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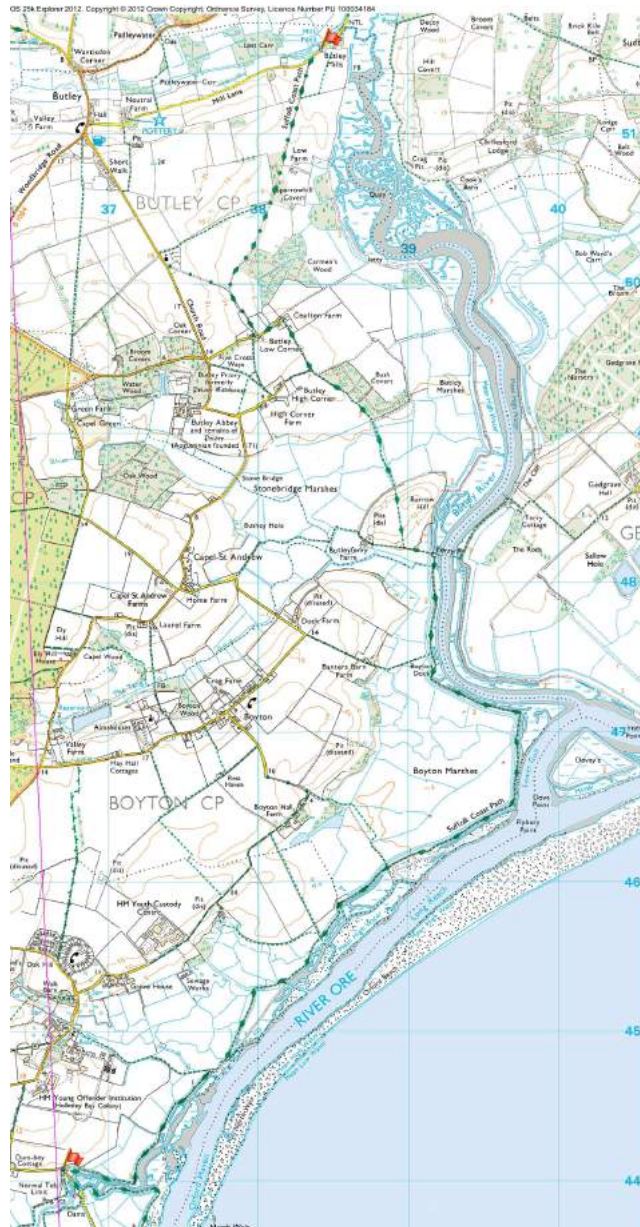
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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSOR'S REPORT

NAME: Brian Johnson	DATE OF INSPECTION April 2017
LOCATION: Flood Cell 1	March Equinox
Area of Assessment: Shingle Street to Butley Mills	Send to

River wall inspected



SUMMARY.

For approximately 90% of this stretch of the Ore and Butley rivers the levees are protected by saltings, often of considerable width.

There is very little change from their condition as reported in the 2016 report.

CHAINAGE 1000

The greatest change is over a short length at the mouth of Barthrop's Creek, near its mouth with the main river. At this point the levee has been built up around a WW11 pill box. The outer face is armoured. As reported during the last two years the foot of this armouring is unsupported. Undercutting of this and adjacent salting has been considerably increased during the last year. See photographs 1 and 2 below.

The mouth of the creek is almost opposite the tip of north Weir Point on the Ness and is therefore subject to wave action. (This is the only point on the estuary which is open to direct wave action because of the northward movement of North Weir point).

CHAINAGE 1300 to 4100

A temporary electric fence has been erected on the top of the river side of the levee. Sheep are being run on this stretch and the fence is to protect the saltings from sheep damage, also to protect sheep from falling in the river. It was noted that a gate was open which did allow access to the saltings. Grass is being kept to a reasonable height.

Note: only a short length of this stretch of the levee is armoured.

BOYTON DOCK

Horizontal timbers have been added to the top of vertical timbers protecting the north and south sides of the dock. This is a good improvement, safer for Walkers.

CHAINAGE 6400 to 9400

Grass on the levee has not been cut for several years. This length is not a public right of way.

Brian Johnson.

