

## **Annex 1 - Summary of proposals in the Landscapes Review**

### **1 Landscapes Alive for Nature and Beauty**

National landscapes should “lead the way to nature recovery”. They “should look and feel special” and the challenge is to restore natural beauty. National Park Management Plans should play a key role, with clear actions to restore nature, address climate change, support the creation of wilder areas and lead on Nature Recovery areas, including beyond the National Park boundary.

- Proposal 1: National landscapes should have a renewed mission to recover and enhance nature, and be supported and held to account for delivery by a new National Landscapes Service
- Proposal 2: The state of nature and natural capital in our national landscapes should be regularly and robustly assessed, informing the priorities for action
- Proposal 3: Strengthened Management Plans should set clear priorities and actions for nature recovery including, but not limited to, wilder areas and the response to climate change (notably tree planting and peatland restoration). Their implementation must be backed up by stronger status in law
- Proposal 4: National landscapes should form the backbone of Nature Recovery Networks – joining things up within and beyond their boundaries
- Proposal 5: A central place for national landscapes in new Environmental Land Management Schemes
- Proposal 6: A strengthened place for national landscapes in the planning system with AONBs given statutory consultee status, encouragement to develop local plans and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework

### **2 Landscapes for Everyone**

The review found that many sectors of society are excluded from our national landscapes which need to be more welcoming, encourage more first time visitors and become relevant to everyone.

- Proposal 7: A stronger mission to connect all people with our national landscapes, supported and held to account by the new National Landscapes Service
- Proposal 8: A night under the stars in a national landscape for every child
- Proposal 9: New long-term programmes to increase the ethnic diversity of visitors
- Proposal 10: Landscapes that cater for and improve the nation’s health and wellbeing

- Proposal 11: Expanding volunteering in our national landscapes
- Proposal 12: Better information and signs to guide visitors
- Proposal 13: A ranger service in all our national landscapes, part of a national family
- Proposal 14: National landscapes supported to become leaders in sustainable tourism
- Proposal 15: Joining up with others to make the most of what we have, and bringing National Trails into the national landscapes family
- Proposal 16: Consider expanding open access rights in national landscapes

### **3 Living in Landscapes**

The Review identified a challenge in determining how both natural beauty and society can benefit from change. Increasing house prices, the ageing population of many of the local communities, the need for more employment opportunities and poor public transport are themes common to all national landscapes. In response the Report proposes they should have a statutory purpose to “foster the economic and community vitality of their area in support of the first two purposes”

- Proposal 17: National landscapes working for vibrant communities
- Proposal 18: A new National Landscapes Housing Association to build affordable homes
- Proposal 19: A new approach to coordinating public transport piloted in the Lake District, and new, more sustainable ways of accessing national landscapes

### **4 More Special Places**

In supporting the case for more designated landscapes the report called for more joined up working between neighbouring designated areas, connecting areas including cities and towns that can provide natural areas closer to where people live.

- Proposal 20: New designated landscapes and a new National Forest
- Proposal 21: Welcoming new landscape approaches in cities and the coast, and a city park competition
- Proposal 22: A better designations process

### **5 New Ways of Working**

The Review began and concluded with a call for National Parks and AONBs to work more closely together to achieve more than the sum of their parts. This is reflected in a call for a single set of new national landscape purposes and a stronger duty imposed upon others to support the purposes

- Proposal 23: Stronger purposes in law for our national landscapes
- Proposal 24: AONBs strengthened with new purposes, powers and resources, renamed as National Landscapes
- Proposal 25: A new National Landscapes Service bringing our 44 national landscapes together to achieve more than the sum of their parts
- Proposal 26: Reformed governance to inspire and secure ambition in our national landscapes and better reflect society
- Proposal 27: A new financial model – more money, more secure, more enterprising