

Chapter 3:

Anglian Water Sewage Works to Mersea Stone

England Coast Path: Mersea Island - Natural England's Proposals

Part 3.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Anglian Water sewage works (grid reference: TM 0283 1248)
End Point:	Access steps to Mersea Stone (grid reference: TM 0722 1524)
Relevant Maps:	3a to 3d

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 3.1.1 Follows a variety of existing walked routes, including public rights of way, other walked routes and creates new access where coastal erosion has made Public Footpaths impassable.
- 3.1.2 Passes through a variety of land types including cliffs, beaches, dunes and grass fields.
- 3.1.3 Mainly follows the coastline and maintains good views of the sea for the majority of the section.
- 3.1.4 Where a new inland route has been proposed, this offers views of the sea from a raised bank and a stretch where the sea cannot currently be seen, but may become visible in the future due to coastal erosion of the seawall.
- 3.1.5 Includes 32 sections of new path, in 5 locations
 - Essex County Council Youth Camp
 - Rewsalls Farm to Coopers Beach
 - Coopers Beach to Fen Farm
 - Fen Farm and, Away Resorts
 - Cudmore Grove Country Park

See maps 3a to 3d and associated tables below for details.

3.1.6 In one area, between Coopers Beach Holiday park and Waldegraves Caravan Park a significant inland diversion is necessary to take the trail inland of a stretch of seawall that is eroding rapidly. The seawall is currently inaccessible because the Public Right of Way along the top of it has been closed by the Essex County Council Highways department. (See Future Change, below and Part 8 of the Overview).

3.1.7 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See maps C1, C2 and C3 of the Overview):

- Essex Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Colne Estuary (Mid-Essex Coast Phase 2) SPA
- Colne Estuary (Mid-Essex Coast Phase 2) RAMSAR
- Colne Estuary SSSI
- Colne Estuary NNR
- Blackwater, Crouch Roach and Colne Estuaries Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)
- Scheduled Ancient Monument 1013832– Tudor Blockhouse (SAM). (EHCR 2217)

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.

3.1.8 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 have identified that it would be necessary to place interpretation signs at a number of locations at Coopers Beach, Fen Farm, Away Resorts and Cudmore Grove Country Park explaining the importance of these habitats, asking people to avoid trampling sensitive plants, avoid disturbing nesting birds and requesting they keep dogs on leads when seasonal temporary fencing is used to protect nest sites. This proposal is explained further in parts 5 & 9 of the Overview.

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

See part 5c of the Overview - 'Protection of sensitive features'- for more information.

Accessibility:

3.1.9 Generally, there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route, which makes use of existing surfaced 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 trail follows sections of beach with sand, shingle and vegetation in places. For example from MSI-3-S027 to MSI-3-S034

- The trail crosses a creek flowing across a beach, that varies in depth, profile and width according to the state of the tide and local beach processes, from MSI-3-S032 to MSI-3-S034
- The trail follows uneven grass and bare soil across a broad grassy slope and along the cliff top, from MSI-3-S036 to MSI-3-S040 FP
- The trail crosses a number of sleeper bridges at Rewsalls Farm and Coopers Beach, from MSI-3-S014 to MSI-3-S017

See part 5b 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.

- 3.1.10 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 3.2.1 below.
- 3.1.11 Landward boundary of the coastal margin: We have used our discretion not to include land to the landward side of section MSI-3-S005 FP and MSI-3-S017 to MSI-3-S020 in the coastal margin. This section is a sea wall/earth bank, the landward edge of which would normally form part of the landward coastal margin by default. However, in this location we have proposed aligning the landward extent of the margin to the landward edge of the top of the sea wall in order to make the extent of people's rights clearer and more cohesive on the ground.

In particular;

- The landward edge of the aligned path on the top of the sea wall presents an easily identifiable line for users to follow, while;
- The landward face of the sea wall varies in profile and in places merges directly into land without coastal access rights with the effect of making the landward extent of the default coastal margin unclear.

