# Coastal Access – Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea

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### 1. Introduction

This document records the representations Natural England has received on this compendium of reports from persons or bodies. It also sets out any Natural England comments on these representations.

# 2. Background

Natural England's compendium of reports setting out its proposals for improved access to the coast from Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea, comprising an overview and five separate length reports, was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 February 2020. This began an eight-week period during which representations and objections about each constituent report could be made.

In total, Natural England received nine representations pertaining to the Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea stretch, of which five 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 reproduced in Section 4 in their entirety, together with Natural England's comments. Also, included in Section 4 is a summary of the four representations made by other individuals or organisations, referred to as 'other' representations. Section 5 contains the supporting documents referenced in the representations.

# 3. Layout

The representations and Natural England's comments on them are separated below into the lengths against which they were submitted. Each length below contains the 'full' and 'other' representations submitted against it, together with Natural England's comments. Where representations refer to two or more lengths, they and Natural England's comments will appear in duplicate under each relevant length. Note that although a representation may appear within multiple lengths, Natural England's responses may include length-specific comments which are

not duplicated across all lengths in which the representation appears. The supporting documents in Section 5 are also separated into the lengths against which they were submitted.

# 4. Representations and Natural England's comments on them

#### Overview

#### Full Representations

Representation number: MCA/TSE Overview/R/12/TSE0126 Organisation/ person making representation: Essex County Council Route section(s) specific to this representation: Overview Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Representation in full Overview Report

**Map C2 – Nature Reserves and Country Parks.** The map does not appear to show the Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserves. The proposed trail route passes through or very close to four reserves – Thurrock Thameside, Stanford Warren, Fobbing Marsh and Gunners Park and Shoebury Ranges. This error should be rectified to give accurate information to the public.

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thank Essex County Council for their comment.

Natural England does not propose to change Map C2 as the information is correct within the framework for the England Coast Path. The legislation (Schedule 1 to the Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010 requires that Natural England must notify the RSPB directly of the publication of our reports and as above we must consider their representations in full. The same does not apply to the Wildlife Trusts. Therefore Natural England map RSPB reserves where more specific to the alignment proposals.

The mapping in this instance also recognises the dogs on leads restrictions that cover the RSPB reserves and the information in Map C2 adds context to this restriction.

The series of maps in the overview provide a limited range of contextual information and Natural England utilise data sources that are readily available to us and replicate this where we believe it adds helpful information. Digital data of the Essex Wildlife Trust reserves was not readily available and Natural England believes that sufficient information was included in the range of maps in the overview for the public to see the context of the trail alignment. If the public wished to investigate other datasets they were able to review these through many other mechanisms if they so wished. Natural England make a judgement on what information to include in these maps and they do not form part of the trail alignment proposals.

#### Length 1

#### Full Representations

Representation number: MCA/TSE1/R/2/TSE0019 Organisation/ person making representation: Ramblers Association, Essex Area Route section(s) specific to this representation: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 2, 3, 4, 5 Representation in full

We give our full support to Natural England's proposals for the England Coast Path between Fort Road, Tilbury and The Manorway, Corringham

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thank the Ramblers Association, Essex Area, for their supportive comments.

#### **Other Representations**

Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/1/TSE0008 Organisation/ person making representation: Disabled Ramblers Name of site: Ford Road, Tilbury to the Manorway, Corringham Report map reference: TSE1a – TSE11 Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 2. 3. 4, 5 Summary of representation:

The Disabled Ramblers noted that Natural England should ensure that, unless the natural terrain itself prevents access, any existing or new infrastructure along the Coast Path does not present a barrier to their ability to progress along the Coast Path.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England welcome the Disabled Ramblers comments regarding infrastructure that may present as a barrier to many users of the England Coast Path and will work with Thurrock Council as the access authority who have responsibility for establishing and maintaining the trail to ensure all users are considered and structures and surfacing meets all necessary legislation, including that designed to protect wildlife.

