

Chapter 4:

Whitrigg Bridge to Silloth

England Coast Path: Gretna to Allonby - Natural England's Proposals

Part 4.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Whitrigg Bridge (grid reference: 322832, 557579)
End Point:	Silloth, corner of Silloth Green (grid reference: 310930, 553538)
Relevant Maps:	4a to 4p

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 4.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes, including public rights of way and minor roads, along much of this length where they exist and are suitable.
- 4.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 4.1.3 Follows a route similar to the former Cumbria Coastal Way but does depart from this in places in order to take account of erosion and other changes to the coastline and to fit better with the criteria in the approved Coastal Access Scheme.
- 4.1.4 Includes several sections of new path, specifically between the rivers Wampool and Waver. See maps 4a to 4h and associated tables below for details. A new section of path will also be created on the north western side of Grune Point in order to avoid aligning the trail on the foreshore. See map 4m and associated tables below for details.
- 4.1.5 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See map C of the Overview)
 - Solway Firth Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
 - Upper Solway Flats and Marshes Special Protection Area (SPA)
 - Upper Solway Flats and Marshes Ramsar site
 - Upper Solway Flats and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), for its geological / wildlife interest
 - Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site

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

- 4.1.6 After advice from specialists we have concluded that our proposals would not be likely to have any significant impact on these features. In reaching this conclusion, we took a number of factors into consideration; these are discussed below (see 4.1.7 to 4.1.16).
- 4.1.7 Many parts of the trail – along the southern bank of the River Waver; across Skinburness and Calvo Marsh; around Grune Point and along the promenade at Silloth will be on existing walked routes, paths or minor roads that are reasonably well-used. We believe that the existing levels and patterns of public access on these sections are unlikely to change significantly as a result of our proposals.
- 4.1.8 The remaining sections of the route between the River Wampool and the River Waver (across Newton and Saltcoates Marsh) do not follow any existing walked route and will require the creation of a new path. We have identified that it will be necessary to align the route toward the landward edge of the marsh so that it can follow slightly raised, drier land. This alignment will also help to avoid disturbance to groups of birds which tend to use the outer parts of the marsh and the fields just inland of the marsh.
- 4.1.9 In addition to these measures, we have also identified a requirement to provide appropriate signage at key locations to explain the importance of these habitats (particularly the salt marshes); to encourage people to stay on or close to the trail; and to help prevent dogs from disturbing wildlife.

In relation to those nature conservation sites listed above, please refer to our published Access and Sensitive Features Appraisal for more detailed information.

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

Accessibility

- 4.1.10 Generally, there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route from the western end of Skinburness and Calvo Marsh, around Grune Point and onwards to Silloth. These sections of the trail make use of existing surfaced paths or minor roads wherever these meet the criteria in the Coastal Access Scheme.
- 4.1.11 However, much of the ground between the Whitrigg road bridge and Sea Dyke End (covering Newton and Saltcoates Marsh, Rabycote Marsh, and Skinburness and Calvo Marsh) is not entirely suitable for people with reduced mobility because the trail will often follow an uneven surface on softer ground.

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

Where we have proposed exercising our discretion

The discretions referred to below are explained in more detail in the Overview.

- 4.1.12 Estuaries: This report proposes that the trail should include a route around the English side of the Solway Firth estuary extending as far the Scottish border near to Gretna including, in this chapter, the rivers Waver and Wampool. For the River Waver, the trail will extend upstream as far as the proposed new footbridge (north of Abbeytown) which will be the first public foot crossing point over the river. For the River Wampool, the trail will extend upstream as far as the road bridge (at Whitrigg) which is the first public foot crossing point over the river. See part 10 of the Overview. The trail covered by this chapter includes part of these estuary routes.
- 4.1.13 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 hedgerow, fence line, pavement or track to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 4.2.1 below.
- 4.1.14 In some places (specifically on Skinburness and Calvo Marsh and Silloth Green) 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 owners of these areas of land are 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'.

- 4.1.15 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.
- 4.1.16 Natural England proposes to restrict or exclude access relevant to this length of coast, as follows:
- A long-term access exclusion to all areas of intertidal flats and some areas of saltmarsh on this length of coast. This exclusion is proposed under s25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) as we do not believe that the land is suitable for public access. This exclusion will not affect the route itself. See map H in the Overview for details.
 - A long-term access exclusion to the coastal margin along the southern bank of the River Wampool and Angerton Marsh to avoid disturbance to birds. See map O in the Overview for details.
 - A long-term access restriction requiring dogs to be kept on a lead on Newton and Saltcoates Marsh, at Rabycote and on Skinburness & Calvo Marsh to avoid disturbance to birds. See maps O, P, Q and R in the Overview for details.
 - On those parts of the coastal margin on either side of the trail over Newton and Saltcoates Marsh not covered by the proposed s25A exclusion described at 4.1.16 above, we propose a long-term access exclusion to avoid disturbance to birds. See map P in the Overview for details.
 - A long-term access restriction requiring dogs to be kept on a lead in the coastal margin on Skinburness and Calvo Marsh to avoid disturbance to birds. See map R in the Overview for details.

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

- 4.1.17 Optional alternative routes: We have identified two areas on the length of coast covered by this chapter where an optional alternative route is required. These would not have the effect of creating any additional spreading room on either the seaward or landward side.
- 4.1.18 An optional alternative route would be available when the route from Whittrigg Bridge to Rabycote across Newton and Saltcoates Marsh (GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S015) is affected by high tides. It would follow an existing public highway and be clearly waymarked.
- 4.1.19 Another optional alternative route would also be available when the route around Grune Point (GAL-4-S044 to GAL-4-S072) is affected by high tides. It would follow an existing public right of way and be clearly waymarked.

Establishment and ongoing management of the trail

- 4.1.20 Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary, in accordance with the general approach described in part 6 the Overview. A significant number of new 'sleeper' bridges will be required on the marshes to allow users of the trail to cross the many creeks and ditches that are found there.
- 4.1.21 Where the trail leaves the minor road and follows the disused railway line at Raby Cote (GAL-4-S017) it will be necessary to install a new flight of steps to allow users of the trail to descend a steep embankment (see map 4g). Further along the trail, a new footbridge (at GAL-4-S020) will be required in order to allow users of the trail to cross the River Waver (see map 4g).
- 4.1.22 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

4.1.23 Part of the route of the trail on this length of coast would be able to change without further approval from the Secretary of State in response to coastal erosion or other geomorphological processes, or encroachment by the sea. This would happen in accordance with the criteria and procedures for 'roll-back' set out in part 8 of the Overview. See tables 4.2.1 & 4.2.3 below for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.

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

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

Part 4.2: Commentary on Maps

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

4.2.1 Section Details – Maps 4a to 4p: Whitrigg road bridge to Silloth, corner of Silloth Green

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 4.2.2: 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.

Column 5 – 'Yes – see table 4.2.3' means refer to that table below about our likely approach to roll-back on this part of the route.

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	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 9 of Overview)
4a	GAL-4-S001* & GAL-4-S002*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and margin
4a	GAL-4-S003* & GAL-4-S004*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Trail and margin
4a	GAL-4-S005*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and margin
4a	GAL-4-S006* to GAL-4-S010*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Trail and margin
4b, 4c, 4d, 4f	GAL-4-S011* to GAL-4-S015*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and margin
4g	GAL-4-S016*	Public Highway	Tarmac	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
4g	GAL-4-S017* to GAL-4-S019*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Trail and margin
4g	GAL-4-S020	Not an existing walked route	Proposed footbridge	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail
4h	GAL-4-S021	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4h	GAL-4-S022 & GAL-4-S023	Public Footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4h	GAL-4-S024	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4h	GAL-4-S025	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Hedgerow	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4h	GAL-4-S026	Public Footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Hedgerow	Clarity and Cohesion	None

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4h	GAL-4-S027	Public Highway	Tarmac	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Trail and Margin
4h, 4i, 4j	GAL-4-S028 to GAL-4-S033	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and Margin
4k	GAL-4-S034	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and Margin
4k	GAL-4-S035	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Trail and Margin
4l	GAL-4-S036	Not an existing walked route	Tarmac	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4l	GAL-4-S037	Public Highway	Tarmac	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4l	GAL-4-S038	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of bank	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
4l	GAL-4-S039	Not an existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of top of bank	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
4l	GAL-4-S040	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of bank	Not used	Margin
4l	GAL-4-S041	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
4l	GAL-4-S042	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Road	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
4l	GAL-4-S043	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4l & 4m	GAL-4-S044* to GAL-4-S050	Public Footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S051* to GAL-4-S053*	Public Footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Hedge bank	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S054* & GAL-4-S055*	Public Footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
4m	GAL-4-S056*	Public Footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Track	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
4m	GAL-4-S057* & GAL-4-S058*	Public Footpath	Bare Soil (compacted)	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
4m	GAL-4-S059*	Public Footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
4m	GAL-4-S060*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4m	GAL-4-S061* & GAL-4-S062*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S063*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4m	GAL-4-S064*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S065* & GAL-4-S066*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S067*	Public Footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Hedgerow	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S068*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Hedgerow	Clarity and Cohesion	None

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4m	GAL-4-S069* to GAL-4-S071*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m	GAL-4-S072*	Public Footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4m & 4n	GAL-4-S073* & GAL-4-S074*	Public Footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 4.2.3	Track	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S075	Public Footpath	Tarmac	No	Road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S076	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S077 & GAL-4-S078	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S079	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4n	GAL-4-S080 to GAL-4-S084	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S085 to GAL-4-S087	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S088 & GAL-4-S089	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4n	GAL-4-S090	Public Footpath	Concrete	No	Wall	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4n	GAL-4-S091 to GAL-4-S093	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4n	GAL-4-S094	Public Footpath	Concrete	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4n	GAL-4-S095 to GAL-4-S112	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4o	GAL-4-S113	Public Footpath	Concrete	No	Pavement Edge	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4p	GAL-4-S114	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Various	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4p	GAL-4-S115	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Pavement Edge	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4p	GAL-4-S116	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4p	GAL-4-S117	Public Footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4a, 4b, 4c	GAL-4-A001	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward and seaward edge of trail	Not used	None
4c	GAL-4-A002	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward and seaward edge of trail	Not used	None
4c	GAL-4-A003	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward and seaward edge of trail	Not used	None
4c, 4d, 4e	GAL-4-A004	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward and seaward edge of trail	Not used	None
4m	GAL-4-A005	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Path	Clarity and Cohesion	None

