

Chapter 2:

Great Yarmouth to Caister Point

Coastal Access: Hopton-on-Sea to Sea Palling - Natural England's Proposals

Part 2.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Britannia Pier (grid reference: TG5320 0772)
End Point:	Caister Point (grid reference: TG5285 1190)
Relevant Maps:	2a to 2c

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 2.1.1 Follows existing walked routes and public footways throughout.
- 2.1.2 Follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea except between North Beach and Caister Holiday Park. Here the views of the sea are slightly reduced as the proposed route of the trail is set back from the coast. See part 2.2 for details.
- 2.1.3 Crosses the beach next to the Lifeboat Station, Caister Point. See part 2.2 for details.
- 2.1.4 This part of the coast includes Great Yarmouth North Denes which is designated as:
 - A Special Protection Area (SPA) for the Annex 1 species Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*.
 - A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its wildlife interest (See map C of the Overview).

We have assessed the potential impacts of access along the proposed route (and over the associated spreading room) on the features for which the affected land is designated and on any which are protected in their own right.

- 2.1.5 The levels and patterns of public access along this length of coast will increase very marginally as a result of our proposals, and whilst this increase is not felt to be significant we have as a precaution identified several measures that would protect the Little Tern and vegetation for which the site is designated. When implemented they will avoid likely significant effect on these features.

In relation to those nature conservation sites listed above, refer to our published access and sensitive features appraisal for more information.

See part 5b of the Overview - 'Natural environment' - for more information.

Accessibility:

2.1.6 Generally, there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route, which makes use of existing surfaced paths wherever these meet the criteria in the Coastal Access Scheme.

However, at Caister-on-Sea the trail follows a beach route that may not be suitable for some people with reduced mobility.

See part 5a of the Overview - 'Recreational issues' - for more information.

Where we have proposed exercising our discretion:

2.1.7 Landward boundary of the coastal margin: We have used our discretion on some sections of the route to map the landward extent of the coastal margin to an adjacent physical boundary such as a pavement to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 2.2.1 below.

2.1.8 At Caister-on-Sea, we have used our discretion to propose the inclusion of additional, more extensive landward areas within the coastal margin, to secure or enhance public enjoyment of this part of the coast. The owner of this land is content for us to propose this.

See also part 3 of the Overview - 'Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps', for an explanation of the default extent of the coastal margin and how we may use our discretion to adjust the margin, either to add land or to provide clarity. See also Annex C of the Overview - 'Excepted land categories'.

2.1.9 Restrictions and/or exclusions: Access rights to the spreading room would be subject to the national restrictions on coastal access rights listed in Annex D of the Overview. These restrictions would not apply to public rights of way.

See part 9 of the Overview - 'Restrictions and exclusions' - for details.

2.1.10 Other factors affecting access: At route section HSP-2-S007 public access may be interrupted from time to time for short periods to allow lifeboats from the lifeboat station to launch and land safely. This arrangement would continue without any local restriction on the new access rights to give effect to it formally.

2.1.11 Establishment: Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary, in accordance with the general approach described in part 6 of the Overview. On this length of coast it will include the provision of:

- Two waymarked boardwalks from the trail to the beach seaward of Caister Holiday Park to avoid increased disturbance to the sensitive features of the SSSI.
- Up to three interpretation panels installed at entry points to Great Yarmouth North Denes Special Protection Area.

2.1.12 Ongoing management: Ongoing management and maintenance would be necessary in accordance with the general approach described in part 7 of the Overview.

See parts 6 - 'Physical establishment of the trail' and 7 - 'Maintenance of the trail' of the Overview for more information.

Future Change:

2.1.13 At the time of preparing the report, we do not foresee any need for future changes to the access provisions proposed for the length of coast described in this chapter.

See parts 5e - 'Coastal processes' and 8 - 'Future changes' of the Overview for more information.

Part 2.2: Commentary on Maps

See Part 3 of Overview for guidance on reading and understanding the tables below

2.2.1 Section Details – Maps 2a to 2c: Great Yarmouth to Caister Point

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 2.2.2: Other options considered.

Column 5 – 'Yes – normal' means roll-back approach is likely to follow the current feature (e.g. cliff edge/beach) for the foreseeable future.

