



England Coast Path Stretch: Aust to Brean Down

Report ABD 5: Portishead Marina to Wain's Hill, Clevedon

Part 5.1: Introduction

Start Point:	Portishead Marina (Grid reference: ST 4751 7728)
End Point:	Wain's Hill, Clevedon (Grid reference: ST 3924 7064)
Relevant Maps:	ABD 5a to ABD 5g

5.1.1 This is one of a series of linked but legally separate reports published by Natural England under section 51 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, which make proposals to the Secretary of State for improved public access along and to this stretch of coast between Aust and Brean Down

5.1.2 This report covers length ABD 5 of the stretch, which is the coast between Portishead Marina and Wain's Hill, Clevedon. It makes free-standing statutory proposals for this part of the stretch, and seeks approval for them by the Secretary of State in their own right under section 52 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

5.1.3 The report explains how we propose to implement the England Coast Path ("the trail") on this part of the stretch, and details the likely consequences in terms of the wider 'Coastal Margin' that will be created if our proposals are approved by the Secretary of State. Our report also sets out:

- any proposals we think are necessary for restricting or excluding coastal access rights to address particular issues, in line with the powers in the legislation; and
- any proposed powers for the trail to be capable of being relocated on particular sections ("roll-back"), if this proves necessary in the future because of coastal change.

5.1.4 There is also a single Overview document for the whole of this stretch of coast, explaining common principles and background. **This and the other individual reports relating to the stretch should be read in conjunction with the Overview. The Overview explains, among other things, how we have considered any potential environmental impacts of improving public access to this part of the coast, and this report, and other separately published assessments we refer to, then provides more detail on these aspects where appropriate.**

Part 5.2: Proposals Narrative

The trail:

5.2.1 Follows existing walked routes, including public rights of way, along this length of coast.

5.2.2 Follows the coastline quite closely and maintains good views of the sea.

Protection of the environment:

5.2.3 In this part of the report, we explain how we have taken account of environmental protection objectives in developing our proposals for improved coastal access.

5.2.4 The following designated sites affect this length of coast:

- Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Severn Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Severn Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)
- Severn Estuary Ramsar site
- Portishead Pier to Black Nore SSSI
- Walton Common SSSI
- Scheduled Monument: Slight univallate hillfort at Wain's Hill

Map C in the Overview shows the extent of designated areas listed.

The following table brings together design features included in our access proposals to help to protect the environment along this length of the coast.

5.2.5 Measures to protect the environment

Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Design features of the access proposals	Reason included
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S014	<p>Coastal access rights would be excluded over the lower saltmarsh and flats because they are unsuitable for access (see paragraph 5.2.15 and Directions Map ABD 5A.</p> <p>In addition, we will install notices at the steps from the promenade to the foreshore to alert people to the likely presence of sensitive waterbirds and ask them to take special care around high tide to keep their distance from waterbirds and to</p>	<p>To reduce disturbance to non-breeding waterbirds feeding and roosting on the river by recreational users.</p> <p>The waterbirds are sensitive to disturbance and are part of the Severn Estuary Special Protection Area for birds.</p>

Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Design features of the access proposals	Reason included
		keep their dogs with them, using a lead if necessary.	

5.2.6 Natural England is satisfied that the proposals for coastal access in this report are made in accordance with relevant environmental protection legislation. In respect of cultural heritage, we have taken advice from Historic England and others before confirming this conclusion. For more information about how we came to this conclusion; see the following assessments of the access proposals that we have published separately:

- A Habitats Regulations Assessment relating to any potential impact on the conservation objectives of European sites.
- Our Nature Conservation Assessment, in which we document our conclusions in relation to other potential impacts on nature conservation.

Part 6b of the Overview includes some contextual information about protecting the environment along this length of coast.

Accessibility:

5.2.7 The natural coastal terrain is often challenging for people with reduced mobility and this is the case between Nore Road Greenspace and Hangstone Hill where our proposed route generally follows a natural surface along the cliff top.

5.2.8 Generally there are few artificial barriers to accessibility on the proposed route but there are steps in several places in Portishead (as shown on maps ABD 5a to ABD 5c) and at Salthouse Point (as shown on map ABD 5g).

See part 6a of the Overview - ‘Recreational issues’ - for more information.

Where we have proposed exercising statutory discretions:

5.2.9 **Estuary:** This report proposes that the trail should contain sections aligned on the estuary of the River Severn, extending upstream from the open coast. Natural England proposes to exercise its functions as if the sea included the estuarial waters of that river as far as M48 Severn Bridge, as indicated by the extent of the trail shown on map A2.

See part 5 of the Overview for a detailed analysis of the options considered for this estuary and our resulting proposals

5.2.10 **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, pavement or track to make the extent of the new access rights clearer. See Table 5.3.1 below.

