

Chapter 4:

Sutton-on-Sea to Mablethorpe North End

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

Part 4.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Sutton-on-Sea (grid reference: TF 52132 82387)
End Point:	Mablethorpe North End (grid reference: TF 49768 87017)
Relevant Maps:	4a to 4d

Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

The Trail:

- 4.1.1 Generally follows existing walked routes, including sea defences, amenity land and dunes, along most of this length.
 - 4.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
 - 4.1.3 Is aligned further inland east of Queens Park at sections SMT-4-S004 to SMT-4-S007 to avoid a section of beach subject to a Dog Control Order.
 - 4.1.4 This part of the coast includes the following site designated for nature conservation (See map C of the Overview):
 - The Greater Wash proposed Special Protection Area p(SPA)
- 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.
- 4.1.5 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.
 - 4.1.6 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:

4.1.7 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:

- There are two places where it would be necessary to ascend/descend steps where the route leaves the sea defence north of Mablethorpe Amusement Park at the intersection of sections SMT-4-S008 and SMT-4-S009, and at section SMT-4-S018.
- The natural surface of the trail is uneven or unsuitable underfoot, for example section SMT-4-S020, 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.

4.1.8 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 4.2.1 below.

4.1.9 Adjacent to sections SMT-4-S019 to SMT-4-S020, 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. The owner of this land is content for us to propose this. See map 4d.

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'.

4.1.10 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.

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

4.1.12 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:

4.1.13 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 4.2: Commentary on Maps

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

4.2.1 Section Details – Maps 4a to 4d: Sutton-on-Sea to Mablethorpe North End

Notes on table:

Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 4.2.2: Other options considered.

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)
4a, 4b	SMT-4-S001 to SMT-4-S003	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4b	SMT-4-S004 RD*	Existing public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4b	SMT-4-S005 FW*	Public Footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of pavement	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4b	SMT-4-S006 RD*	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4b	SMT-4-S007*	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4b	SMT-4-S008	Other existing walked route	Concrete	No	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4c	SMT-4-S009	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4c	SMT-4-S010	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of road	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4c	SMT-4-S011	Other existing walked route	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S012 FW	Public Footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of pavement	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S013 RD	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4d	SMT-4-S014 FW	Public Footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of pavement	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S015 RD	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4d	SMT-4-S016 FW	Public Footway (pavement)	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of pavement	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S017 RD	Public Highway	Tarmac	No	Landward edge of trail	Not used	None
4d	SMT-4-S018	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S019	Other existing walked route	Sand	No	Landward edge of dunes	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S020	Other existing walked route	Grass	No	Landward edge of dunes	Clarity and Cohesion	None
4d	SMT-4-S021	Other existing walked route	Gravel	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and Cohesion	None

4.2.2 Other options considered: Map 4b: Seaside Holiday Village, Trusthorpe to Mablethorpe Amusement Park.

Map(s)	Section number(s)	Option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option as the route
4b	SMT-4-S004 RD, SMT-4-S005 FW, SMT-4-S006 RD and SMT-4-S007	We considered aligning the trail along the lower promenade seaward of Queens Park Flats. No other options were identified for the trail in relation to this map.	We opted for the proposed route because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. the beach is subject to a seasonal dog restriction between 1 May and 30 September.

Part 4.3: Chapter 4 - Formal Proposals

- Below are our formal proposals to the Secretary of State for the length of coast shown on maps 4a to 4d.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

Formal Proposals – Sutton-on-Sea to Mablethorpe, North End

Proposed route of the trail

4.3.1 The route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 4a to 4d as the proposed route of the trail.

Landward boundary of coastal margin

4.3.2 Adjacent to route sections SMT-4-S001 to SMT-4-S003, SMT-4-S005 to SMT-4-S006, SMT-4-S008 to SMT-4-S012, SMT-4-S014, SMT-4-S016, SMT-4-S018 and SMT-4-S021, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with landward edge of the pavement, road or path shown as the trail on maps 4a to 4d.