See Table 3.2.1 below.

- 3.1.12 At Cudmore Grove Country Park, 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 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'.

- 3.1.13 Restrictions and/or exclusions: We have proposed to exclude access in places along this section of coast. For details of these directions, see 3.3.14 and 3.3.15 in the Formal Proposals Section of this report and Part 9 of the Overview

3.1.14 These directions will not prevent or affect:

- any use people already make of the land locally by formal agreement with the landowner, or by informal permission or traditional toleration;

3.1.15 Any such use continues unaffected by these arrangements.

3.1.16 However the directions are intended to avoid any new public rights being created over the area in question (mudflats and saltmarsh) in view of the hidden dangers of deep creeks and soft mud to which new users of the land would be subject because of the local patterns of tidal inundation.

3.1.17 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.

3.1.18 Under our proposals, an Optional Alternative Route from the Public Footpath to the west of Fen Farm to the western edge of Cudmore Grove Country Park would be available at times when high tide would prevent access along the beach. This would follow route sections MSI-3-A001 to MSI-3-A014 as shown on map 3c and is described in the formal proposals section of this report. It would not have the effect of creating any additional spreading room on either the seaward or the landward side.

Establishment and ongoing management of the trail

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

- Sleeper bridges will be placed at two locations on Coopers Beach land to provide a crossing over ditches.
- The raised bund between Away Resorts 'dog walking field' and Cudmore Grove Country Park will be lowered and re-modelled to allow walkers to cross with ease.
- A number of information signs will be put in place between Coopers Beach and Mersea Stone to describe the sensitivities of the natural environment, identify informal management activities and describe the OAR.
- A pedestrian gate will be installed on the boundary between Away Resorts and Cudmore Grove Country Park for the OAR route.

3.1.20 Ongoing management and maintenance would be necessary in accordance with the general approach described in part 7 of the Overview. The overall need for this is likely to be greater than on some other parts of the stretch, recognising that it will be necessary for the route to roll back from time to time in response to coastal processes, as described below.

See parts 6 - 'Physical establishment of the trail' and 7 - 'Maintenance of the trail' of the Overview for more information.

Future Change:

- 3.1.21 All 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 3.2.1 below for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.
- 3.1.22 There are also sites on the length of coast described in this chapter where, at the time of preparing the report, we foresee the need for changes to the access provisions for land development reasons. These are summarised at part 8 of the Overview.

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

Part 3.2: Commentary on Maps

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

3.2.1 Section Details – Maps 3a to 3d: Anglian Water sewage works to Cudmore Grove

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 3.2.3: 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 3.2.4’ 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)
3a	MSI-3-S001 FP	Public footpath	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S002 FP	Public footpath	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S003 FP	Public footpath	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Hedgerow	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S004 FP	Public footpath	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Hedgerow	Additional landward area	Margin
	MSI-3-S005 FP	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of bank or barrier	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S006	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S007	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S008	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S009	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S010 FP	Public footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S011 FP	Public footpath	Gravel	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Hedge	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S012 FP	Public footpath	Concrete	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Ditch	Clarity and Cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S013 RD	Public highway	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
3b	MSI-3-S014*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S015*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S016*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S017*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of bank or barrier	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S018*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of bank or barrier	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S019 FP*	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of bank or barrier	Clarity and cohesion	Margin

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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)
3b	MSI-3-S020*	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of bank or barrier	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S021 FP	Public footpath	Concrete	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S022	Other existing walked route	Concrete	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S023	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S024	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S025	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	MSI-3-S026 FP	Public footpath	Concrete	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
3c	MSI-3-S027	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
	MSI-3-S028*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
	MSI-3-S029*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
	MSI-3-S030*	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of beach or flat	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S031*	Other existing walked route	Sand	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of beach or flat	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S032*	Other existing walked route	Shingle	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of beach or flat	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S033*	Other existing walked route	Shingle	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of beach or flat	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S034*	Other existing walked route	Shingle	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of beach or flat	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S035*	Other existing walked route	Shingle	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-S036*	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	3d	MSI-3-S037*	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area
MSI-3-S038 FP*		Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
MSI-3-S039		Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
MSI-3-S040 FP		Public footpath	Tarmac	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin
MSI-3-S041 FP		Public footpath	Tarmac	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Various	Additional landward area	Margin

