

Chapter 2:

Bracklesham Bay to Pagham Harbour Estate

England Coast Path: East Head to Shoreham by Sea - Natural England's Proposals

Part 2.1: Introduction

Start Point:	East Bracklesham Bay (grid reference: 481636 956028)
End Point:	Pagham Harbour (grid reference: 489553 97573)
Relevant Maps:	2a to 2l

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 2.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes, including public rights of way and permissive paths, along most of this length.
- 2.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 2.1.3 Is aligned along the top of the perimeter bank around Medmerry, except for an area on the eastern side. This is to avoid an area of land set aside as a wildlife reserve to protect sensitive bird populations and to ensure that environmental land management objectives can succeed. See sections EHS-2-S005 to EHS-2-S010 and EHS-2-S018 to EHS-2-S024.
- 2.1.4 Is aligned on the beach or foreshore at Bracklesham Bay and Pagham Harbour. See sections EHS-2-S001 to EHS-2-S004 and EHS-2-S030 to EHS-2-S173.
- 2.1.5 Is aligned along the seawall at Selsey. See sections EHS-2-S055 to EHS-2-S086.

Protection of Sensitive Features:

- 2.1.6 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See map C of the Overview):
 - Pagham Harbour Special Protection Area (SPA)
 - Medmerry (this is a habitat creation scheme to provide compensation for losses of SAC and SPA intertidal habitat in the Solent area due to coastal squeeze. As such it should be treated as a

European Site)

- Pagham Harbour Ramsar site
- Bracklesham Bay Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its geological /wildlife interest
- Pagham Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its geological /wildlife interest
- Selsey East Beach Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its geological interest
- Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve
- Ringwork south of St Wilfred's Chapel, Church Norton, Scheduled Ancient Monument (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.

- 2.1.7 With input from specialists we have considered each of the sites involved and the relevant designations and conclude that for this section of the coast our proposals will not have a detrimental effect. In reaching this conclusion we took a number of factors into consideration, including existing and proposed management of these sites by the RSPB. These are discussed below (see 2.1.8 to 2.1.10).
- 2.1.8 We have proposed to exclude access all year-round to the seaward areas of the coastal margin at Medmerry Nature Reserve under s26(3)(a) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000). This is to prevent disturbance to wildlife. The exclusion does not affect the route itself and will have no legal effect on land where coastal access rights do not apply.
- 2.1.9 Directions to exclude access from the intertidal mudflats under section 25A have also been proposed at Medmerry and Pagham Harbour because we consider those areas to be unsuitable for public access. Whilst these directions are not designed to be mitigation measures for conservation concerns, they do exclude access from areas where such concerns might exist. If in the future these directions are no longer considered to be necessary, Natural England will consider the need for s26(3)(a) directions in their place. For details of these directions, see part 2.3 in the Formal Proposals section of this report and Part 10 of the Overview.
- 2.1.10 In addition to these measures, we have also identified a requirement to provide informal management measures, which include:
- appropriate signage at key locations. These signs will explain the importance of these habitats, promote responsible dog behaviour and encourage people to stay on or close to the trail.
 - Making use of established, purpose built paths already in use.
 - Improvements to the surface of the trail itself which will encourage people to follow the designated route and therefore enhance access management.

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 more information.

Accessibility:

2.1.11 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 will follow an uneven and unconsolidated surface on sections of shingle beach.

At Halseys Farm, Sidlesham (sections EHS-2-S158 to EHS-2-S160), the trail can become wet and boggy along the public footpath through the field during periods of wet weather. It is intended that this section will be resurfaced as part of the physical establishment work described in part 7 of the Overview.

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.

2.1.12 Estuary: This report proposes that the trail should contain sections aligned around the estuarial waters at Pagham Harbour, extending upstream from the open coast.

2.1.13 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 2.2.1.

2.1.14 In some places, we have used our discretion to propose the inclusion of additional, more extensive landward areas within the coastal margin. This is to secure or enhance public enjoyment of this part of the coast. The owners of this land are 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'.

2.1.15 Restrictions and/or exclusions: We have proposed to exclude access by direction under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) at both Medmerry and Pagham Harbour along this section of coast. For details of these directions, see 2.3.21 in the Formal Proposals Section of this chapter and Part 10 of the Overview.

2.1.16 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 10 of the Overview - 'Restrictions and exclusions' - for details.