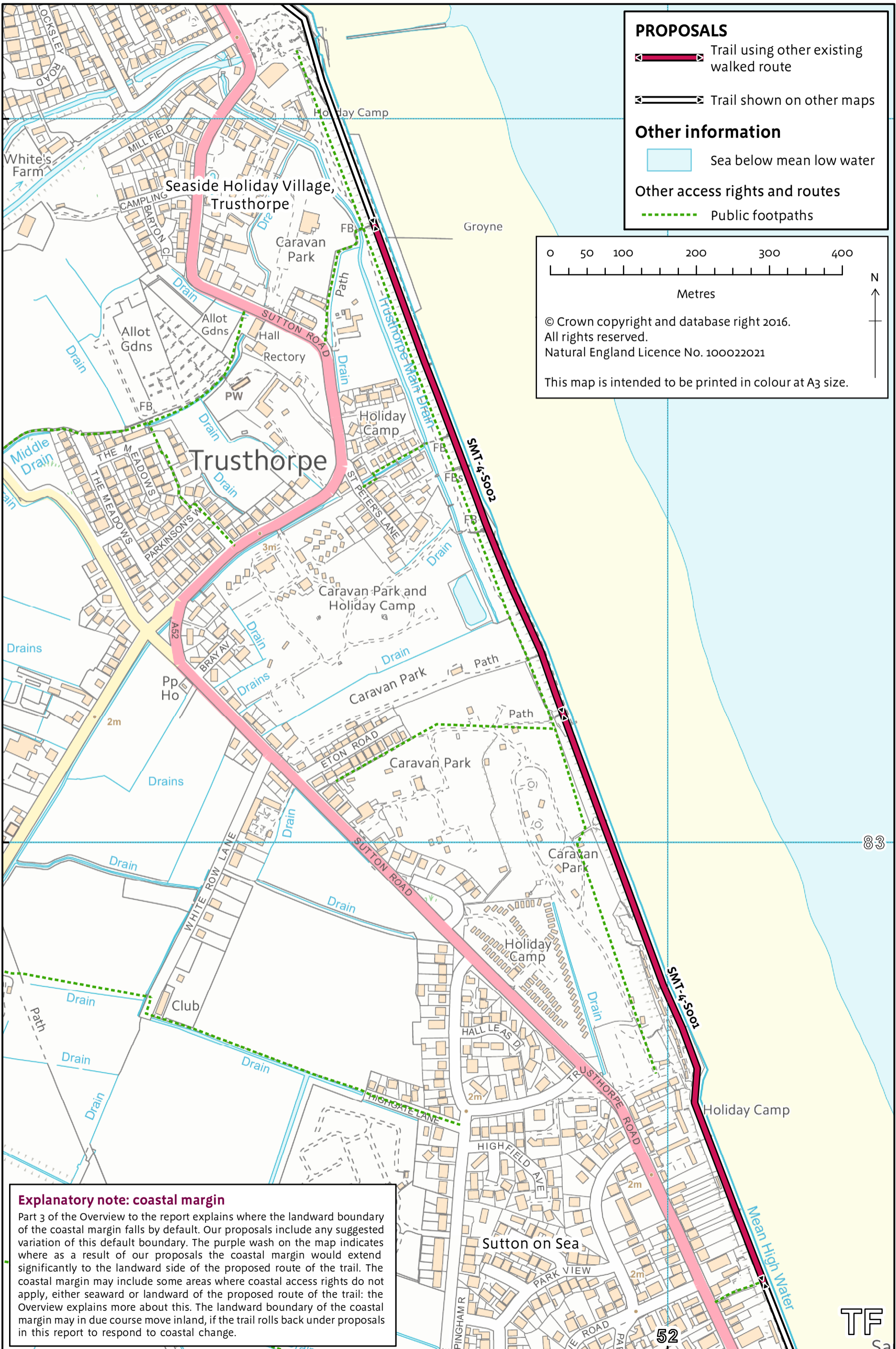
4.3.3 Adjacent to route sections SMT-4-S019 to SMT-4-S020, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the edge of the dunes as indicated by the coastal margin landward of the trail on map 4d.

