

# Norfolk Coast Path

## Gorleston to Great Yarmouth



Access  
Tested

2017



### Route Summary

A 3 mile section of the coast path, connecting Gorleston seafront to the bustling town of Great Yarmouth by a route alongside the River Yare



NORFOLK  
TRAILS

# Route Description

This stretch of the coast path has been audited to support people accessing the countryside and improve quality of life. The walk audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties along the route. Maps are provided on p6-9 showing point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of these areas so that you can decide if this walk is suitable for you.

Start at Gorleston Beach and follow the sea wall along Quay Road until you reach the Lifeboat Station, then continue north along Riverside Road. We suggest wheelchair users divert onto the High Street via Dock Tavern Lane. From the top of the lookout you are back on the Coast Path, continue north along the High Road until you reach Southtown Road. Finally head north along the footway of Southtown Road for two miles until the section ends at Haven Bridge.

The surfaces are man-made and firm, although road repairs have made some stretches of Southtown Road uneven.

This entirely urban route runs alongside or close to the River Yare's flood defence wall, with steps at various points over this defensive structure, also there are forty steps at Williamson's Lookout.

Steps are an absolute barrier to wheelchair users, so we have suggested two alternative routes shown in pink. The first avoids the steps near the lifeboat station and wheelchair users are diverted along Riverside Road.

The other diversion uses Dock Tavern Lane to avoid the steps at Williamson's Lookout. This is the least steep way up from the riverside but still presents a sustained 1:11 gradient.