- 2.1.17 Optional alternative routes: We have identified one area on the length of coast covered by this chapter where an optional alternative route is required. This would not have the effect of creating any additional spreading room on either the seaward or landward side.
- 2.1.18 The optional alternative route would be available when the route along the foreshore at the south western entrance to Pagham Harbour at Church Norton is affected by high tides. It would follow an existing public footpath and be clearly waymarked. See map 2.h (sections EHS-2-S129 to EHS-2-S136) for more details.

Establishment and ongoing management of the trail:

- 2.1.19 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 for 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:

- 2.1.20 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 encroachment by 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 2.2.1 for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.
- 2.1.21 At the time of preparing the report, we do not foresee any other 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 2.2: Commentary on Maps

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

2.2.1 Section Details – Maps 2.a to 2.I: Bracklesham Bay to Pagham Harbour Estate

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 2.2.2: 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.

Column 5 – ‘Yes – see table 2.2.1’ means refer to that table about our likely approach to roll-back on this part of the route.

Column 6a - certain specific coastal land types are included automatically in the coastal margin where they fall landward of the trail, or connect indirectly with it by touching another part of the coastal margin that itself touches the foreshore at some point.

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 9 of Overview)	Default landward coastal margin?	Landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary discretion	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 10 of Overview)
2a	EHS-2-S001	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes-beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S002	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S003 to ESH-2-S005	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S006	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
2b	EHS-2-S007	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
	EHS-2-S008	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
	EHS-2-S009	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
	EHS-2-S010	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
	EHS-2-S011	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Path edge	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S012	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road edge	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
2b and 2c	EHS-2-S013 to EHS-2-S014	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Path edge	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
2c	EHS-2-S015 to EHS-2-S016	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road edge	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S017 to EHS-2-S018	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Landward edge of track	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S0219 to EHS-2-S021	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
	EHS-2-S022 to EHS-2-S023	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Yes - bank	Landward edge of track	Additional margin	Margin
2d	EHS-2-S024	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Landward edge of track	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
2d to 2e	EHS-2-S025 to EHS-2-S028	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
2e	EHS-2-S029 to EHS-2-S031	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None

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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 9 of Overview)	Default landward coastal margin?	Landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary discretion	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 10 of Overview)
2e	EHS-2-S032	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S033	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S034	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S035	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	Yes - normal	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S036	Public highway	Gravel	No	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
2f	EHS-2-S037	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S038 to EHS-2-S039	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S040 to EHS-2-S043	Public footpath	Shingle	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S044 to EHS-2-S046	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S047	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S048	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S049	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S050 to EHS-2-S051	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S052	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	No	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S053	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	No	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S054	Multi-use route	Gravel	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S055 to EHS-2-S056	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S057	Public footpath	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Various	Additional margin	None
	EHS-2-S058 to EHS-2-S059	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Various/other	Additional margin	None
2f to 2g	EHS-2-S060 to EHS-2-S064	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
2g	EHS-2-S065	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S066	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S067	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S068 to EHS-2-S086	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S087	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None

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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 9 of Overview)	Default landward coastal margin?	Landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary discretion	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 10 of Overview)
2g	EHS-2-S088 to S111	Multi-use route	Gravel	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S112 to EHS-2-S113	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S114 to EHS-2-S127	Multi-use route	Gravel	No	No	Various	Clarity and cohesion	None
2h	EHS-2-S128	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes – beach	Landward edge of the beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S129	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S130 to EHS-2-S133	Public footpath	Gravel	No	Yes - foreshore	Landward edge of foreshore	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S134	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	Yes - foreshore	Landward edge of foreshore	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S135	Public footpath	Boardwalk or raised walkway	No	Yes - foreshore	Landward edge of foreshore	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S136 to EHS-2-S137	Public footpath	Shingle	No	Yes - foreshore	Landward edge of foreshore	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S138 to EHS-2-S139	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Hedgerow	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S140	Public footpath	Shingle	No	Yes - foreshore	Landward edge of foreshore	Not used	Margin
2.h to 2.i	EHS-2-S141 to EHS-2-S150	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Various	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
2.i	EHS-2-S151	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	No	Hedge bank	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
2j	EHS-2-S152	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S153 to EHS-2-S156	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S157 to EHS-2-S158	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S159	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S160	Public footpath	Grass	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	Margin
2j and 2k	EHS-2-S161 to EHS-2-S163	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	Margin
2k	EHS-2-S164 to EHS-2-S166	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S167-S168	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	Margin
	EHS-2-S169	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Hedge bank	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S170	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	No	Hedge bank	Clarity and cohesion	Margin
	EHS-2-S171	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	None
	EHS-2-S172 to EHS-2-S173	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	None

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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 9 of Overview)	Default landward coastal margin?	Landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary discretion	Proposed exclusions or restrictions (see Part 10 of Overview)
2l	EHS-2-S174	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S175 to EHS-2-S176	Public highway	Gravel	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S177	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S178	Public highway	Gravel	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S179 to EHS-S180	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-S181 to EHS-2-S206	Public highway	Gravel	No	No	Road	Clarity and cohesion	None

2.2.2 Alternative routes and optional alternative route details – Map(s) 2.a to 2.l: Bracklesham Bay to Pagham Harbour Estate

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 alternative route strips.

