

# **Notice by the Secretary of State under section 52 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949**

## **Whitstable to Iwade**

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# Introduction

On 21 June 2017 Natural England submitted a coastal access report relating to the stretch of land between Whitstable and Iwade to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 51 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (“the 1949 Act”), pursuant to its duty under section 296(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”).

In reaching a determination under section 52 of the 1949 Act the Secretary of State has considered:

- a. Whitstable to Iwade–Natural England’s coastal access report submitted to the Secretary of State on 21 June 2017;
- b. in accordance with paragraph 16(1)(a) of the Schedule, the objections which the appointed person determined to be admissible objections;
- c. in accordance with paragraph 16(1)(b) of the Schedule, Natural England’s comments on the admissible objections which it sent to the Secretary of State;
- d. in accordance with paragraph 16(1)(c) of the Schedule, the report given to the Secretary of State by the appointed person in respect of the objections which the appointed person determined to be admissible objections;
- e. in accordance with paragraph 16(1)(d) of the Schedule, representations made by a person within paragraph 2(2)(b) to (f) of the Schedule and the summary of other representations made, and Natural England’s comments on those representations which it sent to the Secretary of State on 5 January 2018.

In this notice –

(a) “objection” means an objection about the coastal access report which is made under paragraph 3 of Schedule 20 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009; and

(b) “representation” means a representation about the coastal access report which is made under paragraph 7 of Schedule 20 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

# Secretary of State's approval of coastal access proposals

The Secretary of State has determined to approve with modification those proposals for the route and associated coastal margin as set out in the coastal access report.

The additional conclusions and observations of the Secretary of State in relation to the representations are set out at **Annex B** to this notice.

Where proposals are approved with modification, the additional conclusions and observations of the Secretary of State in relation to the representations are set out at **Annex C** to this notice.

In the respects specified in the objections set out at **Annex A** to this notice, the Secretary of State determines that the proposals set out in the coastal access report do not fail to strike a "fair balance" as a result of the matters specified in the objections. They therefore approve the proposals set out in the coastal access report, so far as they relate to those parts of the route (and associated coastal margin) to which those objections relate.

These proposals are within the scope of the judgement by the Court of Justice of the European Union known as *People over Wind* (C-323/17), which concerned the approach to completing Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRAs). The judgement was passed after proposals for the Whitstable to Iwade stretch were published but before they were approved by the Secretary of State.

To comply with the judgement, the Secretary of State asked Natural England to review its HRA for this stretch. In making his decision, the Secretary of State has taken the revised HRA into account. Representations and Natural England's comments on them were made before the judgement was passed and should therefore be read in this context. Where appropriate, Natural England has updated their comments to reflect material changes to the situation on the ground. The revised HRA and the representations are published alongside this notice.

The Secretary of State has made available at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk):

- a. a copy of this notice;
- b. The reports on the objections given to them by the appointed person;
- c. Representations made by a person within paragraph 2(2)(b) to (f) of the Schedule, and Natural England's comments on those representations, which it sent to the Secretary of State on 5 January 2018; and
- d. Summary of other representations, and Natural England's comments on those representations, which it sent to the Secretary of State on 5 January 2018.

Natural England has also made available here:

e. Whitstable to Iwade: the coastal access report.

## **Annex A: Objections which did not fail to strike a “fair balance”**

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/01**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route sections WSI-2-SO25, WSI-2-SO26 and WSI-2-SO27 (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route sections WSI-2-SO25, WSI-2-SO26 and WSI-2-SO27.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/02**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route section WSI-2-SO41FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route section WSI-2-SO41FP.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/03**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route section WSI-2-SO41FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route section WSI-2-SO41FP.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/06**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/07**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/08**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route section WSI-1-S032 (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route section WSI-1-S032.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/09**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route section WSI-1-SO34 and WSI-1-SO35 (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route section WSI-1-SO34 and WSI-1-SO35.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/11**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route sections WSI-2-SO36FP and WSI-2-SO37FP.

### **Objection Reference: MCA/Whitstable to Iwade/12**

The land in the Report to which the objection relates is route section WSI-2-SO41FP (as shown on Map 2b). Secretary of State notes the consideration and recommendation of the appointed person in regard to this objection and approves the proposals in relation to route section WSI-2-SO41FP.

# **Annex B: Conclusions and observations on representations without modifications**

The Secretary of State has considered, in relation to the coastal access report, the following representations made under paragraph 7 of the Schedule.

## **Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\19\WSI1139**

### **Name of representation:**

Kent Ramblers' Association

### **Length Report and route section(s):**

Whole Report

### **Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the Kent Ramblers' Association, which is supportive of the proposals.

## **Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\52\WSI1139**

### **Name of representation:**

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

### **Length Report and route section(s):**

Whole Report

### **Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the RSPB which is supportive of the proposals.

Welcomes Natural England's commitment to keep working with other local interests to improve access management along this stretch.

## **Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\37\WSI0022**

### **Name of representation:**

National Grid

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapters 1, 3 and 4

Maps 1f, 3c and 4a

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the representation and Natural England's response.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\2\WSI0348**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Length 1

WSI-1-S030 to WSI-1-S037

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and the limitations to improving accessibility at this point of the route due to sea defence issues raised by the local council.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\11\WSI1257**

**Name of representation:**

Whitstable Society

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 1

WSI-1-S006 to WSI-1-S012

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning for the restriction in this area as set out in response by Natural England.

