

## Chapter 1:

# Easington to Waxholme

England Coast Path: Easington to Filey Brigg - Natural England's Proposals

## Part 1.1: Introduction

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| <b>Start Point:</b>   | <b>Easington Caravan Park</b> (grid reference: TA 4076 1875) |
| <b>End Point:</b>     | <b>Waxholme</b> (grid reference: TA 3273 2992)               |
| <b>Relevant Maps:</b> | <b>1a to 1i</b>  |

### Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps:

#### The Trail:

- 1.1.1 Follows a combination of new sections of path and existing walked routes, on a combination of promenades, public footpaths/footways, public highways and cliff top paths.
- 1.1.2 Mainly follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.
- 1.1.3 Includes 17 sections of new path, to the north and south of Withernsea. See maps 1a to 1i, and associated tables below for details.
- 1.1.4 From sections EFB-1-S026 to EFB-1-S032 FP a significant inland diversion is necessary to take the trail past land used for the purposes of an aerodrome.

#### Protection of sensitive features:

- 1.1.5 This part of the coast includes the following sites, designated for nature conservation (See map C of the Overview):
  - Dimlington Cliff Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its geological interest.
  - The Greater Wash proposed Special Protection Area (pSPA) for its wildlife interest.
  - The Holderness Inshore Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) 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.

- 1.1.6 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.
- 1.1.7 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 6b of the Overview - 'Protection of sensitive features' for a description of our overall approach and a summary of our conclusions.**

### **Accessibility:**

- 1.1.8 Generally, there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route, which makes use of existing surfaced 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 uneven grass or bare soil path along the cliff top.

- 1.1.9 At the intersections of EFB-1-S046 and EFB-1-S047, and EFB-1-S047 and EFB-1-S048, the existing stiles will be replaced with pedestrian gates, so as to make them easier to use. We envisage this happening before the new access rights come into force 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:**

- 1.1.10 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 pavement edge, wall, fence or track edge to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 1.2.1 below.

**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'.**

- 1.1.11 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.**

## **Establishment and ongoing management of the trail.**

1.1.12 Some physical establishment of the trail would be necessary, in accordance with the general approach described in part 7 the Overview.

- New interpretation panels at both ends of EFB-1-S007 which runs to the seaward side of Easington Gas Terminal.
- New revetment at the intersection EFB-1-S009 and EFB-1-S010.
- New footbridges at EFB-1-S016, EFB-1-S021 RD, EFB-1-S022, the intersection of EFB-1-S023 FP and EFB-1-S024, the intersection of EFB-1-S044 and EFB-1-S045 FP and the intersection of EFB-1-S046 and EFB-1-S047.
- Creation of a new gap in fence at the intersection of EFB-1-S019 and EFB-1-S020, and the intersection of EFB-1-S043 and EFB-1-S044.
- New public footway at EFB-1-S027 RD.
- New pedestrian gates at either end of EFB-1-S047.
- New field gate at the intersection of EFB-1-S048 and EFB-1-S049.

1.1.13 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:**

1.1.14 With the exception of Withernsea (EFB-1-S034 FP to EFB-1-S040), all 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 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 tables 1.2.1 below for details of the sections likely to be affected in the foreseeable future.

1.1.15 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 6f - '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 1i: Easington Caravan Park to Waxholme

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                                     | 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) |
| 1a     | EFB-1-S001               | Not an existing walked route   | Tarmac                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S002               | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S003 to EFB-S005   | Other existing walked route    | Bare Soil (compacted)           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S006 to EFB-S007   | Other existing walked route    | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S008               | Other existing walked route    | Gravel                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1b     | EFB-1-S009 to EFB-1-S012 | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1c     | EFB-1-S013 to EFB-1-S015 | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1d     | EFB-1-S016               | Not an existing walked route   | Not applicable                  | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S017 to EFB-1-S018 | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S019 to EFB-1-S020 | Other existing walked route    | Bare Soil (compacted)           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1e     | EFB-1-S021 RD            | Public Highway                 | Tarmac                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S022               | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S023 FP            | Public Footpath                | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1e,1f  | EFB-1-S024 to EFB-1-S026 | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1g     | EFB-1-S027 RD            | Public Highway                 | Grass                           | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Pavement edge                          | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S028 FW            | Public footway (pavement)      | Tarmac                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Pavement edge                          | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S029 RD            | Public Highway                 | Tarmac                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S030 FW            | Public footway (pavement)      | Tarmac                          | Yes:<br>Normal                               | No                               | Pavement edge                          | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |

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| 1g     | EFB-1-S031 RD                  | Public Highway                 | Tarmac                          | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S032 FP to EFB-1-S033 FP | Public Footpath                | Concrete                        | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Pavement edge                          | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S034 FP                  | Public Footpath                | Block paving                    | No   | No                               | Pavement edge                          | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
| 1h     | EFB-1-S035 to EFB-1-S036       | Other existing walked route    | Block paving                    | No   | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S037 RD to EFB-1-S038 RD | Public Highway                 | Tarmac                          | No   | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S039                     | Other existing walked route    | Block paving                    | No   | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S040                     | Other existing walked route    | Block paving                    | No   | No                               | Wall                                   | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S041 FP                  | Public Footpath                | Block paving                    | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Fence                                  | Clarity and cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S042 FP                  | Public Footpath                | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
| 1i     | EFB-1-S043 to EFB-1-S044       | Other existing walked route    | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S045 FP*                 | Public footpath                | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S046*                    | Other existing walked route    | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S047*                    | Other existing walked route    | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S048*                    | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Fence                                  | Clarity and Cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S049*                    | Not an existing walked route   | Grass                           | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Landward Edge of trail                 | Not used                                | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S050 RD*                 | Public Highway                 | Gravel                          | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Edge of track                          | Clarity and Cohesion                    | None  |
|        | EFB-1-S051 FP*                 | Public footpath                | Gravel                          | Yes: Normal                                  | No                               | Edge of track                          | Clarity and Cohesion                    | None  |

