

Chapter 5:

Warren Farm, Horsey to Sea Palling

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

Part 5.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Warren Farm, Horsey (grid reference: TG4605 2458)
End Point:	Sea Palling (grid reference: TG4298 2739)
Relevant Maps:	5a to 5c

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 5.1.1 Follows a mixture of newly established paths and existing walked routes. It includes short sections of public footpath and footway at Waxham and Sea Palling.
- 5.1.2 Follows the coastline although views of the sea are limited due to the dunes that are seaward of the trail.
- 5.1.3 Passes through County Wildlife Sites. We have assessed the potential impacts of access along the proposed route (and over the associated spreading room) on the features of these sites and have concluded that our proposals would not be likely to have any significant impact on them.

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

Accessibility:

- 5.1.4 Generally, there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route, which makes use of existing walked routes wherever these meet the criteria in the Coastal Access Scheme.

In places such as Delph Hills and Marram Hills, the trail would follow an uneven grass path 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:

- 5.1.5 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 the edge of the path, pavement or track which it follows, to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 5.2.1 below.

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'.

- 5.1.6 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:
- directional signs along the route;
 - notices advising people of the need to keep dogs on leads in the vicinity of livestock;
 - to a barrier fence along the north western end of route section HSP-5-S003 (map 5a) adjacent to a poultry farm, and
 - a board walk and sleeper bridges over field ditches at route section HSP-5-S011 near Sea Palling (map 5c).
- 5.1.7 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:

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

See part 5e - 'Coastal processes' of the Overview for more information.

Part 5.2: Commentary on Maps

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

5.2.1 Section Details – Maps 5a to 5c: Warren Farm, Horsey to Sea Palling

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 5.2.2: Other options considered.

Column 5 – ‘Yes – direct and indirect erosion effects’ 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)
5a	HSP-5-S001*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S003*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
5b	HSP-5-S004*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S005*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S006*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S007 to HSP-5-S008*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S009*	Public footpath	Sand	No	Landward edge of the track	Clarity and cohesion	None
5c	HSP-5-S010*	Not an existing walked route	Compacted bare soil	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S011*	Not an existing walked route	Grass and reed	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S012*	Not an existing walked route	Compacted bare soil	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S013*	Not an existing walked route	Sand and gravel	No	Landward extent of the track	Clarity and cohesion	None
	HSP-5-S014*	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward extent of the trail	Default, no additional landward margin proposed	None
	HSP-5-S015*	Public footpath	Hoggin	No	Landward extent of the path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	HSP-5-S016*	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of the pavement	Clarity and cohesion	None

5.2.2 Other options considered: Maps 5a to 5c: Warren Farm, Horsey to Sea Palling

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
5a to 5c	HSP-5-S001, HSP-5-S003 to HSP-5-S016	Alignment along the ridge of the dune.	<p>The dunes are a main element of the flood defence system in the area and the Environment Agency advises that aligning the trail along the ridge might cause the dunes to erode in ways that would compromise this function.</p> <p>There are also privacy concerns for the residents of the dwellings at the base of the dunes along these sections.</p>
5c	HSP-5-S010 to HSP-5-S016	Alignment along the beach, seaward of the proposed trail	<p>The sandy beach is difficult to walk on for long distances.</p> <p>Its availability for walkers is dependent on wave and beach levels which vary across the year and it is often covered at high tide. This route therefore does not have the support of either the Environment Agency or HM Coastguard on public safety grounds.</p>
5c	HSP-5-S011	Alignment along the field edge, landward of the proposed trail.	The proposed route avoids entering fields where possible, so limiting the interaction of walkers/dogs and grazing animals.
5c	HSP-5-S013	Alignment along the adjacent field edge, landward of the proposed trail	The proposed route utilises a track, thereby minimising use of the adjoining arable field.
5c	HSP-5-S010 to HSP-5-S013	Alignment along Church Road and Waxham Road, landward of the proposed trail	<p>These roads are hazardous for walkers. Church Road is a single track road and both roads are very busy with vehicles, especially during the summer. There are no speed restrictions along the southern section. In places the grass verge is narrow with a deep drainage ditch running alongside it, making it dangerous for walkers to negotiate when having to watch out for fast moving traffic. It is not possible to culvert these ditches and maintain their current function.</p> <p>This option is not supported by the Highway Authority for the safety reasons listed above.</p> <p>Other options closer to the sea are available.</p>
5c	HSP-5-S013 to HSP-5-S016	Alignment along the Mill Lane public right of way and along the pavements next to Waxham Road and Beach Road.	<p>This option involves a significant deviation away from the coast.</p> <p>The proposed route is closer to the sea.</p>