3.2.2 Optional alternative route details – Map 3c: Public Right of Way, from west of Fen Farm to Cudmore Grove cliff top

By default, the optional alternative route will cover the land two metres either side of the approved line for this route. However by virtue of s55D(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, where the optional alternative route follows an existing path corridor, the trail may adopt a variable width as dictated by existing physical features. Columns 6a and 6b of this table describe the boundaries of the optional alternative route strips.

1	2	3	4	5	6a	6b	6c	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)	Seaward boundary of alternative route strip	Landward boundary of alternative route strip (See maps)	Reason for boundary discretion	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 9 of Overview)
3c	MSI-3-A001 FP	Public footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A002 FP	Public footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A003 FP	Public footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A004 FP	Public footpath	Stone: Aggregate	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A005 FP	Public footpath	Concrete	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A006 FP	Public footpath	Grass	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A007 FP	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A008 RD	Public highway	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A009	Not an existing walked route	Stone: Aggregate	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A010	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A011	Not an existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A012	Other existing walked route	Gravel	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A013	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin
	MSI-3-A014 FP	Public footpath	Grass	Yes – see table 3.2.4	Seaward edge of trail	Landward edge of trail	Not used	Margin

3.2.3 Other options considered: Maps 3b & 3c: Rewsalls Lane to Cudmore Grove

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
3b	MSI-3-S014 to MSI-3-S020	We considered aligning the trail along Rewsalls Lane and existing public rights of way inland to Church Lane and Coopers Beach. We also considered aligning along the edge of arable fields between Rewsalls Lane and Coopers Beach Holiday Park.	We opted for the proposed route because it is closer to the sea and is made with the support of the landowner. We also sought advice from Essex County Council's Highways department in relation to public safety concerns on the Lane and concluded that the proposed route struck the best overall balance in terms of the criteria described in chapter 4 of the Coastal Access Scheme.

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
3c	MSI-3-S028 to MSI-3-S037	We considered aligning the trail through the two caravan sites at that location (Fen Farm/Away Resorts) as an alternative to aligning on the beach.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because it is closer to the sea and maintains views of the sea. We concluded that it would be available at most states of the tide. When unavailable at extreme high tides we were able to maintain continuity of the trail by providing an optional alternative route.</p> <p>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.</p>

3.2.4 Roll-back implementation – more complex situations: Maps 3a to 3d: West Mersea to Mersea Stone

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Feature or site potentially affected	How we will manage roll-back in relation to this feature or site
3a	MSI-3-S001FP to MSI-3-S008	Beach and grassland, Waldegraves Caravan park	<p>If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the specified caravan site, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with all relevant interests, either (a) to pass through the site or (b) if this is not practicable, to pass somewhere on the landward side 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.</p> <p>The areas of beach and grassland either side of the caravan site may be indirectly affected by rollback.</p>
3a	MSI-3-S009 to MSI-3-S020	Arable field, Grass and bare soil Public Footpath, Track and Rewsalls Lane, Rewsalls Lane to Coopers Beach Slipway	<p>This section of the trail may have to respond directly to erosion. It may also respond indirectly to erosion on adjacent land or/and subsequent land use changes of the Youth Camp.</p>
3b	MSI-3-S021 FP to MSI-3-S026 FP	Coopers Beach Slipway to eastern end of Coopers Beach seawall	<p>If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the specified caravan site, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with all relevant interests, either (a) to pass through the site or (b) if this is not practicable, to pass somewhere on the landward side 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.</p>
3c	MSI-3-S027 to MSI-3-037 This also includes Optional Alternative route sections MSI-3-A001FP to MSI-3-A004FP and MSI-3-A011 to MSI-3-A014FP	Beach and grassland from Coopers Beach seawall to Cudmore Grove Country Park	<p>If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the specified caravan sites, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with all relevant interests, either (a) to pass through the site, or (b) if this is not practicable, to pass somewhere on the landward side 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.</p> <p>The areas of beach and grassland either side of the caravan site may be indirectly affected by rollback.</p>
3d	MSI-3-S038 to MSI-3-041 FP	Cudmore Grove Country Park cliffs and sea wall	<p>If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of a designated site (e.g. SSSI, SAC, SPA, SAM), 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) [continue to] pass through the site, if appropriate or (b) if necessary, be routed landward of it.</p>