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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 9 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 10 of Overview)
2h	EHS-2-A001	Public footpath	Bare soil: Compacted	No	Seaward edge of path	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A002	Public footpath	Grass	No	Seaward edge of path	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A003	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of track	Landward edge of track	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A004	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of track	Landward edge of track	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A005	Public highway	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of road	Landward edge of road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A006	Public highway	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of road	Landward edge of road	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A007	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of path	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A008	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Seaward edge of path	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-2-A009	Other existing walked route	Bare soil: Compacted	No	Seaward edge of path	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	None

2.2.3 Other options considered: Maps 2.a to 2.l: Bracklesham Bay to Pagham Harbour Estate

Map(s)	Section numbers(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
2b and 2c	EHS-2-S011 to EHS-2-S018	For the eastern side of Medmerry we considered aligning the trail along the perimeter bank, firstly between Greenwood Farm and Great Ham Farm and secondly adjacent to West Sands Caravan Park, as shown on the map.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The perimeter bank is within a wildlife conservation area and if the bank was used, walkers would be upon the skyline and would disturb feeding and nesting birds. ■ At Medmerry, this proposal is made with the support of the Environment Agency and the RSPB. ■ This option would impact on the privacy of Greenwood Farm and the West Sands Caravan Park site. ■ 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.
2c, 2d and 2e	EHS-2-S023 to EHS-2-S033	For the coast to the east of Medmerry that is adjacent to West Sands Caravan Park, we considered aligning the trail using existing public footpaths and roads to the landward side of the caravan park.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There would be no seaward views if we used the existing landward paths. ■ The trail would miss the viewpoint at the south-eastern side of Medmerry, where there are particularly superb views across the evolving mudflats and salt marsh, towards Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. ■ This option would involve walking along roads without pavements. ■ We are able to ensure that the Chichester District Council byelaw that excludes dogs from the beach between sections EHS-2-S025 and EHS-2-S026 from 1st May to 30th September will not impede the onward journey of dog walkers. This will be achieved by installing signs instructing dog walkers to use the existing public footpath, which is located on the landward side of the caravan park, when the byelaw is in place. However, this route for dog walkers does not form part of our formal proposals. ■ 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.
2e	EHS-2-S035	For the eroding cliffline adjacent to the grazing field at Medmerry Cliff, between West Sands Caravan Park and Selsey, we considered putting the trail on the public footpath located on the beach.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This proposal is made with the support of the landowner. ■ The cliff top provides a good walking surface and provides sea views. ■ It is available at all states of the tide. ■ The existing public footpath is not available at all states of the tide.
2f	EHS-2-S047 to EHS-2-S048	At Bill House, Selsey Bill, we considered locating the trail along the existing public footpath, which is on the shingle beach.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It provides a better walking surface than the unconsolidated shingle. ■ It is already well used. ■ It is available at all states of the tide.
2l	EHS-2-S174 to EHS-2-S206	At Pagham Harbour Estate, we considered locating the trail along the shingle beach to provide coastal views.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The shingle beach is unconsolidated shingle and is particularly mobile making it difficult to walk on, so we have decided to put the trail along the access roads parallel to the coast. The beach remains within the coastal margin.

Part 2.3: Chapter 2 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 2.a to 2.l.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Bracklesham Bay to Pagham Harbour Estate

Discretion to include an estuary

- 2.3.1 Natural England proposes to exercise its functions as if the sea included the estuarial waters around Pagham Harbour as indicated by the extent of the trail shown on map A2.

Proposed route of the trail

- 2.3.2 In relation to route sections EHS-2-S001 to EHS-2-S034 and EHS-2-S036 to EHS-2-S206 the route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 2a to 2l as the proposed route of the trail.
- 2.3.3 In relation to route section EHS-2-S035 upon low cliffs west of Selsey, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on map 2e as the proposed route of the trail.
- 2.3.4 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 to link with other parts of the route that need to roll back in direct response to such changes.