### 1.2.2 Other options considered: Map 1i: Seathorne to Waxholme

| Map(s) | Section number(s)              | Option(s) considered   | Reasons for not proposing this option as the route  |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1i     | EFB-1-S045 FP to EFB-1-S051 FP | From the intersection of EFB-1-S045 FP and EFB-1-S047 we considered aligning the trail inland along public footpath around Waxholme Trading Park onto Waxholme Road. | We opted for the proposed route because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> |
| 1i     | EFB-1-S048 to EFB-1-S051 FP    | From the intersection of EFB-1-S047 and EFB-1-S048 we considered aligning the trail along the cliff edge.  | We opted for the proposed route because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We concluded that part of this alignment would cross excepted land.</li> </ul>  |

## 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 1i.
- They should be read in conjunction with the relevant maps.
- The commentary above explains the practical effect of these proposals.

### Formal Proposals – Easington Caravan Park to Waxholme

#### Proposed route of the trail

- 1.3.1 In relation to route sections EFB-1-S034 FP to EFB-1-S040, the route is to be at the centre of the line shown on the maps 1g to 1h as the proposed route of the trail.
- 1.3.2 In relation to route sections EFB-1-S001 to EFB-1-S033 FP and EFB-1-S041 FP to EFB-1-S051 FP, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps 1a to 1i as the proposed route of the trail.
- 1.3.3 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

- 1.3.4 Adjacent to route sections EFB-1-S040, EFB-1-S041 FP, EFB-1-S048 the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the wall or fence, which at the time of writing this report is landward of the trail as shown on maps 1h and 1i.
- 1.3.5 Adjacent to route sections EFB-1-S027 RD to EFB-1-S028 FW, EFB-1-S030 FW, EFB-1-S032 FP to EFB-1-S034 FP and EFB-1-S050 RD to EFB-1-S051 FP, the landward boundary of the coastal margin is to coincide with the landward edge of the pavement or track shown as the trail on maps 1g and 1i.