1	2	3	4	5	6a	6b	7
Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of this section	Current surface of this section	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 8 of Overview)	Landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary discretion	Exclusions or restrictions (see Part 9 of Overview)
2a	HSP-2-S001	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of the promenade	Clarity and cohesion	None
2b	HSP-2-S002*	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of the pavement	Clarity and cohesion	None
	HSP-2-S003*	Public road	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of the trail	Not used	None
2c	HSP-2-S004*	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of the gravel path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	HSP-2-S005*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of the trail	Not used	None
	HSP-2-S005a*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Fence line landward of the trail	Clarity and cohesion, additional landward area	None
	HSP-2-S006	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Fence line landward of the trail	Clarity and cohesion, additional landward area	None
	HSP-2-S007	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Landward edge of the trail	Not used	None
	HSP-2-S008	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Base of the sea wall landward of the trail	Clarity and cohesion	None

2.2.2 Other options considered: Maps 2a to 2c: Great Yarmouth to Caister Point

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
2b & 2c	HSP-2-S002 to HSP-2-S005a	Alignment along the beach	The sandy beach is difficult to walk on for long distances.
		Alignment along one of the currently walked routes within the dunes at North Denes and North Beach, seaward of the proposed route.	North Denes is designated as a SPA and SSSI for nature conservation and accordingly has been subject to an access and sensitive features appraisal. We concluded that access along any of the routes through the dunes would have a likely significant effect on the features of this site.

Part 2.3: Chapter 2 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 2a to 2c.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth to Caister Point

Proposed route of the trail

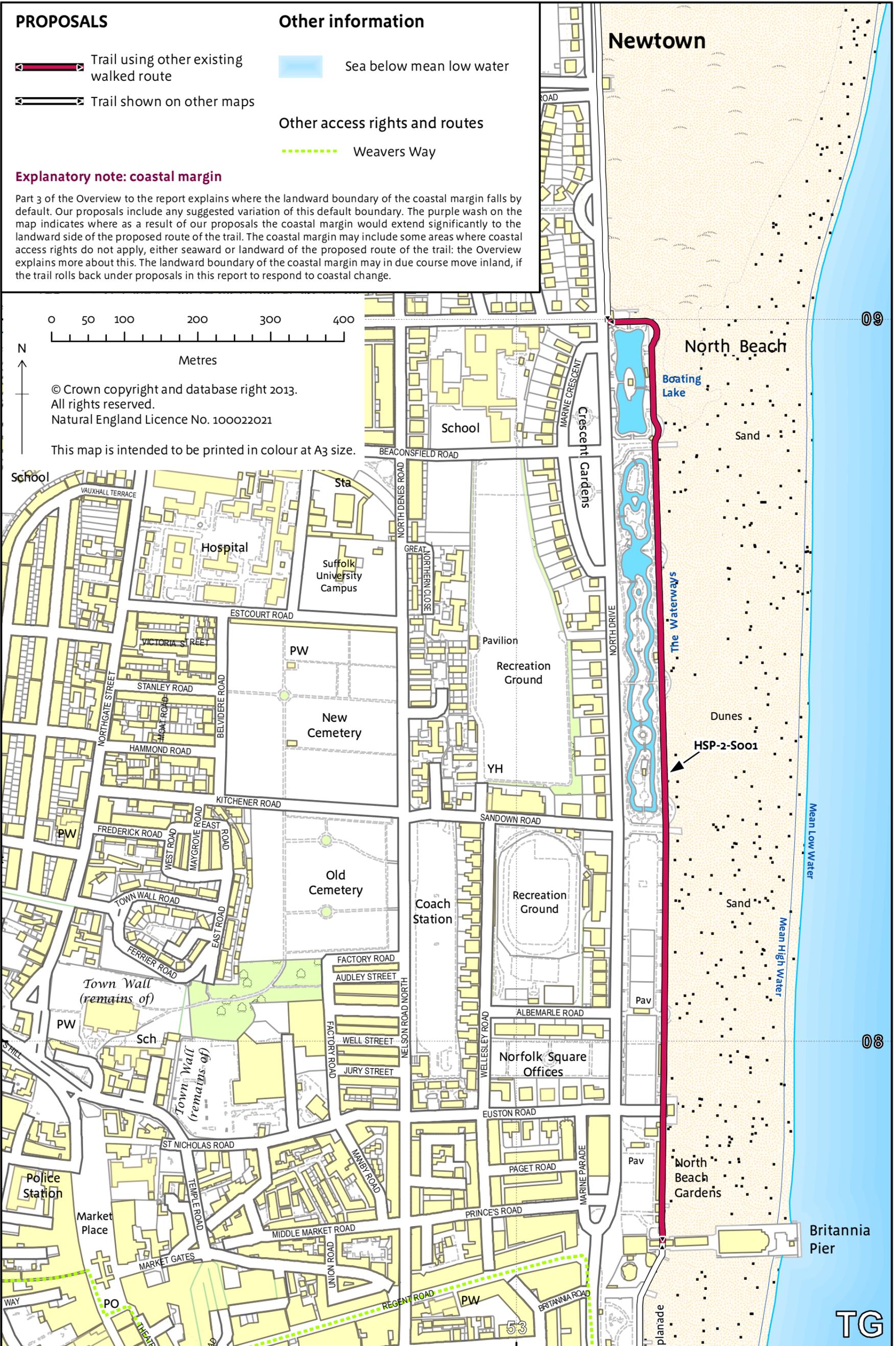
2.3.1 The route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 2a to 2c as the proposed route of the trail.

