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Dear Consultee

Consultation on the governance arrangements for National Park Authorities in England (including the Broads Authority).

1. I am writing to invite views on the scope for improving the governance arrangements and accountability in the nine National Park Authorities in England and in the Broads Authority.
2. The following document may be found on Defra's website at www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/nationalpark-governance/index.htm
 - Consultation on the governance arrangements for the National Parks and the Broads
3. We welcome your views and comments. If you want to obtain a copy of this consultation document please contact Defra (Protected Landscapes Team, Zone 1/03, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6EB 0117 372 8086.

Responses

4. Please send responses to the Defra address in paragraph 3 above or by email to npgovernancereviewconsultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk
5. Responses should be received please, by **1 February 2011**

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/>
7. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London where they will be available for a period of six months. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation. Copies of the responses will also be



available at the main office of each National Park Authority and the Broads Authority (see addresses on pages 6 and 7 of the consultation document).

8. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Summaries of all responses will be placed on our website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/default.asp> . This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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Ergon House
17 Smith Square
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Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

10. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

11. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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