

Chapter 3:

Walton-on-the-Naze to Walton Mere

England Coast Path: Jaywick to Harwich - Natural England's Proposals

Part 3.1: Introduction

Start Point:	East Terrace, Walton-on-the-Naze (grid reference: TM2583 2222)
End Point:	Walton Mere, Walton-on-the-Naze (grid reference: TM2259 2234)
Relevant Maps:	3a to 3d

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 3.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes, including promenades and public rights of way, along most of this length.
- 3.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 3.1.3 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See map C of the Overview):
 - Hamford Water Special Protection Area (SPA)
 - Hamford Water Ramsar site
 - The Naze (SSSI) for its geological /wildlife interest and Hamford Water (SSSI)
 - Hamford Water National Nature Reserve (NNR)
 - Scheduled Ancient Monument 20833 – WWII camp (SAM)
 - Scheduled Ancient Monument 3559 – Saltern (SAM)
 - Scheduled Ancient Monument 3503 – Settlement, saltern, hearth and pit (SAM).

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.

- 3.1.4 With input from specialists we have considered each of the sites involved and the relevant designations and concluded that for this section of the coast our proposals will not have a detrimental effect.

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

See part 6b of the Overview - 'Protection of sensitive features' for a description of our overall approach and a summary of our conclusions.

Accessibility:

- 3.1.5 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 trail would follow an uneven grass or bare soil path along the cliff top at The Naze on sections JWH-3-S011, JWH-3-S014 and JWH-3-S015;
- The trail may be narrow and uneven in places on the sea wall on the northern and western parts of The Naze on sections JWH-3-S017 to JWH-3-S019.

See part 6a 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.

- 3.1.6 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.

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 at The Naze on section JWH-3-S016. The owner of this land is content for us to propose this.

At JWH-3-S017 to JWH-3-S021 we have used this discretion to limit the landward extent of the coastal margin to the landward top edge of the seawall. This has had the effect of reducing the amount of coastal margin that would have otherwise been available by default. This option provides the most clarity because:

- The break in slope provides an easily identifiable boundary for access users;
- There is no clear boundary feature at the bottom of the seawall that could mark the boundary of the coastal margin.

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'.

- 3.1.7 Restrictions and/or exclusions: We have proposed to exclude access by direction under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) in places along this section of coast. For details of these directions, see section 3.3.7 in the Formal Proposals Section of this report and Part 10 of the Overview.
- 3.1.8 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 10 of the Overview - 'Restrictions and exclusions' - for details.

Establishment and ongoing management of the trail:

- 3.1.9 Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary, in accordance with the general approach described in part 7 the Overview.
- A new interpretation panel will be added at the boundary of sections JWH-3-S016 and JWH-3-S017.
 - A new interpretation panel will be installed at section JWH-3-S019; and
 - Surface improvement is likely to be needed on some sections to enhance its durability and convenience, for example on route sections JWH-3-S018 and JWH-3-S019.
- 3.1.10 Ongoing management and maintenance would be necessary in accordance with the general approach described in part 8 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 7 - 'Physical establishment of the trail' and 8 - 'Maintenance of the trail' of the Overview for more information.

Future Change:

- 3.1.11 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 9 of the Overview. See table 3.2.1 below for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.

See parts 6e - 'Coastal processes' and 9 - '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: East Terrace, Walton-on-the-Naze to Walton Mere, Walton-on-the-Naze.

Notes on table:

Column 5 – ‘Yes – see table 3.2.2’ 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	JWH-3-S001	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	JWH-3-S002	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	JWH-3-S003	Multi-use route	Concrete	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	JWH-3-S004	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S005	Multi use route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	JWH-3-S006	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S007	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S008	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: compacted	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S009	Other existing walked route	Gravel	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S010	Track	Gravel	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of road	Clarity and cohesion	None
3b	JWH-3-S011	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S012	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S013	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: compacted	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S014	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S015	Other existing walked route	Grass	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
	JWH-3-S016	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	Yes See Table 3.2.2	Seaward Edge of ditch	Clarity and cohesion	None
	JWH-3-S017	Public footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of sea wall	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
3c	JWH-3-S018	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of sea wall	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
3d	JWH-3-S019	Public footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of sea wall	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	JWH-3-S020	Public footpath	Gravel	No	Landward edge trail	Not used	Margin
	JWH-3-S021	Public footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of top of sea wall	Clarity and cohesion	Margin

3.2.2 Roll back implementation – more complex situations: Map 3b: Sunny Point to The Naze Nature Reserve

Maps	Section numbers	Feature or site potentially affected	How we will manage roll-back in relation to this feature or site
3a and 3b	JWH-3-S009 to JWH-3-S016	From Sunny Point to the tidal lagoons at the northern end of The Naze including the area around the Naze Tower	The trail is likely to be adjusted landwards as the cliff erodes and the proposed trail is no longer viable as a walking route

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 – East Terrace, Walton-on-the-Naze to Walton Mere, Walton-on-the-Naze.