**Start point:** Gorleston Beach Car Park, Grid Ref: TG5308 0359



**Distance:** 3 mile linear



### Accessible facilities

Gorleston beach, Lifeboat station and Southtown Road



**By car:** Gorleston beach car park and near the Lifeboat station



**By bus:** Gorleston High Street:  
[travelineeastanglia.co.uk](http://travelineeastanglia.co.uk)



# Points of Interest



Gorleston Beach



Williamson's Lookout





Seaman's Mission



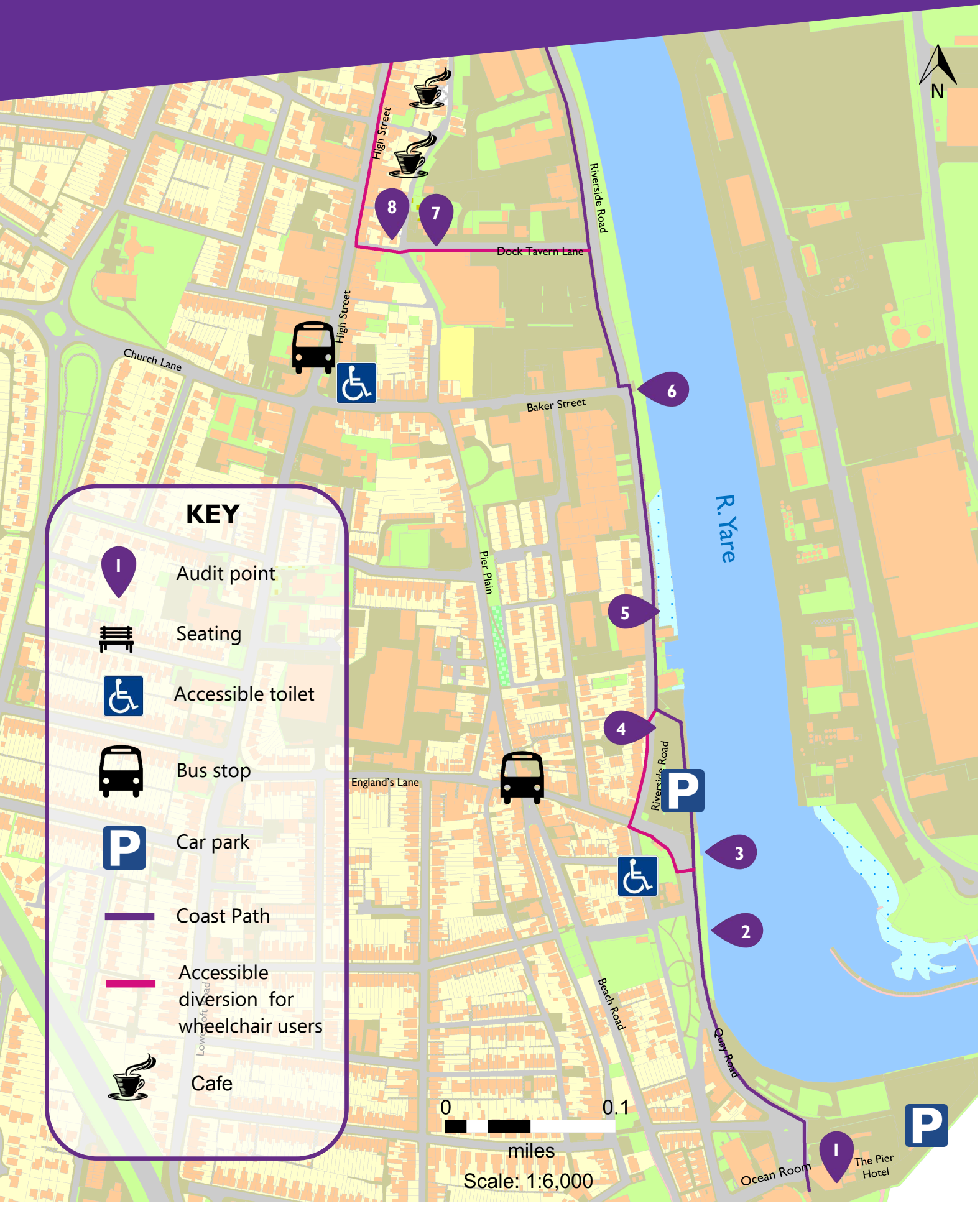
The Priory Gardens



Haven Bridge & Town Hall



