



## High Weald AONB Management Plan Consultation

Thank you for giving feedback on the draft High Weald AONB management Plan 2024-2029. Please note you may skip any sections or questions you do not wish to answer.

[DOWNLOAD THE DRAFT PLAN HERE \(pdf\) >>](#)

**NB: please note this is not a fillable form; please send your comments to [plancomments@highweald.org](mailto:plancomments@highweald.org), either in an email or a Word document.**

**The consultation closes on 5 November 2023.**

### About you

**Name**

**Email address**

**Organisation / group (if relevant)**

**What is your connection with the High Weald AONB? (please state any that apply)**

Live here

Work here

Spend leisure time here

**If you live in the High Weald, what is your nearest town or village?**

### AONB Vision

*Please read the vision for the High Weald AONB, then answer the following question. Find the AONB Vision on page 7 of the draft Plan*

- Is the High Weald AONB Vision ambitious enough? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'no', please explain why

### Statement of Significance

*Please read the statement of significance for the High Weald AONB, then answer the following question. Find the statement of significance on page 15*

- Do you find the statement of significance useful in defining the landscape and natural beauty of the High Weald? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please explain why

### Objectives and actions

We are now going to ask you about the objectives and actions for the eight character components of natural beauty in the High Weald.

If you don't wish to comment on a particular component, please just skip to the next one.



## 1. Natural systems (geology, soils, water and climate) - this section begins on p18

- Do you agree with the four objectives for conserving and enhancing natural systems? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for natural systems? Please include who the action should be for.

## 2. Settlement – this section begins on p22

- Do you agree with the three objectives for conserving and enhancing settlement? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for settlement? Please include who the action should be for.

## 3. Routeways – this section begins on page 26

- Do you agree with the two objectives for conserving and enhancing routeways? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why.
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for routeways? Please include who the action should be for.

## 4. Woodland – this section begins on page 30

- Do you agree with the four objectives for conserving and enhancing woodland? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why.
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for woodland? Please include who the action should be for.

## 5. Fieldscape and heath – this section begins on page 34

- Do you agree with the four objectives for conserving and enhancing fieldscape and heath? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why.
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for fieldscape and heath? Please include who the action should be for.



## 6. Dark Skies – this section starts on page 38

- Do you agree with the two objectives for conserving and enhancing dark skies? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why.
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for dark skies? Please include who the action should be for.

## 7. Perceptual and aesthetic qualities – this section begins on page 42

- Do you agree with the three objectives for conserving and enhancing perceptual and aesthetic qualities? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why.
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for perceptual and aesthetic qualities? Please include who the action should be for.

## 8. Land-based economy and rural living – this section begins on page 46

- Do you agree with the three objectives for conserving and enhancing land-based economy and rural living? (Please answer yes/no/don't know)
- \*If you answered 'No', please tell us why
- Are there any additional actions you'd like to see for land-based economy and rural life? Please include who the action should be for.

## Cross cutting themes: programmes, principles for action and investment strategy 2024-2029.

Cross cutting themes is a new section in the High Weald AONB Management Plan.

It focuses on the main five themes likely to drive both positive and negative change within the High Weald landscape over the next five years.

**You can skip any sections you don't wish to answer.**

## 1. Soils – this section can be found on page 55

- Do you agree with the principles for restoring soil health? Please choose from the options below:
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
- Is there anything else you would like to see referred to in the soil health section?



## 2. Nature recovery and biodiversity – this section can be found on page 59

- Do you agree with the principles for recovering nature?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
- Is there anything else you would like to see referred to in the nature recovery and biodiversity section?

## 3. The Climate Crisis: Achieving net zero – this section can be found on page 63

- Do you agree with the principles for addressing the climate crisis?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
- Is there anything else you would like to see referred to in the climate crisis section?

## 4. People and Access – this section can be found on page 67

- Do you agree with the principles for people and access?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
- Is there anything else you would like to see referred to in the people and access section?

## 5. Planning and development – this section can be found across pages 70-74

- Do you agree with the principles for planning and development in the High Weald AONB?
  - Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree
  - Don't know
- Is there anything else you would like to see referred to in the planning and development section?

**If you have any other comments on the Draft AONB Management Plan, please include them.**

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