

Coastal Access – St Mawes to Cremyll length SMC2



Representations with Natural England’s comments

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1. Introduction

This document records the representations Natural England has received on the proposals in length report SMC2 from persons or bodies. It also sets out any Natural England comments on these representations.

Where representations were made that relate to the entire stretch for St Mawes to Cremyll they are included here in so far as they are relevant to length SMC2 only.

2. Background

Natural England’s compendium of reports setting out its proposals for improved access to the coast from St Mawes to Cremyll, comprising an overview and eight separate length reports, was submitted to the Secretary of State on 20 June 2019. This began an eight-week period during which representations and objections about each constituent report could be made.

In total, Natural England received five representations pertaining to length report SMC2, of which two 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 3 in their entirety, together with Natural England’s comments. Also included in Section 3 is a summary of the three representations made by other individuals or organisations, referred to as ‘other’ representations. No supporting documents were submitted with the representations.

3. Representations and Natural England's comments on them

Length Report SMC2

Full representations

Representation number:

MCA/SMC2/R/1/SMC2580

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted], Cornwall Countryside Access Forum (CCAF)

Route section(s) specific to this representation:

SMC-2-S031 and SMC-2-S032

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

N/A

Representation in full

The proposed route is more seaward than that existing, giving better sea views and views of the impressive local cliff scenery. It is accepted it is more rugged, but the existing route would remain for those who prefer it. The change is welcomed and supported.

Natural England's comments

We welcome the positive engagement from CCAF during the development of our proposals and their supportive comments.

Relevant appended documents: N/A

Representation number:

MCA/SMC2/R/2/SMC2580

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted], Cornwall Countryside Access Forum (CCAF)

Route section(s) specific to this representation:

SMC-2-S085

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

N/A

Representation in full

This length is along a public road. While a minor road, it carries a considerable volume of traffic in summer, often by drivers unfamiliar with the route or the nature of such roads. The road is narrow, steep and winding. It therefore constitutes a safety issue, not really compatible with the alignment of a National Trail. Natural England claim that steep cliffs, ruins and a field used as a business venue seaward of the road make it impossible to realign. It is considered that, while the issues cited mean some difficulties, given the safety implications there should be scope for a route at least partly off-road. Further, the business use quoted is occasional only, not full time,

and there should be scope for use of the edge of that venue for the majority of time when it is not so used, the road being available as an exceptional alternative.

Natural England's comments

Our reasoning for the proposed alignment is set out in Table 2.3.3 of report *SMC 2: Nare Head to Dodman Point*. Steep cliffs on the west side of Porthluney Cove, the ruins of a building seaward of the route that would form excepted land and a field seaward of the route used as a wedding and events venue, means that a route closer to the sea would not be viable and would be against the wishes of the landowner. The proposed route follows the existing South West Coast Path National Trail along a quiet road, which is wide enough to be safe for walkers as vehicles drive slowly and are aware of the presence of walkers.

Relevant appended documents: N/A

Other representations

Representation ID:

MCA/SMC2/R/3/SMC2717

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted], South West Coast Path Association

Name of site:

Jacka Point, Portloe

Report map reference:

Map SMC 2c: Manare Point to Hartriza Point

Route sections on or adjacent to the land:

SMC-2-S031 and SMC-2-S032

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates

N/A

Summary of representation: SWCPA welcome and support the proposed route alignment around Jacka Point, Portloe.

Natural England's comment: We welcome the positive engagement from SWCPA during the development of our proposals and their supportive comments.

Relevant appended documents: N/A

Representation ID:

MCA/SMC2/R/4/SMC2717

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted], South West Coast Path Association

Name of site:

Porthluney Cove

Report map reference:

Map SMC 2f: Perbean Beach to Lamsowden Beach

Route sections on or adjacent to the land:

SMC-2-S085

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates

N/A

Summary of representation: The South West Coast Path Association would like the route moved off a road to the west of Porthluney Cove for safety reasons and believe that there is scope to move the route seaward.

Natural England's comment:

Content of NE comment identical to representation MCA/SMC2/R/2/SMC2580 above.

Relevant appended documents: N/A

Representation ID:

MCA/Whole Stretch/R/1/SMC2715

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted]

Name of site:

Whole stretch

Report map reference:

Route sections on or adjacent to the land:

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates

SMC 1, SMC 3, SMC 4, SMC 5, SMC 6, SMC 7, SMC 8

Summary of representation: The route should not be called England Coast Path in Cornwall.

Natural England's comment: As set out on page 6 of the St Mawes to Cremyll Overview the trail in Cornwall will continue to be branded as the South West Coast Path and not specifically the England Coast Path.

Relevant appended documents (see Section 6): N/A

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