The Thames Estuary Partnership

The Thames Estuary is a valuable resource for all who live, work and play in the area. It is home to 12 million people and supports a diverse range of habitats and wildlife. It is a rich historical and cultural resource and a major focus for industry, commerce, transport, agriculture and recreation.

In recognition of the wide range of issues and organisations involved with the Thames Estuary, the Thames Estuary Partnership (TEP) has been formed to act as a neutral ‘umbrella’ body to assist and co-ordinate the wide range of organisations and sectors involved in the estuary. The TEP values the contributions of all the estuaries’ users and regulatory bodies and seeks to learn from, and work with, this expertise.

The Thames Estuary Partnership:

- is a charity providing a framework for the management of the estuary;
- co-ordinates a programme of projects;
- facilitates new projects and forums for joint working;
- seeks to further the interests of local communities, the local economy and the environment; and
- holds regular events and workshops.

Figure 4 “Thames at Barking.” Copyright Ian Yarham