5.2.11 In two places, Redcliffe Bay (see map ABD 5c) and Wain’s Hill (see map ABD 5g) 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. North Somerset Council, the owner of the land, is content for us to propose this.

5.2.12 The Proposals Tables show where we are proposing to alter the default landward boundary of the coastal margin. These proposals are set out in columns 5b and 5c of table 5.3.1. Where these columns are left blank, we are making no such proposals, so the default landward boundary applies. See the note relating to Columns 5b & 5c [above Table 5.3.1] explaining what this means in practice.

5.2.13 At route sections ABD-5-S002 to ABD-5-S005 we have used this discretion to limit the landward extent of the coastal margin to the landward edge of the promenade. This may reduce the amount of coastal margin that would have otherwise been available by default, but provides the most clarity because there is no clear boundary feature at the landward edge of the sea wall.

See also part 3 of the Overview - 'Understanding the proposals and accompanying maps', for a more detailed 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.

5.2.14 **Restrictions and/or exclusions:** We have proposed to exclude access by direction under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) in certain places along this section of coast.

Exclusion of access to the lower saltmarsh and flat between Portishead Marina and Wains Hill

5.2.15 Access to the lower saltmarsh and flats in the coastal margin seaward of the following route sections will be excluded all year round

- ABD-5-S001 to ABD-5-S006
- ABD-5-S012 to ABD-5-S028
- ABD-5-S074

5.2.16 This is proposed under section 25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) because we are satisfied that the land is unsuitable for public access. The exclusion does not affect the route and will have no legal effect on land where coastal access rights do not apply. See Directions Map ABD 5A for further detail.

5.2.17 The Severn estuary has the largest tidal range in the UK of up to 15 metres, exposing a significant extent of soft mud at low tide which becomes rapidly inundated when the tide rises. The mud and the lower areas of saltmarsh on the edge of the mud do not provide a safe walking surface.

5.2.18 Two areas of foreshore that are traditionally used as beach are not excluded:

- The mudflat and rock just north of Portishead Marina
- The long belt of foreshore between Kilkenny Bay and Wains Hill

See part 8 of the Overview - 'Restrictions and exclusions' - for a summary for the entire stretch.

5.2.19 **Coastal erosion:** Natural England is able to propose that the route of the trail would be able to change in the future, without further approval from the Secretary of State, in response to coastal change. This would happen in accordance with the criteria and procedures for 'roll-back' set out in part 7 of the Overview. Natural England may only propose the use of this roll-back power:

- as a result of coastal erosion or other geomorphological processes or encroachment by the sea, or
- in order to link with other parts of the route that need to roll back in direct in response to such changes.

5.2.20 Column 4 of table 5.3.1 and 5.3.3 indicates where roll-back has been proposed in relation to a route section. Where this is the case, the route, as initially determined at the time the report was

prepared, is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps ABD 5a to ABD 5g as the proposed route of the trail.

5.2.21 If at any time in the future any part of a route section upon which roll-back has been specified needs, in Natural England's view, to change 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 7 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.

5.2.22 Before any new route is so determined, on this length of coast, we will conduct a Habitats Regulations Assessment and acquire SSSI assent as necessary in order to comply with our statutory obligations with respect to the designated sites listed in paragraph 5.2.4 above.

5.2.23 On sections for which roll-back is not proposed in table 5.3.1 the route is to be at the centre of the line shown on maps ABD 5a to ABD 5g as the proposed route of the trail.

Other future change:

5.2.24 At this point we do not foresee any other need for future changes to the access provisions that we have proposed within this report.

See parts 7 - 'Future changes' of the Overview for more information.

Establishment of the trail:

5.2.26 Below we summarise how our proposed route for the trail would be physically established to make it ready for public use before any new rights come into force.

5.2.27 Establishment works will only start on this length of coast once these proposals have been approved by the Secretary of State. The works may therefore either precede or follow the start of establishment works on other lengths of coast within the stretch, and detailed in their separate reports.

5.2.28 Our estimate of the capital costs for physical establishment of the trail on the proposed route is £60,000 and is informed by:

- information already held by the access authority, North Somerset Council;
- the conclusions of our deliberations in relation to potential impacts on the environment; and
- information gathered while visiting affected land and talking to the people who own and manage it about the options for the route.

5.2.29 There are 2 main elements to the overall cost:

- Signs and notices - to direct people along the route and explain any special considerations such as sensitive wildlife.
- Access furniture – gates, bridges, steps and surface works to make the existing route more convenient for use and more resilient to erosion

Table 1 shows our estimate of the capital cost for each of the main elements of physical establishment described above.

