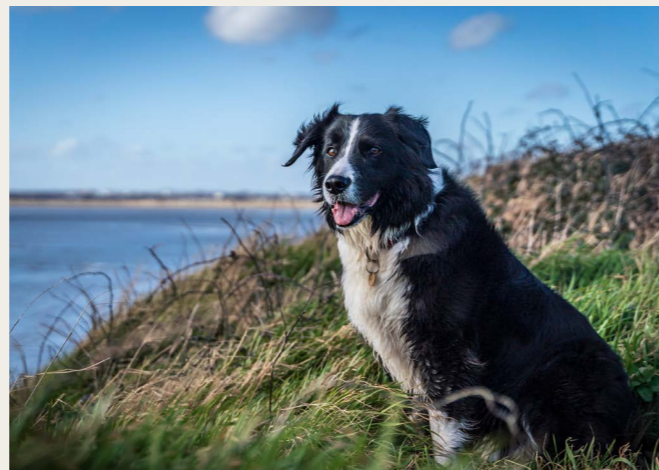


Langstone Coastal Path closed from Chalk Dock Carpark to A27 Havant Pass

Frequently asked questions

Why is the footpath closed?

National Highways owns this stretch of land and is responsible for maintaining the sea wall that protects it. The sea wall has been damaged by coastal erosion and needs to be repaired to keep it safe and to protect the land and nature reserve behind it. The work involves reinstating the gabion wall and installing a protective steel mesh over it.



When will the footpath and car park be closed?

The footpath and the Chalk Dock Carpark will be closed from May until September 2026.



Why does the whole path need to close?

We need continuous access to the full length of the sea wall throughout the works. Additionally, we are working with a large volume of rock materials and big pieces of construction equipment. This will take up a lot of room.



Why is this work happening in summer? Why couldn't it be done in winter?

We are only able to carry out this work once over-wintering birds have left the reserve and when tidal conditions allow more prolonged access to the sea wall. Both of these conditions apply during the summer months, which means summer is unfortunately the only practical window for this work.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you have a question not answered here, please contact National Highways customer contact centre on info@nationalhighways.co.uk or by calling **0300 123 5000**

Is National Highways working with anyone else on this?

Yes. We are working alongside Coastal Partners. Hampshire County Council, Havant Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council are also all aware of and engaged with this project.

Is there an alternative route for walkers and cyclists?

Yes. A diversion is in place for the duration of the closure. From Farlington Marshes car park, follow the diversion signage north along the A2030 Eastern Road. At the Havant Road T-junction, turn east along Havant Road towards the Rusty Cutter Roundabout (A3(M) flyover). Then head south towards the Harts Farm bridge over the A27, continuing along Harts Farm Way on shared use cycle path 22 to the bridge over the water outfall, where the coastal path can be rejoined. The same route can be followed in the opposite direction. We recognise this diversion is not a like-for-like replacement for the coastal leisure walk, and we are sorry for the inconvenience caused.

National Highways did work here a few years ago. Why are you back so soon?

The work carried out in 2021 was an emergency fix to address an immediate problem. The current work is a more substantial, longer-term repair of the sea wall, designed to protect the reserve for years to come.

What will the work involve and how will the nature reserve be protected?

We are repairing and strengthening large sections of the sea wall that have been damaged by coastal erosion and threatening to undermine the coastal path. Protective tracking mats will be laid to protect the local environment and footpath as we carry out the work. Plant vehicles will have long reach arms to ensure all vehicles can remain working from the footpath to protect the coastal environment at the base of the sea wall.

Footpath closed May - September 2026

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