Notes that a change in circumstances or the outcome of the MMO investigation may lead to changes in exclusions and restrictions in this part of the route in future.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\42\WSI 0869**

**Name of representation:**

Seasalter Chalet Residents Association

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 1

WSI-1-S052 to S054

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the Seasalter Chalet Residents Association which is supportive of the proposals.

Notes that issues with how paths appear on maps are a matter for Ordnance Survey to address.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\54\WSI1205**

**Name of representation:**

Whitstable Beach Campaign

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 1

WSI-1-S001 to WSI-1-S012, WSI-1-S025 to WSI1-1-S026

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning for the restriction in this area as set out in response by Natural England.

Notes that a change in circumstances or the outcome of the MMO investigation may lead to changes in exclusions and restrictions in this part of the route in future.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\55\WSI1205**

**Name of representation:**

Whitstable Beach Campaign



**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 1

WSI-1-S029 to WSI-1-S035

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State recognises the mapping error and approves this part of the route in line with the amended maps attached to the representation document.

Welcomes Natural England's commitment to engage with the Whitstable Beach Campaign on signage in the establishment stage.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\4\WSI1114**

**Name of representation:**

Faversham Footpath Group

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

*WSI-2-S015 and WSI-2-S016*

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate.

Understands that the signage discussed in the representation is important for the safety of those unfamiliar with the local surrounds and encourages Natural England to ensure that any new signage is appropriate for its setting.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\5\WSI0764**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

*WSI-2-S036 to WSI-2-S038*

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the individual, which is supportive of the proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\13\ WSI1271**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the Faversham Society, which is supportive of the proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\13\WSI1184**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate. Notes Natural England will review the directions if circumstances in this area change.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\14\WSI0576**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S041

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\15\WSI1114**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate.

Understand that the signage discussed in the representation is important for the safety of those unfamiliar with the local surrounds and encourages Natural England to ensure that any new signage is appropriate for its setting.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\16\WSI1272**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S015 to WSI-2-S016

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\17\WSI0374**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\24\WSI0375**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\25\WSI0305**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\26\WSI0789**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\27\WSI0437**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\28\WSI0637**

**Name of representation:**

Two Private Individuals

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\30\WSI0701**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade \R\32\WSI1149**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO15 to WSI-2-SO16

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate.

Understand that the signage discussed in the representation is important for the safety of those unfamiliar with the local surrounds, and encourages Natural England to ensure that any new signage is appropriate for its setting.

## **Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\133\WSI0798**

### **Name of representation:**

Private Individual

### **Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

### **Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals. Notes that Natural England are not responsible for the designation of excepted land.

Recognises the unique circumstances of the representor but is assured that there are adequate access management techniques available to minimise disruption to the street itself.

## **Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\151\WSI0297**

### **Name of representation:**

Private Individual

### **Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

### **Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\53\WSI0726**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-SO41

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\23\WSI0762**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\34\WSI0749**



**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\35\WSI0565**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\36\WSI0841**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\38\WSI0973**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\45\WSI1249**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S036FP, WSI-2-S037FP

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Notes Natural England's intention to submit a Variation Report should the local council be successful in their efforts to create a public footpath along the Creekside.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\43\WSI0497**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S041

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

Recognises that there are no plans in the proposals to open up the end of the walkway within Waterside Close to through-traffic.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\44\WSI0823**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S041

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\46\WSI1265**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S041

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State notes the reasoning set out in response by Natural England and is satisfied that the most appropriate route has been proposed by Natural England, and that they have adhered to the statutory Access Scheme in making their proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\48\WSI1284**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 2

WSI-2-S015 and WSI-2-S016

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State is content that the proposed direction at this point of the route is appropriate. This is in response to public safety concerns in areas where heavy machinery is in use.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\18\WSI1114**

**Name of representation:**

Faversham Footpath Group

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-SO47

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State welcomes the representation from the Faversham Footpath Group, which is supportive of the proposals.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\3\WSI1032**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understands that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\7\WSI0802**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\8\WSI1270**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\10\WSI0803**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\20\WSI1274**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\21\WSI1275**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\22\WSI1276**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns. And that, following an assessment, it was judged that the plans for the route would not now require alterations on the basis of wildlife considerations.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\29\WSI1277**



**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\31\WSI1278**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\39\WSI1279**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\40\WSI1280**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\41\WSI1281**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\47\WSI1283**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns. And that, following an assessment, it was judged that the plans for the route would not now require alterations on the basis of wildlife considerations.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\49\WSI1285**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\50\WSI1286**

**Name of representation:**

Private Individual

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 3

WSI-3-S048

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State understands that since these representations were submitted, East Kent Recycling's planning application was approved on the condition they would provide safety measures on the road to accommodate step-off areas, mitigating safety concerns.

Further understand that these measures have not yet been put in place due to COVID-related delays but that as they are part of Natural England's plans, they can be put in place as part of establishment works.

# **Annex C: Conclusions and observations on representations with modifications**

**Representation No. MCA\Whitstable to Iwade\R\56\WSI1205**

**Name of representation:**

Whitstable Beach Campaign

**Length Report and route section(s):**

Chapter 1

WSI-1-S040 to WSI-1-S052

**Secretary of State's conclusion and observation:**

Secretary of State approves route sections WSI-1-S040 to WSI-1-S052 with the minor modification to the proposed alignment, landward coastal margin and infrastructure as outlined in the representation, and the amended map 1B, and as supported by the relevant interests that are available for contact.

Welcomes the support for proposals in the second part of this representation.

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