Notes on making a representation about a coastal access report

Any person can make a representation about a coastal access report.

Representations must be made on the correct form (there is a different form for objections). You can obtain a copy of the form online at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-gosport-to-portsmouth-comment-on-proposals or by contacting Natural England at the address at the end of these notes.

If you would like to raise several points that refer to a single section of route or a single land parcel, please use a single form.

If you would like to raise the same point(s) about multiple parcels of land or sections of route, please use a single form but list all of the parcels or sections you are commenting on.

If you want to make a representation about multiple parcels of land or sections of route but your points vary by parcel/section, please use a separate form for each parcel/section.

If you wish to make representations about more than one of the individual reports that relate to this stretch, please use a separate form for each.

The notes below will help you answer the questions on the form.

**Question 1** asks for the number of the report and map which relates to the land about which you are making the representation. *For example: ‘Report GPM 2, Map GPM 2a’*

**Question 2**: Please clearly identify the land to which the representation relates here. If your representation is about the proposed route, please write the number(s) of the relevant route section(s) here. Route section numbers are shown on the maps in the report. *For example: ‘GPM-1-S001’.* If your representation is not about the proposed route, please write a description of the land and the number(s) of the route section(s) that is closest to it. *For example: ‘field seaward of route sections GPM-1-S005 to GPM-1-S006’.* You may also wish to send a separate map showing the land – see question 6.

**Question 3** asks who is making the representation. There are various tick boxes in this section to be completed as relevant, including one for “A person specified in Schedule 1 to the Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1976)”. You should tick this box
only if you are a person with sporting rights over the land in question, or if you represent one of the national organisations listed in the first section of the Appendix to this guidance.

**Question 4** asks if you are a person with a “relevant interest” in land to which the report relates. Please tick the box only if you are the owner, tenant or occupier of such land. (Please note that this does not include those with a different legal interests such as holders of rights of common, private access rights or easements over another person’s land.)

**Question 5** asks you to give details of, and reasons for, the representation(s) you are making about Natural England’s proposals.

**Question 6**: If there is not enough room on the form for all the information you wish to include, you can send additional information with the form. Please write a description of each additional document you send on this part of the form. *For example: ‘Document 1 - additional information in answer to question 5; Document 2 – map of land to which the representation relates’.*

Please also label any separate documents or attachments in a way that enables us to match it to your representation form. *For example: ‘Representation – Mrs J. Smith – GPM-4-S033 - Document 2: map of land to which representation relates’.*

**Questions 7 and 8** ask you to tell us if you have made any other representations or objections about the same report. It is important to know this so that the points you raise can be considered together as appropriate.


Please send any representations (and any additional supporting information) by email or post to the relevant address shown on the form. Your form must reach us by midnight on 15 August 2019. This date allows eight weeks from when the report in question is first advertised on the relevant website. Please note that any representation received after this date will not be considered. We will send you an acknowledgement when we receive your representation. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, or if you have any further queries about the representations process, please contact us at:

England Coast Path Delivery Team – South
What happens once a form is submitted?

Once the closing date for receipt of representations has passed, Natural England will send in full to the Secretary of State representations made by or on behalf of the bodies and persons listed in either of the first two sections of the Appendix to this guidance. Representations from all other persons will be summarised by Natural England, as required by the legislation, in a report sent to the Secretary of State. In either case any comments from Natural England on the representation or summarised representation will also be included.

The Secretary of State must consider all such representations and summaries, and any comments from Natural England on them, before reaching a decision on the proposals set out in the relevant report.

A representation may be withdrawn at any time by giving notice in writing to Natural England.
Appendix

Persons specified for the purposes of Schedule 1 to the Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1976)

> Natural England must take reasonable steps to give notice to these interests of the submission and publication of a coastal access report, and must send in full to the Secretary of State any representations on the report which they submit, for consideration along with any comments from Natural England on these.

British Association for Shooting and Conservation

British Mountaineering Council

Country Land and Business Association

National Farmers Union

Open Spaces Society

Ramblers Association

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Persons with sporting rights over affected land

Persons listed under paragraph 2(2)(b) to (e) of Schedule 1A to the 1949 Act

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(b) each access authority for an area in which affected land is situated;

(c) each local access forum for an area in which affected land is situated;

(d) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (i.e. English Heritage);

(e) the Environment Agency;
Persons listed under paragraph 2(2)(a) of Schedule 1A to the 1949 Act

> Natural England must take reasonable steps to give notice to these interests of the submission and publication of a coastal access report. Any representations they submit are required to be summarised by Natural England for consideration by the Secretary of State, along with any comments from Natural England on the summaries.

(a) persons with a relevant interest in affected land