

## Chapter 6:

# Goring by Sea to Shoreham Harbour

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

## Part 6.1: Introduction

<b>Start Point:</b>	<b>At the junction of the eastern end of Patterson's Walk with the southern end of Sea Lane, Ferring</b> (grid reference: 510007 101554)
<b>End Point:</b>	<b>'Drawbridge' over the River Adur at Shoreham</b> (grid reference: 521645 104758)
<b>Relevant Maps:</b>	6a to 6h

### Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

#### The Trail:

- 6.1.1 Follows existing walked routes, including public rights of way, along most of this length.
- 6.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 6.1.3 Is aligned on the beach or foreshore adjacent to the greensward at Marine Drive, Goring by Sea. See sections EHS-6-S001 to EHS-6-S003 (map 6.a)
- 6.1.4 Follows the existing seafront promenade between Sea Lane, Goring by Sea, and West Beach Road in Lancing. See sections EHS-6-S004 to EHS-6-S030 (maps 6.a to 6.f).
- 6.1.5 Is aligned on the beach or foreshore at Shoreham Beach, along a recently constructed boardwalk. See sections EHS-6-S040 to EHS-6-S042 (map 6.h).

#### Protection of sensitive features

- 6.1.6 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation or heritage preservation (See map C of the Overview):

- Shoreham Beach Local Nature Reserve.
- Shoreham Fort 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.

- 6.1.7 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:**

- 6.1.8 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 unconsolidated shingle beach in places.

**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.

- 6.1.9 Estuary: This report proposes a that the trail should include a route around the estuary of the River Adur, extending upstream from the open coast as far as Shoreham Harbour pedestrian drawbridge, which is the first public foot crossing point over the river. See 5.g of the Overview. The trail covered by this chapter includes part of this estuary route.
- 6.1.10 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, edge of the seafront promenade, pavement or track to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 6.2.1.

**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'.**

- 6.1.11 Restrictions and exclusions: No directions to restrict or exclude access are proposed on this length of coast. However, 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**

- 6.1.12 Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary in accordance with the general approach described in part 7 the Overview. These establishment works will be minor and will include the placement of waymarkers and other signs along the route.
- 6.1.13 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:**

- 6.1.14 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 6.2: Commentary on Maps

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

### 6.2.1 Section Details – Maps 6.a to 6.h: Goring by Sea to Shoreham Harbour

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (\*) against the route section number means see also table 6.2.2: 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 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)
6a	EHS-6-S001 to EHS-6-S003	Public footpath	Gravel	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	None
6a and 6b	EHS-6-S004 to EHS-S007	Public footpath	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
6b to 6c	EHS-6-S008 to EHS-6-S010	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
6c	EHS-6-S011	Multi-use route	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
6d to 6e	EHS-6-S012 to EHS-6-S014	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
6e	EHS-6-S015 to EHS-6-S017	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S018	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	No	Various	Additional landward area	None
	EHS-6-S019 to EHS-6-S020	Multi-use route	Concrete	No	No	Various	Additional landward area	None
6f	EHS-6-S021	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S022 to EHS-6-S023	Multi-use route	Concrete	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S024 to EHS-6-S030	Multi-use route	Tarmac	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
6g	EHS-6-S031 to EHS-6-S032	Public highway	Tarmac	No	No	Road edge	Clarity and Cohesion	
	EHS-6-S033	Public footway (pavement)	Concrete	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S034	Public footway (pavement)	Block paving	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S035 to EHS-6-S036	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S037	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None



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6h	EHS-6-S038 to EHS-6-S040	Other existing walked route	Boardwalk or raised walkway	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S041 to EHS-6-S042	Other existing walked route	Shingle	No	Yes - beach	Landward edge of beach	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S043 to EHS-6-S044	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S045	Public footway (pavement)	Block paving	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S046 to EHS-6-S048	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S049	Public footpath	Grass	No	No	Various	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S050	Public footpath	Tarmac	No	No	Landward edge of trail (2m)	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S051 to EHS-6-S053	Public footway (pavement)	Block paving	No	Yes - barrier	Promenade edge	Not used	None
	EHS-6-S054 to EHS-6-S056	Public footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	None
	EHS-6-S057 to EHS-6-S061	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	No	Footbridge railing	Clarity and cohesion	None

### 6.2.2 Other options considered: Maps 6.a to 6.h: Goring by Sea to Shoreham Harbour

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
6g	EHS-6-S037	We considered aligning the trail along Beach Road adjacent to a stretch of shingle beach at Shoreham by Sea that doesn't benefit from a boardwalk.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It is closer to the sea and maintains views of the sea.</li> <li>■ It is more direct and we consider it likely that trail users would use the beach route even if it did not form part of the proposed trail.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

## Part 6.3: Chapter 6 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 6.a to 6h.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

### Formal Proposals – Goring by Sea to Shoreham Harbour

#### Discretion to include an estuary

- 6.3.1 Natural England proposes to exercise its functions as if the sea included the estuarial waters of the River Adur as far as the pedestrian Drawbridge at Shoreham by Sea as indicated by the extent of the trail shown on map 6h.

