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Dear Clerk of the Parish Council,

### **England Coast Path Proposals Final Report – Aldeburgh to Hopton-on-Sea**

I am writing to inform you that on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**, Natural England submits a compendium of reports to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs setting out our proposals for improved access to the coast between **Aldeburgh** and **Hopton-on-Sea**. These proposals form part of a programme to establish a continuous walking route around England's coastline, under the provisions of Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

We are now starting an eight week period during which owners, tenants or occupiers of any land affected by the proposed path and/or spreading room can make an objection about the proposals. Anyone else can make a representation. Any objections and representations will be sent to the Secretary of State and be used in the decision-making process.

We have already discussed the proposal with landowners and we will be informing them, along with people who live nearby, and a range of organisations.

We are writing to tell you about this latest progress in designating part of the new England Coast Path in Suffolk and Norfolk and that you may be contacted by local people to discuss this work.

**We would like to emphasise that all representations and objections about the report must be received by Natural England no later than midnight on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

The proposals consists of an Overview document together with six legally separate statutory reports with maps, each covering a single length of coast within the stretch relating to the proposed route. They also include a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) relating to any potential impact on the conservation objectives of European sites; and five Nature Conservation Assessments (NCA) which document our conclusions in relation to other potential impacts on nature conservation. There are relevant forms to be completed if people wish to make a representation or objection, along with some guidance notes to help with completing the forms.

Copies of the all the documents and forms will be available at the locations listed overleaf or online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-aldeburgh-to-hopton-on-sea>

Please note that the report will only become available online **after 9am** on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We also recommend that people read Defra's detailed guidance notes on making representations and objections about the report, which are also available online at:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/england-coast-path-comment-on-a-proposed-new-stretch](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-coast-path-comment-on-a-proposed-new-stretch)

If after reading the guidance notes you have any further queries regarding the process or require further copies of either of the forms, please call us or send us an email.

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will make a decision about the report when all representations and objections have been considered. Establishment of the new access arrangements will not begin until that decision is made.

Yours sincerely

**Fiona Taylor**

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Lowestoft Library	Clapham Road South Lowestoft NR32 1DR	01502 442 810	Monday: 9am-6pm Tuesday: 9am-7pm Wednesday: 9am-6pm Thursday: 9am-7pm Friday: 9am-6pm Saturday: 9am-5pm Sunday: 10am-4pm
Southwold Library	North Green Southwold IP8 6AT	01502 722 519	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm Wednesday: 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm Thursday: 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm Friday: 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm Saturday: 9.30am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sunday: 11am-4pm
Aldeburgh Library	Victoria Road Aldeburgh IP15 5EG	01728 452 502	Monday: 9am-1pm Tuesday: 9am-1pm Wednesday: 9am-1pm; 3pm-6pm Thursday: 9am-1pm Friday: 9am-1pm Saturday: 10am-12:30pm; 1pm-3:30pm Sunday: 10am-12:30pm; 1pm-3:30pm
Suffolk County Council	Reception Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX		Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm