

# Coastal Access Report – Kent: Ramsgate to Whitstable



## ‘Full’ Representations with Natural England’s Comments

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### Introduction

This document contains the representations Natural England has received on its Kent report submitted to the Secretary of State on the 25th March 2015 from persons or bodies whose representations must be sent in full to the Secretary of State. It also sets out Natural England’s comments on these representations.

### Background

Natural England’s report setting out its proposals for improved access to the coast in Kent: Ramsgate to Whitstable was submitted to the Secretary of State on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. This began an eight week period during which formal representations and objections about the report could be made. A representation about the report could be made during this period by any person, on any grounds, and could include arguments either in support of or against Natural England’s proposals.

In total Natural England received 9 representation(s), of which 2 were made by an organisation or individual whose representations must be sent in full to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. These ‘full’ representations are submitted in their entirety here together with Natural England’s comments where relevant. A summary of the 7 representation(s) made by other individuals or organisations, referred to as ‘other’ representations, has been submitted separately.

Before making a determination in respect of a coastal access report, the Secretary of State must consider:

- any full representations,
- Natural England’s summary of any other representations, and
- any Natural England comments on representations of either type.

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| <b>Organisation/Person making representation</b>  | Ian Wild, The Ramblers                              |
| <b>Unique Reference Number</b>  | MCA\Ramsgate to Whitstable\R\3\RGW0858              |
| <b>Chapter number</b>   | Chapter 1, Map 1d, Sections RGW-1-S020 – RGW-1-S024 |
| <b>Representation in full</b>   |   |
| <p>On behalf of the Ramblers I am writing to give our full support to Natural England's report on the Ramsgate to Whitstable stretch of the English coastline published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. As stakeholders we have been fully consulted and agree the proposed route.</p> <p>We are particularly pleased to note the proposed new sections of the trail along the edge of the North Foreland Golf Course which will avoid the need to walk on Joss Gap Road (Chapter 1, map 1d, sections RGW-1-S020 to RGW-1-S024).</p>   |   |
| <b>Natural England Final Comment</b>  |   |
| <p>We welcome the continued support and input from the Ramblers in the development of these proposals. From early in the process of each stretch, the Ramblers have helped identify issues and opportunities and we look forward to this continuing on other stretches.</p> <p>In relation to the Joss Gap Road, we considered a number of options here to improve existing access where a promoted walking trail (the Thanet Coastal Path) runs directly on a section of Joss Gap Road without a verge or pavement. We consider the proposed alignment to be a fair balance of public and private interests and welcome the support from the Ramblers.</p> |   |

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| <b>Organisation/Person making representation</b>   | John Gordon Sencicle (known as Gordon), Open Spaces Society |
| <b>Unique Reference Number</b>   | MCA\Ramsgate to Whitstable\R\5\RGW0855                      |
| <b>Chapter number</b>  | Whole Report  |
| <b>Representation in full</b>  |   |
| <p>Designated by The Open Spaces Society to check the route from Ramsgate to Whitstable. Checked, satisfactory.</p> <p>Waymarkers and signposting to be completed.</p>   |   |
| <b>Natural England Final Comment</b>   |   |
| <p>We welcome the continued support and input from The Open Spaces Society in the development of these proposals. From early in the process of each stretch, they have helped identify issues and opportunities and have offered advice on alignment choices. We look forward to this continuing on other stretches.</p> |   |