

# 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 approach may prove beneficial as would be an agro-ecology approach for re-generative farming. These approaches can help us recognise our dependence on natural systems (after all we are part of them) and encourage a move away from the use of environmentally damaging products and practices to those that enhance biodiversity and the richness of soils which can then also act as carbon sinks.

### **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 make appropriate use of their work and then demonstrate doing so?

### **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 councils 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 ✓

- 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

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**

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

### **The role of AONB teams in planning** (p18)

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

They should have statutory powers to work with planning authorities.

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

20. If yes, what type of planning applications should AONB teams 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.*

At the same time we suggest that the need for environmental impact assessments should be widened and requirements to abide by them made more stringent.

### **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 ✓  
(How will you judge under-performance though?)
- 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* ✓ (Ideally alongside broadening the scope and remit of advisory panels)
- *Secretary of State appointed chair* ×

### **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

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

### **General power of competence** (p24)

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

### **Overall**

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