



## Reviewed Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plans (2019-2024)

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### Description of current service/policy

Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to review, prepare and publish Management Plans for the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within its administrative area, collectively with other relevant local authorities. Hampshire includes parts of the North Wessex Downs AONB, the Cranborne Chase AONB and the Chichester Harbour AONB. The purpose of these Management Plans is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONBs. The Plans were originally published in 2004 and reviewed and subsequently republished in 2009 and 2014. These reviewed Plans represent the period 2019-2024.

Geographical impact: Basingstoke & Deane, Havant, New Forest, Test  
Valley

### Description of proposed change

The reviewed AONB Management Plans have been modified to take account of changes in legislation, regulation and policy, the publication of the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan and reviewed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The vision, objectives and policies have been refreshed to make them fit for purpose for the next five years. The plans also outline project work delivered to date and opportunities for project delivery over the next five years. The Plans have also been modified to condense and simplify content and improve accessibility. Partnerships and small AONB delivery teams were tasked with facilitating these reviews on behalf of the relevant local authorities.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

## Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

For each of the three Hampshire AONB Management Plans, initial consultations was undertaken with relevant stakeholders and wider partnerships, with input from workshops and task groups. This was followed by 12 week public consultations in each case. All responses to the draft reviewed Management plans were considered and a spreadsheet of comments made and how these comments were incorporated/considered produced for each.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Neutral		
<b>Disability:</b> Positive	Objectives/policies include the improvement of physical access to the protected landscapes for individuals with mobility problems.	
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		

<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

## **Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

### **Any other information**

Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) Screening was undertaken for each AONB Management Plan on behalf of their respective Partnerships. These assessments concluded that, due to the inclusive nature of the Management Plans and their purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONBs, their objectives and policies would have no negative impacts on those groups of people identified in law as being at risk of discrimination or on poverty or rurality.