Proposed route of the trail

- 3.3.1 The route 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 In relation to route sections JWH-3-S009 to JWH-3-S016, 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 and 3b as the proposed route of the trail.
- 3.3.3 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 9 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.

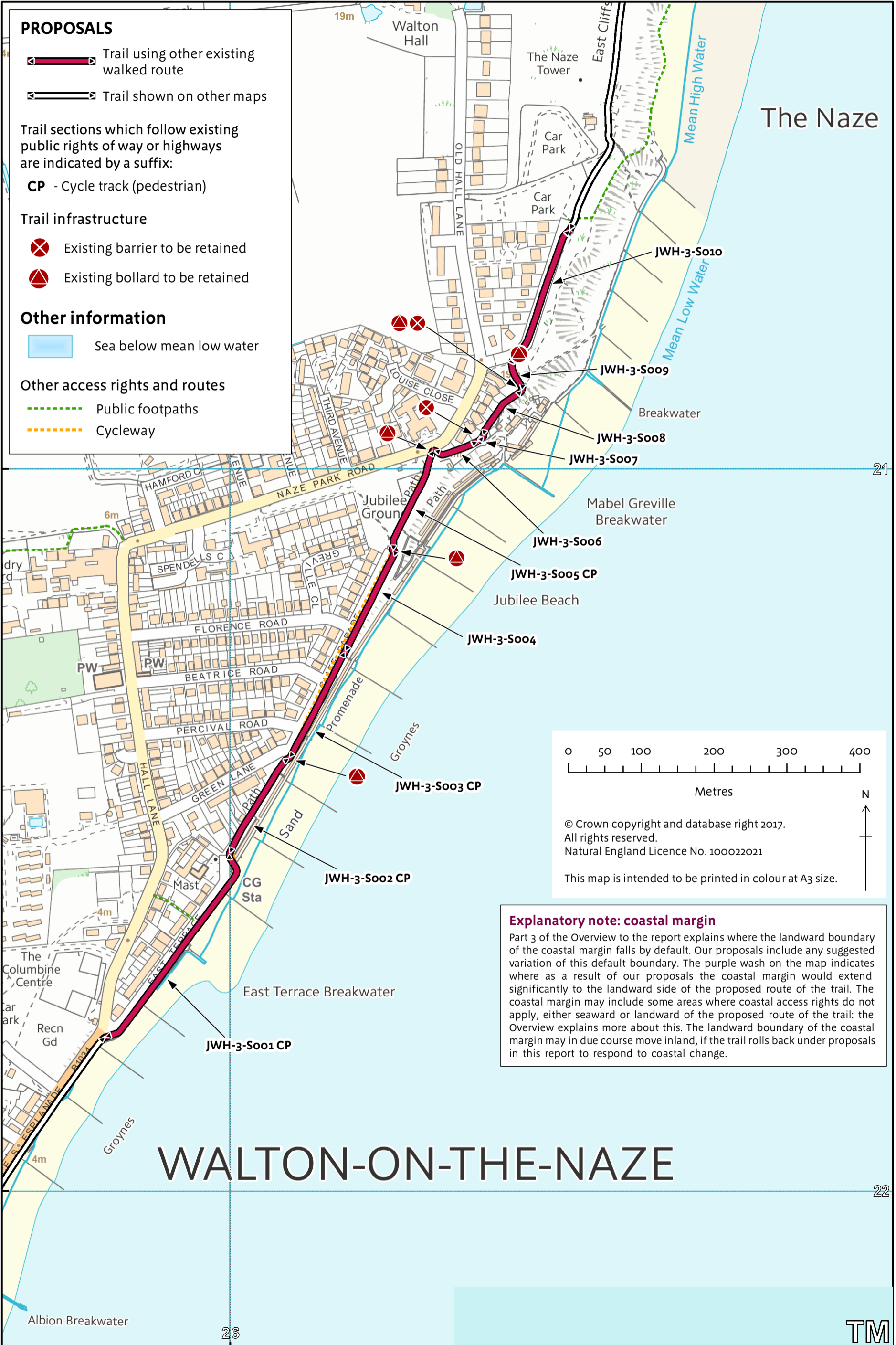
Landward boundary of coastal margin

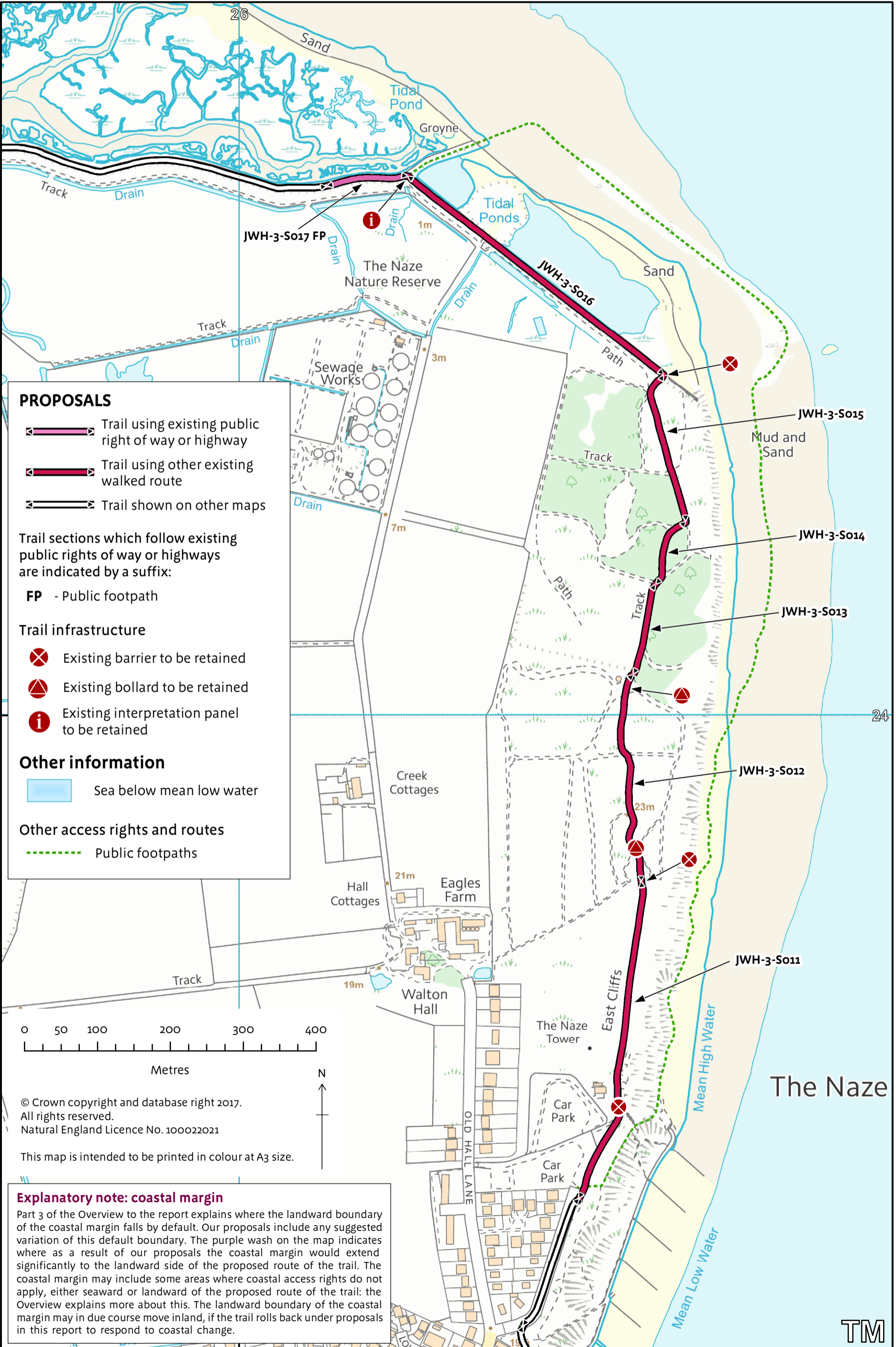
- 3.3.4 Adjacent to route section JWH-3-S016, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the seaward edge of the ditch which, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the other existing walked route shown on map 3b.
- 3.3.5 Adjacent to route sections JWH-3-S001, JWH-3-S002, JWH-3-S003, JWH-3-S005 and JWH-3-S010, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement, path or road shown as the trail on map 3a.
- 3.3.6 Adjacent to route sections JWH-3-S017, JWH-3-S018, JWH-3-S019 and JWH-3-S021, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the top of the sea wall shown as the trail on maps 3b, 3c and 3d.

