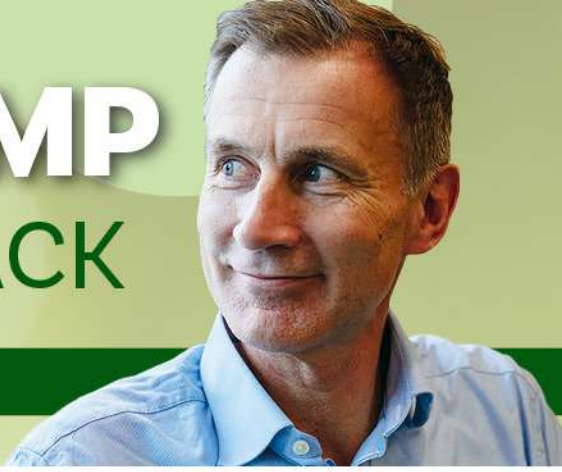


# Jeremy Hunt MP

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Thérèse Coffey MP, Kathy Atkinson; Independent Chair The Surrey Hills Board and Jeremy Hunt MP

### Success for Jeremy's campaign to strengthen AONB protections

Jeremy Hunt's campaign to increase the area of the Surrey Hills with AONB protection received a major boost following the announcement by Natural England that the boundaries will be reviewed for the first time since 1958. If approved, the AONB will increase by up to 25%.

Hundreds of people throughout Surrey have joined Jeremy to give their views on the consultation to expand the AONB boundaries around Dunsfold, Farnham, Shamley Green, Godalming, Hambledon, the Hogs Back and Cranleigh.

In June, Jeremy showed Environment Secretary Thérèse Coffey some of the potential new areas so he could explain just why it matters. 'With AONB status these new areas will have the highest level of protection to stop inappropriate development and boost biodiversity.' Natural England is now considering responses to the consultation which closed in June.

As soon as these proposals are adopted, Jeremy plans to take the campaign one step further and secure National Park status for the Surrey Hills. 'If we were a National Park, the Surrey Hills would be a planning authority in its own right and we would have access to even more funding to protect biodiversity' added Jeremy.

**Do you agree?** If so please sign Jeremy's petition for National Park status for the Surrey Hills.

[www.jeremyhunt.org/SurreyHillsPetition](http://www.jeremyhunt.org/SurreyHillsPetition)



Surrey Hills AONB Current Boundary

Potential new AONB area

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