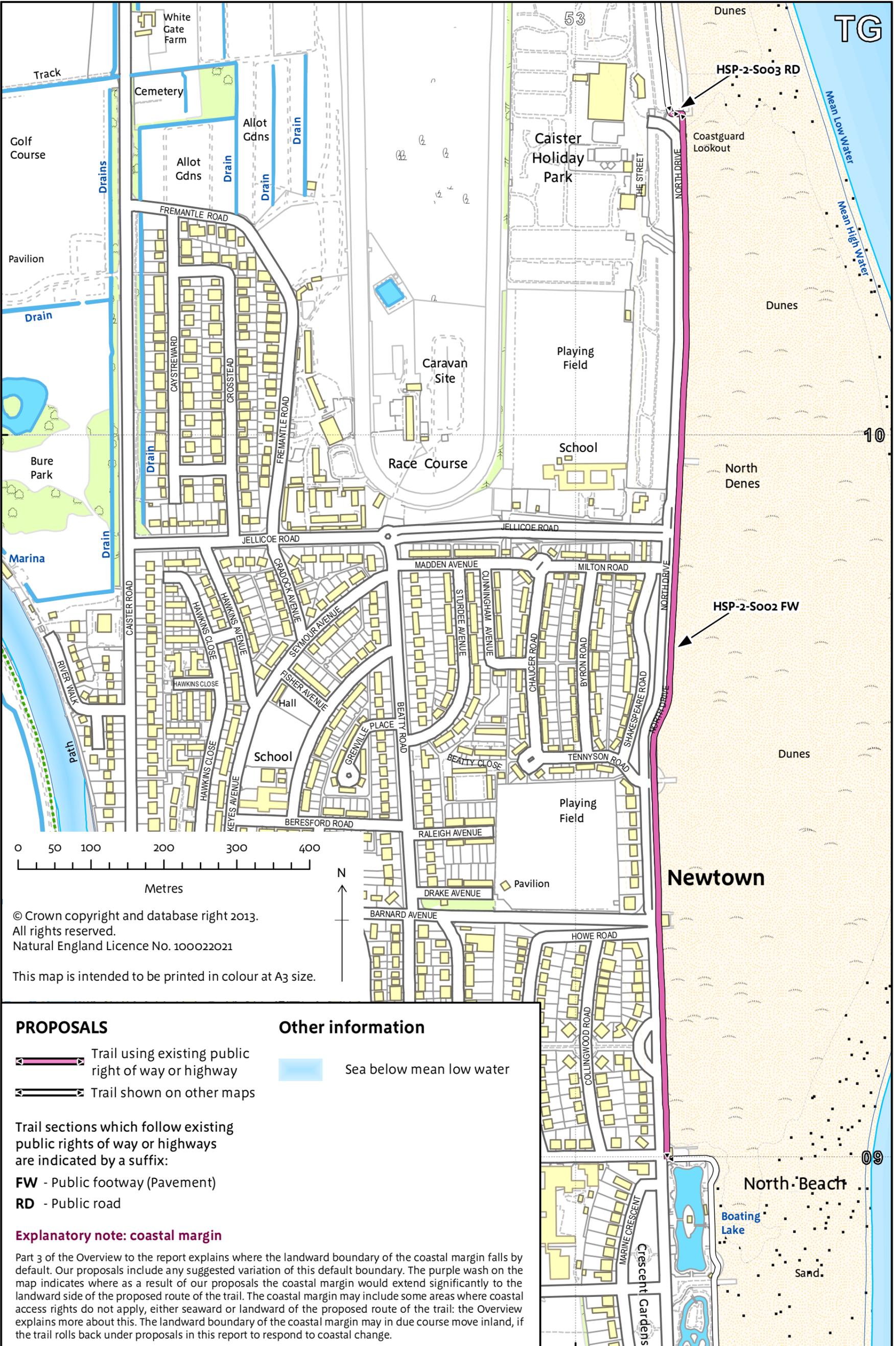
Landward boundary of coastal margin

- 2.3.2 Adjacent to route sections HSP-2-S001 and HSP-2-S002, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward extent of the promenade and the pavement shown as the trail on maps 2a and 2b.
- 2.3.3 Adjacent to route section HSP-2-S004, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward extent of the gravel path shown as the trail on map 2c.
- 2.3.4 Adjacent to route section HSP-2-S005a, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the existing boundary fence, as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 2c.
- 2.3.5 Adjacent to route section HSP-2-S007 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the fence line landward of the trail on map 2c.
- 2.3.6 Adjacent to route section HSP-2-S008 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the base of the seawall which is landward of the trail on map 2c.

