

Coastal Access – Gretna to Allonby Variation Report 10



Representations with Natural England’s comments

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1. Introduction

This document records the representations Natural England has received on the proposals for Variation Report 10 from persons or bodies. It also sets out any Natural England comments on these representations.

2. Background

Natural England’s report setting out its proposal to vary the route at Esk Boathouse, within the approved part 1 of the Gretna to Allonby stretch, was submitted to the Secretary of State on 9 May 2022. This began an eight-week period during which representations and objections could be made.

In total, Natural England received two representations pertaining to VR10, 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 reproduced in Section 3 in their entirety, together with Natural England’s comments.

3. Representations and Natural England’s comments on them

Representation number:

MCA/GAL/VR10/R/1/0883

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted] (Environment Agency)

Route section(s) specific to this representation:

GAL-MR1-S001 to S003

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

N/A

Representation in full

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culverted main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if tidal) and you don't already have planning permission. For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk. The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Natural England's comments

We are grateful to the Environment Agency for the guidance supplied.

All establishment works associated with the proposals within VR10 (as with all other works on the Gretna to Allonby stretch) will be managed by Cumbria County Council. We're confident that the relevant county council officers will be fully aware of the various constraints and duties around such works, but will forward this advice to them also.

Relevant appended documents:

None supplied

Representation number:

MCA/GAL/VR10/R/2/0023

Organisation/ person making representation:

[Redacted] (Historic England)

Route section(s) specific to this representation:

GAL-MR1-S001 to S003

Other reports within stretch to which this representation also relates:

N/A

Representation in full

Confirming that Historic England has no objection to the proposed variation. The proposal site lies within the buffer zone of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Hadrian's Wall) World Heritage Site, but will have no impact whatever on the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS.

Natural England's comments

We are grateful for this confirmation from Historic England.

Relevant appended documents:

None supplied