Part 5.3: Chapter 5 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 5a to 5c.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Warren Farm, Horsey to Sea Palling

Proposed route of the trail

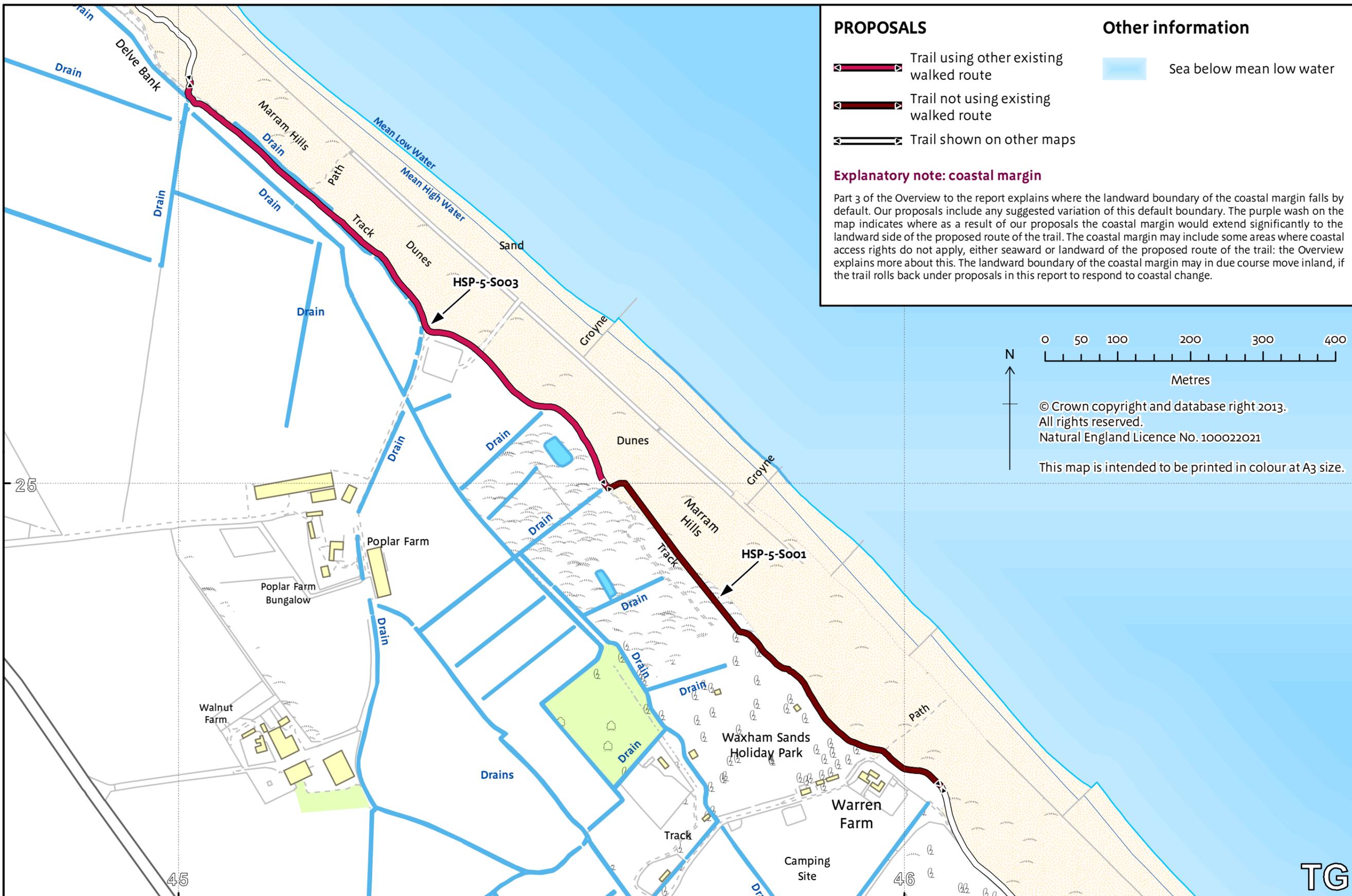
5.3.1 The route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 5a to 5c as the proposed route of the trail.