Representation ID: MCA/TSE1/R/2/TSE0019 Organisation/ person making representation: Port of Tilbury London Limited (PoTLL) Name of site: Port of Tilbury Report map reference: 1b Route sections on or adjacent to the land: TSE-1-S017 –S019 Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates Summary of representation: Port of Tilbury London Limited are developing a new Port Terminal known as Tilbury? which

Port of Tilbury London Limited are developing a new Port Terminal known as Tilbury2, which lies immediately to the north of the coast path at stretch TSE-1-S017 to S019.

They have developed an Active Travel Strategy which includes a package of improvements to footpaths/cycleways in the vicinity of Tilbury2 which will complement improvements proposed by Natural England.

Port of Tilbury London Limited wish to avoid duplication so propose further discussions with themselves and Thurrock DC.

Port of Tilbury London Limited notes that if more frequent inundation was to occur due to rising sea levels, no simple roll back could be implemented. There would be no feasible public footpath route through Tilbury2 for security and health and safety reasons.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England welcomes the comments from the Port of Tilbury London Authority.

We are aware of the developments along this section of coast and note they do not impact on the proposed alignment.

Natural England were aware of the proposals for improved local signage with a unique livery and design and would welcome continued dialogue with Port of Tilbury London Limited and Thurrock District Council as the England Coast Path is established.,

Natural England recognised the constraints in this area and detailed in section 1.1.3 of our report that this section of coast would require complex rollback proposals if the proposed route became unavailable for regular use in the future.

**Representation ID:** MCA/TSE Stretch/R/9/TSE0091

**Organisation/ person making representation:** Port of London Authority (PLA) **Name of site:** 

Report map reference: TSE E-1

**Route sections on or adjacent to the land:** TSE-1-S001 to TSE-1-S071 **Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:** TSE 2, 3, 4, 5 **Summary of representation**:

The Port of London Authority welcome the S25A restriction on public access under Health and Safety risks to the saltmarsh and flat along the coastline of this report. The PLA confirm ownership of the foreshore and state that there is no right of access to this area of land, except by specific consent. They do not wish to see any general unregulated access to the whole area of the foreshore. They do not wish to encourage more access and ask that Natural England supply lifesaving equipment and signage warning of the dangers.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England thank the Port of London Authority for their comments. We held several meetings with representatives of the Port of London Authority as we developed our proposals and engaged in correspondence. The Port of London Authority were made aware that, by default, the Marine and Coastal Access Act creates an area of coastal margin from the line of the trail down to mean low water.

Natural England recognises that wide areas of intertidal flat and the creek incised saltmarshes can be hazardous and present a danger to the public. As such a restriction on public access

has been proposed on these areas under Section 25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act.

To accompany the restriction on access to the saltmarsh and flat signage will be placed at various locations informing the public of this restriction and the dangers posed.

#### Length 2

#### Full Representations

#### Representation number: MCA/TSE2/R/4/TSE0019

**Organisation/ person making representation:** Ramblers Association, Essex Area **Route section(s) specific to this representation:** Whole Stretch **Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:** TSE 1, 3, 4, 5 **Representation in full** 

We give our full support to Natural England's proposals for the England Coast Path between The Manorway, Corringham and Pitsea Lane, Pitsea

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thank the Ramblers Association, Essex Area, for their supportive comments.

**Representation number:** MCA/TSE2/R/13/TSE0126 MCA/TSE2/R/14/TSE0126 **Organisation/ person making representation:** Essex County Council (Highways) **Route section(s) specific to this representation:** Map TSE 2d, Route sections: TSE-2-S022, S023, S024 Map TSE E2b, Route sections: TSE-2-S041 to TSE-2-S045

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

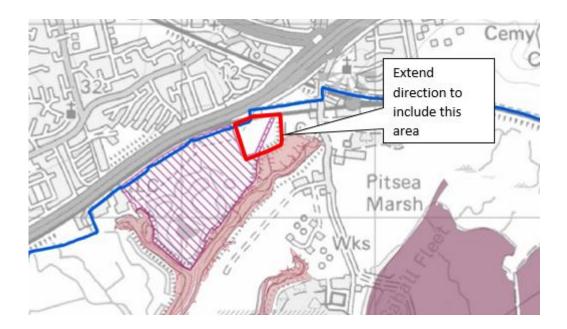
#### Representation in full Report TSE2 – The Manorway to Pitsea Hall Lane