4.2.2 Other options considered: Maps 4a to 4n: Whitrigg Bridge to Silloth

Maps	Section numbers	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
4a to 4f	GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S015	We considered aligning the trail along the road from Angerton, through Newton Arlosh to Raby Cote to avoid Newton and Saltcoates Marsh.	We opted for the proposed route because it is closer to, and maintains better views of the sea and also avoids creating an additional, large area of coastal margin.
4h and 4j	GAL-4-S015 to GAL-4-S019	We considered aligning the route along the northern bank of the River Waver, around the edge of Rabycote Marsh.	We opted for the proposed route because it is more direct. It also avoids an area of nature conservation interest on Rabycote Marsh, where we could not rule out unacceptable disturbance to birds and consequent impacts on the designated site. The proposed route also avoids land that we consider is unsuitable for public access to the east of Rabycote Marsh
4m and 4n	GAL-4-S044 to GAL-S074	We considered aligning the main route and an optional alternative route along Dick Trod Lane.	We opted for the proposed main route because it is closer to, and maintains better views of, the sea and also avoids creating an additional, large area of coastal margin. We opted for the proposed optional alternative route because it makes use of an existing public right of way rather than a private road (Dick Trod Lane). Its location also enables people to make a better assessment as to whether the main trail is still accessible at periods of high tide.

4.2.3 Roll-back implementation – more complex situations: Whitrigg Bridge to Silloth

Maps	Section numbers	Feature or site potentially affected	How we will manage roll-back in relation to this feature or site
4a to 4f	GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S015	Solway Firth SPA/SAC and associated SSSIs.	If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the designated sites, or where the existing route already passing through such a site must be altered, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with the relevant experts and with any potentially affected owners or occupiers, which will either (a) pass through the site, if appropriate or (b) if necessary, be routed landward of it. In reaching this judgement we will have full regard to the need to seek a fair balance between the interests of potentially affected owners and occupiers and those of the public. Our published Access and Sensitive Features Appraisal will also be reviewed as part of this process.

In relation to all other sections where roll-back has been proposed, the trail is likely to be adjusted to follow the current feature (e.g. cliff edge/beach) for the foreseeable future.

Part 4.3: Chapter 4 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 4a to 4p.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Whitrigg Bridge to Silloth, corner of Silloth Green

Discretion to include an estuary

- 4.3.1 Natural England proposes to exercise its functions as if the sea included the estuarial waters of the Solway Firth, including the rivers Waver and Wampool, as far as the existing road bridge over the River Wampool and the proposed new footbridge over the River Waver, as indicated by the extent of the trail shown on maps 4a to 4p.

Proposed route of the trail

- 4.3.2 In relation to route sections GAL-4-S038 to GAL-4-S043, and GAL-4-S075 to GAL-4-S117, the route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 4l and 4n to 4p as the proposed route of the trail.
- 4.3.3 In relation to route sections GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S037, and GAL-4-S044 to GAL-4-S074, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 4a to 4n as the proposed route of the trail.
- 4.3.4 If at any time any part of a route section listed in the previous paragraph needs, in Natural England's view, to change as a result of coastal erosion or other geomorphological processes or encroachment by the sea, in order for the overall route to remain viable, the new route for the part in question will be determined by Natural England without further reference to the Secretary of State. This will be done in accordance with the criteria and procedures described under the title 'Roll-back' in part 8 of the Overview and section 4.10 of the Coastal Access Scheme. If this happens, the new route will become the approved route for that section for the purposes of the Order which determines where coastal access rights apply.

Landward boundary of coastal margin

- 4.3.5 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S038 and GAL-4-S040 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the edge of the top of the bank landward of the trail shown on map 4l.
- 4.3.6 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S042, GAL-4-S043, GAL-4-S075 and GAL-4-S076, and GAL-4-S080 to GAL-4-S087, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the edge of the path, track or road landward of the trail shown on maps 4l and 4n.
- 4.3.7 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S077 and GAL-4-S078 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the fence landward of the trail shown on map 4n.
- 4.3.8 Adjacent to route section GAL-4-S090 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the wall, landward of the trail shown on map 4n.
- 4.3.9 Adjacent to route section GAL-4-S113 and GAL-4-S115 to GAL-4-S117 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the edge of the pavement, landward of the trail shown on maps 4o and 4p.
- 4.3.10 Adjacent to route section GAL-4-S114, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with various features landward of the trail as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 4p.
- 4.3.11 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S001, GAL-4-S002, GAL-4-S005, GAL-4-S011 to GAL-4-S015, GAL-

4-S020, GAL-4-S028 to GAL-4-S035, GAL-4-S054, GAL-4-S055, GAL-4-S061, GAL-4-S062, GAL-4-S069 to GAL-4-S071, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the existing fence which, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the trail shown on maps 4a to 4k and 4m.

4.3.12 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S025, GAL-4-S026, GAL-4-S051 to GAL-4-S053, GAL-4-S067 and GAL-4-S068, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedgerow or hedge bank which, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the trail shown on maps 4h and 4m.

4.3.13 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-S044 to GAL-4-S050, GAL-4-S056, GAL-4-S064 to GAL-4-S066 and GAL-4-S072 to GAL-4-S074, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the path, track or road, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the trail shown on maps 4l, 4m and 4n.

Local restrictions and exclusions

4.3.14 We propose a long-term access exclusion to some areas of saltmarsh and all areas of intertidal flats adjacent to trail sections GAL-4-S011 to GAL-4-S058. This exclusion is proposed under s25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) as we do not believe that the land is suitable for public access. See map H in the Overview for details.

4.3.15 We propose a long-term access exclusion to the coastal margin adjacent to trail sections GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S010. This exclusion is proposed under s26(3)(a) of the Act in order to avoid disturbance to birds. This exclusion will be in operation all year round. See map O in the Overview for details.

4.3.16 We propose a long-term access restriction requiring dogs to be kept on a lead on sections GAL-4-S001 to GAL-4-S015, GAL-4-S017 to GAL-4-S020 and GAL-4-S028 to GAL-4-S035. This restriction is proposed under s26(3)(a) of the Act in order to avoid disturbance to birds. This exclusion will be in operation all year round. See maps O, P, Q and R in the Overview for details.

4.3.17 We propose a long-term access exclusion to those parts of the coastal margin adjacent to trail sections GAL-4-S013 to GAL-4-S015, on either side of the trail not covered by the s25A exclusion. This exclusion is proposed under s26(3)(a) of the Act in order to avoid disturbance to birds. This exclusion will be in operation all year round. See map P in the Overview for details.

4.3.18 We propose a long-term access restriction requiring dogs to be kept on a lead in the coastal margin adjacent to trail sections GAL-4-S027 to GAL-4-S042. This restriction is proposed under s26(3)(a) of the Act in order to avoid disturbance to birds. This exclusion will be in operation all year round. See map R in the Overview for details.

Refer to Part 9 of the Overview for further details.

