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Landscape Review

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Landscape Review Government Response

Since our statutory system of protected landscapes was first established by Parliament in 1949, our society and the challenges it faces has changed. We must address climate change, biodiversity loss and increasing public health issues such as mental health and obesity. At the same time, our understanding of the value of the natural environment has vastly improved, particularly the public services it provides. That is why the government commissioned the Landscapes Review.

Reflecting on all these changes and the comprehensive findings of the review, we feel this is a moment to redefine the role that protected landscapes should play in today's society. Our vision for protected landscapes is:

'A coherent national network of beautiful, nature-rich spaces that all parts of society can easily access and enjoy. Protected landscapes will support thriving local communities and economies, improve our public health and wellbeing, drive forward nature recovery, and build our resilience to climate change.'

Julian Glover and the panel carried out a comprehensive review of our protected landscapes and made 27 wide-ranging proposals; this document sets out the government response to those proposals.

Link to full document : https://doc-04-cc-apps-viewer.googleusercontent.com/viewer/secure/pdf/cfjaq0kdukco81807lbq75i5q6lgtkc2/ntb6n85bqd4llci8ql1ig7n3fplv4hqo/1647480225000/gmail/08828198600267894841/ACFrOgCnKb118LrHCBNbOFhtQoVQabzem41oG9JupmnhvjROxKajyjevCsSlinHNtE_DZX3TTnwmm

Annex A – Consultation

Implementing some aspects of our response to the review will require changes to legislation, subject to securing parliamentary time. We are seeking public views on support for these proposed legislative changes, and their potential effects on different groups and interests. We are also interested to hear any wider views on other aspects of our response to the review.

How to respond

Please respond to this consultation using the Citizen Space consultation hub at Defra

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review>

For ease of analysis, responses via the Citizen Space platform would be preferred, but alternative options are provided below if required:

By email to: Landscapesconsultation@defra.gov.uk

In writing to:

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Questions

1. Do you want your responses to be confidential? If yes, please give your reason.
2. What is your name?
3. What is your email address?
4. Where are you located ? *North East/North West/Yorkshire and The Humber/East Midlands/West Midlands/East of England/London/South East/South West/Remote*
5. *Which of the following do you identify yourself as? National Park Authority or the Broads Authority/AONB team/Local authority/Other public body/Environmental NGO/Other NGO/Professional body/Academic/Business/Resident of a protected landscape/Member of the general public/Other*

A stronger mission for nature recovery (p10)

6. *Should a strengthened first purpose of protected landscapes follow the proposals set out in Chapter 2? YES/NO/UNSURE.*
7. *Which of the priorities should be reflected in a strengthened first purpose e.g. climate, cultural heritage? OPEN*

Agricultural transition (p12)

8. Do you support any of the following options as we develop the role of protected landscapes in the new environmental land management schemes? Tick all that apply.
 - *Designing the environmental land management schemes in a way that works for*

all farmers and land managers, including the specific circumstances for those in protected landscapes, recognising that farmers in these areas are well-placed to deliver on our environmental priorities.

- *Using Local Nature Recovery Strategies to identify projects or habitats within protected landscapes.*
 - *Monitoring the effectiveness and uptake of the new environmental land management schemes in protected landscapes. Using this to inform whether further interventions are needed to ensure we are on track for wider nature recovery ambitions.*
 - *Creating a clear role for protected landscape organisations in the preparation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies. Our recent LNRS consultation specifically asks for views on the role of different organisations in the preparation of LNRSs, including protected landscapes.*
 - *Building on FiPL, empowering protected landscapes to support decision-making and delivery against agreed priorities, including through dedicated project coordinators and advisers.*
9. Do you have any views or supporting evidence you would like to input as we develop the role of protected landscapes in the new environmental land management schemes? *OPEN*

A stronger mission for connecting people and places (p14)

10. Should AONBs have a second purpose relating to connecting people and places, equivalent to that of National Parks? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

11. Should a strengthened second purpose of protected landscapes follow the proposals set out in Chapter 3 to improve connections to all parts of society with our protected landscapes? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

12. Are there any other priorities that should be reflected in a strengthened second purpose? *OPEN*

Managing visitor pressures (p16)

13. Do you support any of the following options to grant National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority greater enforcement powers to manage visitor pressures? Tick all that apply.

- *Issue Fixed Penalty Notices for byelaw infringements*
- *Make Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)*
- *Issue Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to control the amount and type of traffic on roads*

14. Should we give National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority and local highway authorities additional powers to restrict recreational motor vehicle use on unsealed routes? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

15. For which reasons should National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority and local authorities exercise this power?

- *Environmental protection*
- *Prevention of damage*
- *Nuisance*
- *Amenity*
- *Other [PLEASE STATE]*

16. Should we legislate to restrict the use of motor vehicles on unsealed unclassified roads for recreational use, subject to appropriate exemptions? *Yes – everywhere/ Yes – in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty only/Yes – in National Parks only/No/Unsure*

17. What exemptions do you think would be required to protect the rights and enjoyment of other users e.g., residents, businesses etc? *OPEN*

The role of AONB teams in planning (p18)

18. What roles should AONBs teams play in the plan-making process to achieve better outcomes? *OPEN*

19. Should AONB teams be made statutory consultees for development management?

YES/NO/UNSURE

20. If yes, what type of planning applications should AONB teams be consulted on?

- *AONB teams should formally agree with local planning authorities which planning applications should be consulted on.*
- *AONB teams should be consulted on all planning applications that require an Environmental Impact Assessment and are categorised as 'major development' as well as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.*
- *Other [Please state] **Local governance** (p20)*

21. Which of the following measures would you support to improve local governance? *Tick all that apply.*

- *Improved training and materials*
- *Streamlined process for removing underperforming members*
- *Greater use of advisory panels*

- *Greater flexibility over the proportion of national, parish and local appointments*
- *Merit-based criteria for local authority appointments*
- *Reduced board size*
- *Secretary of State appointed chair*

- *Other [Please state]*

A clearer role for public bodies (p22)

22. Should statutory duties be strengthened so that they are given greater weight when exercising public functions? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

23. Should statutory duties be made clearer with regards to the role of public bodies in preparing and implementing management plans? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

General power of competence (p24)

24. Should National Parks Authorities and the Broads Authority have a general power of competence? *YES/NO/UNSURE*

Overall

25. If you have any further comments on any of the proposals in this document, please include them here. [FREE TEXT]