# Gorleston Beach & High St



# High St & Beccles Rd



# Beccles Rd & Southtown Rd



## KEY



Audit point



Seating



Accessible toilet



Bus stop



Car park



Coast Path



Accessible diversion for wheelchair users



Cafe

A47  
Formerly A12

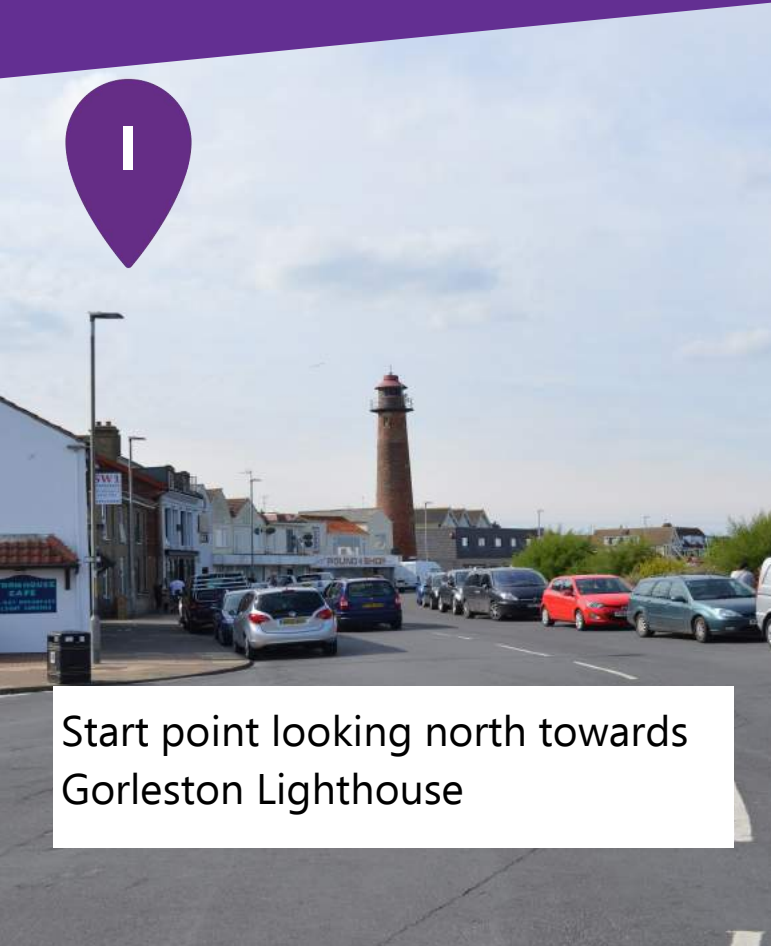


# Southtown Rd & Haven Bridge



# Accessibility Information

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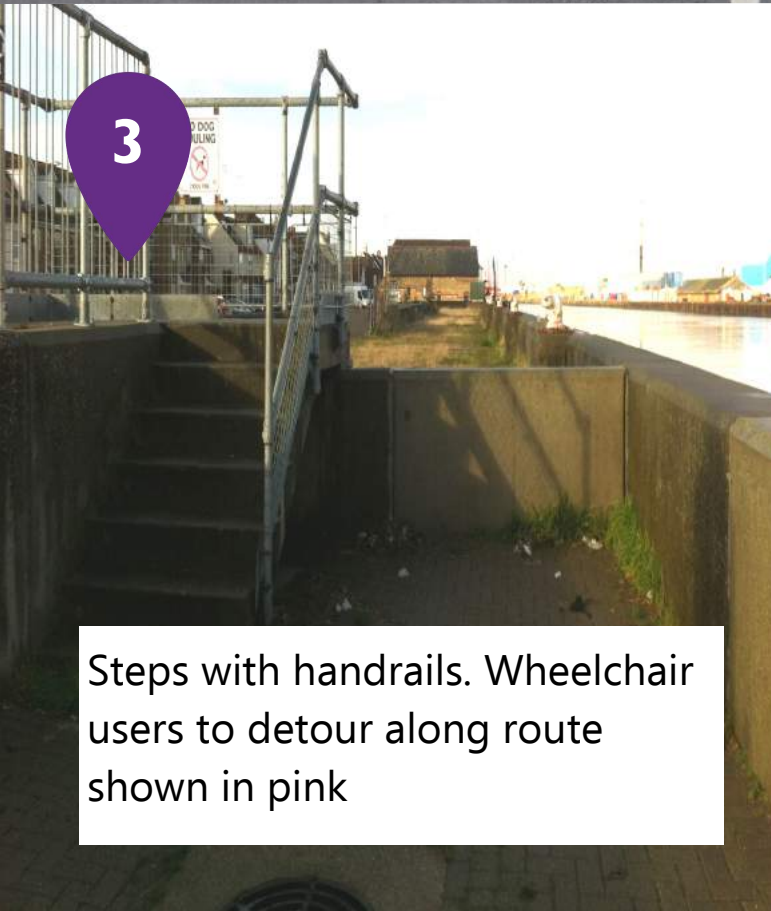
Start point looking north towards Gorleston Lighthouse

