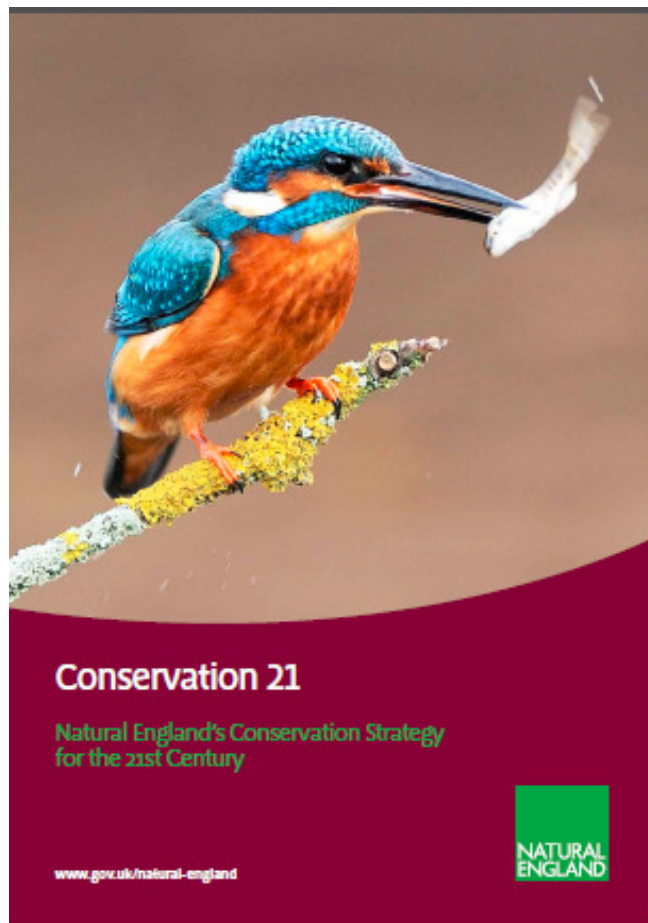




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# Conservation Strategy – Context for all our work



Our strategy is based on three guiding principles:

- creating resilient landscapes and seas
- putting people at the heart of the environment
- growing natural capital

# Heritage Coasts – Not invisible and not forgotten



- Significant “hook” in NPPF
- Still valued by maritime local authorities
- Signs of interest in extensions
- England Coast Path will bring new significance for Heritage Coasts

# New (replacement) Heritage Coast agreements



- No change to original objectives
- No funding (unfortunately)
- No expectation of a management plan or any form of management unit
  
- Agreement to have regard to Heritage Coast objectives
- Natural England will place new HCs or extensions on the MAGIC map of designations etc
- LAs can use the HC definition in tourism marketing
- LAs will commit to supporting England Coast Path realisation

# Delivering new and extended Heritage Coasts



- No “devaluation” by watering down the selection criteria
- Evidence gathering/survey local consultations will be down to interested local authorities
- Scenic quality requirement not as exacting as natural beauty criterion for AONB or National Park
- Guidance for interested LAs being trialled in a pilot HC extension.

# Designation Assessment Guidance (AONB and NP)



## Guidance for assessing landscapes for designation as National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England

This document contains guidance on the relevant legislation and its application in practice, sets out Natural England's general approach to designation and summarises the relevant governance and statutory procedures. It also contains a suggested method for applying the legislation to the practical assessment of landscapes in designation decision-making.

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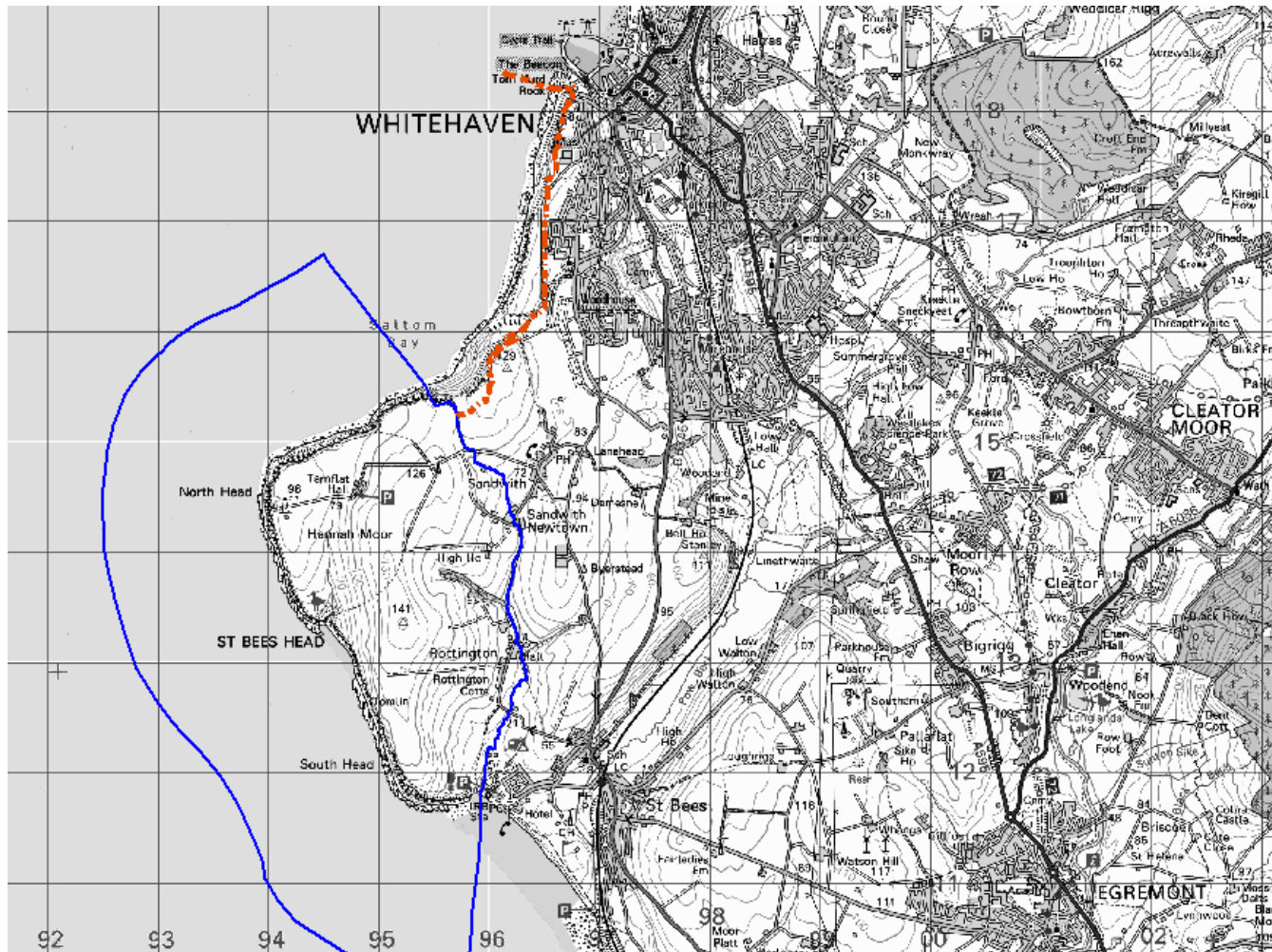
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Factors and indicators of natural beauty and recreation opportunity from this document can be helpful in Heritage Coast identification

# St Bees Head Heritage Coast extension



# So you want a new or extended Heritage Coast...?

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- Watch and wait (for now)
- First contact via your Natural England Area Manager