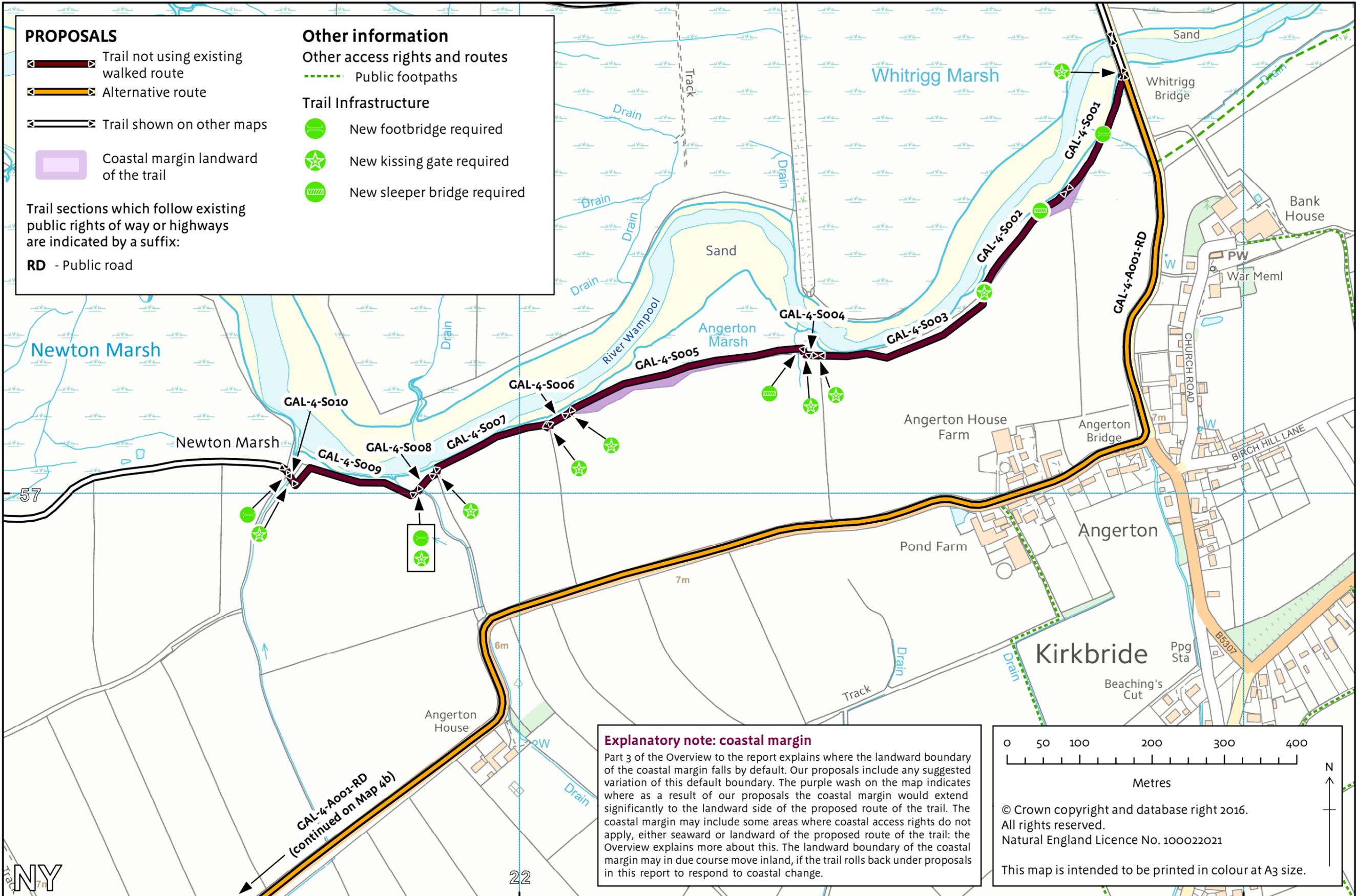
Alternative routes

4.3.19 An optional alternative route is to be available at times when parts of the main route from Whitrigg road bridge to Salt Cotes (across Angerton Marsh, and Newton and Saltcoates Marsh) between sections GAL-4-S001 and GAL-4-S015, are affected by high tides. The optional alternative route is to be at the centre of the line shown as route sections GAL-4-A001 to GAL-4-A004 on maps 4a to 4e.

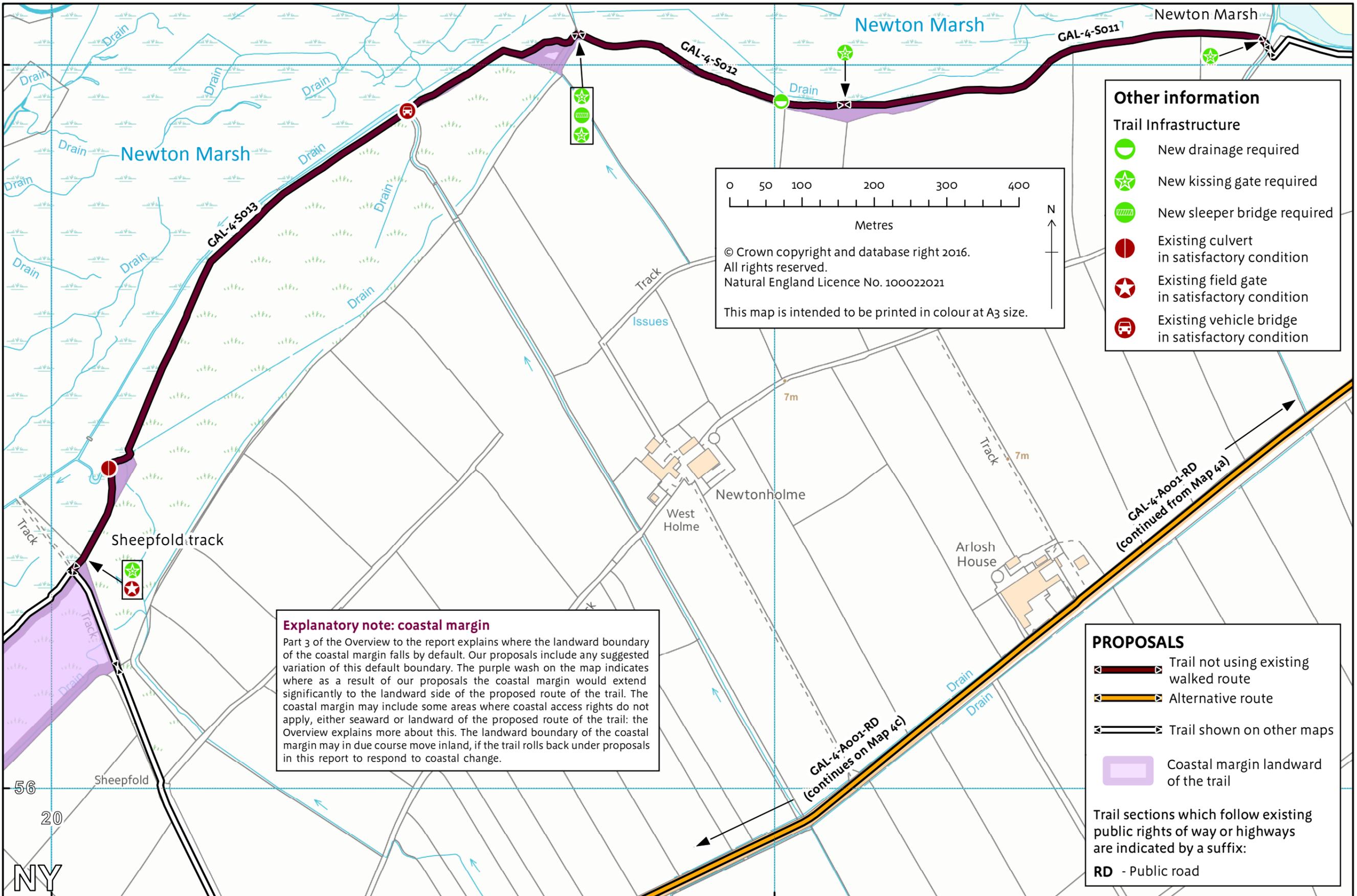
4.3.20 Adjacent to route sections GAL-4-A001 to GAL-4-A004, the landward and seaward boundaries of the coastal margin are to coincide with the landward and seaward edges of the roads and paths shown as the trail on maps 4a to 4e.

4.3.21 An optional alternative route is to be available at times when parts of the main route around Grune Point, between sections GAL-4-S044 to GAL-4-S072, are affected by high tides. The optional alternative route is to be at the centre of the line shown as route section GAL-4-A005 on map 4m.