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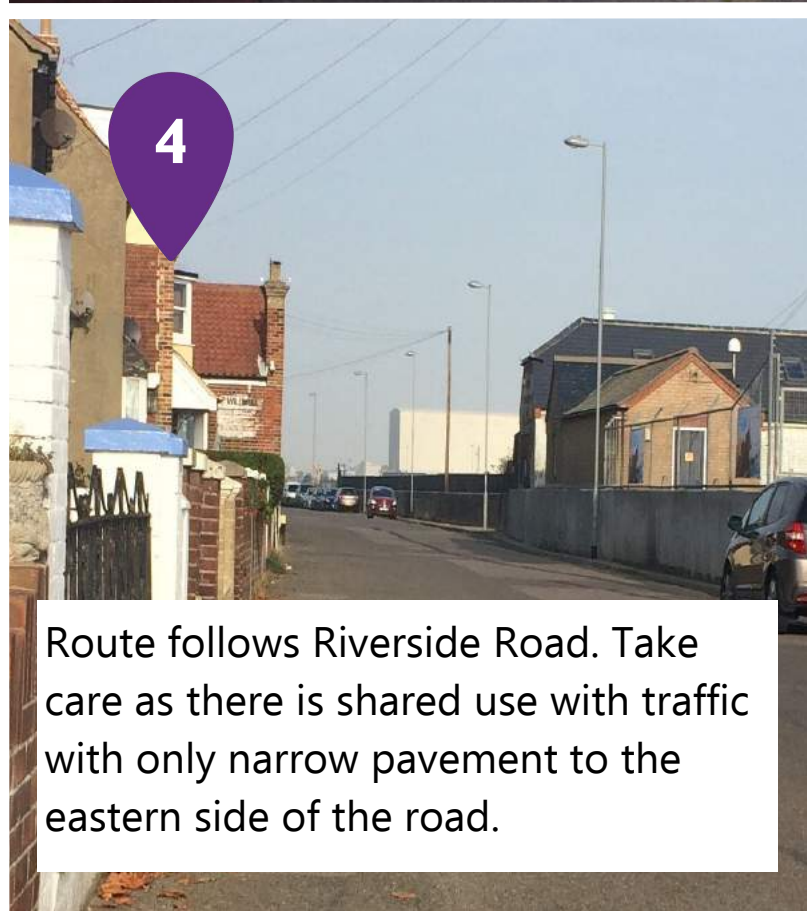
Here the coast path is orientated between the sea walls, but wheelchair users must use the roadside pavement as there are steps at the far end

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Steps with handrails. Wheelchair users to detour along route shown in pink

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Route follows Riverside Road. Take care as there is shared use with traffic with only narrow pavement to the eastern side of the road.