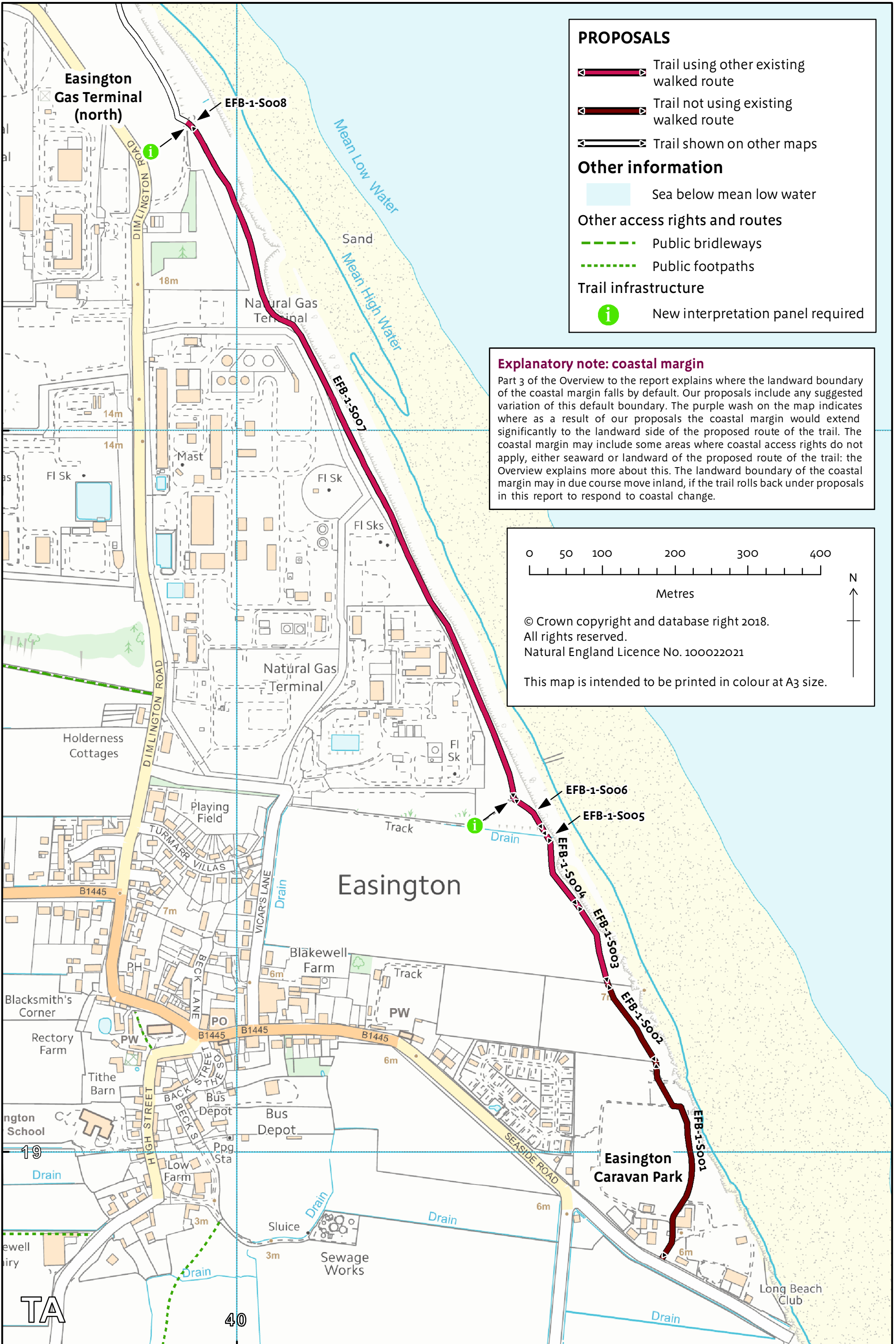
#### Local restrictions and exclusions

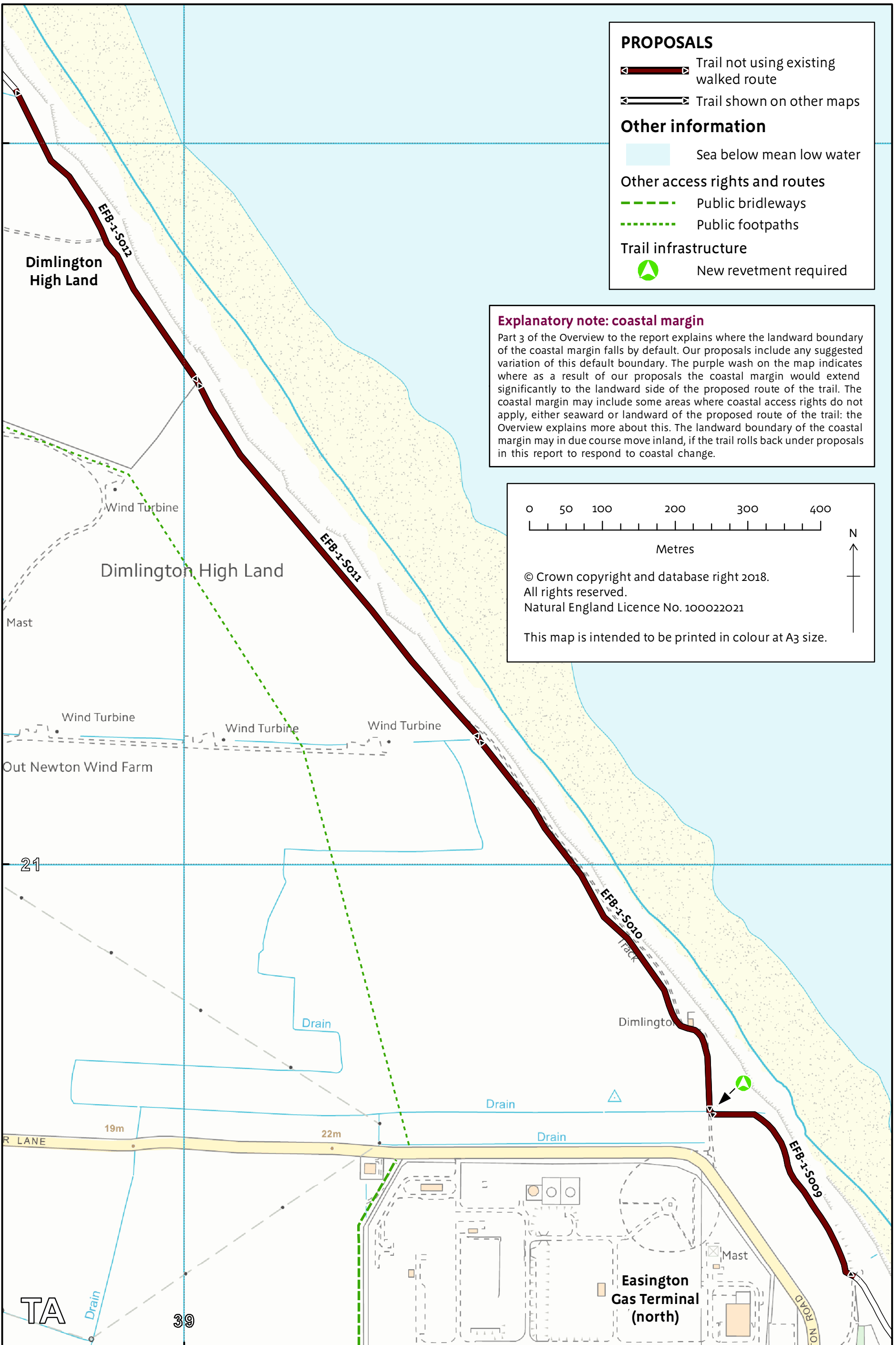
- 1.3.6 At the time of writing this report, there are no proposals for local restrictions or exclusions in relation to this length of coast.