#### Proposed route of the trail

- 6.3.2 The route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 6.a to 6.h as the proposed route of the trail.

#### Landward boundary of coastal margin

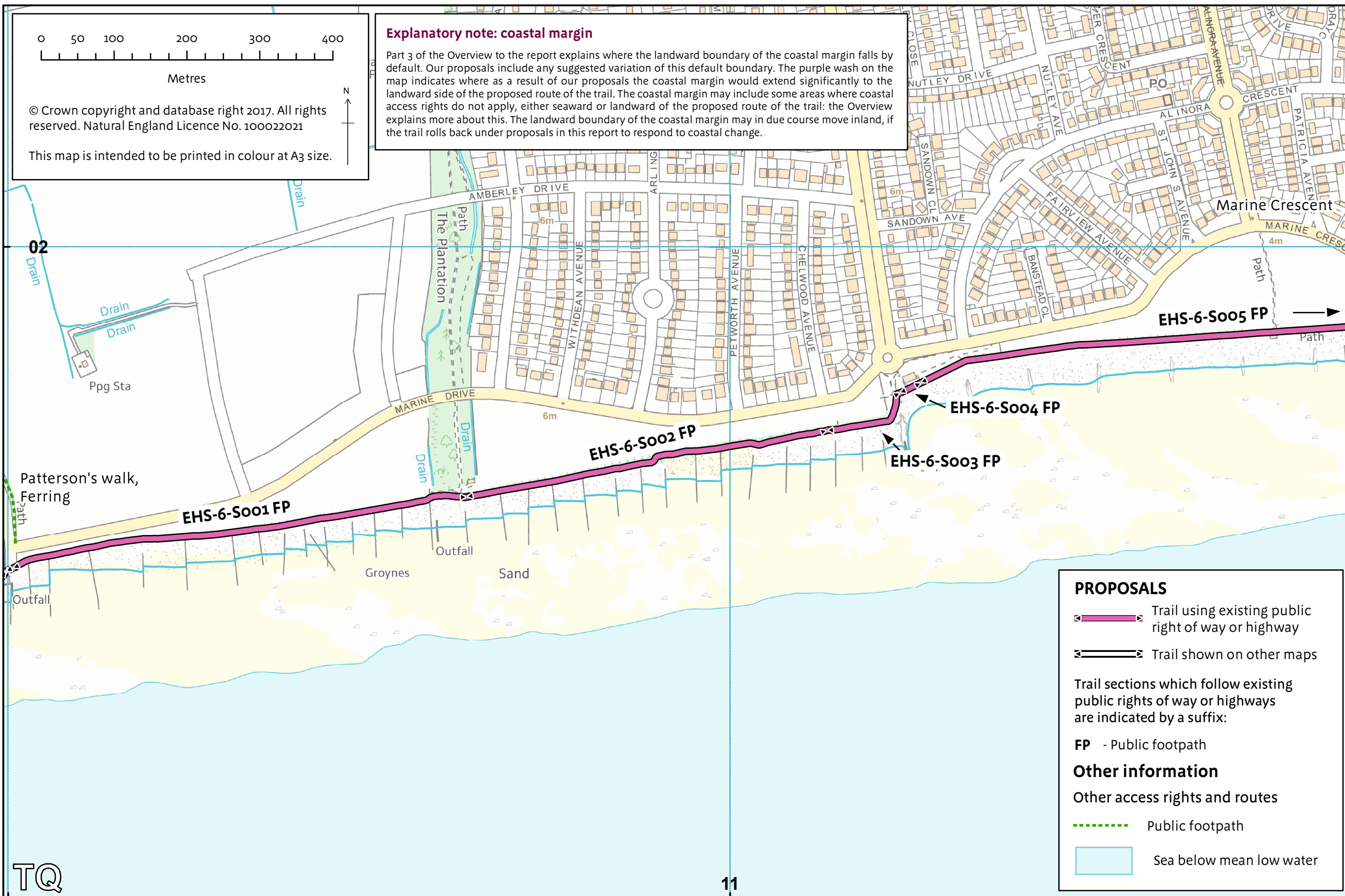
- 6.3.3 Adjacent to route sections EHS-6-S015 to EHS-6-S017, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on maps 6e.
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- 6.3.5 Adjacent to route sections EHS-6-S031 and EHS-6-S032, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the road shown as the trail on map 6g.
- 6.3.6 Adjacent to route sections EHS-6-S033 to EHS- 6-S036, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on maps 6g.
- 6.3.7 Adjacent to route sections EHS-6-S043 to EHS- 6-S048, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on map 6h.
- 6.3.8 Adjacent to route section EHS-6-S049 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 map 6h.
- 6.3.9 Adjacent to route sections EHS-6-S054 to EHS- 6-S056, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement shown as the trail on maps 6h.
- 6.3.10 Adjacent to route sections EHS- 6-S057 to EHS-6-S061, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the pedestrian footbridge over the River Adur shown as the trail on map 6h.