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Obstruction on footway. Wheelchair users will have to share the road with traffic



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The gradient on the dropped and blistered kerb is 1:8



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Wheelchair users to detour along High Street via Dock Tavern Lane to avoid steps and steep gradients



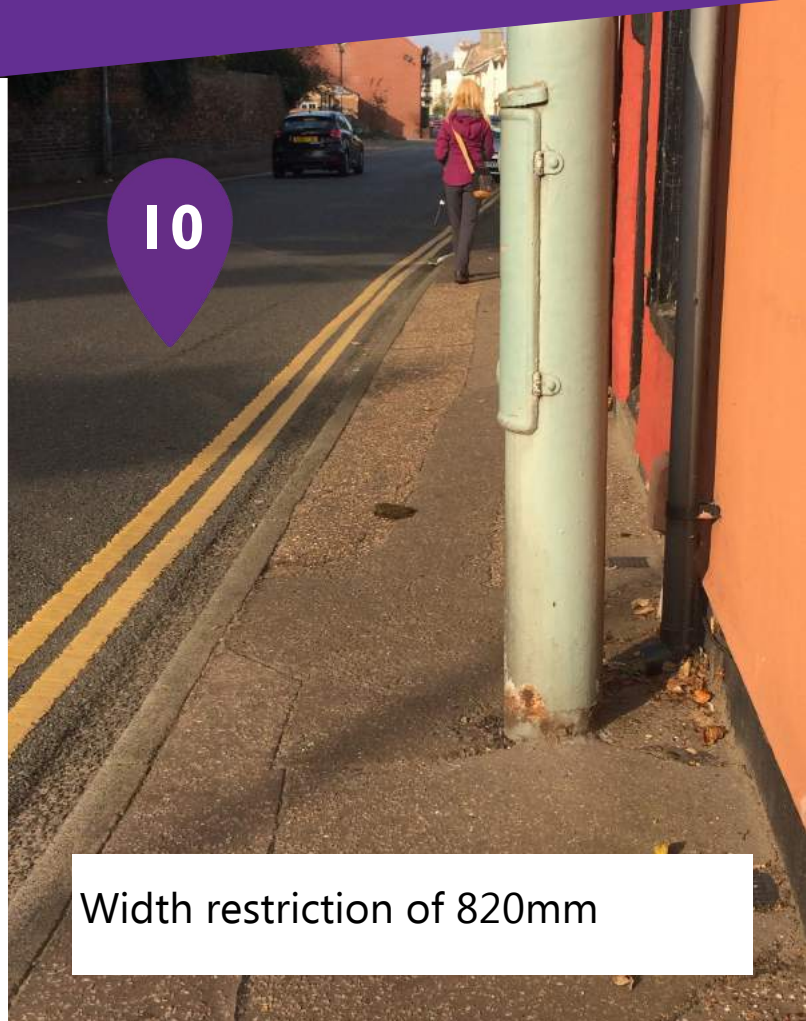
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Gradient on Horsey Lane averages 1:11. This is sustained for 42m