Table 1: Estimate of capital costs

Item	Cost
Signs & notices	£12,500
Access Furniture and surfacing	£42,000
Project management	£5500
Total	£60,000 (Exclusive of any VAT payable)

5.2.30 Once the Secretary of State’s decision on our report has been notified, and further to our conversations with land managers during the route planning stage, North Somerset Council will liaise with affected land owners and occupiers about relevant aspects of the design, installation and maintenance of the new signs and infrastructure that are needed on their land. Prior to works being carried out on the ground, all necessary permissions, authorisations and consents will be obtained. All such works would conform to the published standards for National Trails and the other criteria described in our Coastal Access Scheme.

Maintenance of the trail:

5.2.31 Because the trail on this length of coast will form part of the National Trail being created around the whole coast of England called the England Coast Path, we envisage that it will be maintained to the same high quality standards as other National Trails in England (see The New Deal; Management of National Trails in England from April 2013: details at Annex A of the Overview).

5.2.32 We estimate that the annual cost to maintain the trail will be £6,500 (exclusive of any VAT payable). In developing this estimate we have taken account of the formula used to calculate Natural England's contribution to the maintenance of other National Trails.

Part 5.3: Proposals Tables

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

5.3.1 Section Details – Maps ABD 5a to ABD 5g: Portishead Marina to Wain’s Hill, Clevedon

Key notes on table:

1. Column 2 – an asterisk (*) against the route section number means see also table 5.3.2: Other options considered.
2. Column 4 – ‘No’ means no roll-back is proposed for this route section. ‘Yes – normal’ means roll-back is proposed and is likely to follow the current feature (e.g. cliff edge/beach) for the foreseeable future as any coastal change occurs.
3. Column 5a - Certain coastal land types are included automatically in the coastal margin where they fall landward of the trail if they touch it at some point. The relevant land type (foreshore, cliff, bank, barrier, dune, beach, flat or section 15 land – see Glossary) is shown in this column where appropriate. “No” means none present on this route section.
4. Columns 5b and 5c – Any entry in these columns means we are proposing to align the landward boundary of the coastal margin on this route section with the physical feature(s) shown in 5b, for the reason in 5c. No text here means that for this route section the landward edge of the margin would be that of the trail itself - or if any default coastal land type is shown in 5a, that would be its landward boundary instead.
5. The table includes a correction to the report originally published on 25 July 2019. The correction is to column 5b of route section ABD-5-S037, which details the proposal to specify the landward boundary of the coastal margin adjacent to this route section. The original report described the boundary as ‘fence line’. This version of the report corrects that boundary description to ‘wall’ following advice from the owner of the wall.

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S001	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S002	Other existing walked route	Yes –See table 5.3.3	Yes - barrier	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S003	Other existing walked route	Yes–See table 5.3.3	Yes - barrier	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S004	Other existing walked route	Yes–See table 5.3.3	Yes - barrier	Landward edge of promenade	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S005	Other existing walked route	Yes–See table 5.3.3	Yes - barrier	Fence/railings	Clarity and cohesion	

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S006	Public Highway	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Landward edge of road	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S007	Other existing walked route	No	No	Landward edge of road	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S008	Public Footpath	No	No			
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S009	Other existing walked route	No	No	Hedge	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S010	Other existing walked route	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S011	Other existing walked route	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S012	Other existing walked route	No	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S013	Other existing walked route	No	No			
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S014	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S015	Public Highway	No	No	Wall/fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S016	Public Footpath	No	No	Rail/fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5a	ABD-5-S017	Other existing walked route	Yes – normal	No			
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S018	Public Footpath	Yes—normal	No			
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S019	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No			

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S020	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No			
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S021	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S022	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line and hedge	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S023	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S024	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Landward edge of scrub	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S025	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Landward edge of scrub	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S026	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S027	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line/wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S028	Public footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S029	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S030	Other existing walked route	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S031	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S032*	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S033	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S034	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S035	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S036	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S037	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S038	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/fence	Clarity and cohesion	

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S039	Public Footpath	Yes-see table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S040	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Wall	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S041	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Fence	Additional landward area	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S042	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Seaward edge of road	Additional landward area	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S043	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Seaward edge of road	Additional landward area	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S044	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Landward edge of grassed area	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S045	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No			
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S046	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5c	ABD-5-S047	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S048	Public Footpath	Yes-Normal	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S049	Public Footpath	Yes-Normal	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S050	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No			
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S051	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S052	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S053	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S054	Public Footpath	Yes-See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S055	Public Footpath	Yes—See table 5.3.3	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5e	ABD-5-S056	Public Footpath	Yes-Normal	No	Hedgerow/ Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5e	ABD-5-S057	Public Footpath	Yes-Normal	No	Fence line	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5e	ABD-5-S058	Public Footpath	Yes-Normal	No			
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S059	Public Footpath	No	No			
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S060	Public Footpath	No	No			
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S061	Public Footpath	No	No			
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S062	Public Footpath	No	No	Wall	Clarity & cohesion	
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S063	Public Footway	No	No	Pavement edge	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S064	Public Footway	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5f	ABD-5-S065	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S066	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			