#### Local restrictions and exclusions

- 6.3.11 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

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



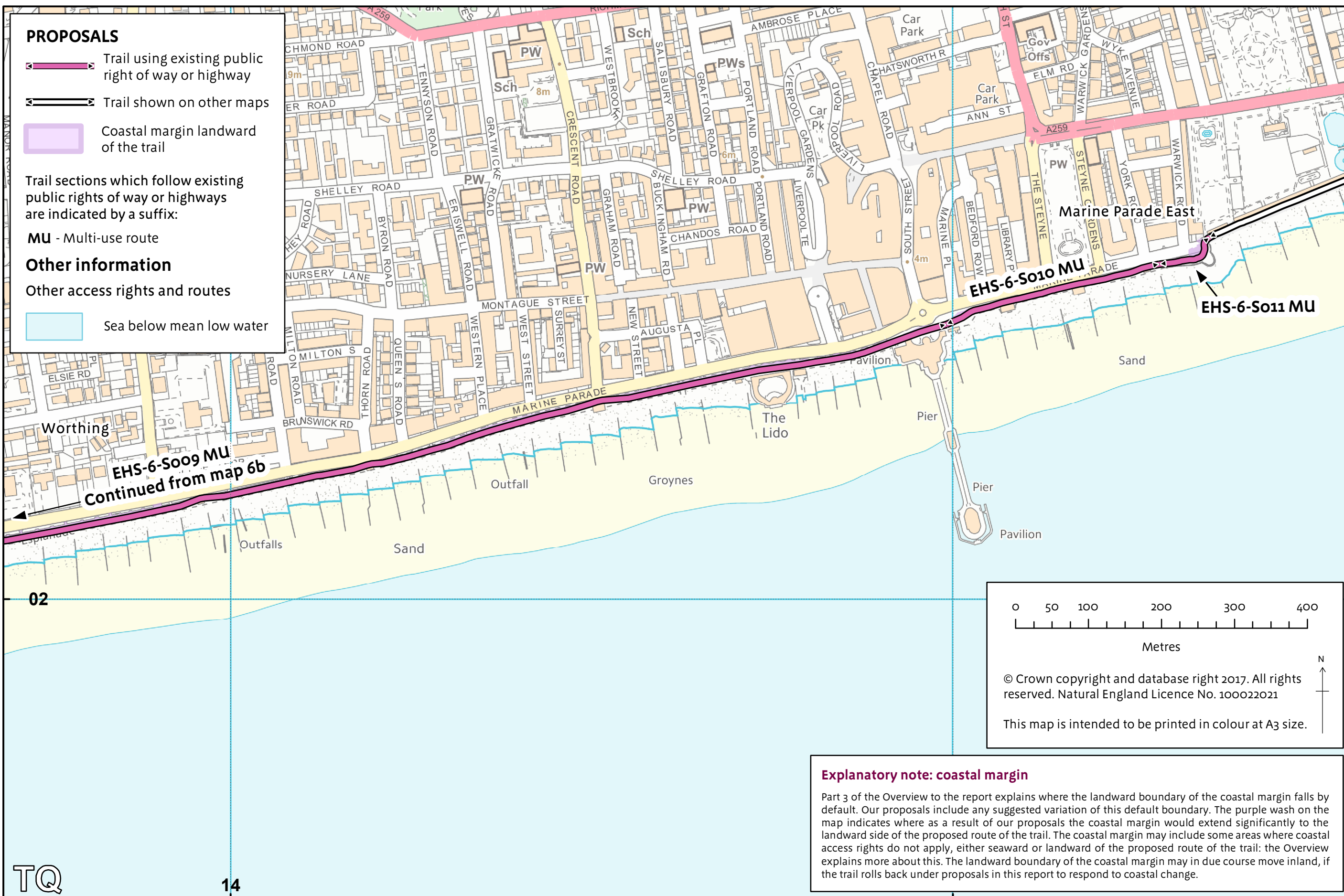
Map 6a: Pattersons walk, Ferring to Marine Crescent



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**Explanatory note: coastal margin**

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