#### Proposals table and Map TSE 2d, Route sections: TSE-2-S022, S023, S024

The proposed trail alignment is along the top of the seawall at the head of the creek called Parting Gut and the current route status is shown in the report as public footpath. However, this is not correct. The public footpath is actually along the folding behind the seawall. Therefore, either the trail alignment should be amended to follow the public footpath or the status of these sections should be changed to "Other existing walked route". During alignment discussions both the Essex Wildlife Trust and RSPB staff were keen that the trail route was kept off the top of the seawall either side of this location. Essex County Council would prefer the route to follow the existing public right of way along the folding.

#### Map TSE E2b, Route sections: TSE-2-S041 to TSE-2-S045

Whilst Essex County Council support the proposed dogs on leads direction on the RSPB owned land we believe it should be extended to include the rest of the land parcel south of the railway line that has no discernible differences, with similar habitats and management practices. This would be better for the resident wildlife, clearer for trail users and easier to manage.



#### Natural England's comments Proposals table and Map TSE 2d, Route sections: TSE-2-S022, S023, S024

Natural England note the comments made by Essex County Council regarding the discrepancy between the location of the definitive right of way on the folding and the proposed alignment of the England Coast Path.

Currently the public walk along to the crest of the seawall, facilitated by the infrastructure already in place on site (steps on seawall slope, gates on crest, see 'Supporting Documents') that suggests that this is currently being managed as a right of way. Natural England had taken the physical infrastructure and current use as the line of the right of way and not appreciated the small deviation in location. We will amend our maps to show this alignment as a current walked route on top of the seawall and continue to make use of the existing infrastructure in this location. This allows the public a chance to see the sea and associated habitats as for sections of the alignment either side of this section they are constrained to the folding to reduce the disturbance to wildlife in the intertidal area. The alignment on top of the seawall better meets the criteria laid out in the Scheme for the England Coast Path.

#### Map TSE E2b, Route sections: TSE-2-S041 to TSE-2-S045

The England Coast Path, identifies within the approved Scheme that it will look to the least restrictive approach to managing access rights, allowing the public the maximum opportunity to experience their new access rights.

The area of land identified by Essex County Council to the east of the RSPB reserve is a different habitat to the reserve and is currently used for recreation by the public. The grasslands in this area are more overgrown with areas of dense scrub. The RSPB reserve is dominated by wetter grassland areas, open water and reed beds and of importance for its ground nesting birds.

The public currently access this area to the east of the reserve, having had no controls exercised over their use. The RSPB reserve is a managed reserve, with clearer defined ownership.

Therefore Natural England do not propose to increase the area of the dogs on lead restriction.

#### Relevant appended documents (see section 5):

5A: MCA/TSE2/R/13/TSE0126 Site photo taken by Natural England of infrastructure steps to encourage public to use the crest of the seawall and the ECC signage attached to gateways on top of seawall at Parting Gut.

#### Other Representations

Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/1/TSE0008 Organisation/ person making representation: Disabled Ramblers Name of site: The Manorway, Corringham to Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea Report map reference: TSE2a – TSE2d Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1. 3. 4, 5 Summary of representation: The Disabled Ramblers noted that Natural England should ensure that, unless the natural

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#### Natural England's comment:

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Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/9/TSE0091

**Organisation/ person making representation:** Port of London Authority (PLA) **Name of site:** 

Report map reference:

Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 3, 4, 5 Summary of representation:

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foreshore. They do not wish to encourage more access and ask that Natural England supply lifesaving equipment and signage warning of the dangers.

#### Natural England's comment:

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Natural England recognises that wide areas of intertidal flat and the creek incised saltmarshes can be hazardous and present a danger to the public. As such a restriction on public access has been proposed on these areas under Section 25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act.