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Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Current status of route section(s)	Roll-back proposed? (See Part 7 of Overview)	Landward margin contains coastal land type?	Proposal to specify landward boundary of margin (See maps)	Reason for landward boundary proposal	Explanatory notes
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S067	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S068	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S069	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S070	Other existing walked route	No	Yes - barrier			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S071	Public Footpath	No	No	Landward edge of path	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S072	Public Footpath	Yes - normal	No			
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S073	Public Footpath	Yes - normal	No	Fence	Clarity and cohesion	
ABD 5g	ABD-5-S074	Public Footpath	Yes - normal	No	Wall	Additional landward area	

5.3.2 Other options considered: Map ABD 5b Nore Road Greenspace to Black Nore

Map(s)	Route section numbers(s)	Other option(s) considered	Reasons for not proposing this option
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S032.	We considered aligning the trail along a different public footpath nearer to the shoreline than the public footpath shown as route section ABD-5-S032. The map does not depict the second footpath at the scale used.	<p>We opted for the proposed route because the other public footpath at this point is uneven due to erosion. The proposed route is also public right of way, a little further inland, with a level grassed surface throughout its length and maintaining good views of the sea.</p> <p>Under our proposals, the other public footpath nearer to the shoreline would remain available for people to use as part of the spreading room, but would not form part of the designated trail.</p>

Note: Any public rights of way not forming part of the proposed trail would remain available for people to use under their pre-existing rights.

5.3.3 Roll-back implementation – more complex situations: Map ABD 5b to ABD 5d Nore Road Greenspace to Pigeon House Bay

Map(s)	Route section number(s)	Feature(s) or site(s) potentially affected	Our likely approach to roll-back
ABD 5b	ABD-5-S020	Cliff top path seaward of Portishead Golf Course	If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the golf course, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with all relevant interests, either (a) to pass through the site / course, or (b) if this is not practicable, to pass somewhere on the landward side of it. In reaching this judgement we will have full regard to the need to seek a fair balance between the interests of potentially affected owners and occupiers and those of the public.
ABD 5b and ABD 5c	ABD-5-S019 to ABD-5-S047	Cliff top path between Kilkenny Bay and Charlcombe Bay	If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of any of the buildings and gardens along the cliff top, we will choose a route landward of them, following discussions with owners and occupiers.
ABD 5d	ABD-5-S050 to ABD-5-S055	Caravan sites, houses and other buildings above Walton Bay	If it is no longer possible to find a viable route seaward of the caravan sites, houses and other buildings above Walton Bay, we will choose a new route after detailed discussions with all relevant interests, either (a) to pass through the sites or (b) if this is not practicable, to pass somewhere on the landward side of the sites, houses and other buildings. In reaching this judgement we will have full regard to the need to seek a fair balance between the interests of potentially affected owners and occupiers and those of the public.

In relation to all other sections where roll-back has been proposed, any later adjustment of the trail is likely to follow the current feature (e.g. cliff edge/beach) for the foreseeable future as any coastal change occurs.

Part 5.4: Proposals Maps

5.4.1 Map Index

Map reference	Map title
ABD 5a	Portishead Marina to Nore Road Greenspace
ABD 5b	Nore Road Greenspace to Black Nore
ABD 5c	Black Nore to Charlcombe Bay
ABD 5d	Charlcombe Bay to Pigeon House Bay
ABD 5e	Pigeon House Bay to Backhill Sands
ABD 5f	Backhill Sands to Hangstone Hill
ABD 5g	Hangstone Hill to Wain's Hill
Directions Map ABD 5A	Proposed exclusions: Portishead

Correction to map ABD 5c

Map ABD 5c includes a correction to the report originally published on 25 July 2019. The correction is to the coastal margin landward of the trail at route section ABD-5-S036. Table 5.3.1 of the original report correctly described the landward boundary of the coastal margin on this route section as 'fence line' corresponding to the seaward extent of the two gardens, but the boundary was incorrectly drawn on the map to depict the coastal margin as including two private gardens landward of the fence. In this version of the report the coastal margin landward of the trail in these places has been removed in accordance with our original intention and with the wishes of the garden owners. It is also consistent with the legislation, which categorises land used as a garden as excepted from coastal access rights.