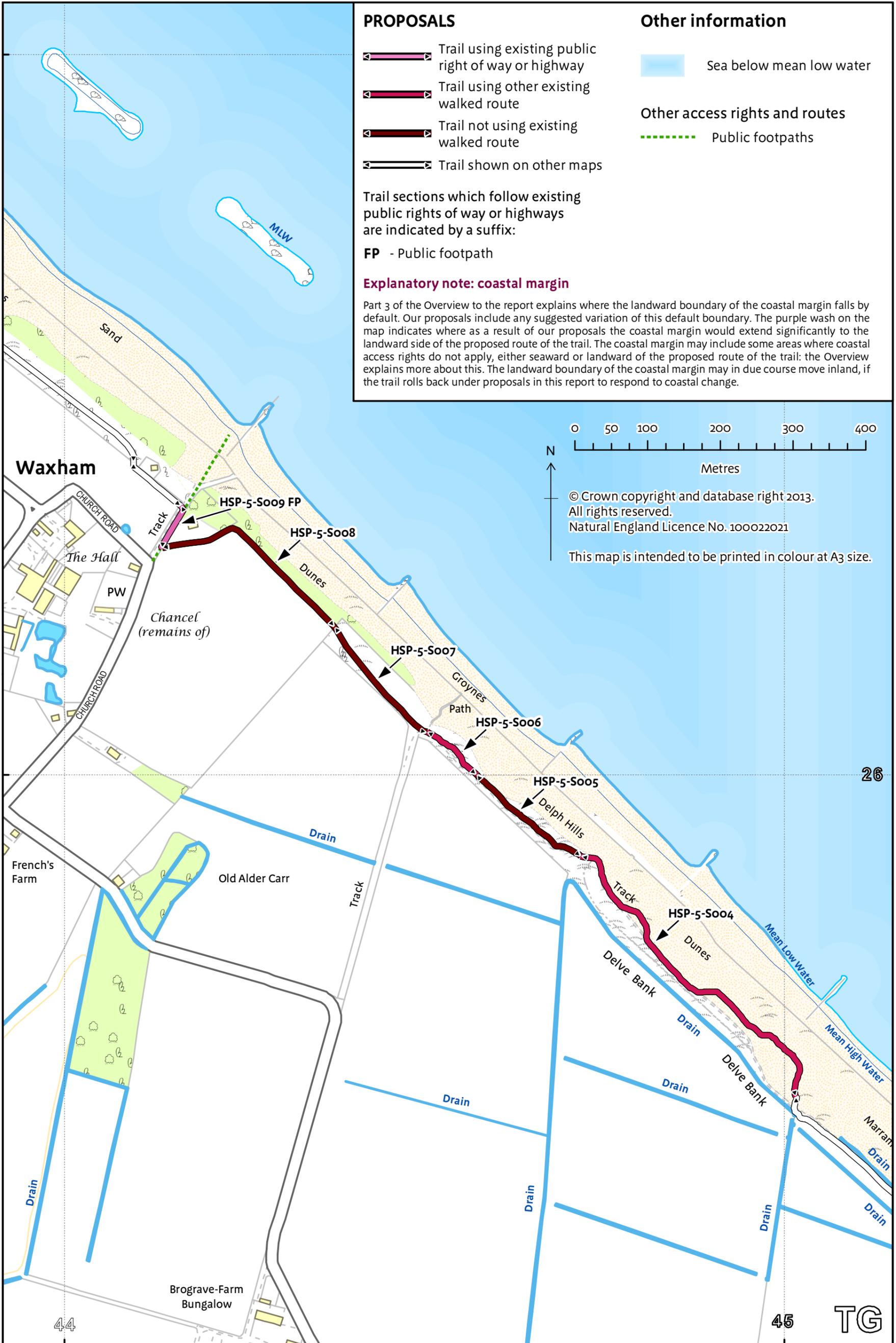
Landward boundary of coastal margin

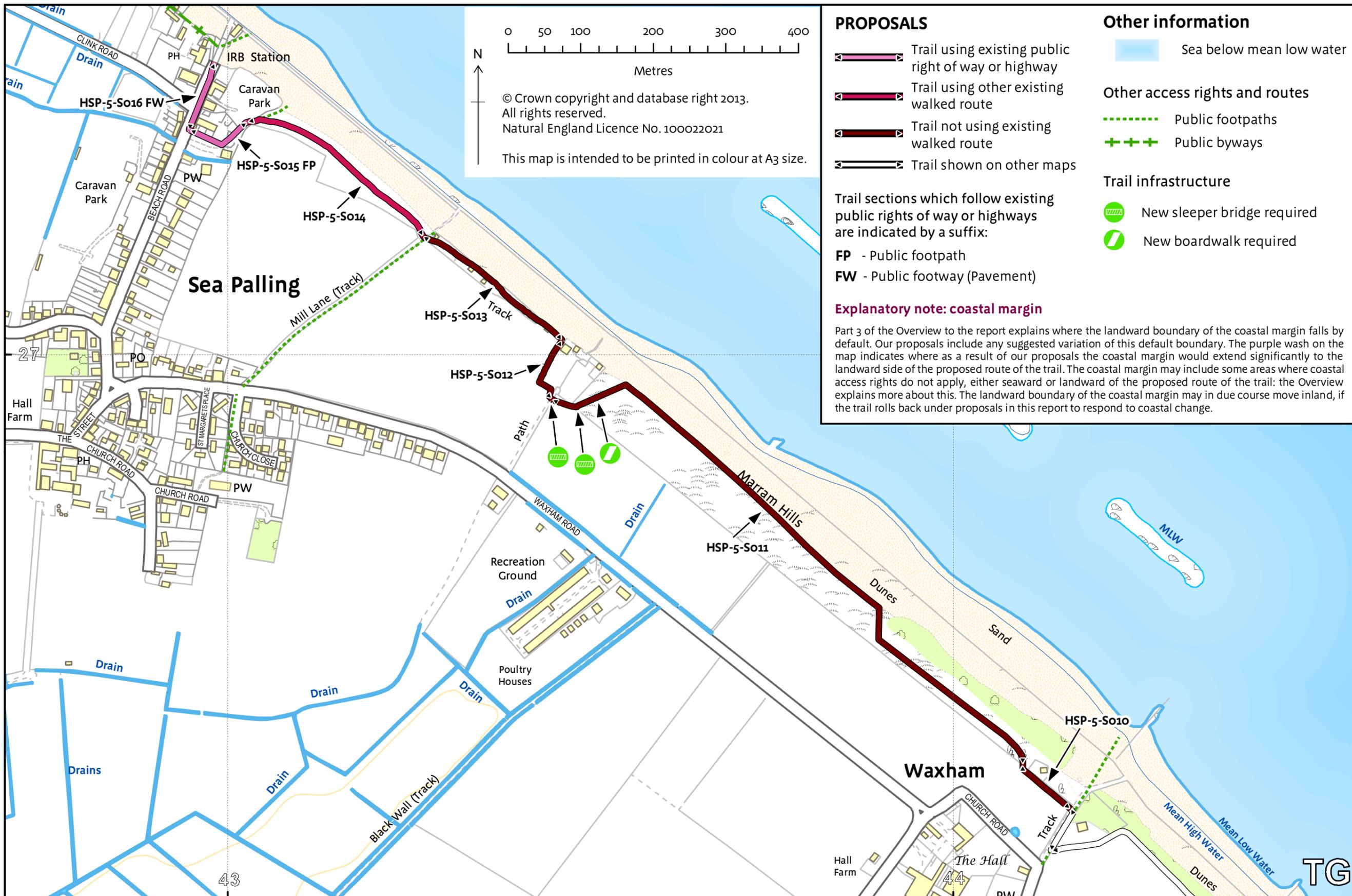
- 5.3.2 Adjacent to route section HSP-5-S009, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward extent of the track shown as the trail on map 5b.
- 5.3.3 Adjacent to route section HSP-5-S013 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward extent of the track as shown as the trail on map 5c.
- 5.3.4 Adjacent to route section HSP-5-S015, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward extent of the path shown as the trail on map 5c.
- 5.3.5 Adjacent to route section HSP-5-S016, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on map 5c.

Local restrictions and exclusions

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







Map 5c Waxham to Sea Palling