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#### Length 3

#### Full Representations

Representation number: MCA/TSE3/R/5/TSE0019

Organisation/ person making representation: Ramblers Association, Essex Area Route section(s) specific to this representation: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 4, 5 Representation in full

We give our full support to Natural England's proposals for the England Coast Path between TSE 3: Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea and Ferry Road, Benfleet.

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thank the Ramblers Association for their supportive comments.

**Representation number:** MCA/TSE3/R/15/TSE0126 **Organisation/ person making representation:** Essex County Council **Route section(s) specific to this representation:** TSE-3-S001 to TSE-3-S003

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

Representation in full

#### Report TSE3 -Pitsea Hall Lane to Ferry Road, Benfleet

Paragraph 3.2.7 states that accessibility will be limited because "the trail will cross the railway line at Pitsea Hall Lane". In fact the trail will cross the railway line along a pavement over a road bridge so there will be no restrictions to accessibility at this point. Essex County Council would like to see this error rectified as it gives incorrect information to the public about accessibility.

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England recognise the representation presented by Essex County Council regarding the trial alignment along Pitsea Hall Lane. The trail does not physically cross the surface of the rail tracks in this location as the report implies but instead it crosses by utilising the pavement on a road bridge.

Natural England consider that it is clear on the maps and on the ground that the route makes use of a road bridge and because of the railway fences and associated infrastructure in this location near the station it is unlikely that walkers will attempt to cross the railway tracks as a result of the minor descriptive error in the report. As this is part of the narrative and not part of the legal alignment of the trail Natural England do not propose to amend the report.

#### Other Representations

#### Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/1/TSE0008

Organisation/ person making representation: Disabled Ramblers Name of site: Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea to Ferry Road, Benfleet Report map reference: TSE3a – TSE3d Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates TSE 1, 2, 4, 5 Summary of representation: The Disabled Ramblers noted that Natural England should ensure that, unless the natural

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#### Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/9/TSE0091

Organisation/ person making representation: Port of London Authority (PLA) Name of site: Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea to Ferry Road, Benfleet Report map reference: TSE3 Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 4, 5 Summary of representation:

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#### Length 4

#### Full Representations

Representation number: MCA/TSE4/R/6/TSE0019 Organisation/ person making representation: Ramblers Association, Essex Area Route section(s) specific to this representation: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 5 Representation in full

We give our full support to Natural England's proposals for the England Coast at Canvey Island **Natural England's comments** 

Natural England thanks the Ramblers Association, Essex Area for their supportive comments.

#### Other Representations

#### Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/1/TSE0008

Organisation/ person making representation: Disabled Ramblers Name of site: Canvey Island Report map reference: TSE4a – TSE4k Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 5 Summary of representation:

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#### Natural England's comment:

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Organisation/ person making representation: Port of London Authority (PLA) Name of site: Canvey Island Report map reference: TSE4a – TSE4k Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 5 Summary of representation:

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The Port of London Authority does not envisage any issues with using the existing path by the gas facility to the south of Canvey Island, but note that in this area there is no room for any inland spread.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England thank the Port of London Authority for their comments. We held several meetings with representatives of the Port of London Authority as we developed our proposals and engaged in correspondence. The Port of London Authority were made aware that, by default, the Marine and Coastal Access Act creates an area of coastal margin from the line of the trail down to mean low water.

Natural England recognises that wide areas of intertidal flat and the creek incised saltmarshes can be hazardous and present a danger to the public. As such a restriction on public access has been proposed on these areas under Section 25A of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act.

To accompany the restriction on access to the saltmarsh and flat signage will be placed at various locations informing the public of this restriction and the dangers posed.

The trail alignment along between TSE-4-S043 and TSE-4-S056, the general frontage of the gas facilities is along the crest of the seawall, except where this is unable to be used due to the pipelines over the wall and here the path follows the existing line to the passages under these pipes. The seawall is a coastal land type (sea bank) where the default spreading room landward applies to the base of the bank, as identified in table 4.3.1 of our report.