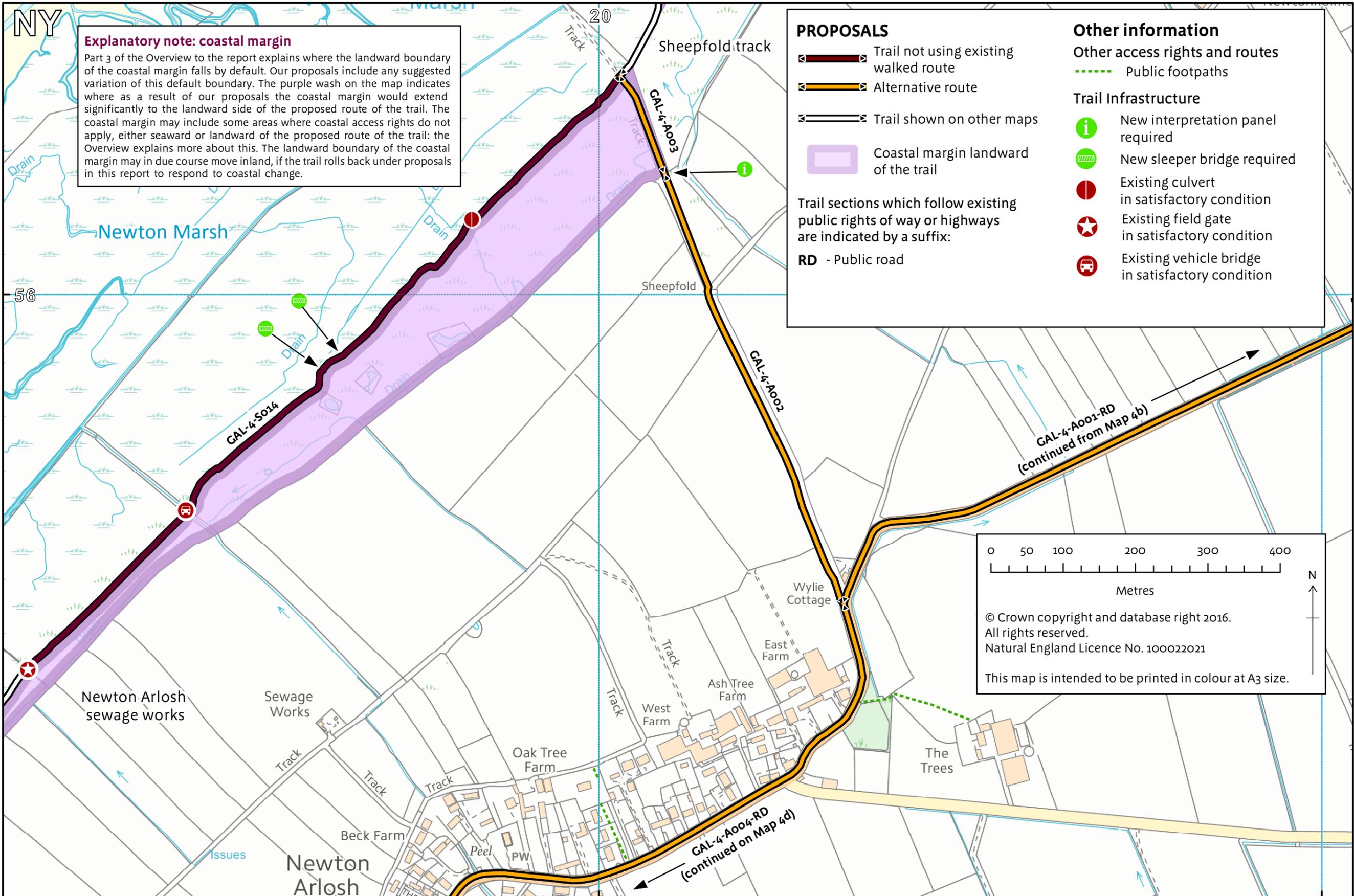
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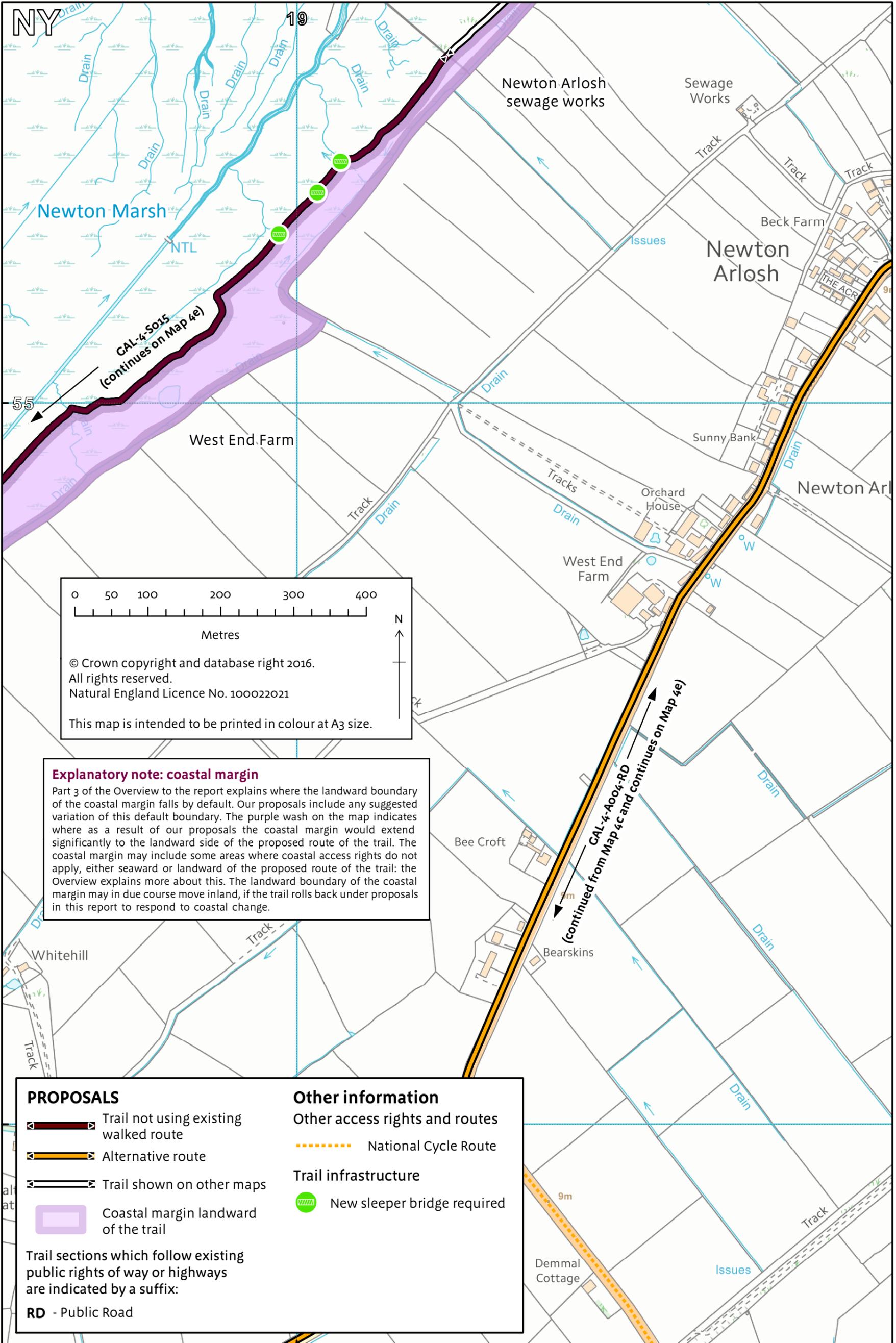
Map 4a Whitrigg Bridge to eastern corner of Newton Marsh