#### Alternative routes

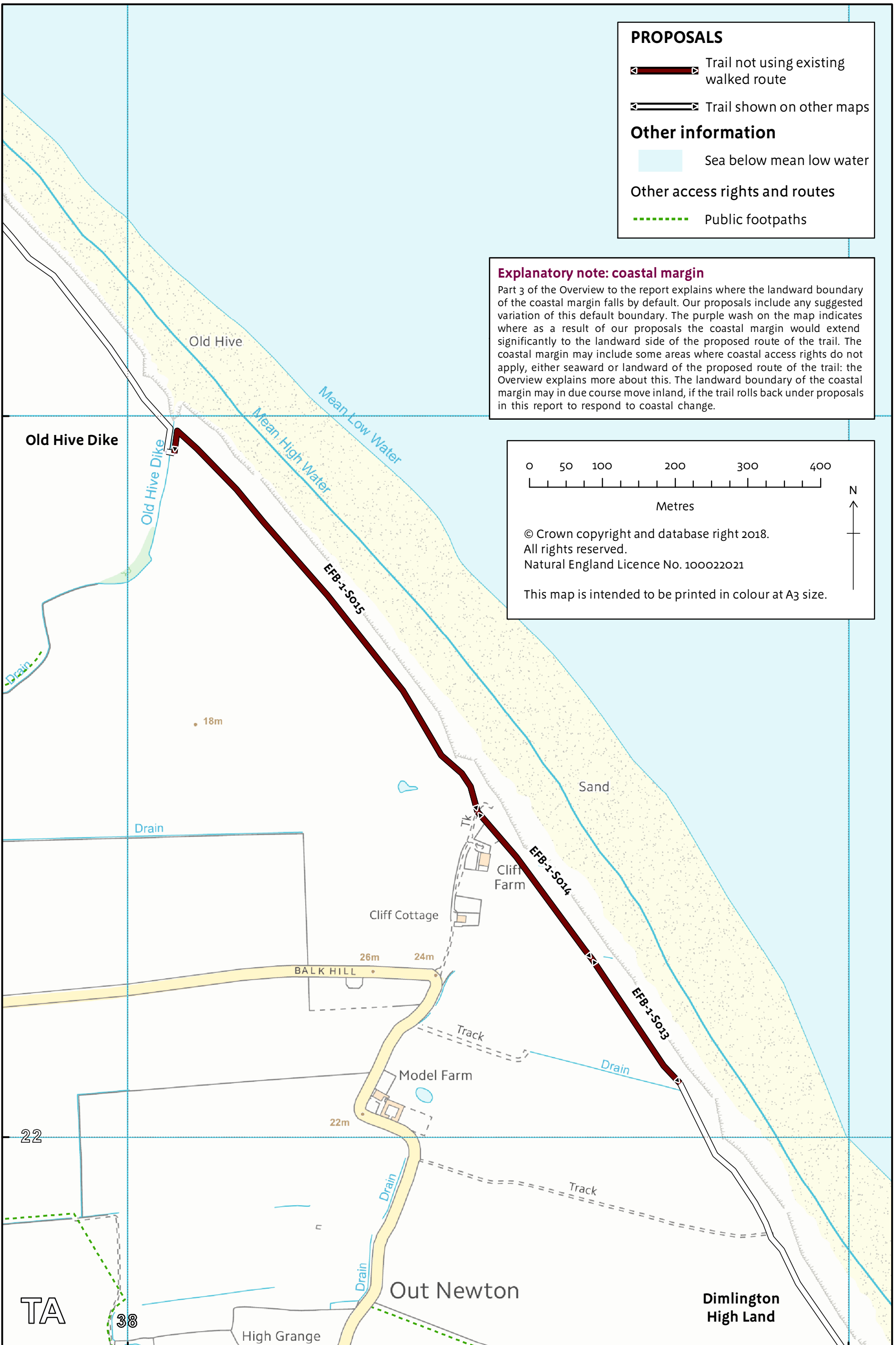
- 1.3.7 There are no proposals for alternative routes in relation to this length of coast.

