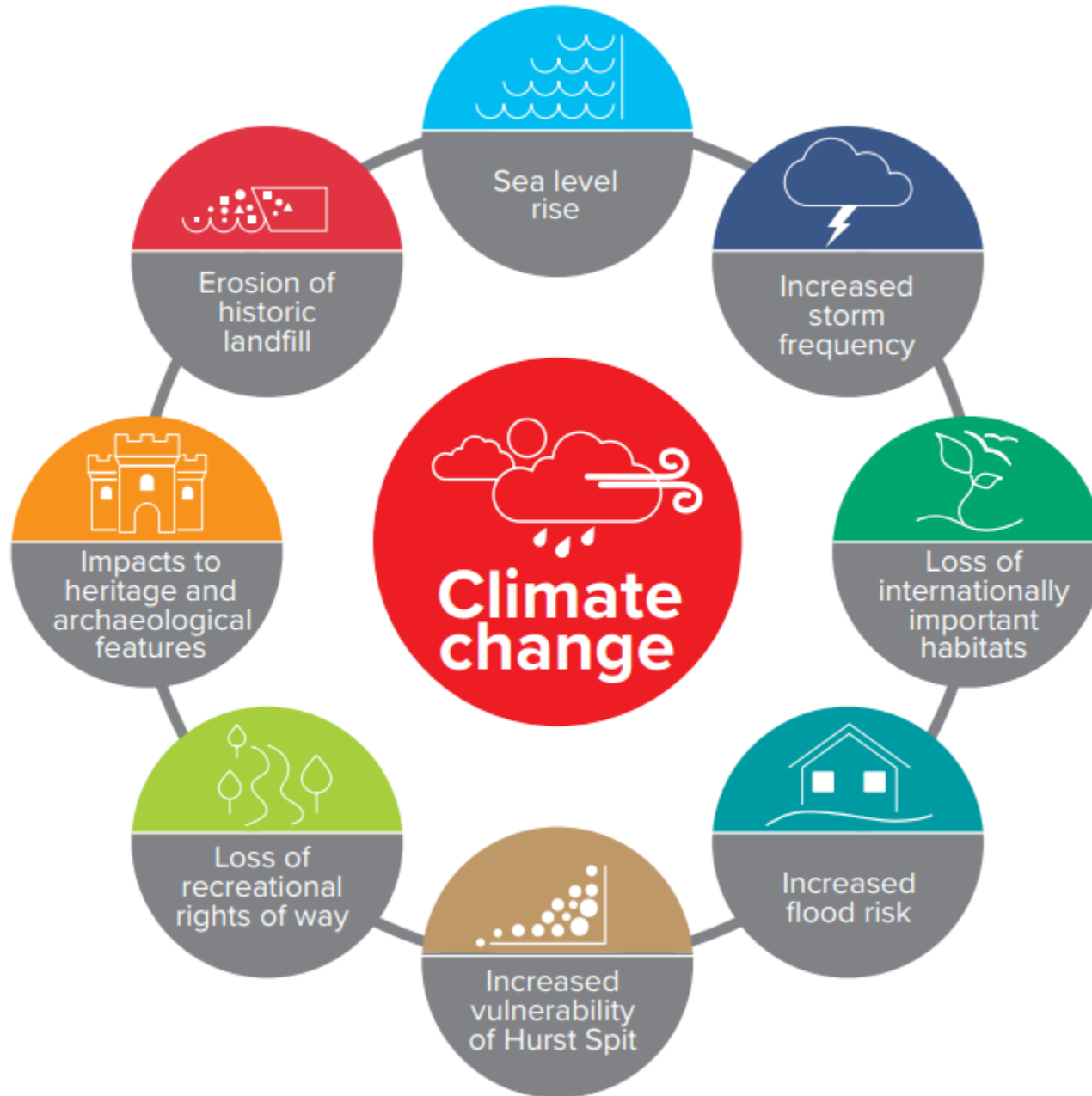




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Why is the Strategy needed?

- Several challenges facing this area now and into the future.
- Complex and interlinked and are being felt in both the natural environment and in our towns and villages.
- The impact of these challenges are set to be made worse by the effects of climate change.

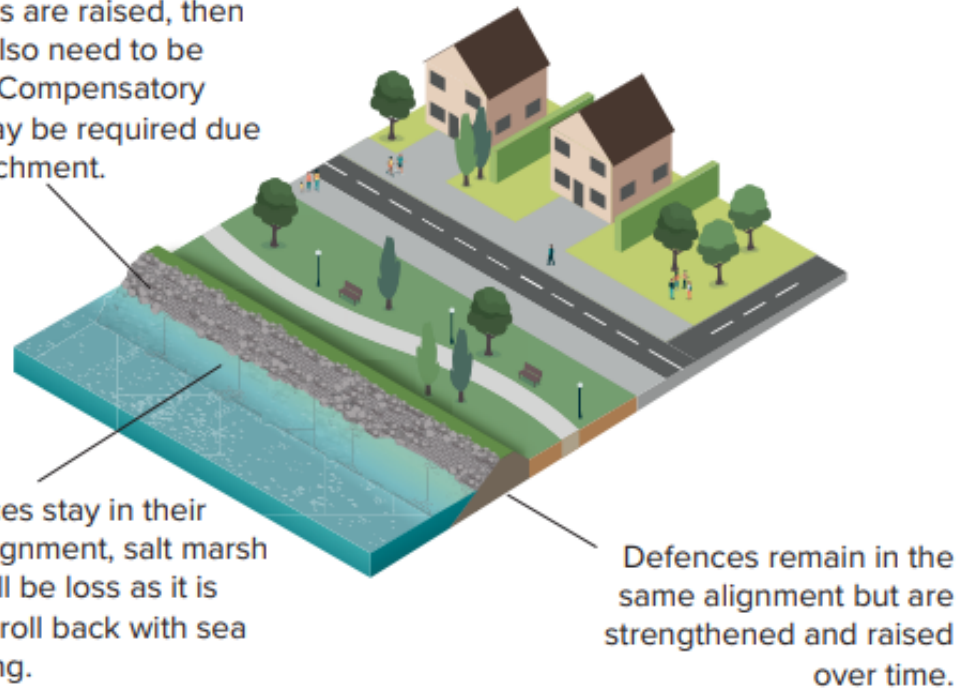


High level Options

HOLD THE LINE

If defences are raised, then they will also need to be widened. Compensatory habitat may be required due to encroachment.

As defences stay in their current alignment, salt marsh in front will be loss as it is unable to roll back with sea levels rising.



MANAGED REALIGNMENT

Creation of intertidal habitat e.g. salt marsh

This could impact on existing designated sites, therefore compensation for these impacts / losses are likely to be required

New embankment reducing risk to properties and infrastructure

Previous defence line



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- Balance between Hold The Line (HTL) and Managed Realignment (MR)
- Any MR would require further offsetting of terrestrial habitats
- Challenging to locate suitable locations



Key Messages

- Change is happeningOpportunity to manage the change
- Support resilient communities whilst enhancing the environment for future generations
- A more sustainable approach is needed in the future
- Funding/ investment from other organisations will be required
- Difficult choices and trade-offs will need to be made regardless of what is done: people, businesses, land and the environment will be affected



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Thank you!

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