Coastal Access - Natural England's Proposals

Legend for all maps

PROPOSALS

Trail Sections

- Trail using existing public right of way or highway
- Trail using other existing walked route
- Trail not using existing walked route
- Alternative route
- Trail shown on other maps
- Approved or open England Coast Path

Maps that show sections of the trail that follow the existing South West Coast Path as currently walked and managed use the following trail categories. Information on the existing status and infrastructure is not shown.

- Trail using existing South West Coast Path
- Alternative or optional alternative route using existing South West Coast Path

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

- BW** - Public bridleway
- BY** - Public byway
- CP** - Cycletrack (pedestrian)
- CT** - Cycletrack (cycles only)
- FP** - Public footpath
- FW** - Public footway (Pavement)
- RB** - Restricted byway
- RD** - Public road

Coastal Margin

Explanatory note

Part 3 of the Overview to the report explains where the landward boundary of the coastal margin falls by default. Our proposals include any suggested variation of this default boundary. The purple wash on the map indicates where as a result of our proposals the coastal margin would extend significantly to the landward side of the proposed route of the trail. The coastal margin may include some areas where coastal access rights do not apply, either seaward or landward of the proposed route of the trail: the Overview explains more about this. The landward boundary of the coastal margin may in due course move inland, if the trail rolls back under proposals in this report to respond to coastal change.

- Coastal margin landward of the trail
- Coastal margin landward of the trail which is existing access land

Other Information

Other access rights and routes

- Public bridleways
- Public byways
- Public footpaths
- Restricted byways
- South West Coast Path
- Sustrans national routes
- Existing access land

Infrastructure types

For status of each, where shown on map, see colour codes below

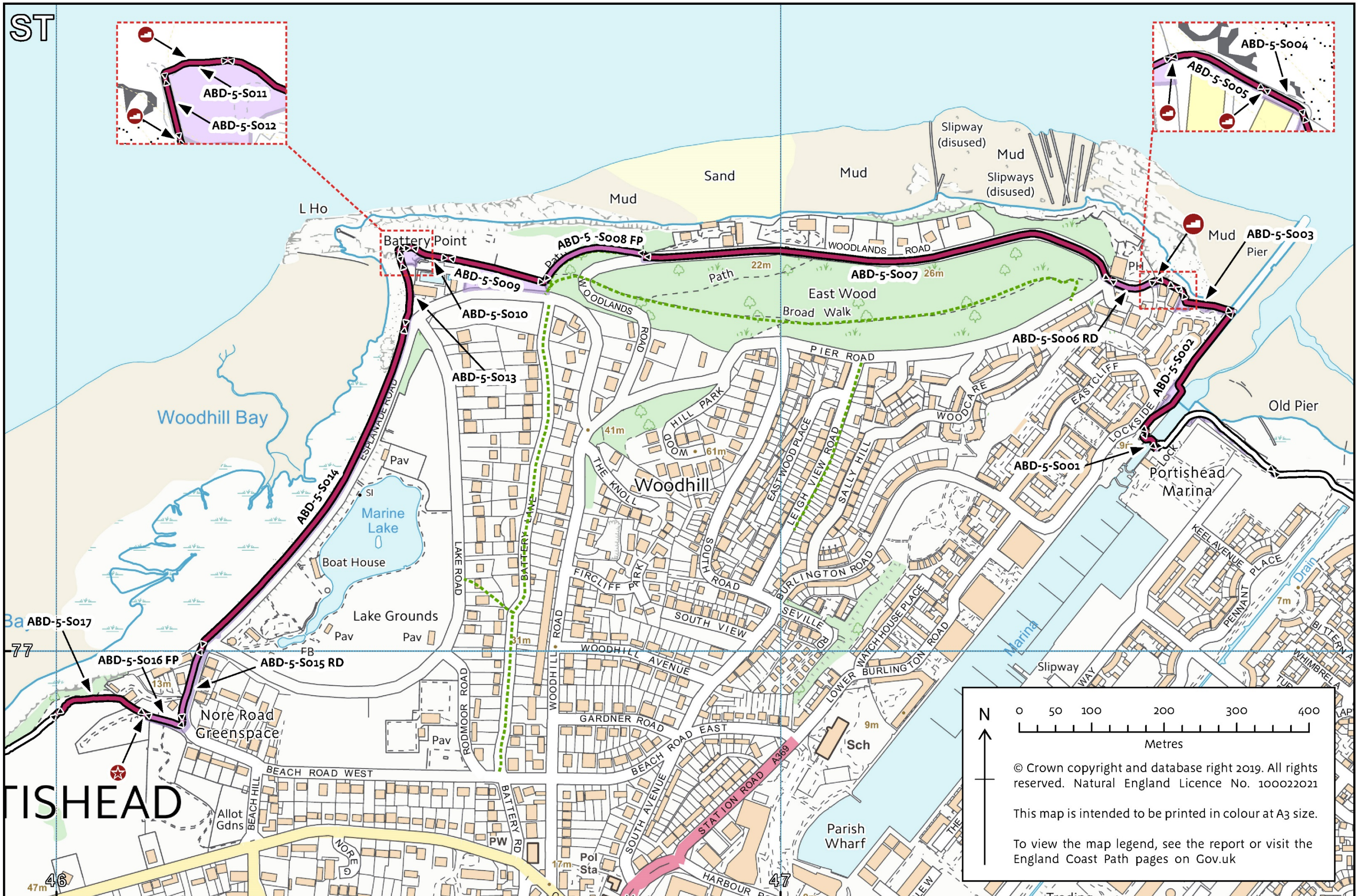
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| Bridges: | Stiles: | Gates: |
| Clapper bridge | Ladder stile | Bristol gate |
| Footbridge | Lift-up stile | Field gate |
| Quad bike bridge | Squeeze stile | Gateway with no gate |
| Sleeper bridge | Step stile | Kissing gate |
| Vehicle bridge | Stone stile | Pedestrian gate |
| | | Wheelchair gate |
| Miscellaneous: | | |
| Barrier | Cycle chicane | Interpretation panel |
| Boardwalk | Drainage | Ramp |
| Bollard | Drop-kerb | Revetment |
| Cattle grid | Gap in fence | Stepping stones |
| Culvert | Hurdle | Steps |

