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Which organisation(s)?:

Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership

What is your name and position?:

Tim Youngs, Manager

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4 We would like to be able to use extracts from submissions in our final report. If you would not like them, potentially, to be made public, please tell us here.

Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the final report

5 We have obligations under freedom of information laws and there is more information below. For the purposes of these laws, would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you have answered yes, please give your reason:

Before anything else

6 We would love to know what makes National Parks and AONBs special to you

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Yes, you can use my photo online or in the report

Part 1 - Opening thoughts

7 What do you think works overall about the present system of National Parks and AONBs in England? Add any points that apply specifically to only National Parks or AONBs

Please write your answer here:

The current protected landscape network provides a vital function in conserving and enhancing the nation's most treasured landscapes and its component natural capital elements that provide a range of public goods and services including biodiversity, historic and cultural heritage, improving water quality, alleviating flooding and mitigating drought and providing public access & recreation.

National Parks and AONBs provide a focus for a geographical area that other bodies do not. AONBs provide an opportunity for community identity and to galvanise community activity and focus on a geographical area that crosses local government and civil boundaries. AONBs align with and are key to delivering national and local policy objectives via co-created AONB Management Plan policies and innovative, partnership approaches.

The Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership is 80 members strong and represents the full cross-section of interests in the AONB, in particular the mix of locally accountable elected members representing all relevant local authorities, with officers from national agencies and local interest groups. This provides a trusted, effective and democratic structure for deciding local priorities and co-ordinating shared programmes of action. AONBs are nimble in their approach and have proved themselves capable of adapting to changed circumstances and acting as a focus for innovation.