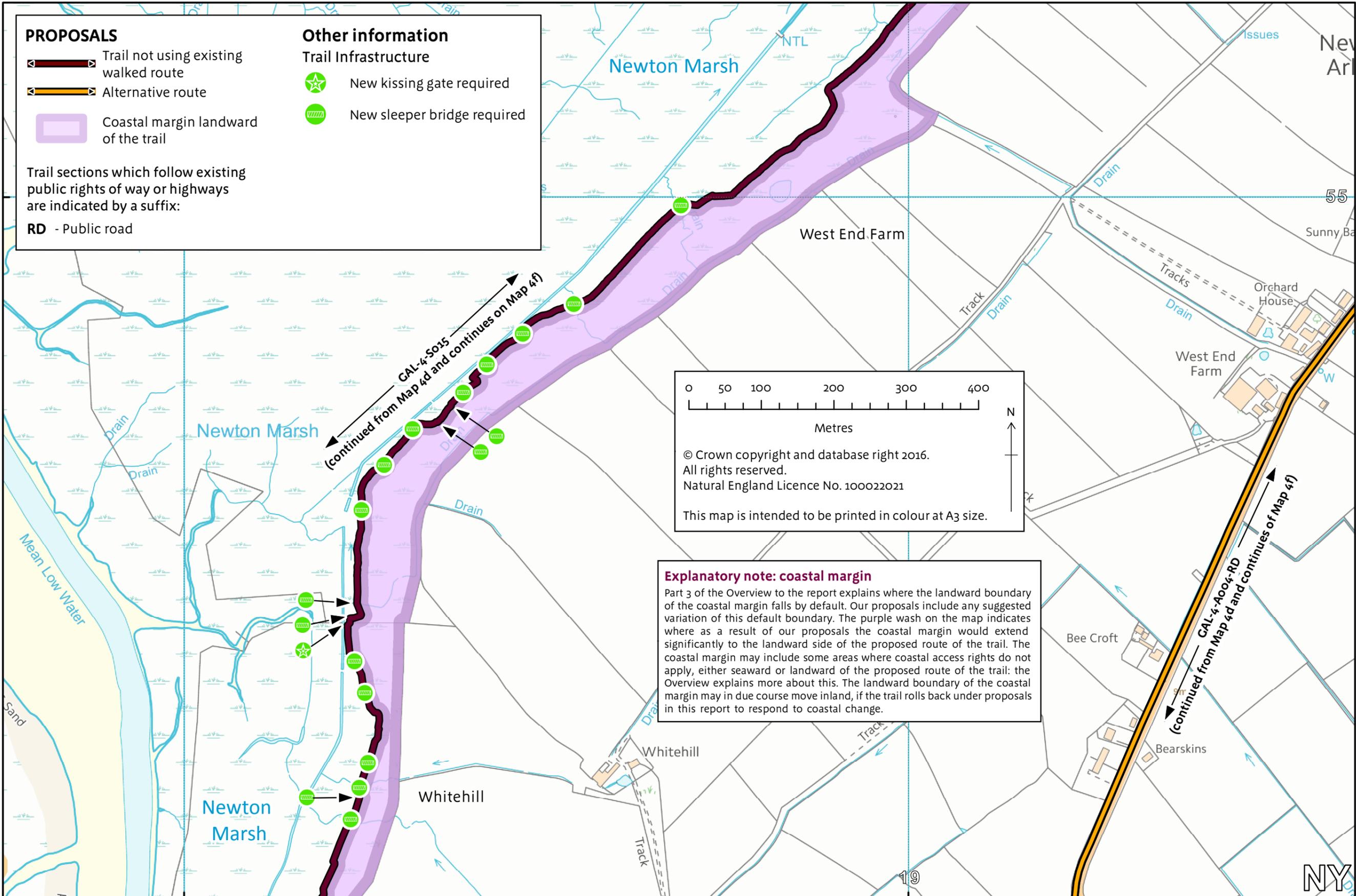


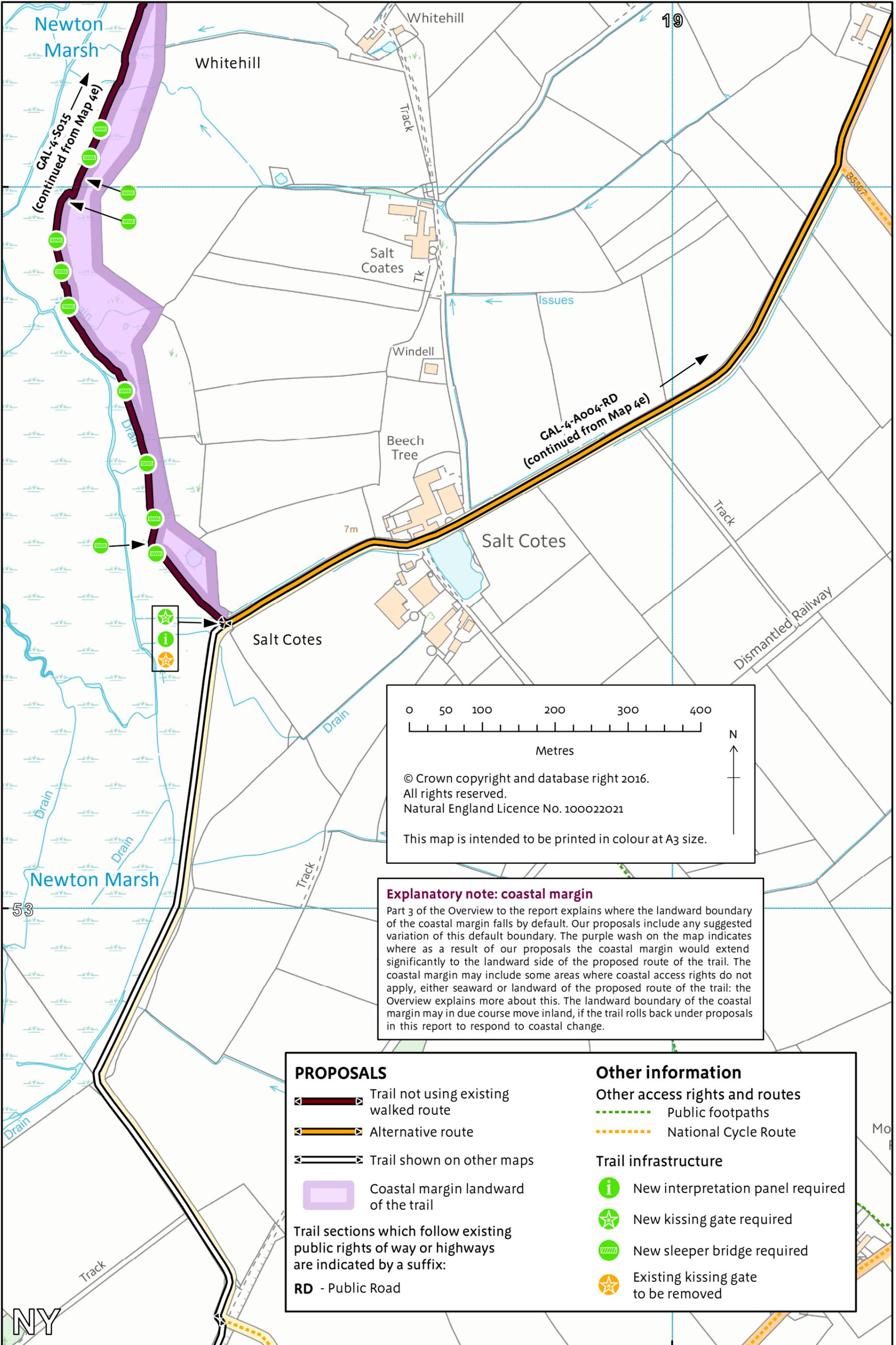
Map 4b Eastern corner of Newton Marsh to Sheepfold track



Map 4c Sheepfold track to Newton Arlosh sewage works



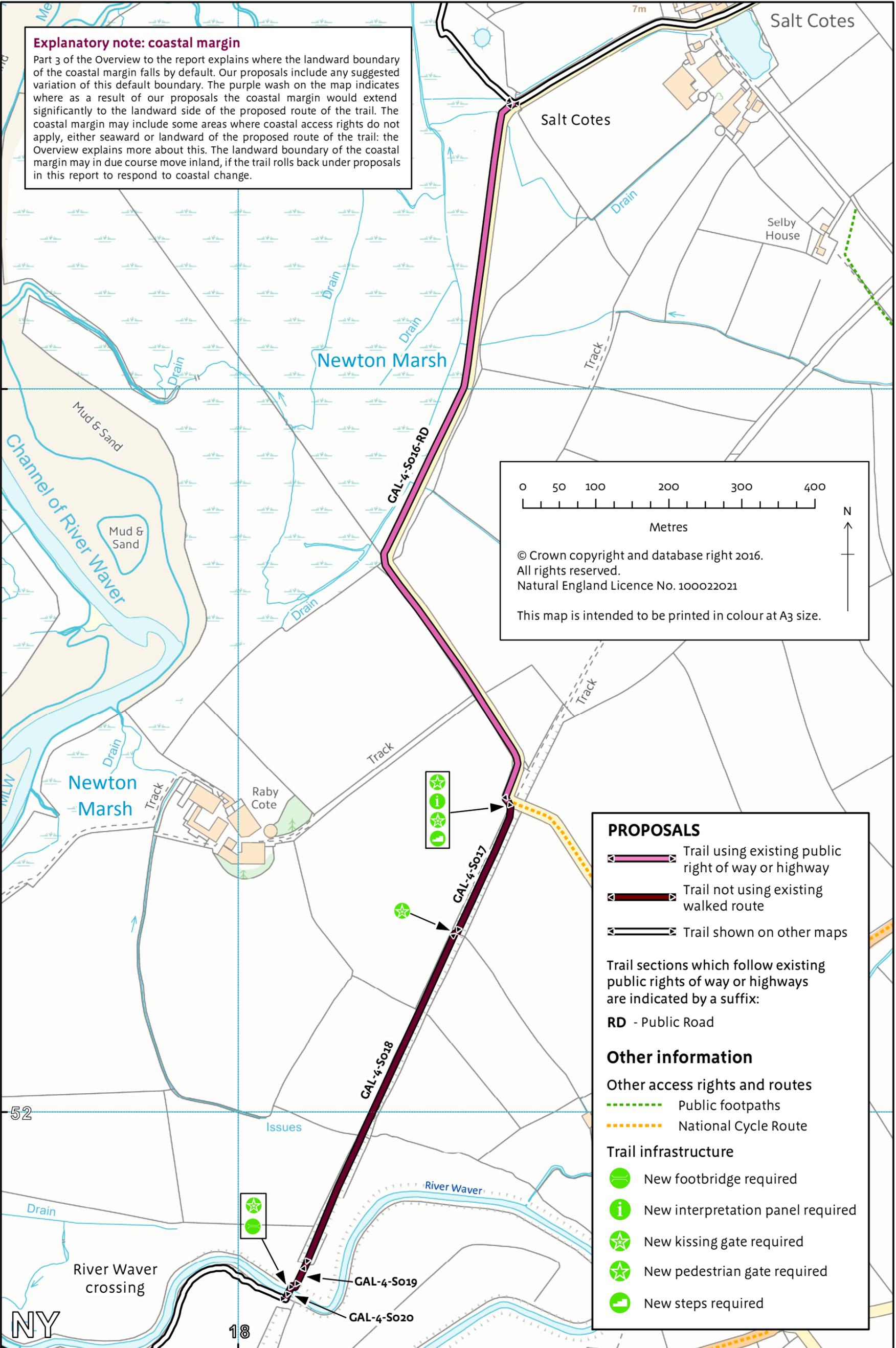




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PROPOSALS

- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
- Trail not using existing walked route
- Trail shown on other maps

