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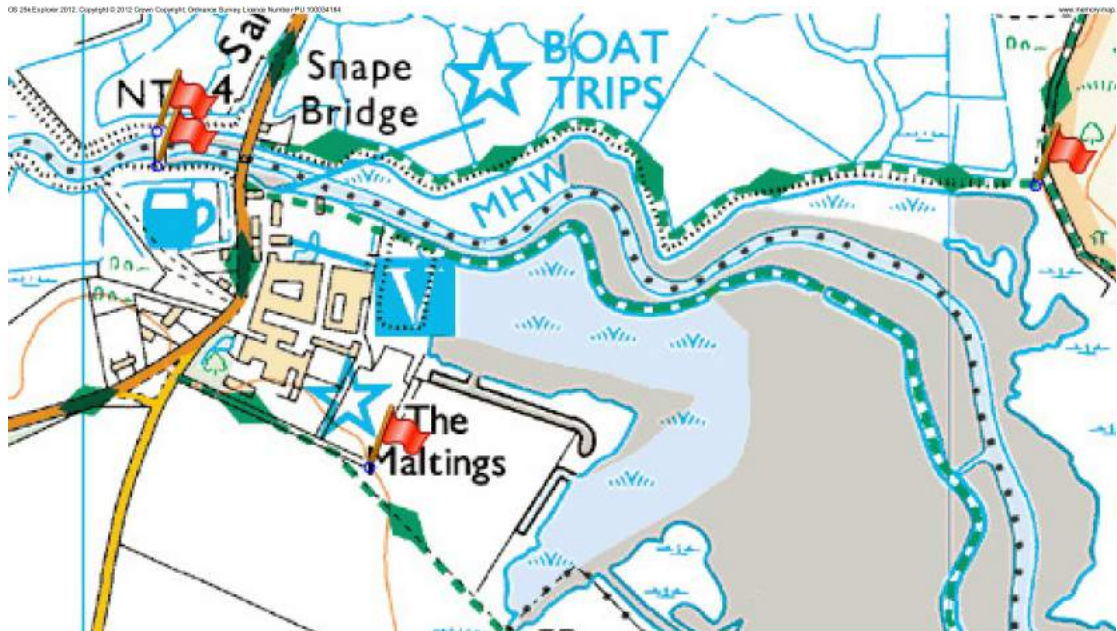
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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSOR'S REPORT

NAME: John Grayburn	DATE OF INSPECTION Spring 2017
LOCATION: Flood Cells 6 and 7	SPRING 2017
Area of Assessment: FC6 South bank from tidal sluice to end of Maltings defences at TM393 573 FC7 North bank from tidal sluice to rising ground at TM401 576	Send to

1. South Bank
From Snape tidal sluice to end of Maltings defences at TM393 573
2. North bank.
From Snape tidal sluice to higher ground at the wood at TM401 576.



FC 6

The height of the wall upriver from Snape Bridge has been increased. From the bridge to the sluice, the wall is topped with interlocking concrete blocks; upriver of the sluice it is bare earth/establishing grass. The sides of the raised/new section are steep albeit reinforced with flexible plastic retaining.

No changes downriver of the bridge

FC 7

Repairs to the wall from the B1069 at Snape bridge to the higher ground at TM401 576 following the December 2013 surge have been completed. The repairs are standing up well but there is some slippage of the regraded rear face as evidence by the lateral slope in the top footpath above and below the Blackheath sluice.).

As previously noted, the bank forms part of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Path and as such carries heavy foot and some cycle traffic.

There has been no change to the river side of the bank which in some places is steep. From Snape Bridge to Blackheath Sluice, the bank is protected by reedbeds and from TM398 576 eastwards to the higher ground at the wood it is again protected by reedbeds and saltings. However, as noted in previous years, there is erosion on the river side both downriver and upriver of the point at TM397 575.