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

- 2.3.5 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S002 to EHS-2-S010 and EHS-2-S019 to EHS-2-S023, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the existing track as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on maps 2a and 2b.
- 2.3.6 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S017 to EHS-2-S018, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the track shown as the trail on map 2c.
- 2.3.7 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S011 and EHS-2-S013 to EHS-2-S014 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the path as shown on maps 2b and 2c.
- 2.3.8 Adjacent to route section EHS-2-S024, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the track as shown on map 2d.

- 2.3.9 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S012, EHS-2-S015 and EHS-2-S016 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road, as shown on maps 2b and 2c.
- 2.3.10 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S033 to EHS-2-S036, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the livestock perimeter fence which is landward of the trail shown on map 2e.
- 2.3.11 Adjacent to route section EHS-2-S037 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on map 2f.
- 2.3.12 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S047 and EHS-2-S048 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the wall, which is landward of the trail as shown on map 2f.
- 2.3.13 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S049 to EHS-2-S053, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the recreation ground's various boundary features, as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 2f.
- 2.3.14 Adjacent to route section EHS-2-S054, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the wall which is landward of the multi-use route, shown as the trail on map 2f.
- 2.3.15 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S055 to EHS-2-S059, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with various boundary features as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 2f.
- 2.3.16 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S087 to EHS-2-S113, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2g.
- 2.3.17 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S114 to EHS-2-S127, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with various boundary features, which are landward of the trail as shown on map 2g and 2h.
- 2.3.18 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S138 to EHS-2-S139, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedge, which is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 2h.
- 2.3.19 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S141 to EHS-2-S150, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with various boundary features, which are landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on maps 2h and 2i.
- 2.3.20 Adjacent to route section EHS-2-S151 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedge bank which is landward of the existing walked route shown as the trail on map 2i.
- 2.3.21 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S152 to EHS-2-S156, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2j.
- 2.3.22 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S157 to EHS-2-S158, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the fence line, which is landward of the public footpath shown as the trail on map 2j.
- 2.3.23 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S164 to EHS-2-S166, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2k.

- 2.3.24 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S169 to EHS-2-S170, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the hedge bank, which is landward of the trail shown on map 2.k.
- 2.3.25 Adjacent to route sections EHS-2-S174 to EHS-2-S206, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2.l.

Local restrictions and exclusions

- 2.3.26 Natural England proposes to restrict or exclude access relevant to this length of coast, as follows:
- Access is to be excluded all year-round to some areas of intertidal mud and saltmarsh on this length of coast at Pagham Harbour between EHS-2-S130 and EHS-2-S173. This exclusion is proposed under s25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) as the land is unsuitable for public access. This exclusion will not affect the route itself. See map F in the Overview for details.
 - Access is to be excluded all year-round to some areas of intertidal mud and saltmarsh on this length of coast at Medmerry Nature Reserve between EHS-2-S005 and EHS-2-S024. This exclusion is proposed under s25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) as the land is unsuitable for public access. This exclusion will not affect the route itself. See map E in the Overview for details.
 - Access is to be excluded all year-round at Medmerry Nature Reserve between EHS-2-S005 and EHS-2-S024 by direction under s26(3)(a) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) to protect sensitive wildlife. The exclusion does not affect the route itself and will have no legal effect on land where coastal access rights do not apply. See map D in the Overview for further details.

Refer to Part 9 of the Overview for further details.

Alternative routes

- 2.3.27 An optional alternative route is to operate at times when access to route sections EHS-2-S129 to EHS-2-S138 on the beach at Pagham Harbour is affected by high tides. The optional alternative route is to be at the centre of the line shown as route sections EHS-2-A001 to EHS-2-A009 as shown on map 2h.

Landward/seaward boundary of optional alternative route strip

- 2.3.28 In relation to route sections EHS-2-A001 to EHS-2-A002:
- the landward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the landward edge of the path shown as the trail on map 2h; and
 - the seaward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the seaward edge of the path shown as the trail on map 2h.
- 2.3.29 In relation to route sections EHS-2-A003 to EHS-2-A004:
- the landward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the landward edge of the track shown as the trail on map 2h; and

- the seaward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the seaward edge of the track shown as the trail on map 2h.

2.3.30 In relation to route sections EHS-2-A005 to EHS-2-A006:

- the landward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2h; and
- the seaward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the seaward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 2h.

2.3.31 In relation to route sections EHS-2-A007 to EHS-2-A009:

- the landward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the landward edge of the path shown as the trail on map 2.h; and
- the seaward boundary of the optional alternative route strip is to correspond to the seaward edge of the path shown as the trail on map 2.h.























