

Coastal Access Variation Report: Whitehaven to Silecroft (WHS-VR6 - Drigg)



Full representations with Natural England's comments

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1. Introduction

This document records the representations Natural England has received on this report from persons or bodies whose representations must be sent in full to the Secretary of State. It also sets out any Natural England comments on these representations.

2. Background

Natural England's report setting out its proposals to vary the England Coast Path at Drigg, between Whitehaven and Silecroft, was submitted to the Secretary of State on 22 August 2018. This began an eight-week period during which formal representations and objections about the report could be made. A representation about the report could be made during this period by any person on any grounds and could include arguments either in support of or against Natural England's proposals.

In total Natural England received two representations, both of which were made by organisations or individuals whose representations must be sent in full to the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. These 'full' representations are submitted in their entirety here together with Natural England's comments where relevant. No representations made by other individuals or organisations, referred to as 'other' representations, were received.

Before making a determination in respect of a coastal access report, the Secretary of State must consider both documents relating to 'full' and 'other' representations.

3. Representation and comment record

Representation number	MCA\Whitehaven Silecroft\R\22\WHS0080
Organisation/ person making representation	[Redacted] Historic England
Report chapter	VR6 – map VR6a
Route section(s)	WHS-VR6-S001 to S002
Representation in full <i>Record the representation here in <u>full</u>. Do not summarise.</i>	
I confirm that Historic England has no comments to make on the proposed variation.	
Specialist input <i>Record the input received. It is not necessary to record the input in full. If no</i>	

<i>specialists were consulted or responded, leave the field blank.</i>	
Natural England's comments <i>Enter Natural England's comments here with as much detail as possible.</i>	
We are grateful for [redacted] representation confirming Historic England have no comments regarding the proposed variation at Drigg.	

Representation number	MCA\Whitehaven Silecroft\R\27\WHS0013
Organisation/ person making representation	[Redacted] The Ramblers and Open Spaces Society
Report chapter	VR6 – map VR6a
Route section(s)	WHS-VR6-S001 to S002
Representation in full <i>Record the representation here in full. Do not summarise.</i>	
We support Natural England's proposal to re-route the path slightly (away from the soft, wet ground) in this location and agree that this is likely to improve the experience for walkers. We suspect that avoiding the soft, wet ground may also reduce any need for future maintenance.	
Specialist input <i>Record the input received. It is not necessary to record the input in full. If no specialists were consulted or responded, leave the field blank.</i>	
Natural England's comments <i>Enter Natural England's comments here with as much detail as possible.</i>	
<p><i>Please note that we received a single form from [redacted] representing both The Ramblers and the Open Spaces Society, so have treated it as a single representation here.</i></p> <p>We are grateful for [redacted] comments and for confirming support of our proposals to vary the route at Drigg.</p>	