North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: June 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

* New invite for representations on specific objections for Gretna to Allonby stretch.

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

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

Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (55 km) – STAGE 5: 'OPEN'

Current Activity	Next Milestone
• Cumbria County Council are undertaking the establishment works, which 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 Q1 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 Inspector is inviting representations by way of the outstanding objections. The information on these and the appropriate forms is available on the gov.uk pages and completed forms must be received by the appointed person by 17th July. www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-gretna-to-allonby-comment-on-objections-to-proposals	• The Secretary of State's decision is expected in late 2017. • Establishment work will get underway as soon as possible, but may run into at least 2018/19, before access rights can be commenced.

Stretch 4: Walney Island (approx. 35km) – STAGE 5: 'OPEN'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• On 27 March 2017 the Secretary of State announced her decision to approve a stretch of the England Coast Path in Cumbria around Walney Island with no changes to the proposals. • Cumbria County Council have been out with coast path staff to plan the establishment work. Staff from the National Trail team will also be taking their first official look at the stretch.	• Establishment works will get underway at some point in 2017, depending on resources available. Completion of these works and commencement of new rights may be possible in 2017/18 or may take a little longer.

Stretch 5: Silecroft to Silverdale (approx. 101km) – STAGE 2: 'DEVELOP'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• Stage 2 'Develop' is nearing competion with only a few areas outstanding. Initial proposal letters are now being sent out in batches across the chapters. • ASFA process started to look at detailed proposals as these are developed.	• Publication of report expected in late 2017.

Stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys (approx. 82km) – STAGE2: 'DEVELOP'	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
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Stretch 7: Cleveleys to Pier head, Liverpool (approx. 124km)	
Current Activity	**Next Milestone**
• The stretch has been broken up into chapters and the processing of the land registry data continues. • Stage 1: 'Prepare' is focusing on gathering relevant information on the various issues and opportunities, to help us prepare for route alignment work during stage 2. Initial meetings with key stakeholders will also be held.	• Summer 2017 Stage 2 – 'Develop' – Route alignment and meeting landowners

Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km)	
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