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

Other information

Other access rights and routes

- Public footpaths
- National Cycle Route

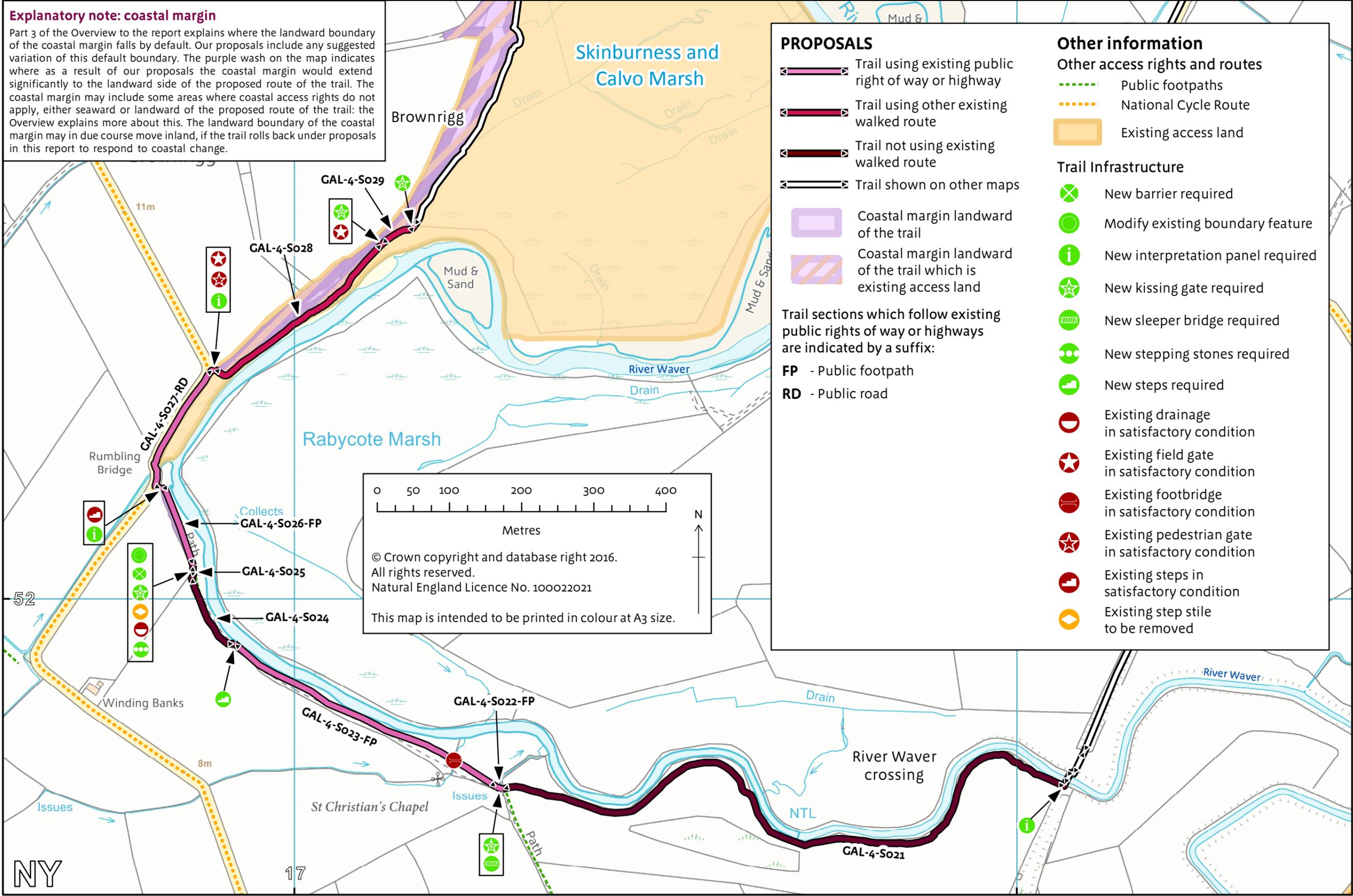
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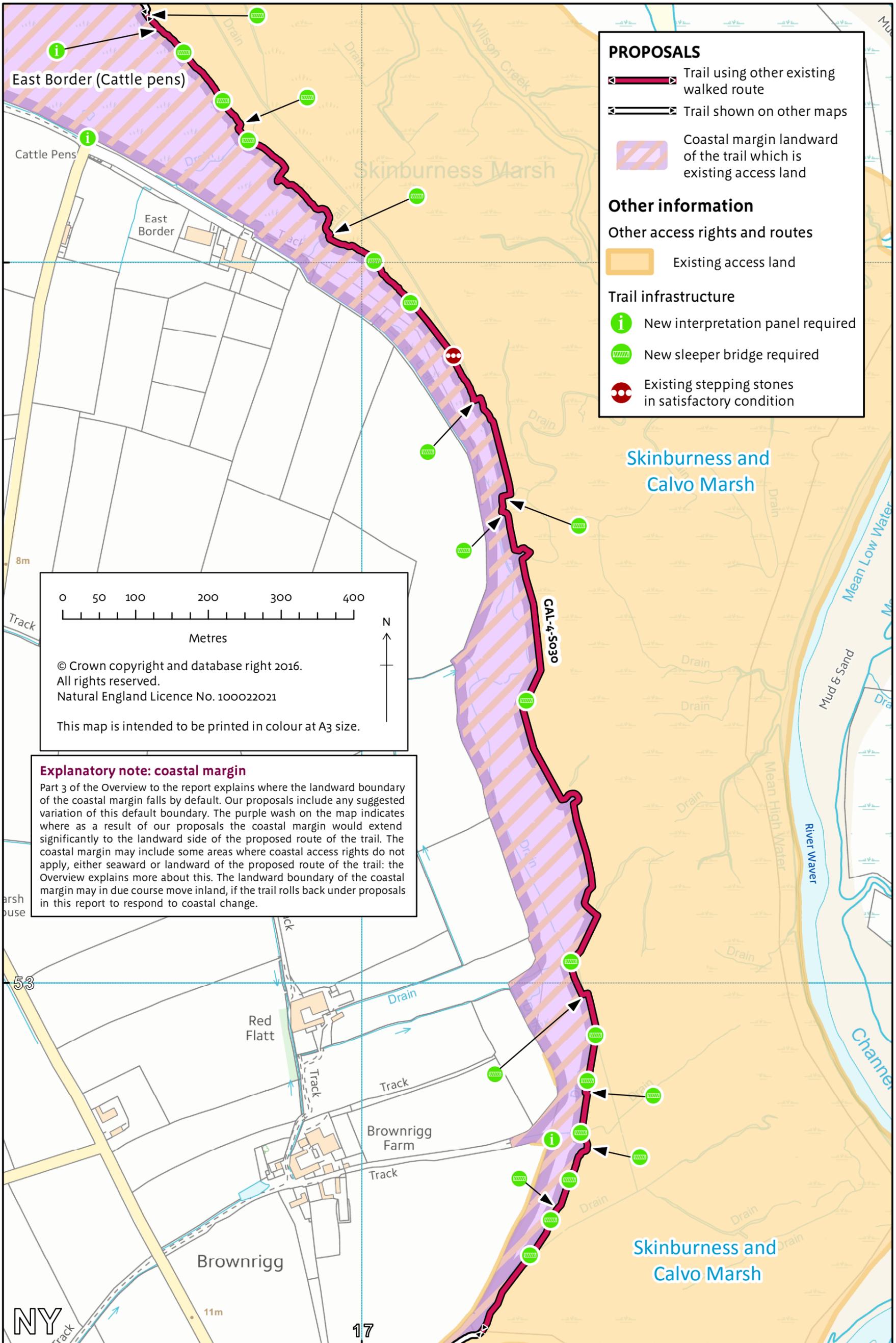
- New footbridge required
- New interpretation panel required
- New kissing gate required
- New pedestrian gate required
- New steps required

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PROPOSALS

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

Other information

Other access rights and routes

- Existing access land

Trail infrastructure

- New interpretation panel required
- New sleeper bridge required
- Existing stepping stones in satisfactory condition

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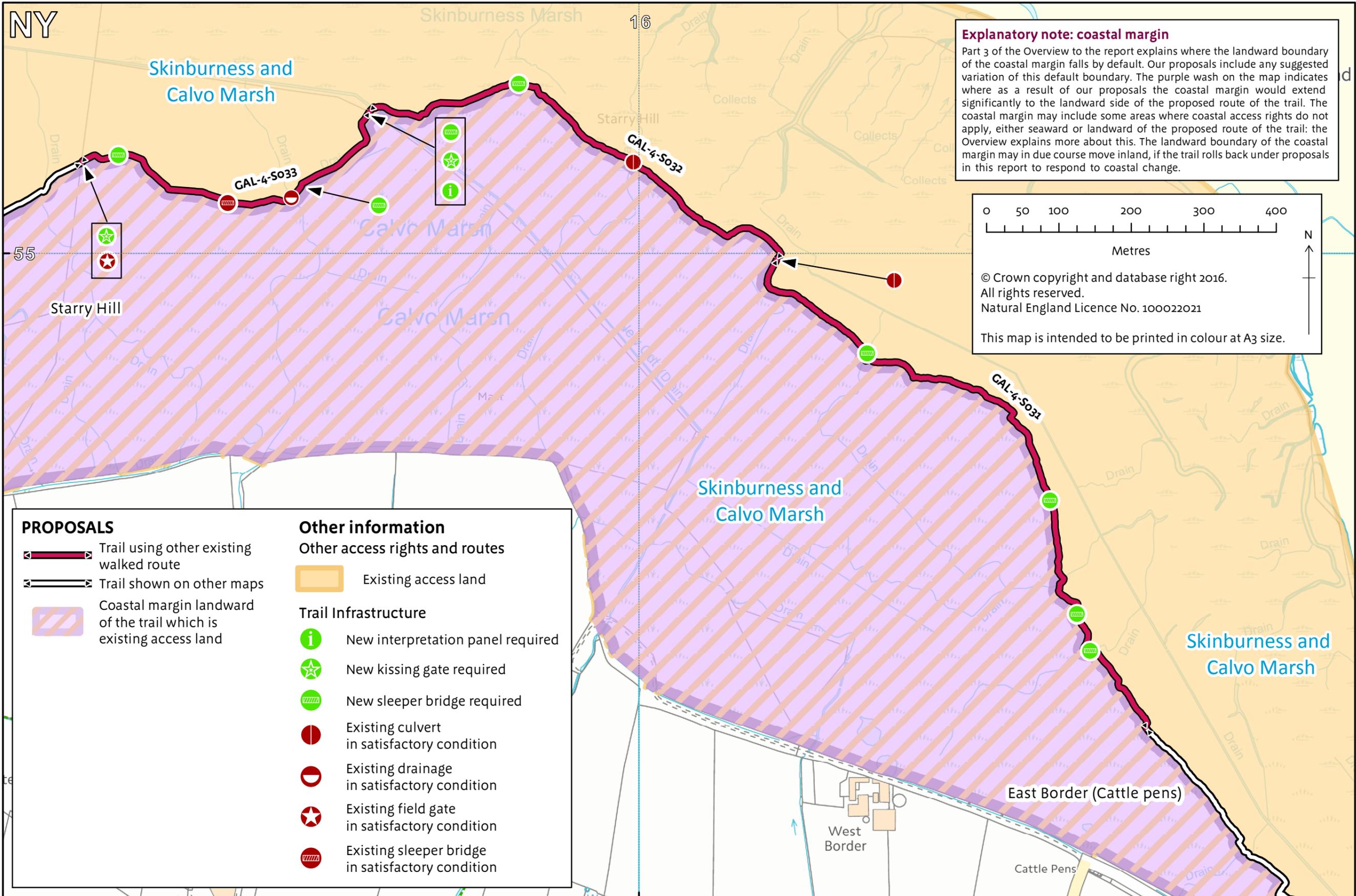
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Map 4i Brownrigg to East Border (Cattle pens)