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 3.3: Chapter 3 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 3a to 3d.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – West Mersea Sewage Works to Mersea Stone

Proposed route of the trail

- 3.3.1 In relation to route sections MSI-3-S001 FP to MSI-3-S041 FP, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 3a to 3d as the proposed route of the trail.
- 3.3.2 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

- 3.3.3 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S003 and MSI-3-S004 FP, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedgerow and trees which, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 3a.
- 3.3.4 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S010 FP the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the edge of the footpath and the existing boundary hedge (where present) which is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 3b.
- 3.3.5 Adjacent to route section MSI-3-S011 FP the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the existing boundary hedge which is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 3b.
- 3.3.6 Adjacent to route section MSI-3-S012 FP the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the ditch which is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 3b.
- 3.3.7 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S005 FP and MSI-3-S017 to MSI-3-S020 FP, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the top of the sea wall or bank shown as the trail on map 3a, 3b.
- 3.3.8 Adjacent to route section MSI-3-S012 FP, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the track shown as the trail on map 3b.

- 3.3.9 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S022 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the building and fence (various) shown as the trail on map 3b.
- 3.3.10 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S023 to MSI-3-S025, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the fence shown as the trail on map 3b.
- 3.3.11 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S027 to MSI-S029, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedge and field edge, as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 3c.
- 3.3.12 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S030 to MSI-S034, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward end of the sand or shingle, as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 3c.
- 3.3.13 Adjacent to route sections MSI-3-S037 to MSI-3-S041FP, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with areas of Cudmore Grove Country Park as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 3d.

