

High Weald Joint Advisory Committee

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Working together to care for one of England's finest landscapes

Dear prospective parliamentary candidate

The High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is one of 46 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in the United Kingdom.

Covering nearly eight thousand square miles, they are some of our most beautiful and cherished landscapes. **They are national assets and people are passionate about them and care deeply about their future.**

Looked after by locally accountable partnerships that promote and support effective long term management to keep them special, AONBs are dynamic, living landscapes that underpin the economy and the health and wellbeing of society.

More simply put, AONB partnerships, with their dedicated teams, make things happen. They provide value for money by securing additional funding, resources and project partners to promote a sustainable rural economy that conserves and enhances our natural environment for the benefit of society.

Over the last 5 years the **High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership** has:

- Secured joint, and therefore consistent, local authority policy for the area through the production of a 5-year, evidence-based, AONB Management Plan;
- Responded to 1000 requests from organisations and individuals for guidance on how to keep the AONB a special but evolving landscape;
- Helped 500 businesses to use their protected landscape location to secure customers and resources;

Anglesey
Arnside and Silverdale
Blackdown Hills
Cannock Chase
Chichester Harbour
Chilterns
Clwydian Range
Cornwall
Cotswolds
Gower
Cranbourne Chase and
West Wiltshire Downs
Dedham Vale
Dorset
East Devon
Forest of Bowland
Howardian Hills
High Weald
Isle of Wight
Isles of Scilly
Kent Downs
Lincolnshire Wolds
Llyn
Malvern Hills
Mendip Hills
Nidderdale
Norfolk Coast
North Devon
North Pennines
North Wessex Downs
Northumberland Coast
Quantock Hills
Shropshire Hills
Solway Coast
South Devon
Suffolk Coast and Heaths
Surrey Hills
Tamar Valley
Wye Valley

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AONB Family

- Assisted with 110 projects to conserve and enhance the AONB or further its understanding and enjoyment, involving 500 volunteers and a further 10,000 people in walks, talks and hands-on events;
- Helped 80 primary schools use the landscape on their doorstep for outdoor education, engaging over 10,000 children with their countryside.

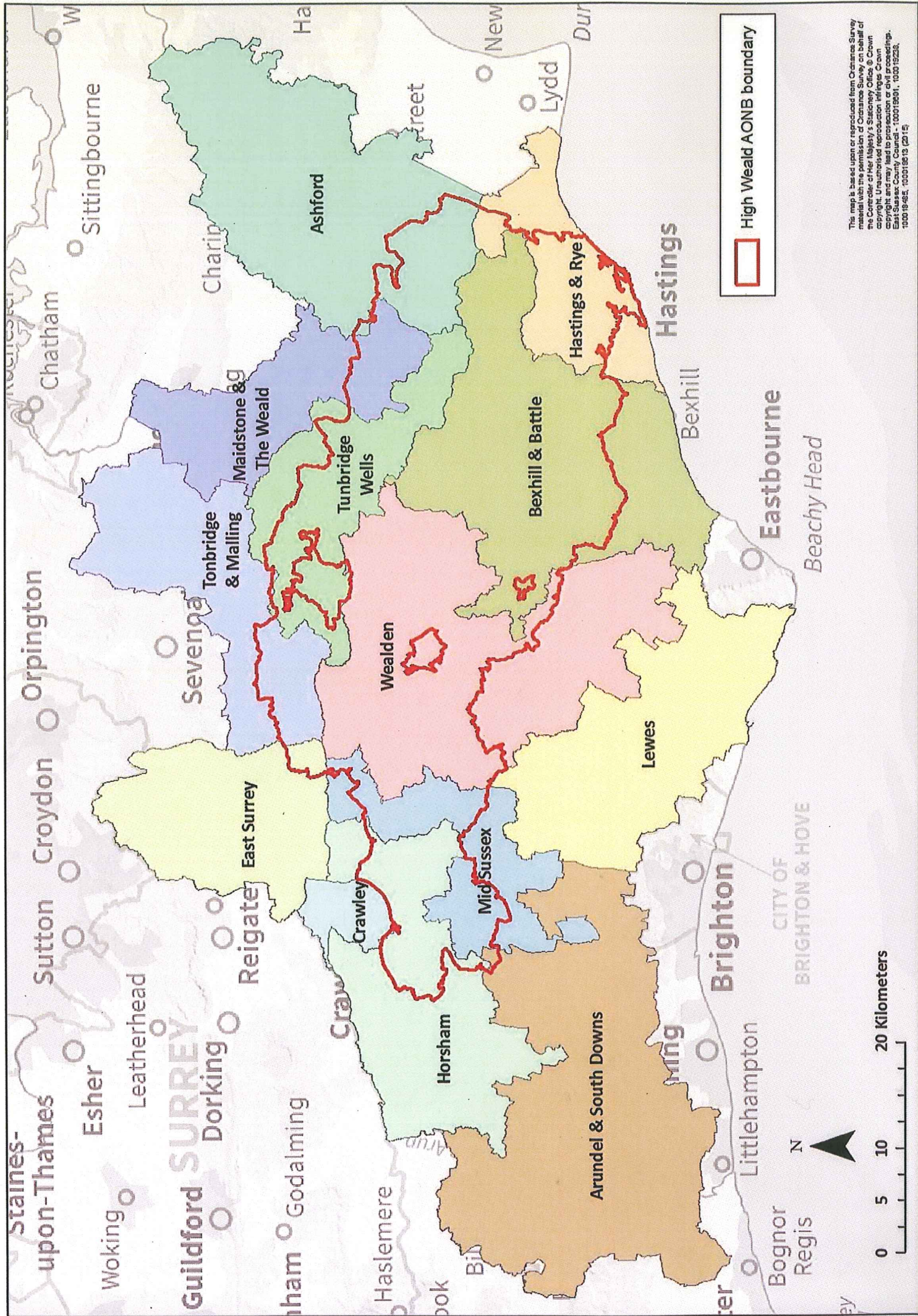
The Chairman of the National Association for AONBs recently wrote to David Cameron thanking him for the support he has given to AONB partnerships over the last 5 years and asking him to outline his plans for continuing support to ensure that the AONB Family remains in good heart and equipped to rise to the challenges of the future?

If you are elected to represent your constituency at Westminster, on May 7th, what will you do to ensure that the High Weald AONB is cared for, now and in the future, so that it can remain vibrant, offering a wealth of opportunities for local people to enjoy it and help look after it?

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Sally Marsh and Jason Lavender in black ink.

High Weald Co-Directors, Sally Marsh and Jason Lavender



 High Weald AONB boundary

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