

Protected Landscapes consultation

Questions

1. Do you want your responses to be confidential? If yes, please give your reason.

NO

2. What is your name?

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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*

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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*

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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

7. Which other priorities should be reflected in a strengthened first purpose e.g. climate, cultural heritage?

We agree that there is a vital need to re-generate our land. To sequester carbon, improve soil, water and air quality and by so doing enhance the environment, bio-diversity and fertility of the land and health of our rivers and drinking waters.

A river catchment based approach may prove beneficial as would seem to be an agro-ecology approach to re-generative farming.

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?

We support your ideas to use citizen science to monitor progress against your goals. How will you guarantee to citizens that you will be guided by such work?

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**

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**

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

We would welcome routine **and regular dialogue with parish council and communities and formal consultation with those groups in advance of major decision being made.**

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 ✓

Commented [Office1]: What do we see as the benefits of both concepts. Pointers to the key benefits of each approach would reinforce the standing of our presentation. Moreover, commentary that includes linkage to the Farming in a Protected Landscape (FiPL) scheme may help our argument in terms of re-generative farming/agro-ecology. Para 2 page 33 of The Path to Sustainable Farming: An Agricultural Transition Plan 2021 to 2024 makes one reference to regenerative techniques 'These techniques include organics and regenerative practices, as well as the landscape and character contribution of the uplands, commons, and rare and native breed'.

Commented [Office2]: What evidence do we have that citizen science provides benefit? I am not sure the question will be answered. May be major on the benefits of that. Citizen science will contribute to the body of evidence but decisions will hopefully be made on the evidence gathered through that channel as well as traditional academia.

Commented [Office3]: Agree strongly

Commented [Office4]: Ditto the above.

Commented [Office5]: Reinforcement

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- 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

Commented [Office6]: Agreed in principle, but how does this work alongside the aspiration/intent of campaign groups to give everyone access to wild and open spaces? We are all citizens of the UK do we not have equal rights to visit other parts of the country?

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

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Commented [Office7]: Agreed but ancient freedoms that allow unfettered access to byeways will be hard to reserve. Likely to be linked with the comment made in response to question 14 above.

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

Commented [Office8]: Disabled and poor mobility groups?

The role of AONB teams in planning (p18)

18. What roles should AONBs teams play in the plan-making process to achieve better outcomes? FULL PARTNERS with planning authorities.

Commented [Office9]: Not sure what 'full partners' means? Could be sleeping partner. Given statutory powers to work with planning authorities as they develop local plans noting that AONB etc cover numerous the areas of responsibility of several planning authorities.

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

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Commented [Office10]: Agreed, which ties in with roe in 'plan-making'.

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.**

Commented [Office11]: This is likely to mean AONB teams will have to agree and then manage several agreements with planning authorities that may be different in terms of scope. I believe it is easier to 'standardise' in line with the second option but widen the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessments and make more stringent adherence to the requirement.

• 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 ✓

Commented [Office12]: Judged against what? Local democracy at work?

- Merit-based criteria for local authority appointments ✓
- Reduced board size ✓
- Secretary of State appointed chair ✕
- Other [Please state]

Commented [Office13]: This may mean less representation from communities. Or could this move be supported by broadening the scope and remit of advisory panels.

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

Commented [Office14]: Agreed

23. Should statutory duties be made clearer with regards to the role of public bodies in preparing and implementing management plans? YES

Commented [Office15]: Agreed, link with points in response to question 18.

General power of competence (p24)

24. Should National Parks Authorities and the Broads Authority have a general power of competence? YES

Commented [Office16]: Disagree - Providing powers similar to local authorities may lead to greater tensions between the National Park Authorities. Experience of living on the Edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, suggest there is already huge tension between the National Park and local authorities who are the elected bodies responsible for economic growth and sustainability etc. Our current viewpoint/frame is of an AONB.

Overall

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