Local restrictions and exclusions

- 2.3.7 At the time of writing this report, there are no proposals for local restrictions or exclusions in relation to this length of coast.





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PROPOSALS

- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
- Trail shown on other maps

Trail sections which follow existing public rights of way or highways are indicated by a suffix:

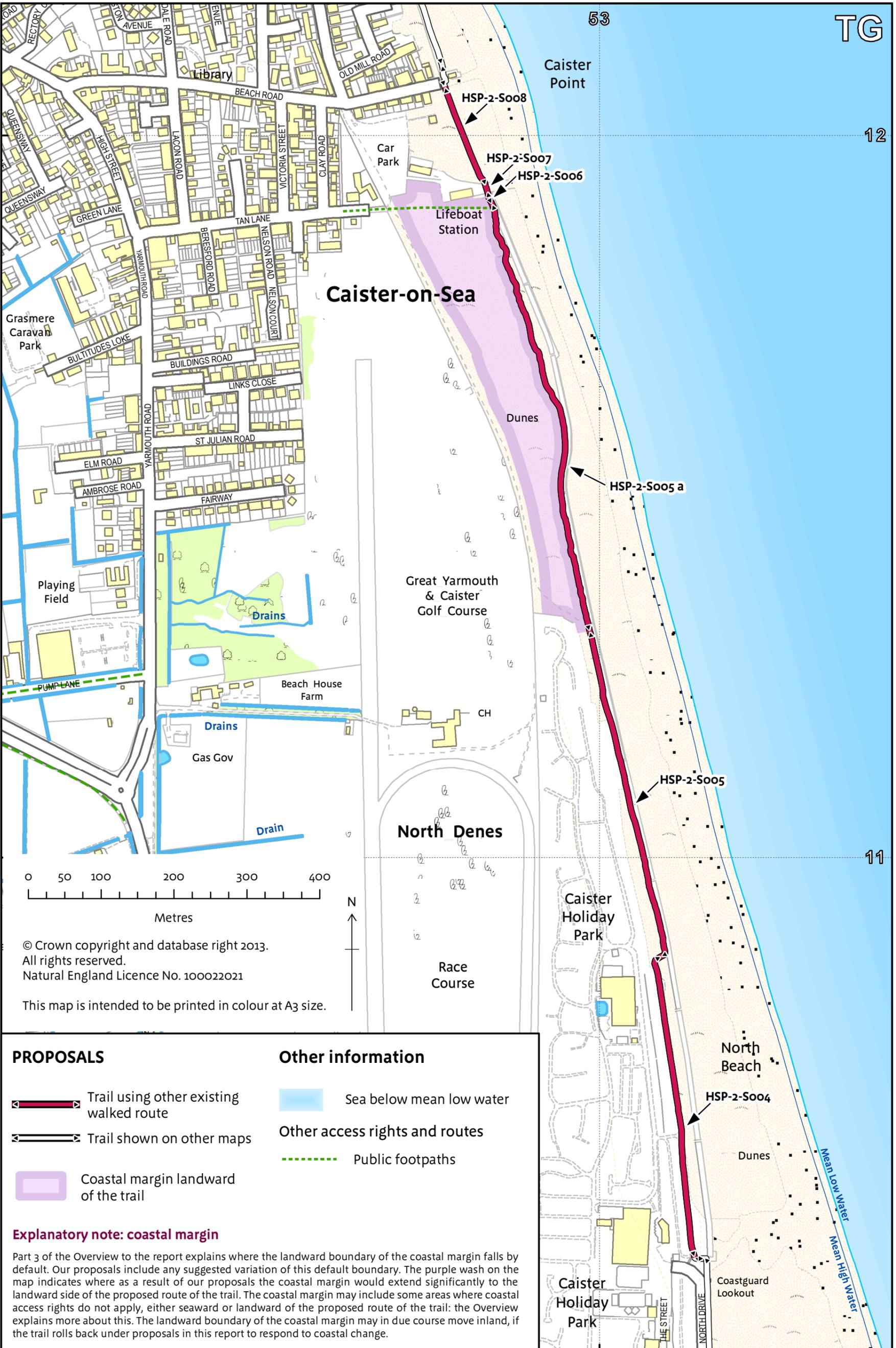
- FW** - Public footway (Pavement)
- RD** - Public road

Explanatory note: coastal margin

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Other information

- Sea below mean low water



Map 2c Caister Holiday Park to Caister Point

PROPOSALS

- Trail using other existing walked route
- Trail shown on other maps
- Coastal margin landward of the trail

Other information

- Sea below mean low water
- Other access rights and routes**
- Public footpaths

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