Representation ID: MCA/TSE4/R/8/TSE0039 Organisation/ person making representation: Castle Point Borough Council Name of site: Canvey Island Report map reference: TSE4a – TSE4k Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch

# Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates Summary of representation:

Castle Point Borough Council welcomes the proposals for TSE4.

The Council notes that the details set out in TSE4 identify two challenges to accessibility and requests that Natural England consider directing investment to address the accessibility of the route, either alone or in conjunction with partners.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England thank Castle Point Borough Council for their supportive comments

Natural England recognises Castle Point Borough Council's concerns with regard to accessibility and will work with Essex County Council (the access authority) who will be responsible for establishing and maintaining the trail and welcomes further discussions with Castle Point Borough Council and relevant partners to ensure that these issues are addressed.

#### Length 5

#### Full Representations

Representation number: MCA/TSE5/R/7/TSE0019 Organisation/ person making representation: Ramblers Association, Essex Area Route section(s) specific to this representation: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 3, 2, 4, Representation in full

We give our full support to Natural England's proposals for the England Coast Path between Ferry Road, Benfleet and Barge Pier, Shoeburyness

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thank the Ramblers Association, Essex Area, for their supportive comments.

**Representation number:** MCA/TSE5/R/15/TSE0126 **Organisation/ person making representation:** Essex County Council **Route section(s) specific to this representation:** TSE-5-S014 to TSE-5-S015

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

#### **Representation in full**

#### Report TSE5, Route sections: TSE-5-S014 and TSE-5-S015

During alignment discussions both the Essex Wildlife Trust area warden and the Natural England Responsible Officer expressed concern about the potential impact of the England Coast Path on the lagoon area on the west side of Two Tree Island. Therefore, Essex County Council request that the area seaward of trail sections TSE-5-S014 and S015 is included within the s25a restriction or covered by a s26 restriction.

#### Natural England's comments

Natural England thanks Essex County Council for their comments.

Natural England has received no representations or objections regarding the lagoon area from the Essex Wildlife Trust, or from other landowners. During the process of establishing the route of the ECP we concluded, in consultation with Natural England's Responsible Officer, that there was unlikely to be a negative impact on nature conservation as a result of establishing new coastal access rights in this location. Therefore Natural England do not propose to include the area seaward of trail sections TSE-5-S014 and S015 in the s25a restriction or to cover this area with a s26 restriction.

#### Other Representations

Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/1/TSE0008

Organisation/ person making representation: Disabled Ramblers Name of site: Ferry Road, Benfleet to Barge Pier, Shoeburyness Report map reference: TSE5a – TSE5k Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 4 Summary of representation:

The Disabled Ramblers noted that Natural England should ensure that, unless the natural terrain itself prevents access, any existing or new infrastructure along the Coast Path does not present a barrier to their ability to progress along the Coast Path.

#### Natural England's comment:

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#### Representation ID: MCA/TSE Stretch/R/9/TSE0091

Organisation/ person making representation: Port of London Authority (PLA)

Name of site: Ferry Road, Benfleet to Barge Pier, Shoeburyness

Report map reference: TSE5a – TSE5k

Route sections on or adjacent to the land: Whole Stretch

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates: TSE 1, 2, 3, 4 Summary of representation:

The Port of London Authority has been heavily involved in other proposals connecting the Thames Path with the England Coast Path, particularly along the south bank of the River Thames, up to Allhallows.

In this instance however, and unlike the recent proposals affecting the south bank, the land in question (particularly relating to the stretch of coastal path adjacent to the Thames (Barge Pier to Shoeburyness) falls outside of the Port of London Authority's land ownership and navigational

jurisdiction. Notwithstanding this, the area also falls within the exempt area for Estates or River Works Licenses for the Port of London Authority. In this instance therefore, the Port of London Authority has no specific observations to make.

#### Natural England's comment:

Natural England thanks the Port of London Authority for their comments

# 5. Supporting documents

5A: MCA/TSE2/R/13/TSE0126 Site photo taken by Natural England of infrastructure steps to encourage public to use the crest of the seawall and the ECC signage attached to gateways on top of seawall at Parting Gut.