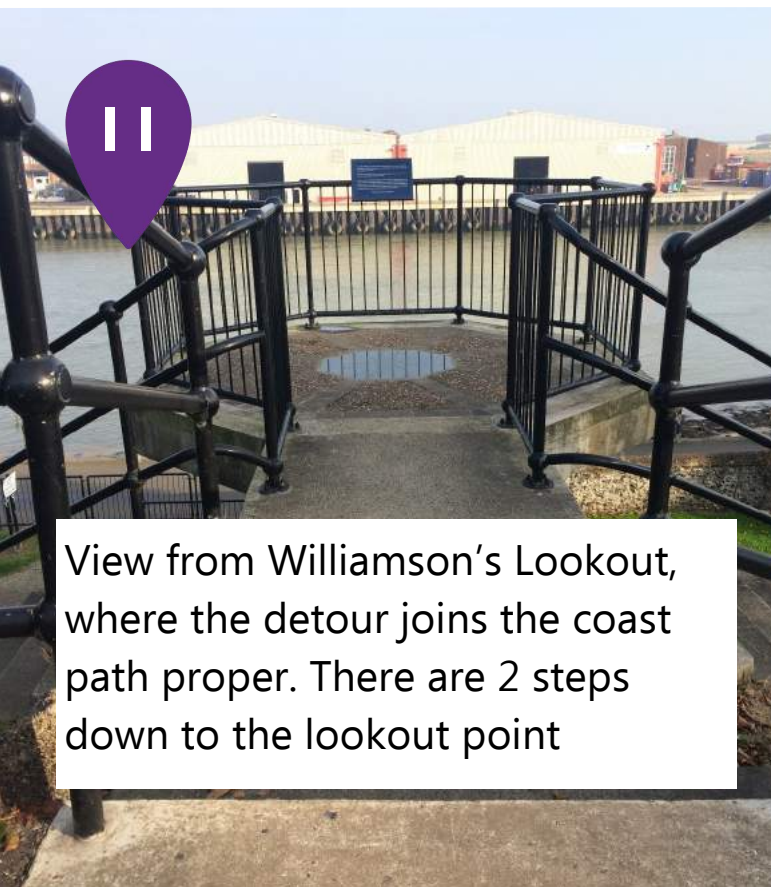




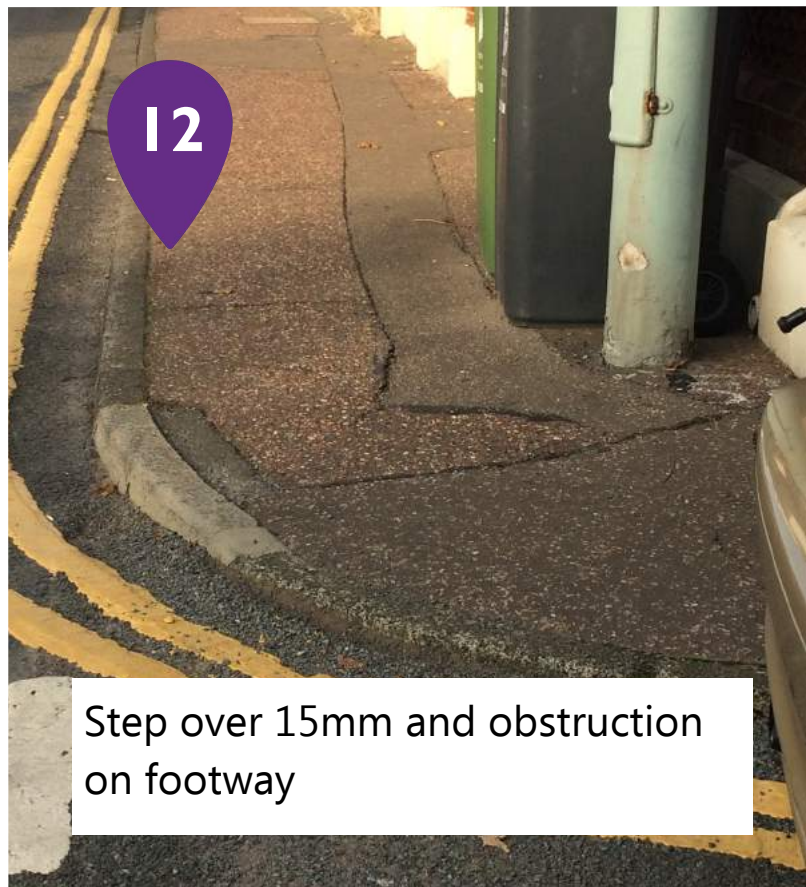
Short stretch of 1:7 gradient before a dropped kerb



Width restriction of 820mm



View from Williamson's Lookout, where the detour joins the coast path proper. There are 2 steps down to the lookout point



Step over 15mm and obstruction on footway



A long, narrow concrete walkway runs alongside a chain-link fence. The fence is on the left, and a concrete curb is on the right. In the background, there are industrial buildings and a ship.

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Walkway along Bollard Quay.  
There are five width restrictions of 650mm with surface breaks

A close-up view of a sidewalk corner. A person's legs are visible standing on the sidewalk. The surface is uneven and dark, possibly due to recent paving or a spill. A yellow curb is visible on the left.

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Width restriction of 950mm with  
uneven surface

A sidewalk next to a brick wall. A utility pole is on the left. A person in a wheelchair is visible in the background, partially obscured by the wall.

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Width restriction of 800mm

A street scene with a bus, cars, and a person in a wheelchair. The sidewalk has a red-painted area with a wheelchair symbol. The person in the wheelchair is walking towards the camera.

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Sustained cross gradient of 1:11  
for 32m





