Phase 2: Project Constraints

Key Project Constraint:
The construction Period will be limited, with works only permitted between the 1st April and the 30th September to avoid bird disturbance. This is a blanket restriction faced by all coastal projects that border environmentally designated sites.

Environmental:
- The foreshore is a designated RAMSAR, Special Protection Area, Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- The foreshore is an important site for wading and waterfowl birds and is a key characteristic of the local environment.
- The scheme would need to ensure there is no overall loss of wildlife habitat.

- Designated site boundaries (up to mean high water springs): Construction works within the designated boundary are heavily constrained. Those directly adjacent also need a full assessment to identify impacts / mitigation.

- Changes in coastal defence alignment:
  - Changes adjacent to the designated site may be possible, if there is no subsequent impact on the designated site itself (i.e. artificially shifting foreshore habitats).
  - Encroachment into designated sites is not possible unless there is no other option.

Licenses and Approvals:
The project will need to apply for approvals from organisations such as:
- Marine Management Organisation [MMO].
- Fareham Borough Council.
- Crown Estates.
- Natural England.
- Environment Agency.

Funding:
A proposal will be put to the FBC executive in March next year to seek funding approval.

Until all licenses and approvals and funding are in place works cannot commence on site.