

THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSORS REPORT

NAME: Alison Andrews Keith Martin	DATE OF INSPECTION: 6 May 2026 10am-12noon.
FLOOD CELL: FC5 Centre section only surveyed (Mann section) waiting landowner permission for other two sections to the north and south.	AREA OF ASSESSMENT: Mann section <i>see red lines on map below</i> TM 425564 east to TM431562

SUMMARY

River Wall/Armour	Saltings	High tide Debris Line
Crest- not a footpath, grass well grown River side slope- mostly essex/concrete blocks in good condition, Landward side- very heavy vegetation, not all grass	Limited area -part good -inner part by channel scrubby	Limited to small NNW face

River Bank surveyed: central FC5 TM 425564 east to TM431562



OVERVIEW

Three spots where concrete block needs repair, well vegetated wall but is dense cow parsley crowding out grass a problem?

Saltings, close to the river wall base in the saltings channel it is degraded but stretches closer to the river are fine.

DETAIL

Photo looking west from start of section TM426564 grass bank with salting vegetation just below the grassy bank (no block work at this point), then wide channel with stretches of beaten down 426564 to TM 429563 the bank is lined with Essex blocks with a metre wide ledge above of large stones bound by generous layer of tarmac which look to be in reasonable order with some small

reeds growing through the tarmac.see photo.



Towards TM429564 three or so small breakdowns of the Essex block below the tarmacked shelf .
One with minor breakdown and grass in tarmac see below



One exposing bare clay face, see below



with the last one exposing a metre plus of river bank soil, see photo below



The Essex blocks change to more modern armorlock (name?) at about TM429563 which then extend some 250 metres eastwards all the way to the Pump House which was some 50 yards beyond the area inspected. TM 433562. All in good order.

Landward side bank Heavily vegetated, a lot of tall grasses but particularly in parts 'cow parsley'

is dominant but no Alexanders. see photo, towards far end



Saltings

At western end of this stretch, saltings scrubby near the shore but beyond the wide channel look to be a good spread.

Debris: small amount of debris on exposed corner of wall at exit of saltings channel (wind would come from N, NW there) where there is concrete block wall close to high tide level, partly covered by vegetation but looks sound. TM 426564

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