Uneven surface of footway for 6m



Uneven surface for 8m



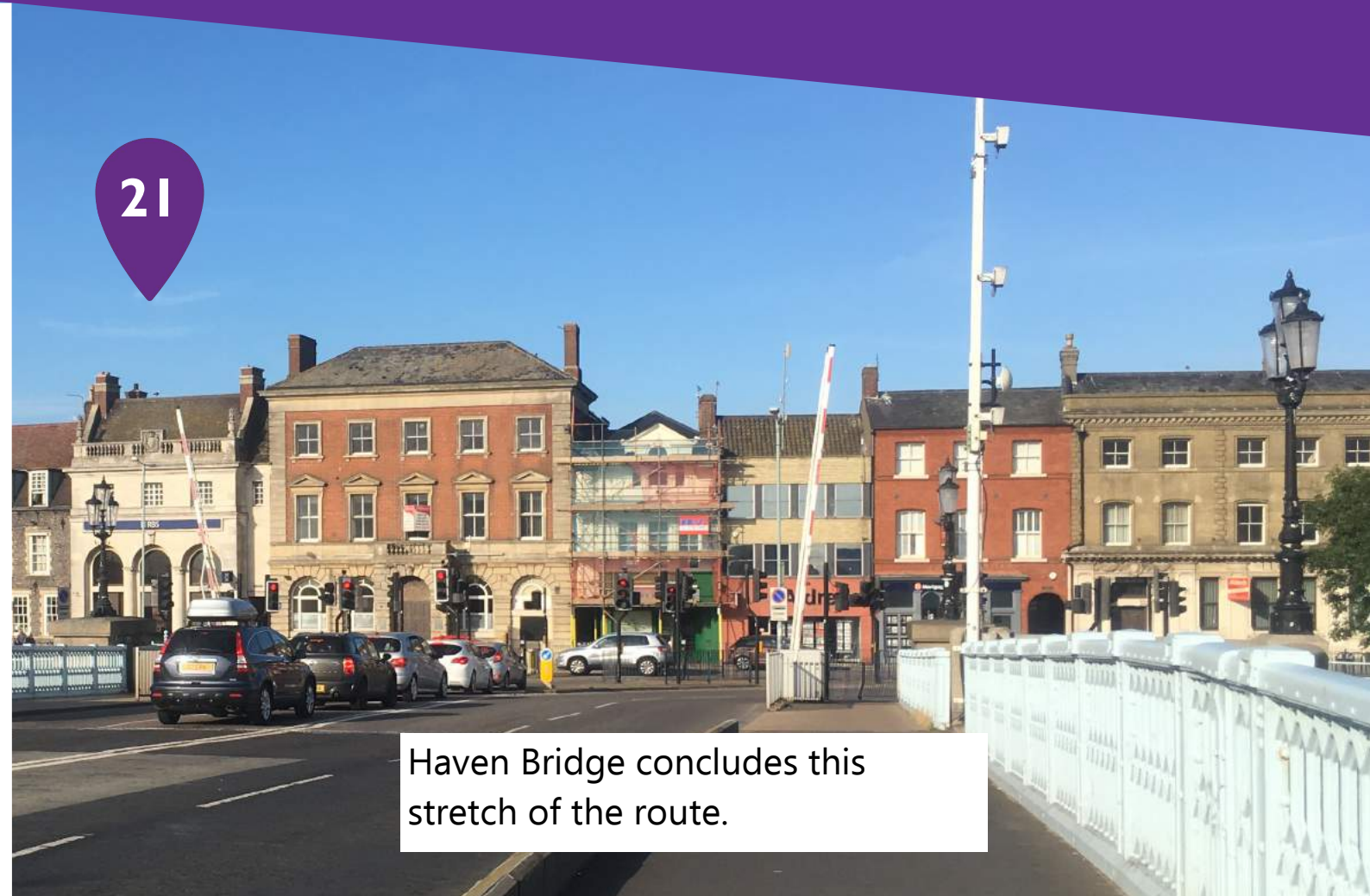
Uneven surface at road crossing of Southtown Road with step of 40mm on dropped kerb



Very uneven potholed road surface on the junction on Southtown Road and Sefton Lane



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Haven Bridge concludes this stretch of the route.

## Disclaimer

The information given for this route is based on findings on the day of the audit and may vary according to the time of year and the weather. This document gives information about the condition of trails in order to help people choose routes to explore, but it is up to the individual to decide whether or not the route is suitable for their ability.

## Try more Trails

Four long-distance trails leave from Great Yarmouth. As well as the coast path, three other routes traverse the edges of Breydon Water - The Wherryman's Way, Weavers Way and Angles Way. Find out more at [www.norfolktrails.co.uk](http://www.norfolktrails.co.uk)





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