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Dear Sir / Madam

Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Boundary Review

I am really pleased to launch a statutory and public consultation on Natural England's proposals to vary the boundary of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The consultation will begin on 26 January 2018 and will end on April 20 2018. England's network of AONBs recognises areas where the landscape has outstanding natural beauty and aims to conserve and enhance them.

My letter accompanies a consultation pack which will give you more information on our proposals to extend the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB. The consultation is your opportunity to comment on these proposals. We are keen to hear your views on whether the proposed extensions have the qualities necessary to be in an AONB, whether they should be given AONB status, and if so, where the boundaries should be drawn.

Please find enclosed the following:

- a consultation document
- a response form
- detailed maps of the boundaries of the proposed AONB Extensions
- a factsheet
- a return envelope

If you wish to send us your comments about these proposals, you can complete the enclosed response form or you can fill in the same form online by going to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/suffolk-coast-and-heaths-aonb>.

Please make sure you submit any comments by 20th April 2018.

In order for us to understand fully the results of the consultation, we would like to be able to analyse responses from different groups of people. Part A of the Response Form asks some simple questions about you and your interest in the area and we would be grateful if you could complete this section. Please note that you should clearly indicate whether you are content for this information to be made publically available on the form. Part B is designed so that you can give us your general comments about whether the extensions should go ahead. If you would like to give more detail in your response about the proposed extensions and the detailed boundaries, you should complete Part C.

Further copies of the consultation documents can be downloaded from <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/suffolk-coast-and-heaths-aonb> and will also be available in local libraries from 26 January 2018. Additional, more detailed, supporting documents can also be viewed or downloaded from the above link. If you would like to find out more about the issues before giving your comments, we are hosting drop in events in the local area during February 2018. Details will be advertised locally as well as on the website or you can contact my colleague Jonathan Dix (02080 265774 or jonathan.dix@naturalengland.org.uk) for details.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposals. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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