Infrastructure status

Each symbol shown on the map is colour coded as appropriate, as in this example for a set of steps:

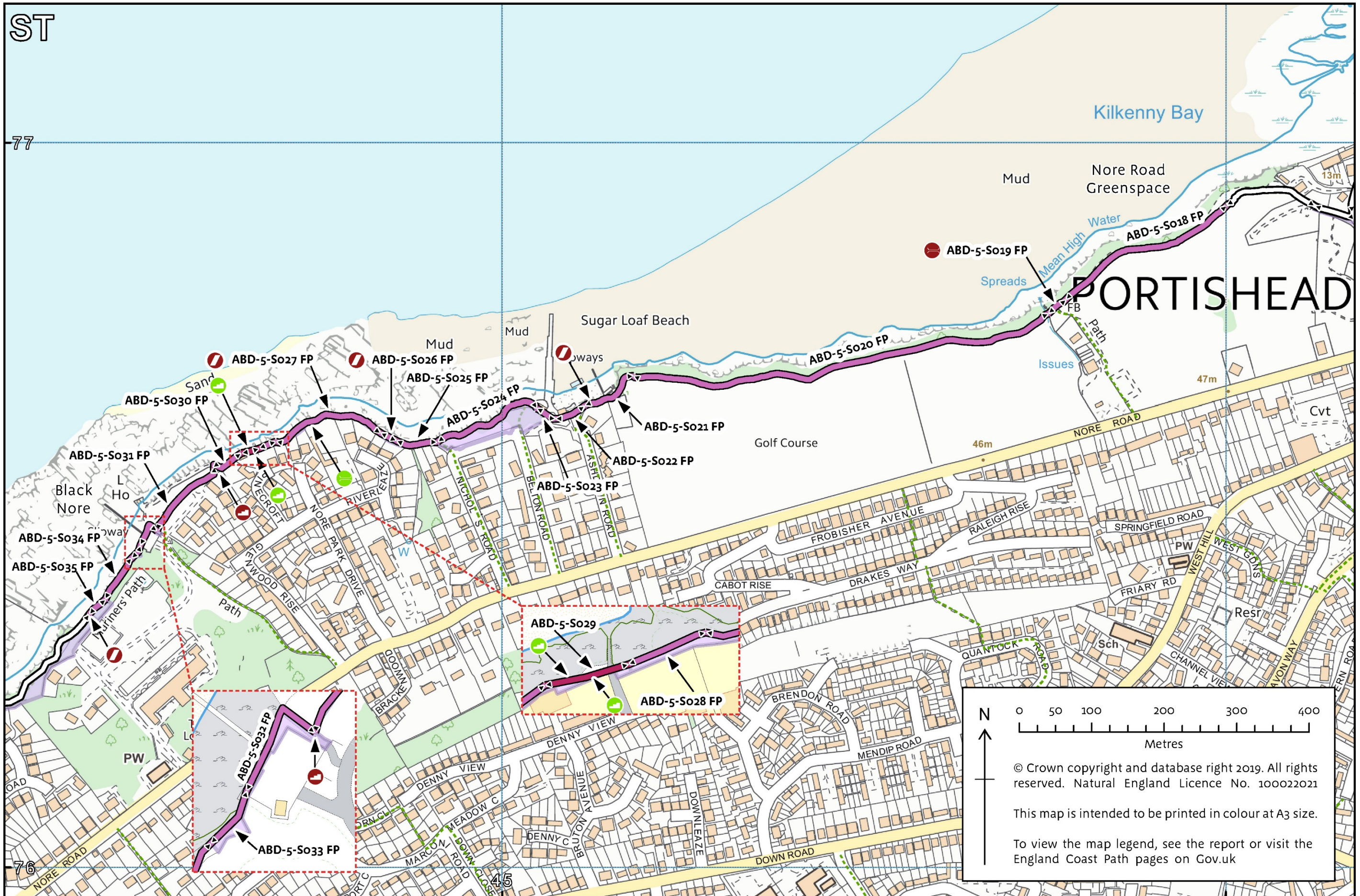
- Existing steps to be retained
- New steps required
- Existing steps to be removed

