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Dear Mrs Massenhove,

**Coastal Access – Burnham-on-Crouch to Maldon  
Commencement of public access rights**

You may be aware that in July 2021 the Secretary of State for Defra approved Natural England's proposals to improve coastal access between Burnham-on-Crouch and Maldon.

Following this approval, and on behalf of Natural England, Essex County Council has been completing the necessary works on the ground to make the route accessible to the public.

I am writing to inform you that the necessary Order to commence the rights of access under section 2(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will be passed with effect that the rights will come into force on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

Natural England has given directions to exclude and/ or restrict public access rights on parts of the England Coast Path and/ or the coastal margin as set out in our proposals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-burnham-on-crouch-to-maldon>

This may be due: to salt marsh or flat that is unsuitable for walking; to mitigate the impact of access rights on nature conservation; or for public safety and land management reasons. You will have been made aware of any restrictions/ exclusions on your land during the development phase. Details of all restrictions / exclusions will appear on the relevant map of access land on the open access website: [www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk).

Contact details

In the future if you do have any queries regarding the day to day management of the new rights please contact Essex County Council.

If as a land owner or occupier you consider that there is a need for access to be restricted in the future please contact Natural England's Open Access Contact Centre on:

- Telephone: 0300 060 2091
- Email: [open.access@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:open.access@naturalengland.org.uk)
- Website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-access-land-and-the-coastal-margin-how-to-restrict-public-access>.

For more general queries regarding coastal access please contact the Natural England enquires team on:

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The maps and documentation pertinent to the new path and margin will be available for viewing and download on our website: [www.gov.uk/englandcoastpath](http://www.gov.uk/englandcoastpath).

Thank you for your support and cooperation in bringing this about.

Yours sincerely



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