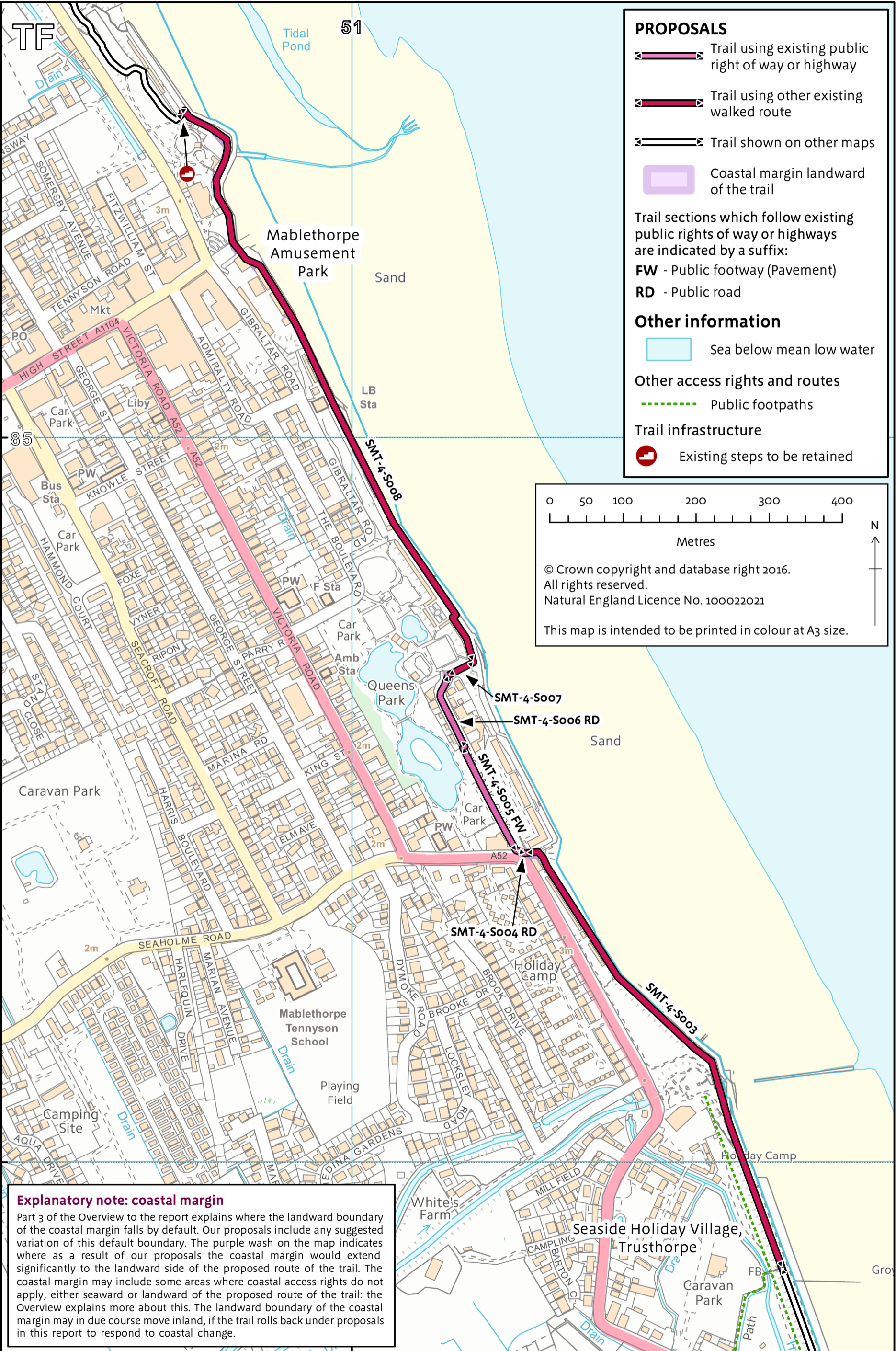
Local restrictions and exclusions

4.3.4 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

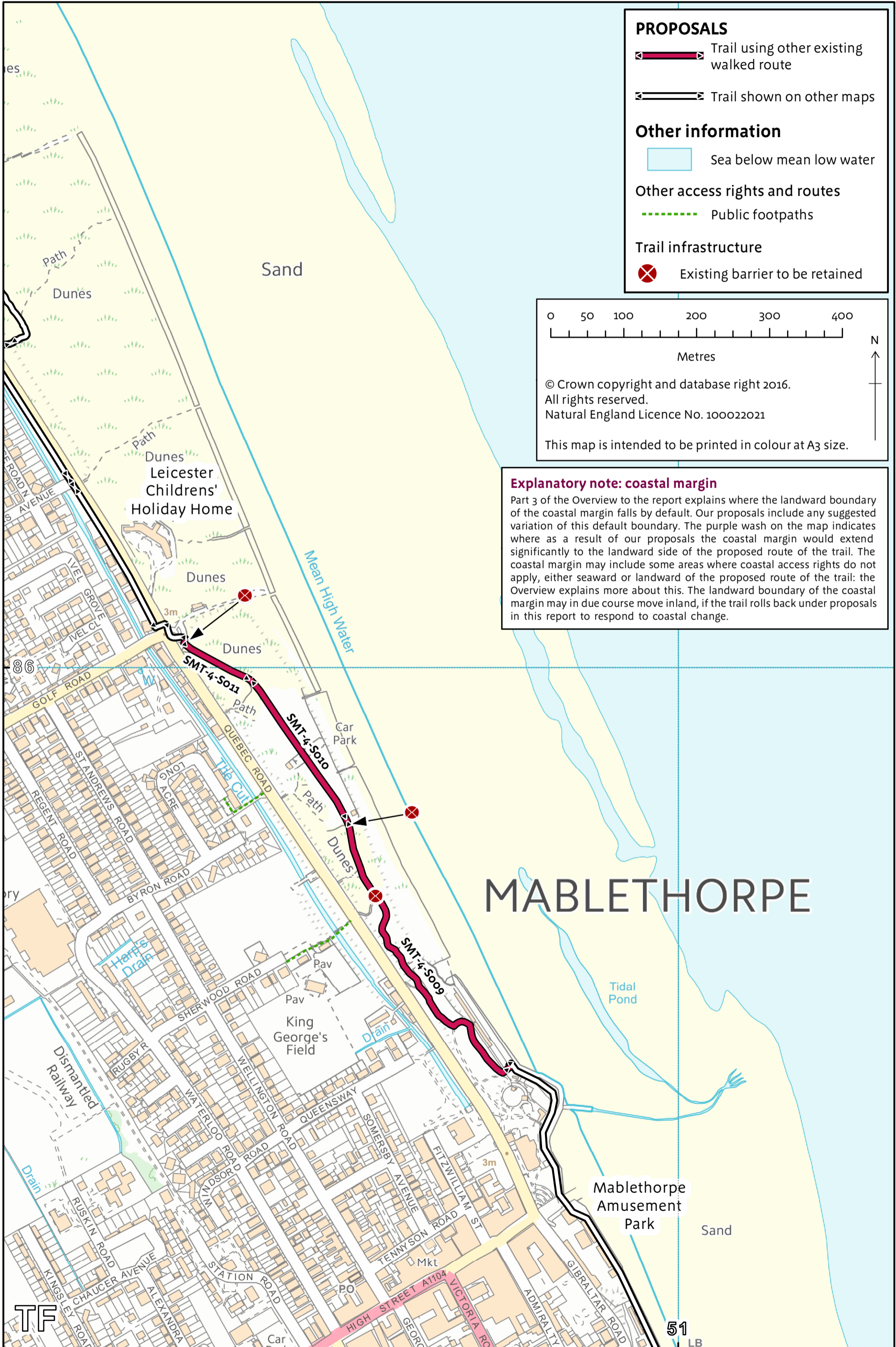
4.3.5 There are no proposals for alternative routes in relation to this length of coast.





Map 4b Seaside Holiday Village, Trusthorpe to Mablethorpe Amusement Park

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PROPOSALS

- Trail using other existing walked route
- Trail shown on other maps

Other information

- Sea below mean low water
- Other access rights and routes
- Public footpaths

Trail infrastructure

- Existing barrier to be retained

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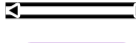

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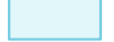
PROPOSALS

-  Trail using existing public right of way or highway
-  Trail using other existing walked route
-  Trail shown on other maps
-  Coastal margin landward of the trail


Trail sections which follow existing public rights of way or highways are indicated by a suffix:

- FW** - Public footway (Pavement)
- RD** - Public road

Other information

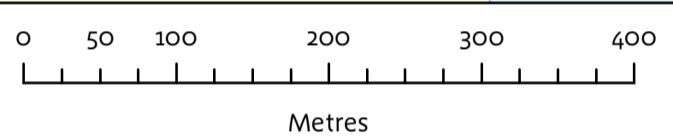
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