Map ABD 5a Portishead Marina to Nore Road Greenspace



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Map ABD 5b Nore Road Greenspace to Black Nore

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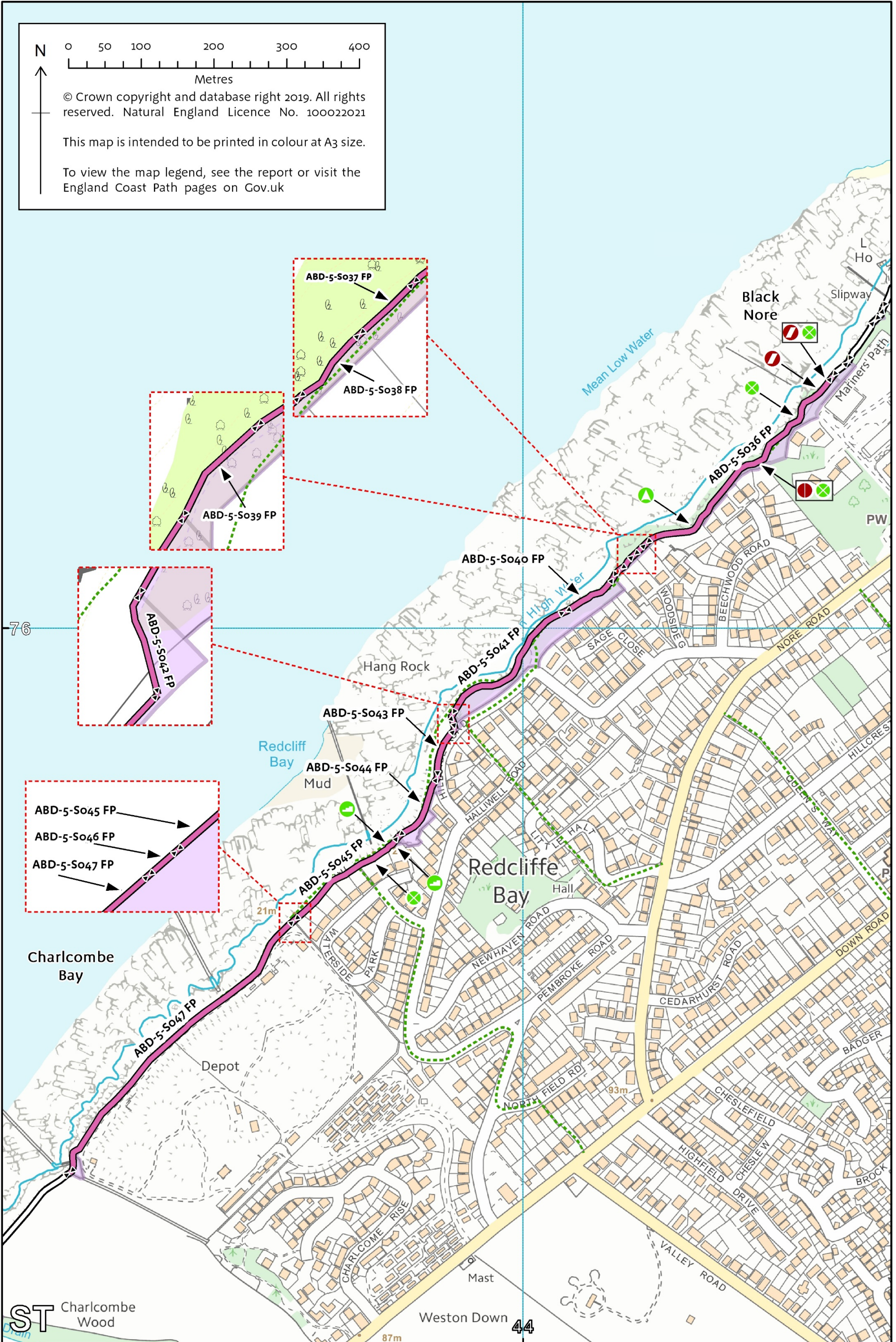
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Map ABD 5d Charlcombe Bay to Pigeon House Bay