Map 4j East Border (Cattle pens) to Starry Hill

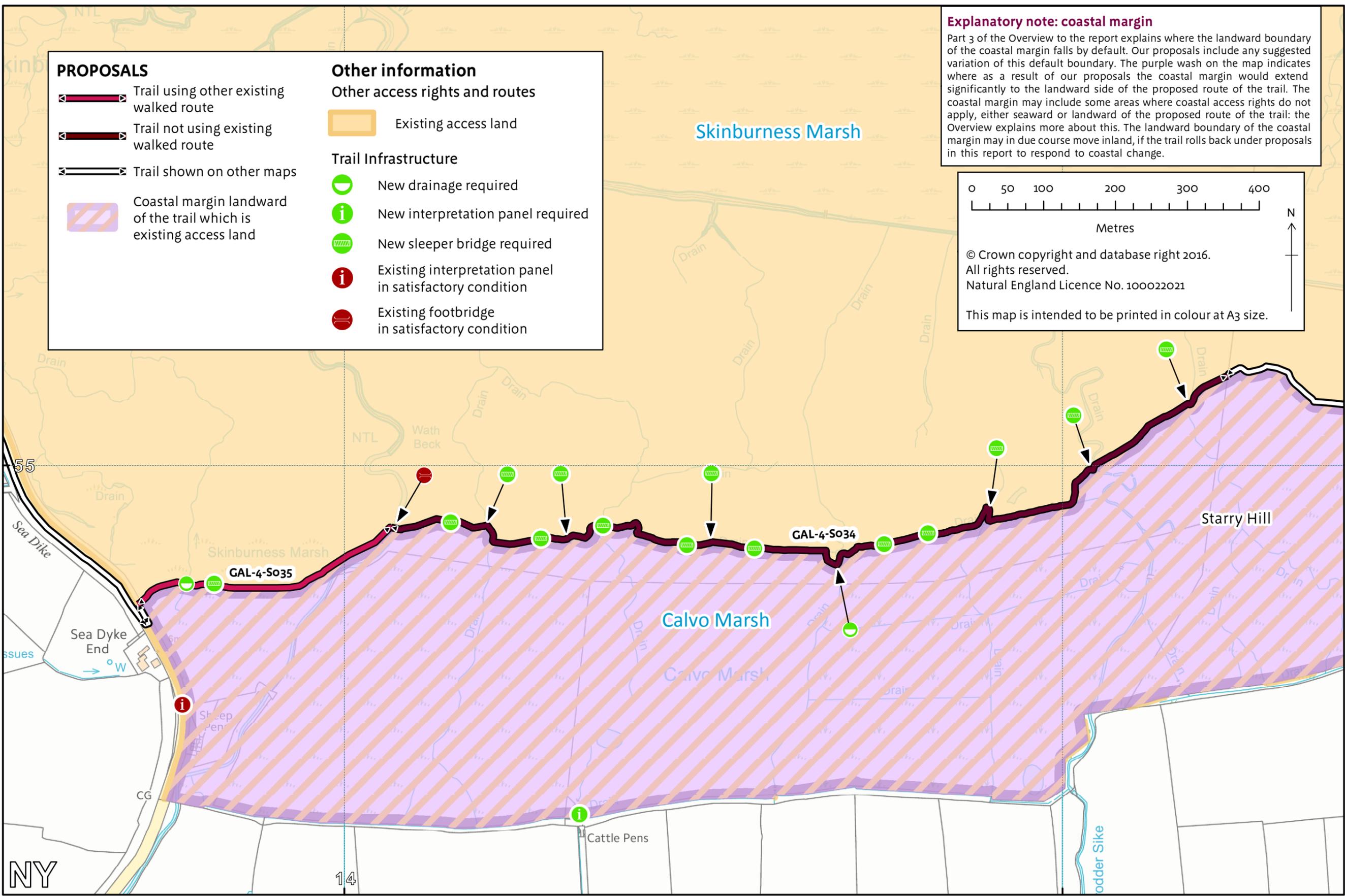
PROPOSALS		Other information	
	Trail using other existing walked route		Existing access land
	Trail not using existing walked route	Trail Infrastructure	
	Trail shown on other maps		New drainage required
	Coastal margin landward of the trail which is existing access land		New interpretation panel required
			New sleeper bridge required
			Existing interpretation panel in satisfactory condition
			Existing footbridge in satisfactory condition

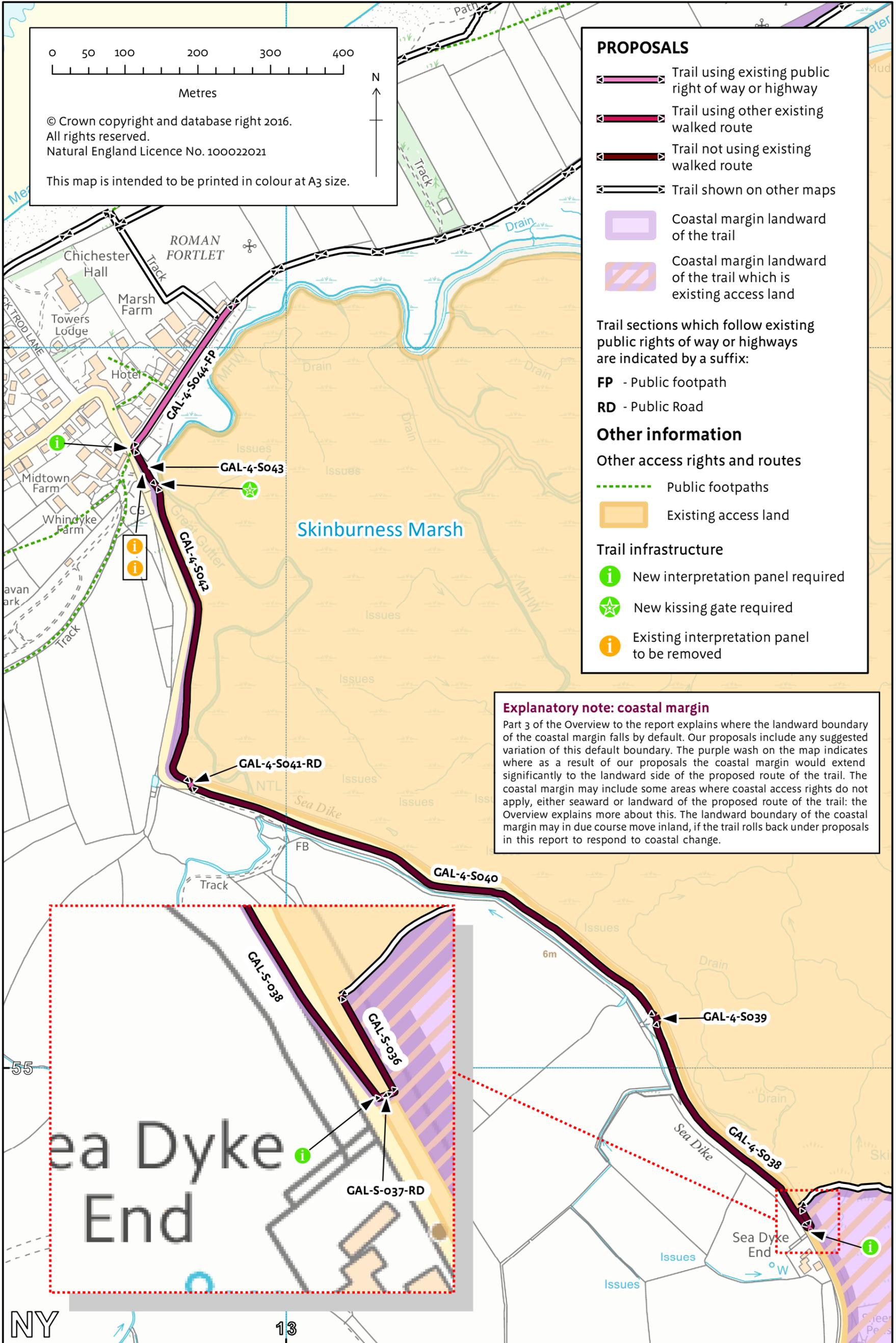
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PROPOSALS

- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
- Trail using other existing walked route
- Trail not using existing walked route
- Trail shown on other maps
- Coastal margin landward of the trail
- Coastal margin landward of the trail which is existing access land

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

FP - Public footpath
RD - Public Road

Other information

Other access rights and routes

- Public footpaths
- Existing access land

Trail infrastructure

- New interpretation panel required
- New kissing gate required
- Existing interpretation panel to be removed

