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Dear John

Speeding Up Landscape Designation Review Process

You will recall our conversations at the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Forum in June and subsequent discussion at the Landscapes for Life conference in Winchester relating to AONB boundary review.

At the forum, we outlined the Dedham Vale AONB's aspiration for boundary review. At the later conference in Winchester we discussed some emerging thoughts on how the process might be speeded up while not compromising its integrity.

We have attached a discussion paper that outlines a method designed to speed up the process, while at the same time ensuring the full engagement of Natural England and any subsequent Secretary of State decision making process. It has the additional benefit of introducing the ability for sectors other than the public purse to financially contribute.

We would welcome your views on this discussion paper and we are of course available to provide further information and thoughts if necessary.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Discussion Paper on Speeding Up Landscape Designation Process