

Chapter 1:

Old Portsmouth to Eastney

England Coast Path: Portsmouth to South Hayling - Natural England's Proposals

Part 1.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Round Tower (grid reference: 462943, 099361)
End Point:	Henderson Road (grid reference: 467437, 098841)
Relevant Maps:	1a to 1c

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 1.1.1 Follows existing walked routes, including public rights of way, along this length.
- 1.1.2 Follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 1.1.3 Follows a route similar to the existing Solent Way and Millennium Walkway.
- 1.1.4 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See map D of the Overview):

- Point Battery including King Edward's Tower and Square Tower Scheduled Monument.
- Long Curtain, King's Bastion and Spur Redoubt Scheduled Monument.
- Southsea Castle Scheduled Monument.

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.

- 1.1.5 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.

Accessibility:

1.1.6 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 just after the Round Tower (section PSH-1-S002) it would be necessary to ascend/descend several steps.

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.

1.1.7 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 1.2.2 below.

See also part 3 of the Overview - 'Understanding the detailed 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'.

1.1.8 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.

Establishment and ongoing management of the trail

1.1.9 There are no additional measures that we consider necessary to improve the safety or convenience of the trail on this length of coast.

1.1.10 Ongoing management: Ongoing management and maintenance would be necessary in accordance with the general approach described in part 8 of the Overview.

See parts 7 - 'Physical establishment of the trail' and 8 - 'Maintenance of the trail' of the Overview for more information.

Future Change:

1.1.11 At the time of preparing the report, we do not foresee any need for future changes to the access provisions proposed for the length of coast described in this chapter.

See parts 6e - 'Coastal processes' and 9 - 'Future changes' of the Overview for more information.

Part 1.2: Commentary on Maps

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

1.2.1 Section Details – Maps 1a to 1c: Old Portsmouth to Eastney

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 1.2.2: 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
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)
1a	PSH-1-S001	Other existing walked route	Steps: Stone	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S002	Other existing walked route	Stone: Steps	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S003	Other existing walked route	Stone: Flags	No	Various	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S004	Other existing walked route	Bridge deck	No	Watercourse/ Moat	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S005	Other existing walked route	Stone: Flags	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S006	Other existing walked route	Bridge deck	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S007	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Various	Clarity and cohesion	None
	PSH-1-S008	Public footway (pavement)	Block paving	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
1b	PSH-1-S009	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
1b and 1c	PSH-1-S010 to PSH-1-S012	Public footway (pavement)	Block paving	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None

1.2.2 Other options considered: Maps 1a to 1c: Old Portsmouth to Eastney

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
1a to 1c	PSH-1-S001 to PSH-1-S012	No other options were identified for the trail in relation to this map.	

Part 1.3: Chapter 1 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 1a to 1c.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Old Portsmouth to Eastney

Proposed route of the trail

1.3.1 The route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 1.a to 1.c as the proposed route of the trail.

Landward boundary of coastal margin

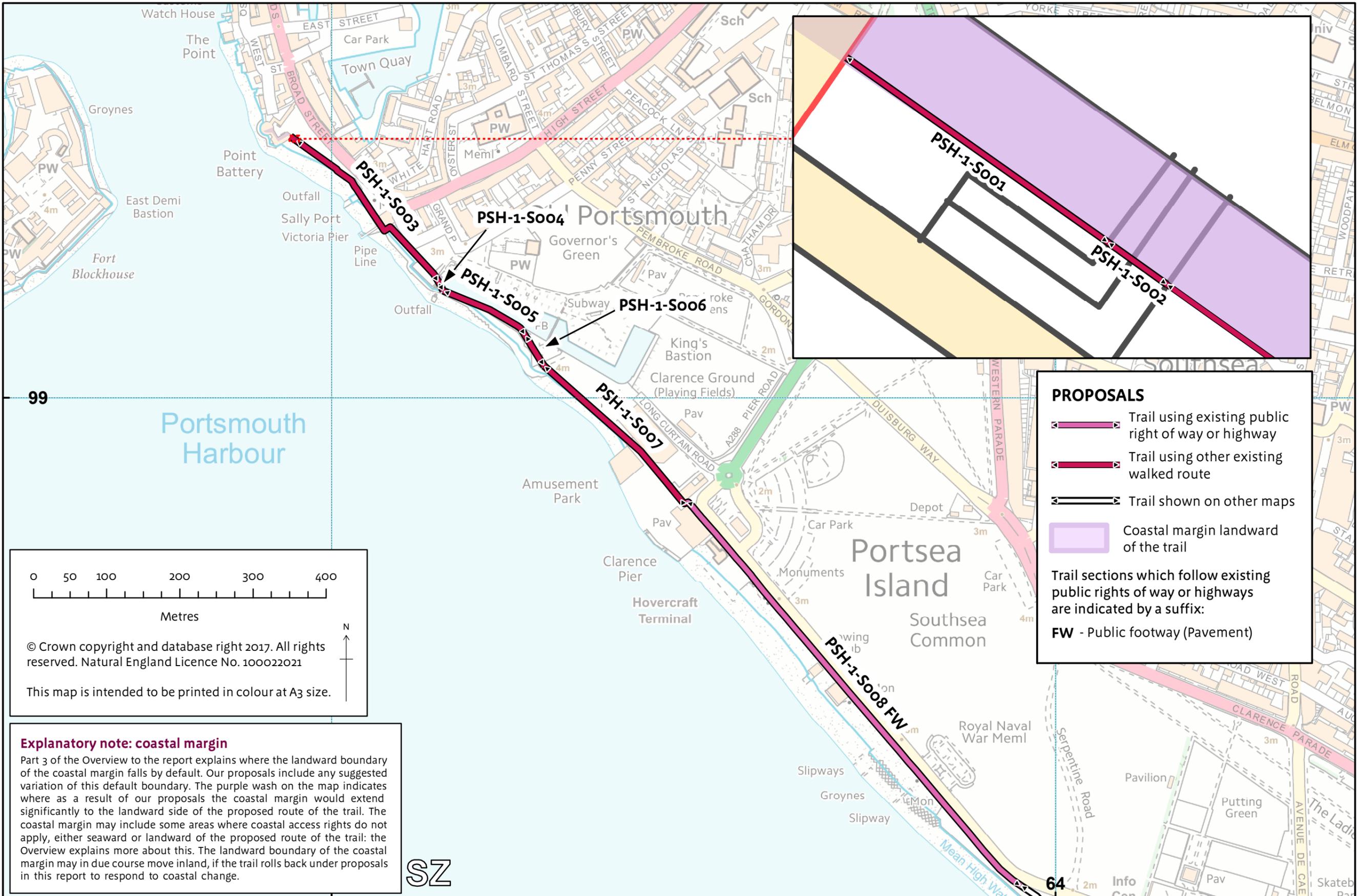
- 1.3.2 Adjacent to route sections PSH-1-S001 to PSH-1-S002, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the existing boundary wall which is landward of the existing walked route shown as the trail on map 1.a.
- 1.3.3 Adjacent to route sections PSH-1-S003 and PSH-1-S007 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with various borders, landward of the existing walked route shown as the trail on map 1.a.
- 1.3.4 Adjacent to route section PSH-1-S004, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the watercourse/moat, which is landward of the existing walked route shown as the trail on map 1.a.
- 1.3.5 Adjacent to route sections PSH-1-S005 to PSH-1-S006, and PSH-1-S009, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the fence line, which is landward of the existing walked route shown as the trail on maps 1.a and 1.b.
- 1.3.6 Adjacent to route sections PSH-1-S008, and PSH-1-S010 to PSH-1-S012 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the road, which is landward of the public footway (pavement) shown as the trail on maps 1.b and 1.c.

Local restrictions and exclusions

1.3.7 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

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



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