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Jeremy Hunt MP By email only: <u>huntj@parliament.uk</u>



Dear Mr Hunt,

## Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Boundary Review.

I wanted to update you on the statutory and public consultation process in relation to the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We appreciate that you will have a keen interest in the issue and the consultation will begin on 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, running for 14 weeks ending on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

As you may be aware the consultation process includes inviting views from relevant local authorities -Surrey County Council, Croydon Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council, Guildford Borough Council, Mole Valley District Council, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Tandridge District Council, and Waverley Borough Council.

In addition, Natural England has decided that it should be extended to other stakeholders and the public. Other stakeholders include National bodies, Parish Councils in the existing AONB and in and adjacent to the proposed extension, AONB Partnership members, local businesses and landowning groups, community organisations, recreational interests and the wider public.

We have also written to other local MPs whose constituencies are within or adjacent to Surrey Hills AONB to let them know.

When the consultation is launched you will receive a letter to provide you with more information about how to access our proposals to extend the Surrey Hills AONB and how consultees can respond.

In the meantime, should you have any queries or need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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