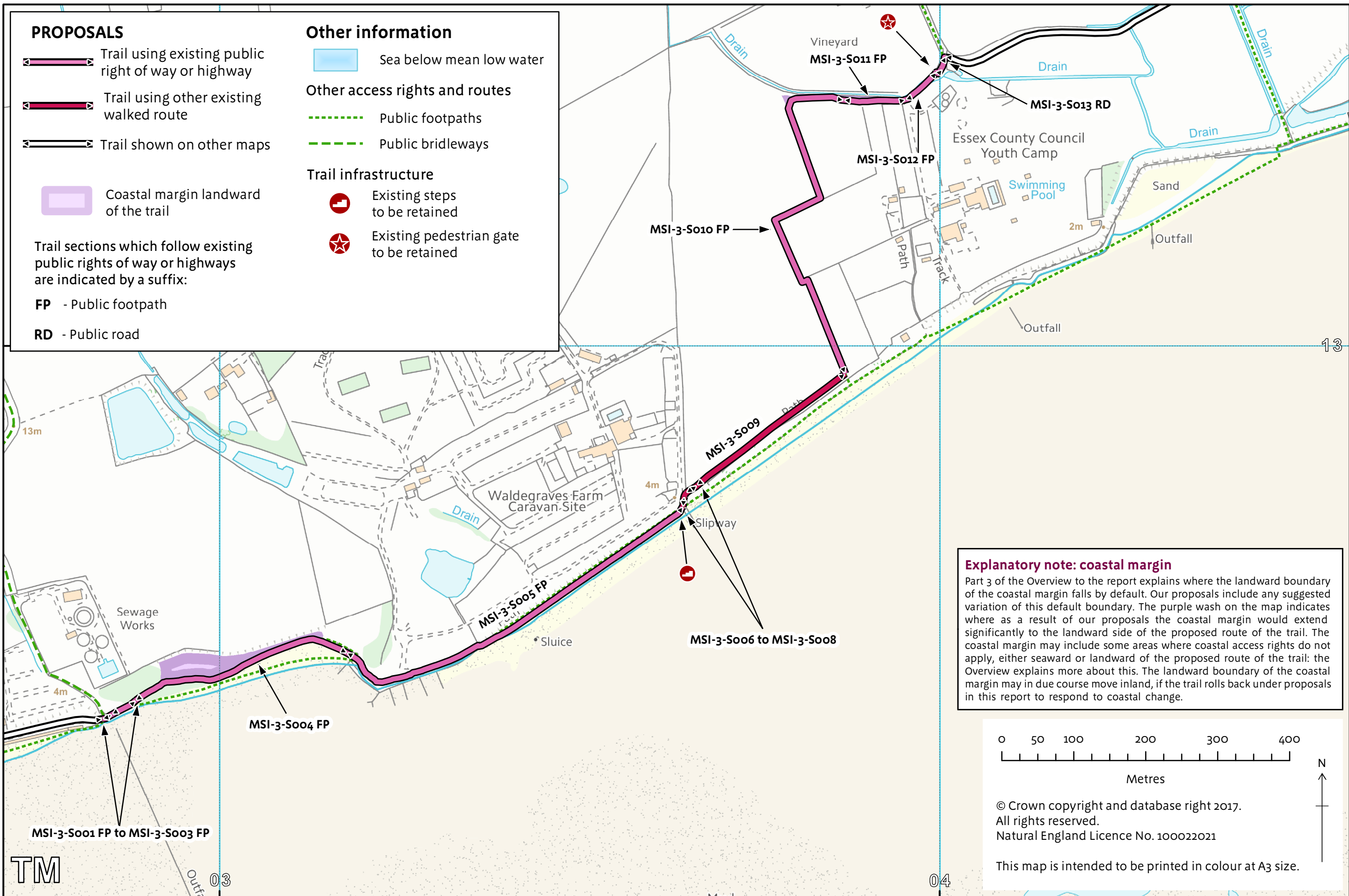
Local restrictions and exclusions

- 3.3.14 Natural England proposes to exclude access relevant to this length of coast, as follows:
- Access to all saltmarsh and mudflat along the entire length of this part of the coast covered by route sections MSI-3-S001 FP to MSI-3-S041 FP is to be excluded by a Section 25A direction due to its unsuitability for access.
- 3.3.15 Natural England proposes to exclude access relevant to this length of coast, as follows:
- Access to the land seaward of route sections MSI-3-S010 FP to MSI-3-S014, Essex County Council Youth Camp is to be excluded by a Land Management direction due to the requirement for a greater degree of privacy and security. This exclusion will not affect the route itself. Does not apply to any land that could be considered to be excepted. See Map L in the Overview for details.

Please refer to Part 9 of the Overview for further details.