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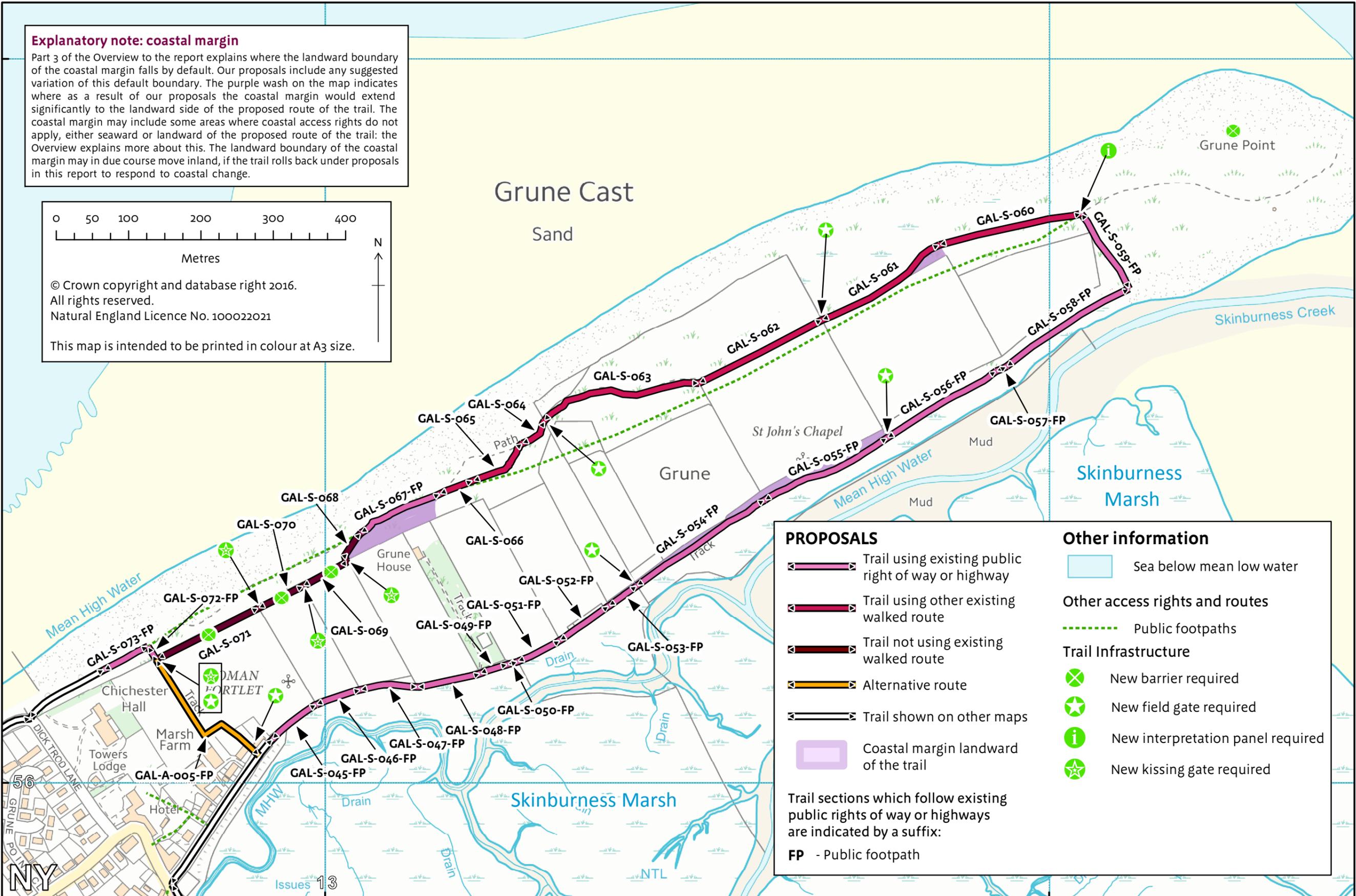
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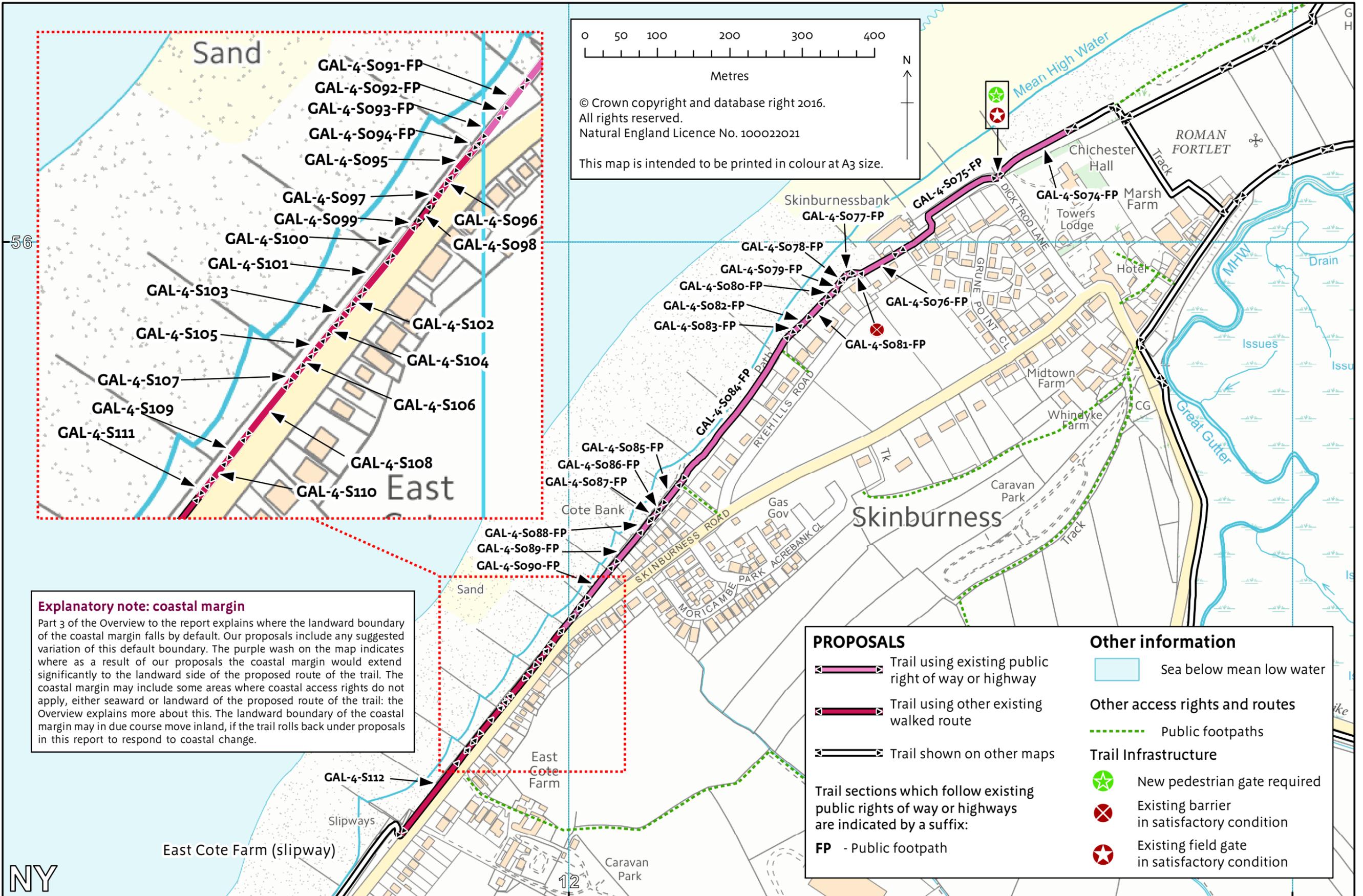
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PROPOSALS		Other information	
	Trail using existing public right of way or highway		Sea below mean low water
	Trail using other existing walked route	Other access rights and routes	
	Trail not using existing walked route		Public footpaths
	Alternative route	Trail Infrastructure	
	Trail shown on other maps		New barrier required
	Coastal margin landward of the trail		New field gate required
Trail sections which follow existing public rights of way or highways are indicated by a suffix: FP - Public footpath			New interpretation panel required
			New kissing gate required



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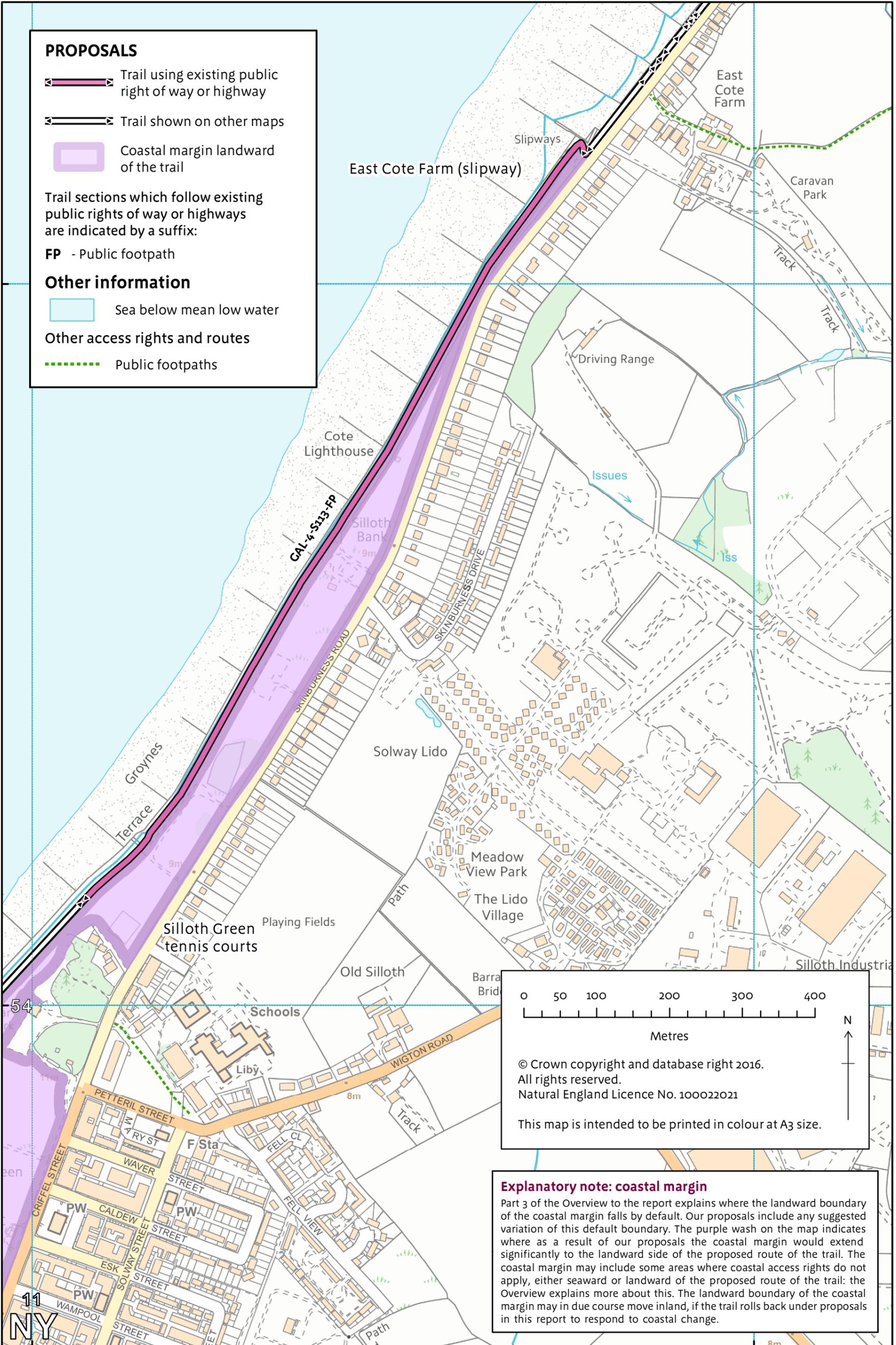
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PROPOSALS		Other information	
	Trail using existing public right of way or highway		Sea below mean low water
	Trail using other existing walked route		Other access rights and routes Public footpaths
	Trail shown on other maps		Trail Infrastructure New pedestrian gate required
Trail sections which follow existing public rights of way or highways are indicated by a suffix: FP - Public footpath			Existing barrier in satisfactory condition
			Existing field gate in satisfactory condition

Map 4n Chichester Hall to East Cote Farm (slipway)



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