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Map ABD 5f Backhill Sands to Hangstone Hill



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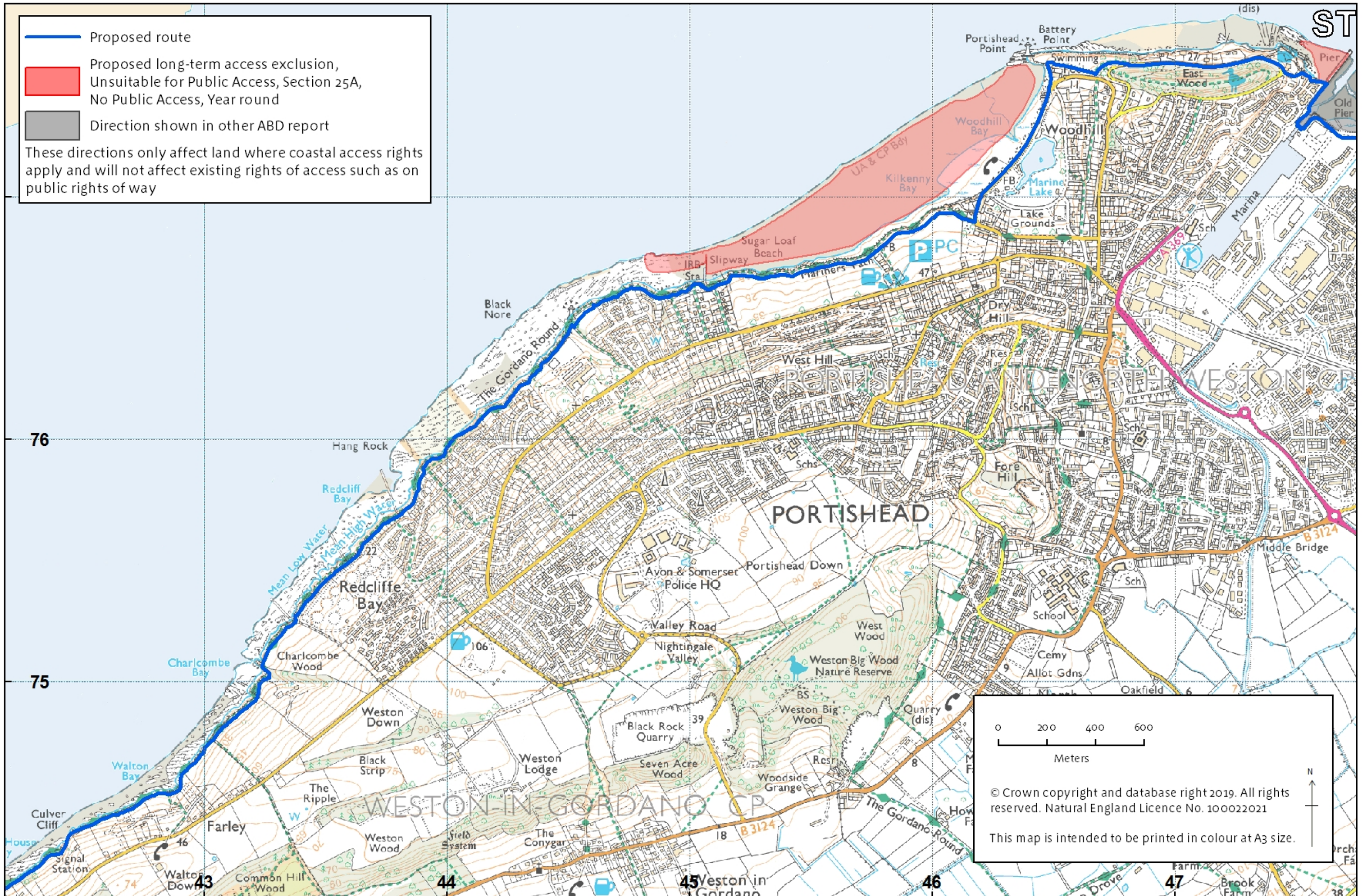
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Map ABD 5g Hangstone Hill to Wain's Hill







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Mean Low Water

Kingston Pill

Mean High Water

Seawall Farm

Treble House Farm

Poplar Farm

Riverside Farm

Dorsal Farm

Lower Farm

Southfield Farm

Lower Strode Road

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