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Dear Dina Bedwell

Notification of Publication of Coastal Access Reports: Harwich to Shotley Gate

On Wednesday 22nd January 2020, Natural England submitted its compendium of reports to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, setting out our proposals for improved access to the coast between Harwich and Shotley Gate. These proposals form part of a programme to establish a continuous walking route around England's coastline, as set out in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

As someone with a relevant interest in the land, you now have an opportunity to make a representation and/or an objection to the Secretary of State about these proposals.

The proposal documents may be viewed on our website, via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-harwich-to-shotley-gate-comment-on-proposals>

Alternatively, type 'England Coast Path Harwich to Shotley Gate' into your search engine and click on the link entitled 'England Coast Path: Harwich to Shotley Gate – GOV.UK'. On this page you will find links to the Harwich to Shotley Gate reports and associated documents.

Also, paper copies of our proposals may be viewed at the venues listed in the table below.

The proposals consist of:

- *An Overview document.*
- *Six reports, and associated maps, relating to land affected by the proposals.*
- *A Habitats Regulations Assessment of the effects of our coastal access proposals on sites and features of international nature conservation importance.*
- *A Nature Conservation Assessment of the effects of our proposals on other nature conservation, and geological, sites and features.*



Please find enclosed with this letter the formal notice advising you that you are entitled to make representations or objections about the reports, and a list of venues where paper copies of the documents may be viewed.

All representations and objections about the reports and associated documents must be received by Natural England no later than midnight on Wednesday 18th March 2020.

We cannot consider any responses received after this deadline.

If you wish to make a representation or objection, please read the guidance notes before completing the relevant form. Copies of the forms and guidance listed below are available via the link to our website:

- *The form that must be used for making a representation.*
- *The form that must be used for making an objection.*
- *Guidance notes to help you complete the forms.*

If you have any queries about the process, or require paper copies of either form, please call the Natural England Enquiry Line or send us an email. Our contact details are at the top of this letter.

The Secretary of State will make a decision about each individual report when all representations and objections relating to that report have been considered. Establishment of the new access arrangements on individual lengths of coast will not begin until that decision is made in relation to the relevant report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Thirlby".

Kim Thirlby

Lead Adviser

Coastal Access Team – Essex and Suffolk Coastal Access Team

Natural England



Notice of Natural England's Coastal Access Reports: persons with a relevant interest in affected land

Notice of Natural England's Coastal Access Reports:

On **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** Natural England submitted a compendium of coastal access reports 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, pursuant to its duty under section 296(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The reports relate to the coast between Harwich and Shotley Gate (the Stour estuary).

This notice is being given to you as a person or body with a relevant interest (within the meaning of section 55J(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949) in land to which one or more of the reports relate.

If the proposals in the individual reports are approved in their current form by the Secretary of State, the public will be able to exercise rights of access under section 2(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 for open-air recreation on foot along the English coastal route as set out in the reports and over the area of associated coastal margin. These rights are subject to any exceptions (for example gardens) or restrictions set out in that Act or proposed in the reports (once approved).

Copies of the reports are available to view at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-harwich-to-shotley-gate-comment-on-proposals> or paper copies may be viewed, free of charge, at the venues listed in the table enclosed.

You are invited to make objections about the report/s in which you have a relevant interest and/or representations about any of the reports. Any objections or representations must be made on the appropriate form, and must be received by Natural England no later than **midnight on Wednesday 18th March 2020**.

Forms for making objections or representations may be obtained via the above website.

Paper copies may be obtained from Natural England at:

**Essex and Suffolk Coastal Access Delivery Team
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Objections and/or representations should be sent to Natural England at the above postal address, or to essexcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk .

Wednesday 22nd January 2020



England Coast Path, Harwich to Shotley Gate: Venues at which paper copies of proposals may be viewed

Capel St Mary Library	Village Hall The Street Capel St Mary IP9 2EP	01473 311699	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5.30pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Friday: 2pm to 5pm and 5.30pm to 7.30pm Saturday: 9am to 3pm Sunday: 10am to 3pm
Harwich Library	Upper Kingsway Dovercourt Harwich CO12 3JT	0345 603 7628	Monday: 9am to 6pm Tuesday: 9am to 6pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9am to 5pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: Closed
Manningtree Library	High Street Manningtree CO11 1AD	0345 603 7628	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 1pm Thursday: 2pm to 7pm Friday: 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: Closed
Shotley Library	Shotley Village Hall The Street Shotley Ipswich IP9 1LX	01473 351 249	Monday: 1pm to 5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: Closed Thursday: Closed Friday: Closed Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
Suffolk County Council	Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX	0345 606 6067	Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Essex County Council	County Hall Market Road Chelmsford CM1 1QH	0345 743 0430	Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday: Closed

