



Media Release

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National Parks England welcomes the launch of the government consultation regarding the future of our National Parks.

Andrew McCloy, Chair of National Parks England said: “National Parks play a vital role for the nation, supporting people, places, climate and nature.

“We share the aspirations that were identified in the Landscapes Review, some of which are outlined in the government’s consultation document. Protected landscapes should be empowered to deliver more for nature, climate and people but need adequate resources and powers to make this happen.

“England’s National Park Authorities are ambitious, innovative and forward-thinking organisations, determined to continue driving forward our joint ambitions over the coming years with government support.

“Since 2019 National Parks individually and collectively have made great progress in delivering against many of the proposals in the Landscapes Review. We have published four detailed delivery plans which highlight our ambitions.

“National Parks have been critical in helping the nation recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. We have welcomed more visitors than ever before, supported our local communities, and demonstrated that green spaces benefit the nation’s physical and mental health and wellbeing.

“Together with our communities, partners and visitors we aspire to build back a brighter green future for the country, more resilient to climate change, with an abundance of wildlife and amazing places for people to live, work and visit.

“We look forward to responding to the government’s consultation in detail in due course.”

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About National Parks England

National Parks England brings together the nine English National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority, to provide a strong, collective and expert voice at a national level. We shape policy by drawing on our extensive experience, facilitating discussion, sharing knowledge, cultivating partnerships, and testing innovative solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing society.

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www.nationalparksengland.org.uk

For more information on our delivery plans, see:

<https://www.nationalparksengland.org.uk/home/about-national-parks-england/national-parks-collective-vision-and-priorities>

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www.nationalparks.uk