

# Coastal Access at Kent – Ramsgate to Folkestone:



## ‘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 28th October 2013 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 between Ramsgate and Folkestone was submitted to the Secretary of State on 28th October 2013. 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 10 representations, of which 1 was 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. This ‘full’ representation is submitted in its entirety here together with Natural England’s comments where relevant. A summary of the 9 representations 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.

<b>Organisation/Person making representation</b>	Ian Wild – The Ramblers
<b>Unique Reference Number</b>	MCA\Folkestone to Ramsgate\R\3\RFK0151
<b>Representation in full*</b>	
<p>Whole report. Also referenced Chapters 1 and 2 (the banks of the Stour)</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of the Ramblers to give our support to the proposed route of the trail along the Ramsgate to Folkestone stretch. We have had the opportunity to put forward our preferred route and are happy that Natural England has taken full account of our views.</p> <p>We are particularly pleased that access will be greatly improved along the banks of the Stour and that the Report recognises that further improvements may be possible in the future.</p>	
<b>Natural England Final Comment</b>	
<p>Natural England welcomes the supportive comments expressed by the Ramblers and their positive involvement with developing the trail alignment.</p>	