

North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: March 2018



This update provides local and regional representatives and other interested stakeholders with a brief summary on progress for each of the coastal stretches we are working on in the North West. If you have colleagues who should be included on the distribution list or you do not wish to receive this update please let me know.

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Stretch 1: Allonby to Whitehaven (35 km) - OPEN

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Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (51 km) – STAGE 5: ‘OPEN’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment works are proving to be considerably more complex than initially thought, not least because of the coastal erosion and other changes that have occurred since the original proposals were drawn up. We hope to see all of these issues resolved and the works concluded by early 2019, at which point we will open the stretch without any further delay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely completion date is early 2019. Commencement order will be made and opening date will be announced.

Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (98 km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three days of Public Hearings were held in early December. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hearings considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding of areas of salt marsh and consequent dangers to walkers Impacts of proposed route on farming practices, including safety issues Disturbance of wintering and/or breeding birds Possible alternative routes The appointed inspector will, in due course, make her recommendations regarding the objections to the Secretary of State. Only once all the objections have all been determined the Secretary of State consider approving the proposals, with or without modifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary of State’s decision is expected in spring 2018. Establishment work will get underway as soon as possible, but may run into at least 2019 / 20, before access rights can be commenced.

Stretch 4: Walney Island (33km) – STAGE 5: ‘OPEN’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment works are now underway for the approved route. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of these works and commencement of new rights is likely to be in 2018.

Stretch 5: Silecroft to Silverdale (approx. 101km) – STAGE 2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have finalised our route options and are making good progress on the remaining elements of the ASFA process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are now reviewing all of the data for the mapping. Work is underway to draft the publication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of report expected in spring 2018.

Stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys (approx. 82km) – STAGE2: ‘DEVELOP’	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have finalised our route options and are making good progress on the remaining elements of the ASFA process We are now reviewing all of the data for the mapping. Work is underway to draft the publication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of report expected in spring 2018.

Stretch 7: Cleveleys to Pier head, Liverpool (approx. 124km) – STAGE2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have moved into stage 2 and will be starting to meet with affected owners and occupiers to help develop the route proposals over the coming months. We are seeking partners regarding options for a crossing point at the river Douglas. We are planning meetings with external partners including nature conservation organisations, HM Coastguard and RNLI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2019 Stage 3 – ‘propose’ – estimated report publication

Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km) -) – STAGE2: ‘DEVELOP’

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have moved into stage 2 and have begun to have meetings to develop the route proposals.• We are planning meetings with external partners including nature conservation organisations, HM Coastguard and RNLI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Late 2018 Stage 3 – ‘propose’ – estimated report publication