

Chapter 3:

# Anderby Creek to Sutton-on-Sea

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

## Part 3.1: Introduction

<b>Start Point:</b>	<b>Anderby Creek</b> (grid reference: TF 55151 76138)
<b>End Point:</b>	<b>Sutton-on-Sea</b> (grid reference: TF 52132 82387)
<b>Relevant Maps:</b>	<b>3a to 3d</b>

### Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

#### The Trail:

- 3.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes, along sea defences, including some 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 Includes one section of new path at SMT-3-S027. See map 3b and associated tables below for details.
- 3.1.4 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
- Sea Bank Clay Pits Site of Special Scientific Interest (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.

- 3.1.5 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.
- 3.1.6 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:**

3.1.7 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 section SMT-3-S022, with an uneven sand path.

**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.

3.1.8 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.

3.1.9 We have used our discretion not to include land to the landward side of section SMT-3-S030 in the coastal margin. This is an area of dune 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 edge of the promenade 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'.**

3.1.10 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.**

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

North of Wolla Bank it will be necessary to install a footbridge at the intersection of SMT-3-S027 and SMT-3-S028.

3.1.12 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:**

3.1.13 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 5e - '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: Anderby Creek to Sutton-on-Sea

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)
3a	SMT-3-S001	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of track	Clarity and Cohesion	None
3a	SMT-3-S002	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S003 FP to SMT-3-S016 FP	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Landward edge of track	Clarity and Cohesion	None
3a	SMT-3-S017 FP to SMT-3-S018 FP	Public Footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
3a	SMT-3-S019 FP	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S020 FP	Public Footpath	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S021	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S022	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S023 to SMT-3-S024	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S025	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3a	SMT-3-S026 FP	Public Footpath	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3b	SMT-3-S027	Not an existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3b	SMT-3-S028	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
3b	SMT-3-S029 RD	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
3b, 3c, 3d	SMT-3-S030 to SMT-3-S033	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None

## 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 – Anderby Creek to Sutton-on-Sea

#### 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.

#### Landward boundary of coastal margin

3.3.2 Adjacent to route sections SMT-3-S001, SMT-3-S003 to SMT-3-S018 and SMT-3-S029 to SMT-3-S033, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the track, path, road or promenade edge which, at the time of writing this report, is landward of the trail shown on maps 3a to 3d.

#### Local restrictions and exclusions

3.3.3 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

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