Alternative routes

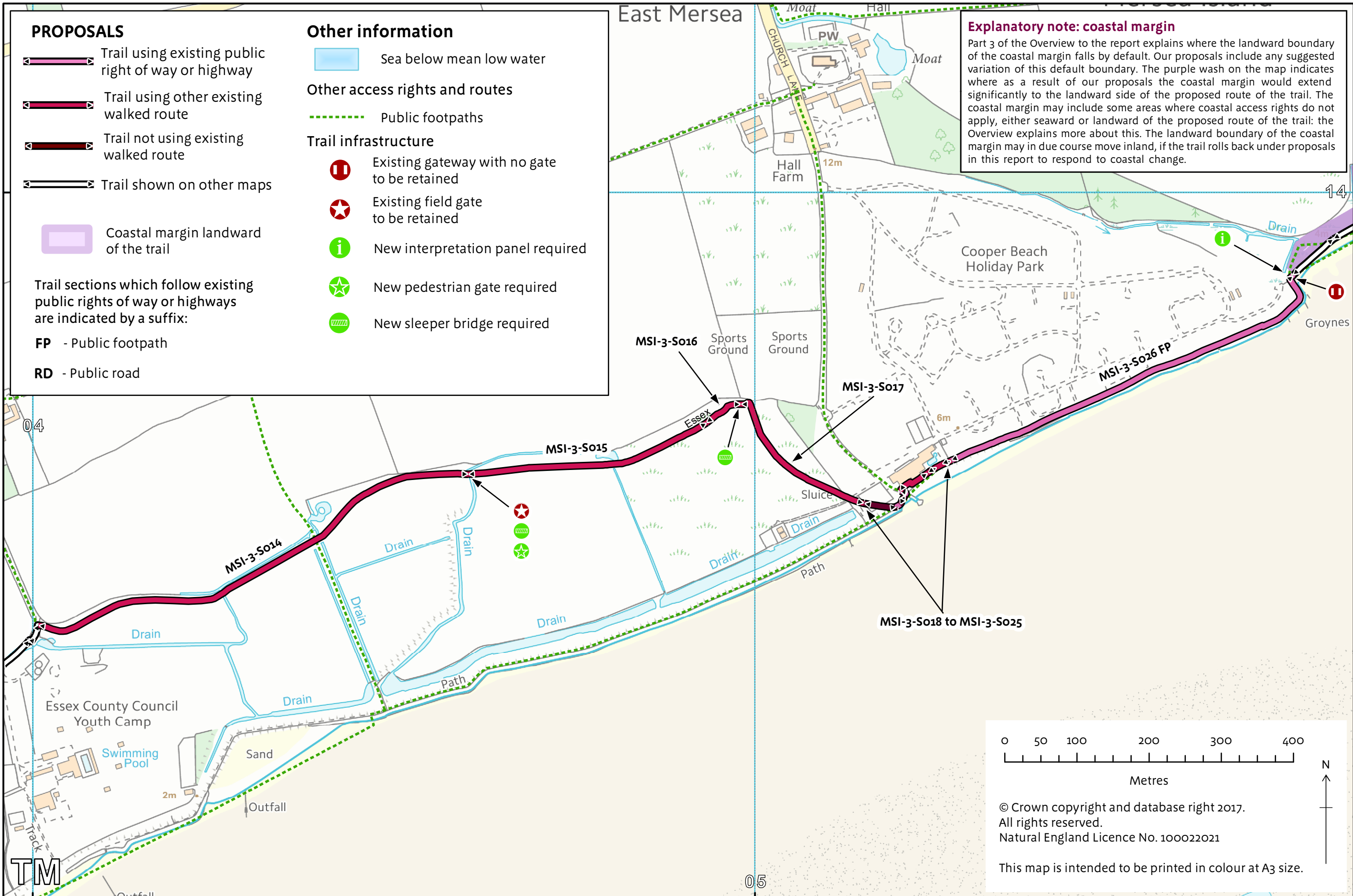
- 3.3.16 An optional alternative route is to operate as a diversion from the ordinary route between MSI-3-S028 and MSI-3-S038 FP from the Public Footpath west of Fen Farm to the western edge of Cudmore Grove Country Park, for use when the tide is exceptionally high and the creek may be too wide or too deep to cross. The optional alternative route is to be at the centre of the line shown as route sections MSI-3- A001FP to MSI-3-A014FP on maps 3b and 3c.

