

The Crown Estate Disclosure Log

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Request response
<p>I am writing in response to your email of 14 June 2019 to my colleague. Where you have asked for recorded information, we have considered your request in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).</p> <p>First of all, I can confirm that we do not hold a detailed paper map of the area requested. This is because we use Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping. Our foreshore ownership is shown on our website at the following address: https://crownestate.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=0aac22685d2f4d78a2a3b0a5aa1660db</p> <p>Please note that by zooming in and moving the map around, you should be able to see in detail what foreshore The Crown Estate owns. Most of our foreshore is leased to the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>In relation to metal detecting, our position is clearly stated on our website at the following link: https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/media/2762/terms-and-conditions-of-metal-detecting.pdf. These terms and conditions, which relate only to foreshore, work alongside the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) and the 1996 Treasure Act and refer to both. The Marine Antiquities Scheme (https://marinefinds.org.uk/documents/resources/MAS%20brochure.pdf) relates only to finds <u>below mean low water (MLW)</u>, i.e. on the seabed. Foreshore, be it at high tide or low tide, but not seabed, comes within the ambit of the Treasure Act and the PAS.</p> <p>Finally, The Crown Estate does not own Ryde West Sands and what it does own, to the east, is leased to the Isle of Wight Council. The website map shows this ownership.</p> <p>I hope that this information is helpful. However, if you are not satisfied with this response, you may complain or appeal our decision, which will be investigated through an Internal Review. If you are not content with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the right to refer your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision (contact details are available at: www.ico.org.uk). Please note that the ICO will usually expect you to have first exhausted our own complaints procedure before raising your concerns with them.</p>