North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: September 2017

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.

Latest News	North West Coastal Access map
Staff news: Our colleague, Danielle Radley has now gone on maternity leave. Please send any correspondence, which would have been to her, to the team mailbox: northwest.coastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk **follow NE Cumbria on twitter**	

Stretch 1: Allonby to Whitehaven (36 km) - OPEN

- See www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path/about for updates

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Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (55 km) – STAGE 5: 'OPEN'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• We are now investigating those locations where the approved route needs to be realigned prior to stretch opening. • Cumbria County Council are continuing to carry out the establishment works for the approved route, which due to the amount and complexity of the work involved will take some time to complete. • Ongoing discussions with Nugen regarding impact of proposed new development at Moorside on approved line of the trail.	• Likely completion date is now Q2 2018 / 2019. • Commencement order will be made and opening date will be announced.

Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (approx. 100km) – STAGE 4: 'DETERMINE'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• The determination is still ongoing and only once all the objections have all been determined will the inspector make her recommendation to the Secretary of State.	• 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 (approx. 35km) – STAGE 5: 'OPEN'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• We are working with Cumbria County Council to receive all the appropriate assent / consents prior to starting establishment work.	• 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**
• We are nearing the end of stage 2 'Develop' and we are working through issues raised after initial proposal letters have been received. • ASFA process working through detailed proposals and use of restrictions / exclusions are being finalised where possible. • Work has started drafting the publication.	• Publication of report expected in winter 2017/18.

Stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys (approx. 82km) – STAGE2: 'DEVELOP'	
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Stretch 7: Cleveleys to Pier head, Liverpool (approx. 124km)	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• We are building evidence required to determine whether we will be proposing a route around the Ribble estuary. The outcome of this decision will allow us to contact all relevant landowners / occupiers along the stretch and begin stage 2'Develop'. • We will start this by writing to everyone and offering the chance to talk to us at a drop in event. (dates and venues yet to be set).	• Autumn 2017 Stage 2 – 'Develop' – Route alignment and meeting landowners

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Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km)	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• We are preparing all the documentation so that we can contact all relevant landowners / occupiers along the stretch to begin stage 2 'Develop'. • We will start this by writing to everyone and offering the chance to talk to us at a drop in event. The date of the 'drop in event' is 10th October at Wirral Country Park.	• Autumn 2017 Stage 2 – 'Develop' – Route alignment and meeting landowners

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