

Media response

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AONB Charity welcomes Michael Gove's plans for a "Green Revolution" and today's launch of a sweeping review of protected landscapes

NAAONB Chairman, Philip Hygate said,

"I really welcome the attention government is paying to the beauty of the English landscape. Defra's 25 Year Environment Plan makes it clear that Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are highly valued and worthy of investment. What's more, this is an exciting time to really discover how much designated landscapes can deliver for society, the economy, and nature. Whether it's the rolling hills and picturesque villages of the Chilterns, the ruggedness of the Cornish coast, or the tranquility of the Dedham Vale, each AONB has something unique to offer the nation.

Today's announcement of the launch of the review is equally as welcome. The world has changed significantly since the designation of Gower, the first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but our fundamental requirement for beautiful, inspiring places in which to live, work, and relax is probably greater now than ever before. The National Association for AONBs is delighted to support this exciting review and we will work closely with Julian Glover and his review panel to help ensure that all of England's special landscapes are equally recognised for the value they provide to the nation, and their fundamental importance to future generations.

We believe that, together, we can achieve the Secretary of State's vision of a thriving agriculture sector, a healthy rural economy, beautiful landscapes, rich habitats for wild life, a just society and a fair economy".

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Notes

The National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) is a charity that provides a strong collective voice for the UK's 46 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). Its objectives are to promote the conservation and enhancement of AONBs, advance the education, understanding and appreciation by the public of AONBs, and promote the efficiency and effectiveness of those promoting or representing AONBs, other Protected Areas and those areas for which designation might be pursued. It does this by taking a collaborative and partnership based approach to working with our membership and other organisations at a national level to achieve shared goals. For more information see

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