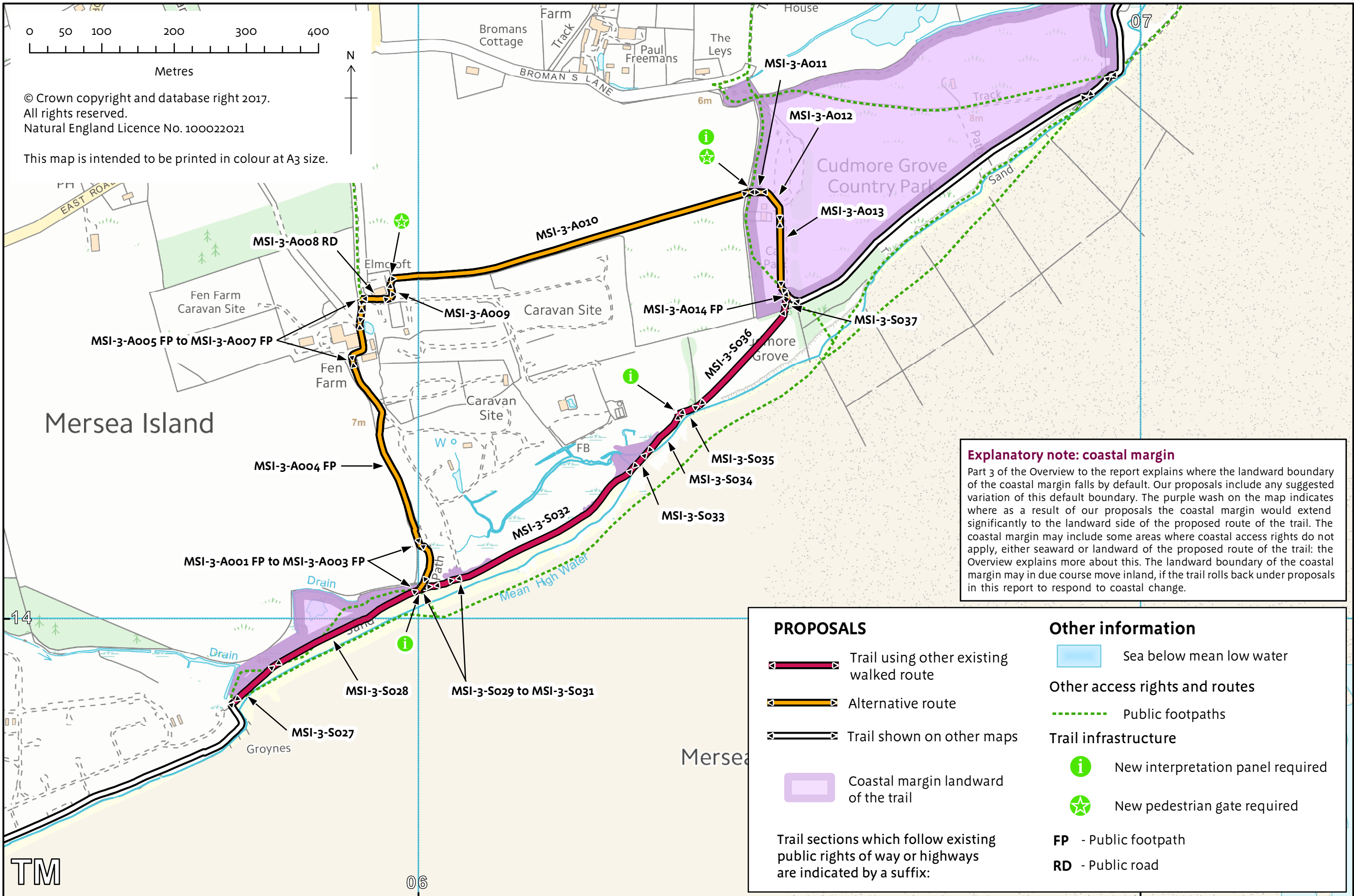


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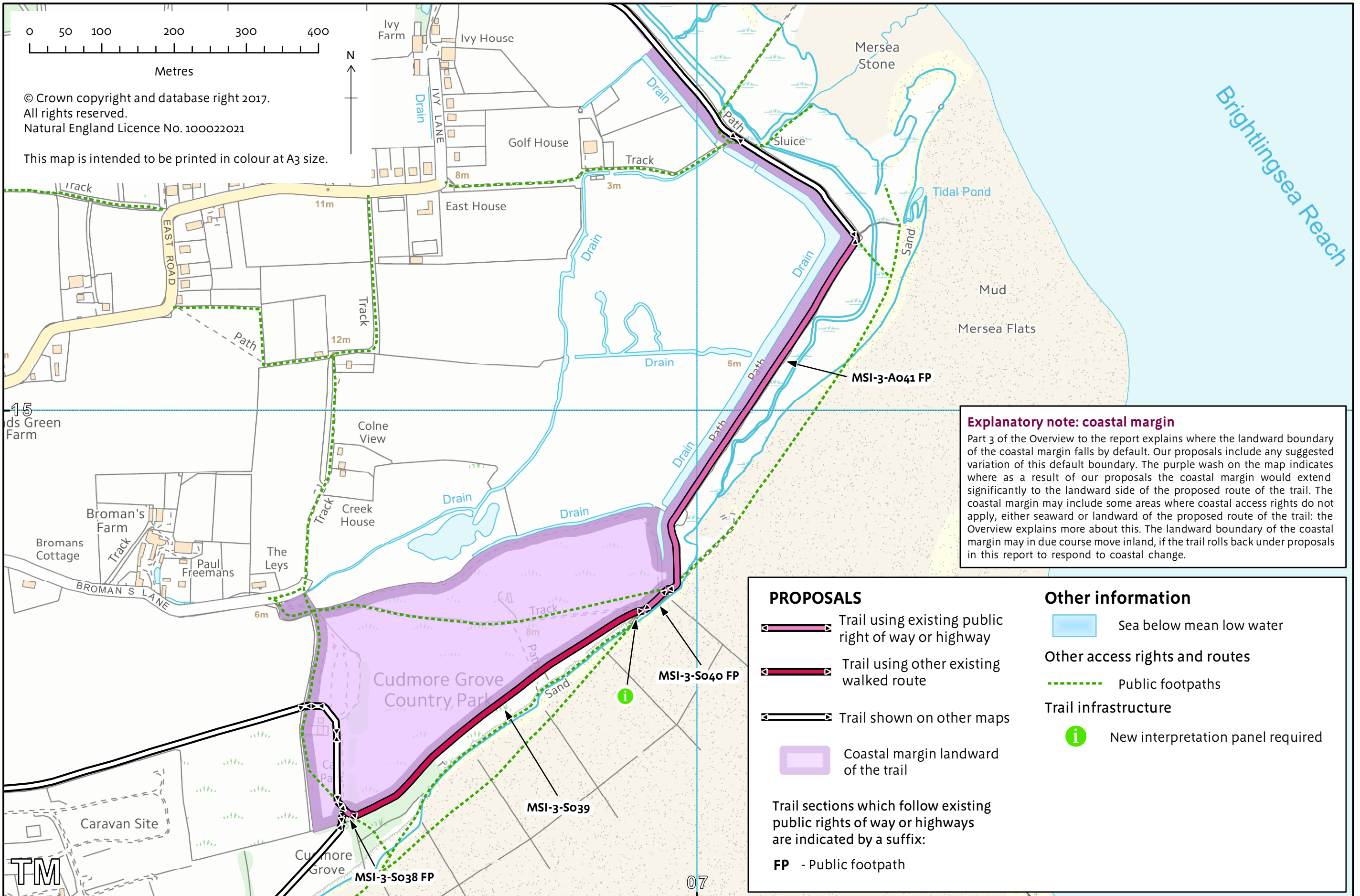
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Map 3c East of Coopers Beach to Cudmore Grove Country Park



Map 3d Western Boundary of Cudmore Grove Country Park to Steps at Mersea Stone