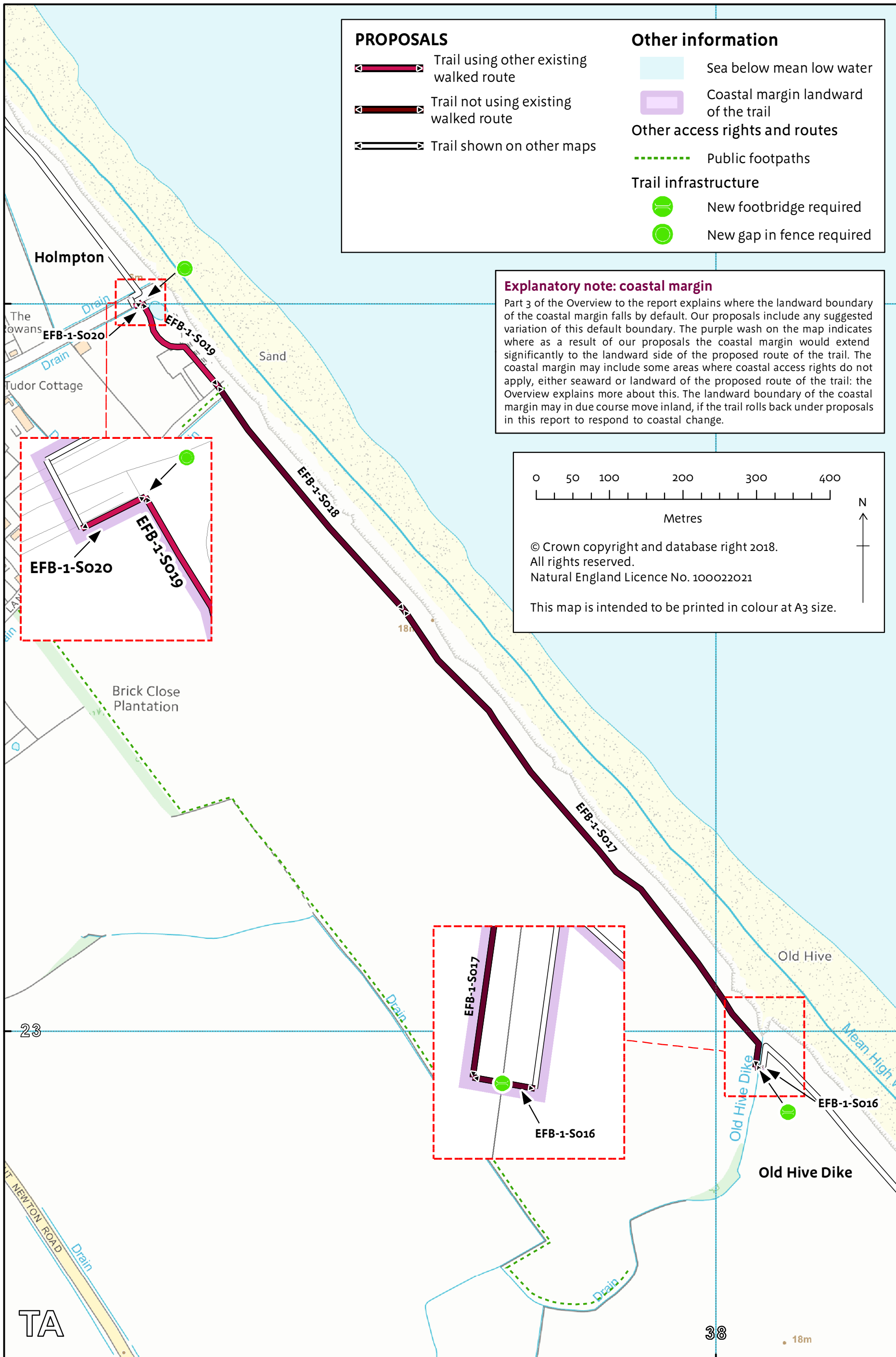


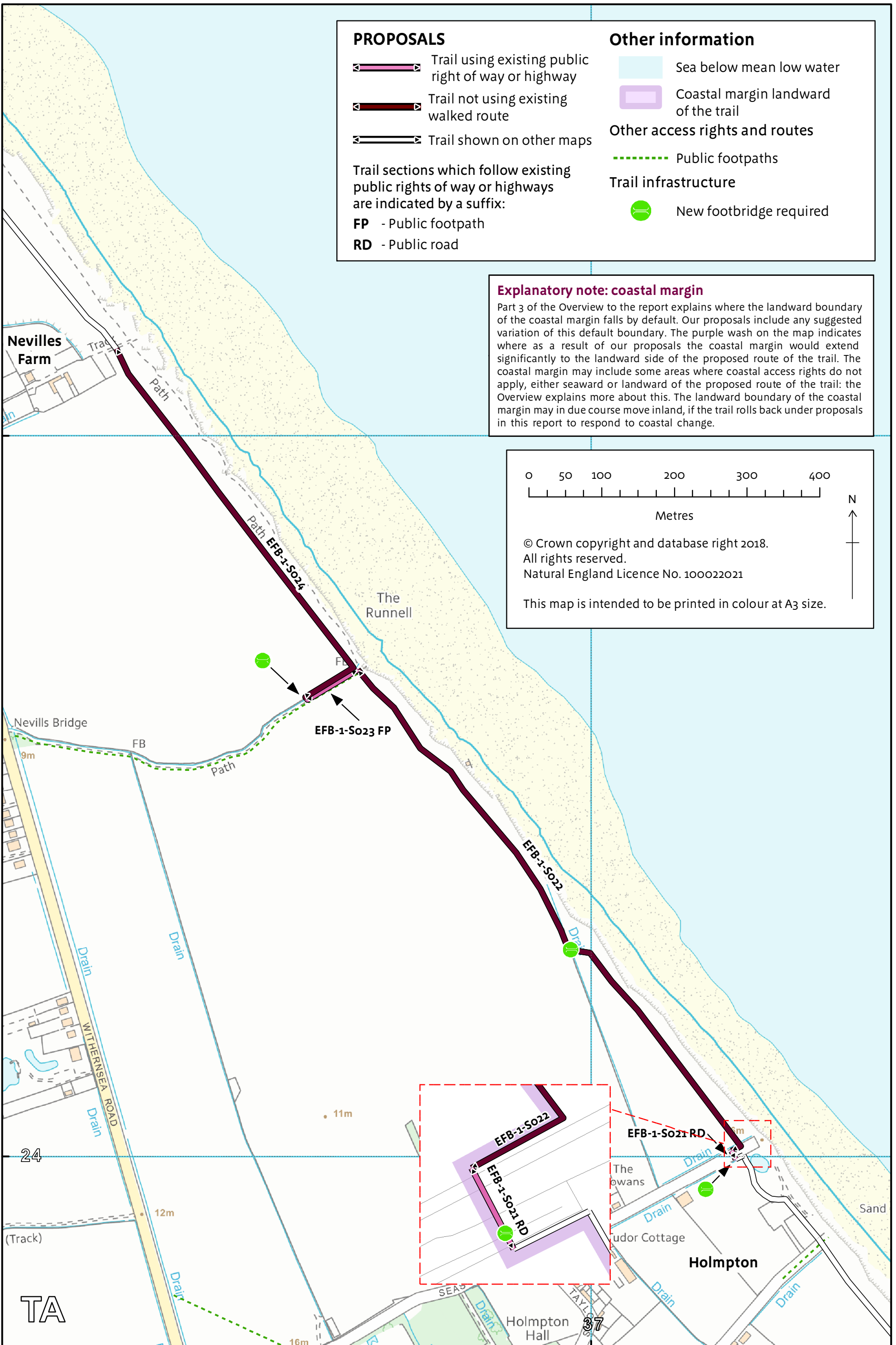




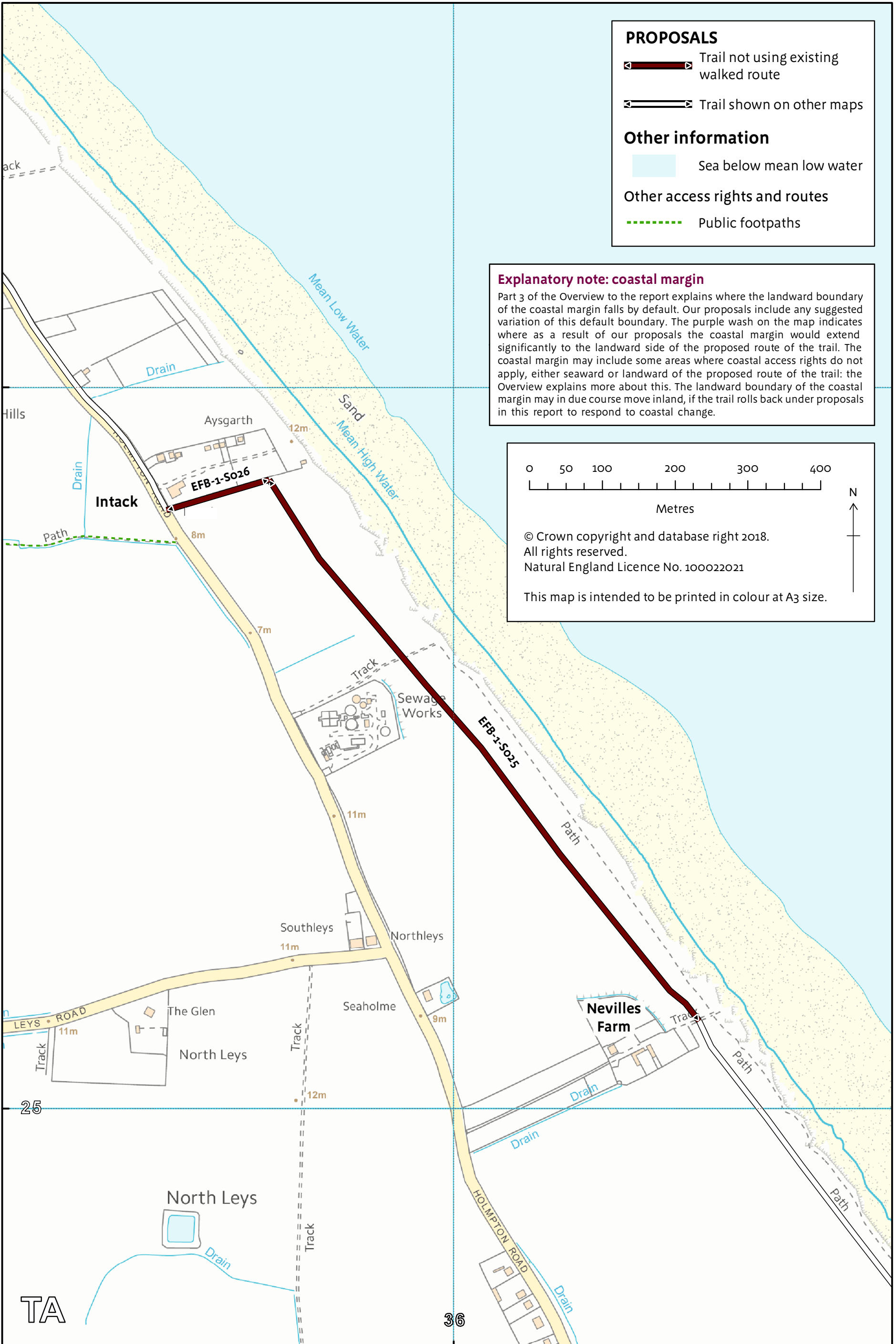


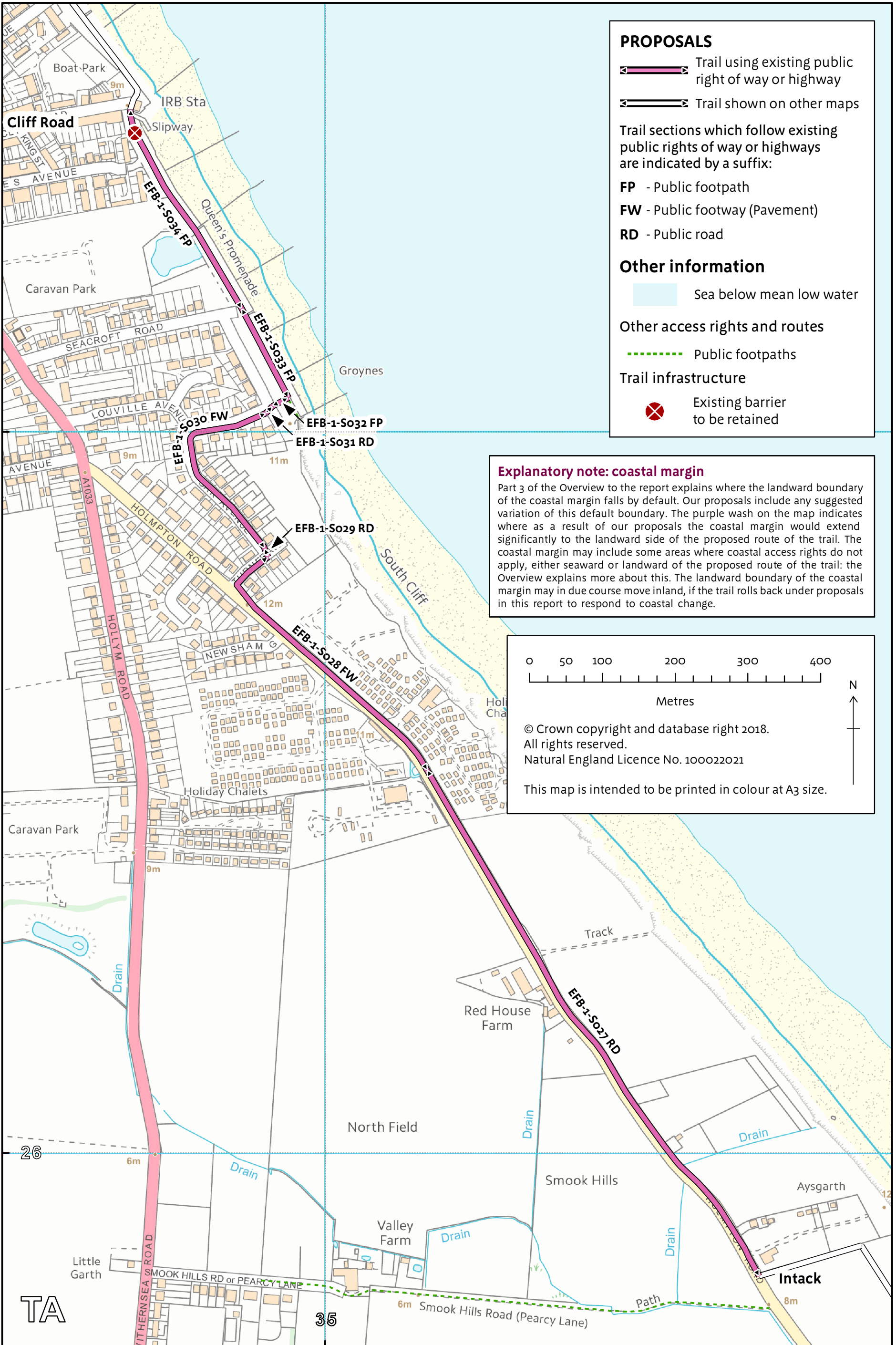






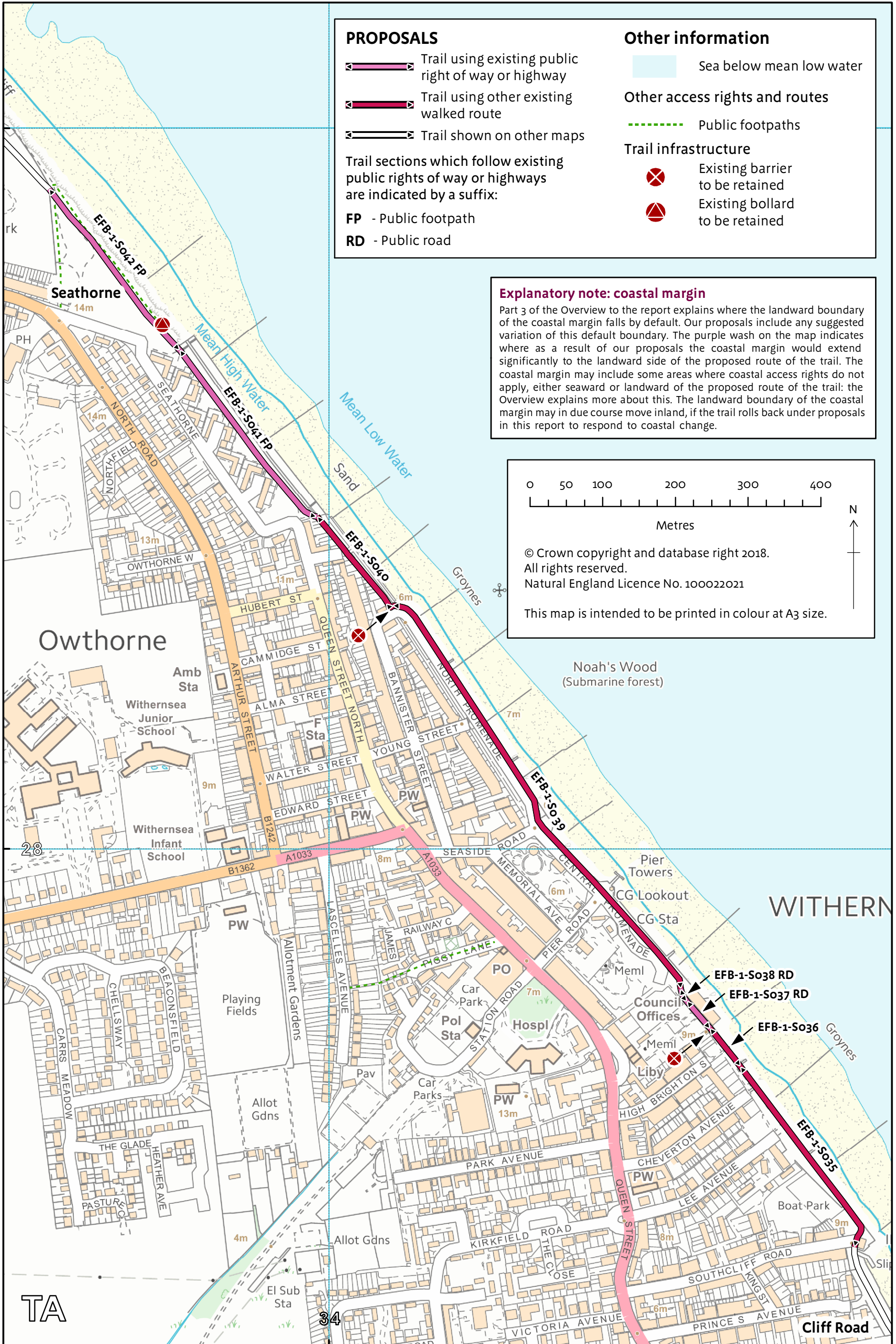






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**PROPOSALS**

- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
- Trail using other existing walked route
- Trail shown on other maps

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

- FP** - Public footpath
- RD** - Public road

**Other information**

- Sea below mean low water
- Other access rights and routes**
- Public footpaths
- Trail infrastructure**
- Existing barrier to be retained
- Existing bollard to be retained

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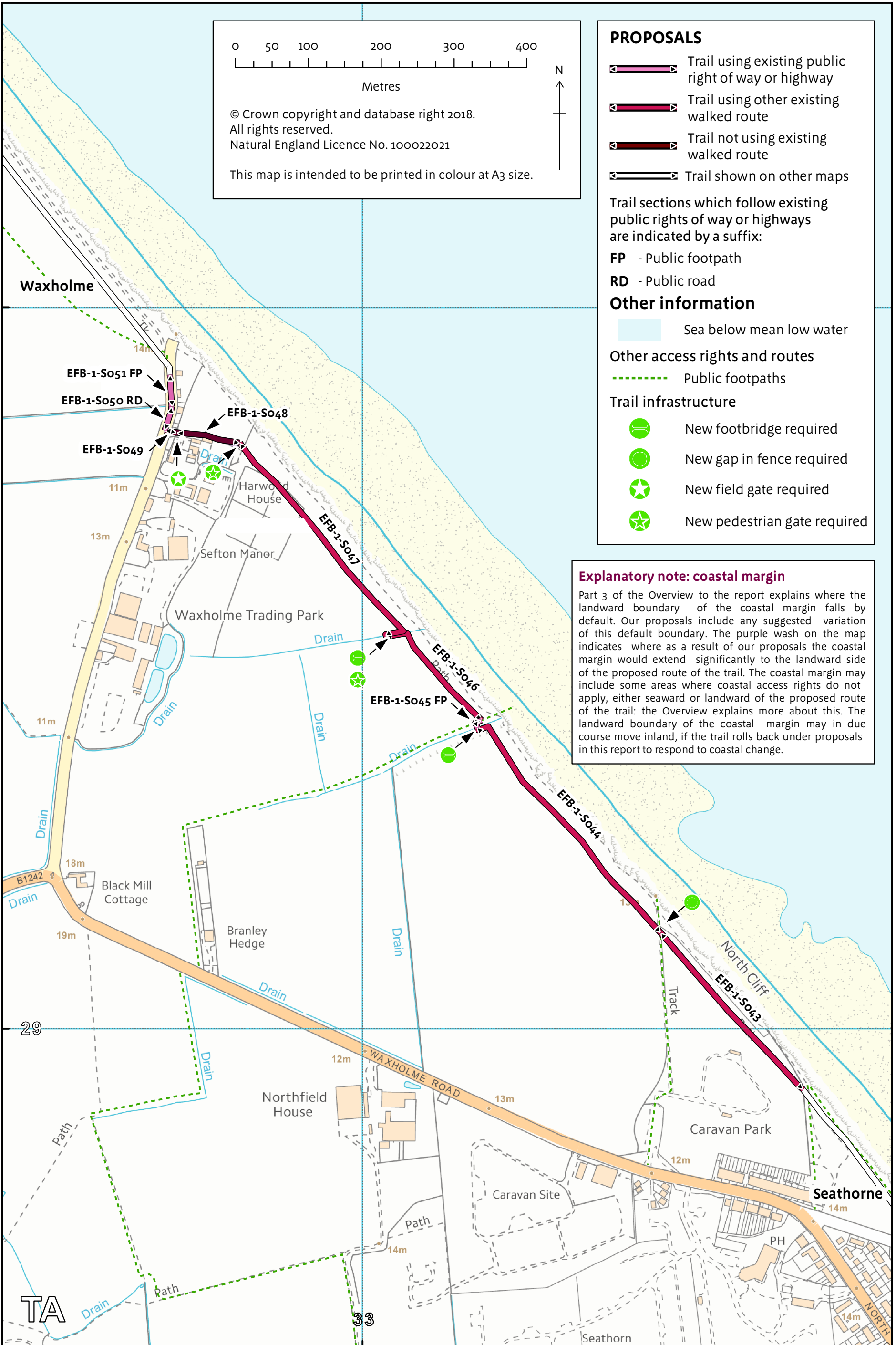
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- PROPOSALS**
- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
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- Trail infrastructure**
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  - New gap in fence required
  - New field gate required
  - New pedestrian gate required

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