

Chapter 2:

# Ingoldmells Point to Anderby Creek

England Coast Path: Skegness to Mablethorpe - Natural England's Proposals

## Part 2.1: Introduction

<b>Start Point:</b>	<b>Ingoldmells Point</b> (grid reference: TF 57466 68685)
<b>End Point:</b>	<b>Anderby Creek</b> (grid reference: TF 55151 76138)
<b>Relevant Maps:</b>	<b>2a to 2e</b>

### Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

#### The Trail:

- 2.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes along sea defences, beach and permissive promoted routes within the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park, along most of this length.
- 2.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 2.1.3 Includes one section of new path at SMT-2-S026. See map 2d and associated tables below for details.
- 2.1.4 Is aligned on the beach or foreshore north of Chapel Point at SMT-2-S017. See map 2d and associated tables below for details.
- 2.1.5 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or geological interest (See map C of the Overview):
  - The Greater Wash proposed Special Protection Area (pSPA) for its wildlife interest
  - Chapel Point to Wolla Bank Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its geological interest
  - Sea Bank Clay Pits (SSSI) for its wildlife interest

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.

2.1.6 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 which are discussed below.

2.1.7 The levels and patterns of public access along this length of coast would be unlikely to change significantly as a result of our proposals and we have therefore concluded that our proposals would not be likely to have any significant impact 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:**

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

However, there are places where it may not be entirely suitable for people with reduced mobility because:

- The natural surface of the trail is uneven or unsuitable underfoot, for example sections SMT-2-S017 along the beach north of Chapel Point and through the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park from section SMT-2-S015, SMT-2-S018, SMT-2-S024 to SMT-2-S026 and SMT-2-S029, with a combination of uneven grass, gravel and sand paths.
- There are two places where it would be necessary to ascend/descend steps where the route crosses dunes to reach the bird hide at the intersection of SMT-2-S029 and SMT-2-S030, and at SMT-2-S030.

**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.

2.1.9 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 fence line, pavement or track to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 2.2.1 below.

2.1.10 In two places along SMT-2-S017, 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 map 2d.

2.1.11 We have used our discretion not to include land to the landward side of sections SMT-2-S001 to SMT-2-S002, SMT-2-S006 to SMT-2-S011, SMT-2-S013 to SMT-2-S014 and SMT-2-S019 to SMT-2-S023 in the coastal margin. These are areas of dune which would normally form part of the landward coastal margin by default, however, in these locations we have proposed aligning the landward extent of the margin to the edge of the promenade or path instead, as there would be no recreational benefit in its inclusion and/or it is unsuitable for public access.

**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'.**

2.1.12 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.**

2.1.13 Other factors affecting access: At route section SMT-2-S017, to the north of Chapel Point, public access may be interrupted from time to time for short periods during particularly high tides. These interruptions are likely to be infrequent and short, so we do not consider an optional alternative route to be necessary.

2.1.14 Establishment: Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary, in accordance with the general approach described in part 6 the Overview.

- South of Chapel Point it will be necessary to install a section of raised boardwalk at SMT-2-S015.
- At Chapel Six Marshes it will be necessary to install soft engineering to protect the sea defence from erosion at SMT-2-S018.
- South of Wolla Bank it will be necessary to clear scrub along the line of trail at SMT-2-S026.
- At Wolla Bank it will be necessary to create a gap in an existing fence line at the intersection of SMT-2-S026 and SMT-2-S027.
- South of Anderby Creek it will be necessary to install ramped steps at the intersection of SMT-2-S029 and SMT-2-S030.

2.1.15 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:**

2.1.16 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 table 2.2.1 below for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.

2.1.17 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 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 2e: Ingoldmells Point to Anderby Creek

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
Maps	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)
2a	SMT-2-S001 to SMT-2-S002	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S003 to SMT-2-S005	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
2a, 2b, 2c	SMT-2-S006 to SMT-2-S012	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
2c	SMT-2-S013	Other existing walked route	Concrete	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S014	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S015	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes - Normal	Various	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S016	Other existing walked route	Concrete	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
2d	SMT-2-S017*	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes - Normal	Various	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S018	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S019	Other existing walked route	Gravel	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S020	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – Normal	Landward edge of the trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S021	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S022 to SMT-2-S024	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S025	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S026	Not an existing walked route	Sand	Yes - Normal	Fence line	Clarity and Cohesion	None
2e	SMT-2-S027	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S028	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S029	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S030	Other existing walked route	Steps: Timber	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
	SMT-2-S031	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	SMT-2-S032	Other existing walked route	Gravel	Yes - Normal	Landward edge of track	Clarity and Cohesion	None

### 2.2.2 Other options considered: Map 2d Chapel Point to Wolla Bank

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
2d	SMT-2-S017	<p>We considered aligning the route along Anderby Road.</p> <p>We considered leaving the beach using the short path to the east of Elder House.</p> <p>No other options were identified for the trail in relation to this map.</p>	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ it is closer to the sea and maintains views of the sea.</li> <li>■ we concluded that overall the proposed route struck the best balance in terms of the criteria described in chapter 4 of the Coastal Access Scheme.</li> </ul>

## 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 2e.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

### Formal Proposals – Ingoldmells Point to Anderby Creek

#### Proposed route of the trail

- 2.3.1 In relation to route sections SMT-2-S001 to SMT-2-S012, SMT-2-S021 to SMT-2-S025, and SMT-2-S027 to SMT-2-S029, the route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 2a to 2e as the proposed route of the trail.
- 2.3.2 In relation to route sections SMT-2-S013 to SMT-2-S020, SMT-2-S026 and SMT-2-S030 to SMT-2-S032, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on map 2c, 2d and 2e as the proposed route of the trail.
- 2.3.3 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

- 2.3.4 Adjacent to route sections SMT-2-S015 and SMT-2-S026, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the various features and fence line which, at the time of writing this report, are landward of the trail shown on maps 2c and 2d.
- 2.3.5 Adjacent to route sections SMT-2-S001 to SMT-2-S014, SMT-2-S016, SMT-2-S030 and SMT-2-S032 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the promenade, path or track respectively shown as the trail on maps 2a to 2e.
- 2.3.6 Adjacent to route section SMT-2-S017, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with Anderby Road and beachside property fence lines, as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 2d.

#### 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.

#### Alternative routes

- 2.3.8 There are no proposals for alternative routes in relation to this length of coast.