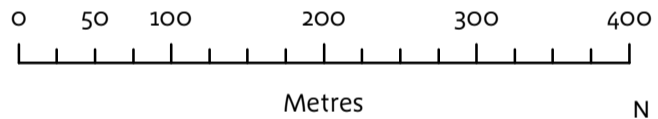
Local restrictions and exclusions

- 3.3.7 Natural England proposes to exclude access relevant to this length of coast, as follows:
- Access to the saltmarsh and flat will be excluded, seaward of route sections JWH-3-S017 to JWH-3-S021 because we are satisfied that the land is unsuitable for public access (see section maps 3b, 3c and 3d).

Please refer to Part 10 of the Overview for further details.







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PROPOSALS

Trail using other existing walked route

Trail shown on other maps

Trail infrastructure

Existing bollard to be retained

Other information

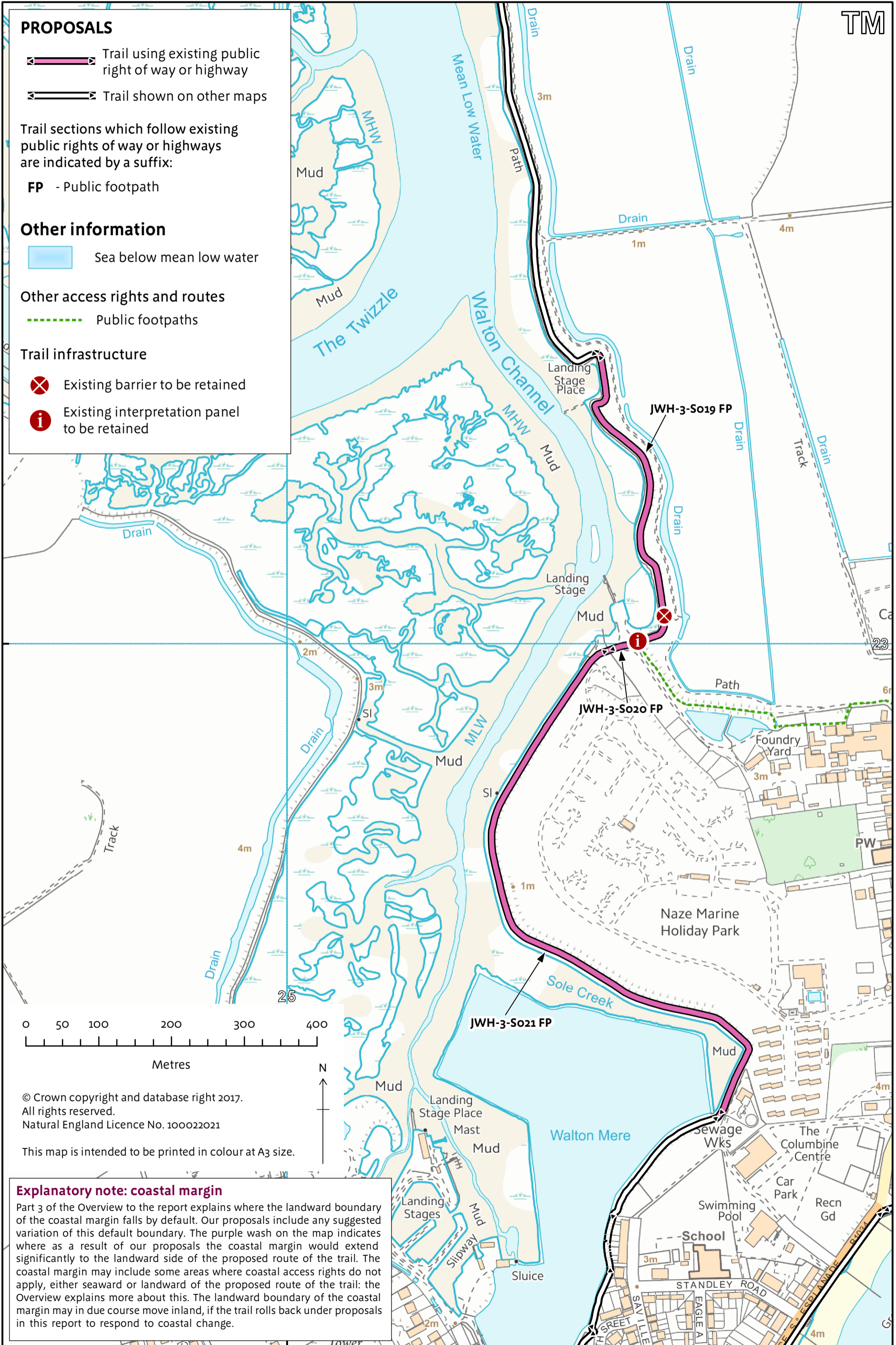
Sea below mean low water

Other access rights and routes

Public footpaths

Explanatory note: coastal margin

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