



The Isles of Scilly AONB Partnership welcomes The Landscape Review's call to 'do more for nature and beauty'

On January 15th the Government published its response to the [Landscapes Review](#), led by Julian Glover and published in 2019, and opened a consultation enabling the public to express their views.

The Isles of Scilly AONB Partnership welcomes the Government's long-awaited response, particularly the opportunity to reinvigorate the status of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty with new purposes, powers and resources to conserve and enhance these special places.

However, we believe the proposals as currently presented fall short of the ambitious, transformational change that Glover and his team envisaged. The Review recognised the enormous potential of all AONBs to deliver so much more. Despite the chronic underfunding cited in the Landscapes Review, AONB teams are at the forefront of combatting climate change and restoring nature. Our joined-up approach to nature restoration is captured in the [Colchester Declaration](#).

Wildlife natural beauty and cultural heritage provides multiple benefits to the local economy of the Isles of Scilly AONB, enriching the islands as a place to live, work and visit. This special sense of place requires sensitive management.

Luke Humphries, Chair of the Isles of Scilly AONB Partnership said:

"The Isles of Scilly AONB has a proven track record in delivering a range of projects which provide far-reaching benefits across the islands. However, if the AONB is to deliver more for nature, climate and people, and to ensure a thriving sustainable community and economy, a corresponding uplift in core funding for the Isles of Scilly AONB is absolutely essential".

Next steps

The Government's response is accompanied by a 12-week consultation to seek views on the Government's proposals. We encourage members of the public to get involved. These are national landscapes, so have your say.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks from Saturday 15th January, closing on Saturday 9th April. This is an opportunity for both residents and visitors to the Isles of Scilly AONB to shape how our protected landscape can deliver benefits for people and nature for years to come.

Read the Government's response:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-government-response>

Respond to the consultation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review>

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