

Norfolk Local Access Forum

Report title:	Coastal access in Norfolk
Date of meeting:	3 April 2019
Responsible Officer:	Steve Miller – Assistant Director, Culture and Heritage
Strategic impact Natural England is responsible for implementing the England Coast Path which is a new National Trail around all of England's coast. The NLAF is a statutory consultee regarding establishing the England Coast Path in Norfolk. NCC (Norfolk Trails) is responsible for establishing the route on the ground.	

Executive summary

In May 2018, the NLAF made a detailed representation to Natural England concerning the coastal access report for the Norfolk coast between Weybourne and Hunstanton in which they raised a number of concerns including the consultation process, access restrictions and route establishment budget.

Natural England have agreed to attend the meeting to update the NLAF with progress with implementing the England Coast Path in Norfolk and with regard to specific concerns raised by the NLAF, especially concerning loss of access rights in areas.

Recommendations:

That the NLAF notes the updates provided by Natural England and agrees on any further action required.

1. Proposal (or options)

- 1.1. The Forum asked for an update on progress to address the concerns they raised earlier this year (in response to Natural England's consultation) on coastal access associated with establishing the England Coast Path in Norfolk (between Weybourne and Hunstanton), especially significant loss of access rights in areas.

2. Evidence

- 2.1. Please see executive summary.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. None as a result of this report.

4. Issues, risks and innovation

- 4.1. None as a result of this report.

5. Background

- 5.1. Please see executive summary.

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