

Appendix 22: East Hampshire

All responses contained in this table are from the second (2024) statutory consultation.

Ludshott and Bramshott Commons: Natural Beauty		
<u>Theme</u>	<u>Representations</u>	<u>Natural England Commentary</u>
The proposed extension meets the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>48 respondents agreed that this area meets the Natural Beauty Criterion, although many did not provide a reason for their view. Example responses included:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR81-D (Hampshire County Council)</p> <p><i>'This is a good opportunity to protect the distinctive heathland landscapes, As well as their significant ecological value (SSSI and SPA) there is cultural and historic interest. This includes the popular attraction of Waggoners Wells - man-made ponds in a wooded valley, that lies between them. On Bramshott Common there is the Canadian Memorial Planting - a long avenue of Canadian Maples either side of the A3, with very distinctive autumn colour.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3E-V (East Hampshire District Council)</p> <p><i>'Most of our recommended areas were successful for inclusion, but not Broxhead Common. However, we support the reasoning set out in the evaluation report for its exclusion within the boundary revision.</i></p> <p><i>We support that the areas with potential to meet the requirements of an AONB in East Hampshire have now been evaluated and endorse the findings that have resulted in further extensions to the proposed Surrey Hills AONB.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3Y-G (Waverley Borough Council)</p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England agrees that the areas identified within the proposed boundary extension meet the Natural Beauty Criterion for designation as AONB.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>No change.</p>

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	<p><i>‘Waverley Borough Council broadly supports the specific areas within Waverley that are proposed to be in addition to those areas that were proposed for inclusion in the AONB in the first consultation that ran from March to June 2023..... Although the areas of land are outside Waverley, Waverley Borough Council supports the inclusion of the three areas of land in East Hampshire that adjoin our administrative boundary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• South of Dockenfield Hills</i> <i>• Ludshott and Bramshott Commons</i> <i>• Whitmoor Vale</i> <p><i>Waverley [Borough Council] also agrees that the proposed boundaries for extending the AONB are logical and adhere to the principles for setting an AONB boundary. However, this view is based on a high-level assessment of the proposals and therefore it is appreciated that our local communities will have more detailed knowledge of their areas. As such, where our local communities have some concerns about the details of the boundaries on the ground or that in some cases, feel that additional land should be proposed for inclusion in the AONB, we would urge Natural England to carefully consider their representations.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRTM-5</p> <p><i>‘...we have identified that the proposal will not impact on [Anon] at Bramshott with the delineation of the proposed extension running adjacent to the [Anon] estate along Sandy Lane (see maps below) and therefore no perceived impact on our estate.</i></p> <p><i>Please take this email as a nil return in relation to the consultation process.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRQ1-6</p>	

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	<p><i>'In my opinion, this area has more than sufficient natural beauty to be designated as an AONB. It is one of the most significant and attractive areas of lowland heath in southern England. The reasons are cogently stated in the consultation documents.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRWB-W <i>'SSSI and home to much heather and gorse as well as ancient trees. There are very rare lichen species there too. A very beautiful, tranquil, colourful and delicate area.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRWE-Z <i>'Just to note that I strongly agree with including this area. It is rare lowland heath, home to rare species and with far-reaching views to the South Downs.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRZ5-K <i>'These two areas are beautiful and need to be preserved. Add as much land as possible as we need to preserve as much as we can for current and future generations.'</i></p> <p>A number of responses were identical or gave the same information including:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR4S-S, ANON-VUXE-KR5Y-H, ANON-VUXE-KR4Y-H, ANON-VUXE-KRAX-W, ANON-VUXE-KRC1-R, ANON-VUXE-KRCJ-H, ANON-VUXE-KRGS-X, ANON-VUXE-KRHN-T, ANON-VUXE-KRJD-J, ANON-VUXE-KRJK-S, ANON-VUXE-KRJR-Z, ANON-VUXE-KRND-P, ANON-VUXE-KRQ3-8, ANON-VUXE-KRTG-Y, ANON-VUXE-KRZX-P</p>	

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	<p>Reasons given included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heathland areas are exceptional examples of this declining habitat (SSSI and SPA) • Important for iconic birds such as Nightjars and Dartford Warblers • 32 species of butterfly have been recorded on Bramshott Common in recent years, including 6 on the "Red List" • Species which qualify as 'Hampshire notable' as defined by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre • Bramshott Common is also botanically diverse • The history of WW1 and WW2 camp sites, principally for Canadian soldiers, and the site of the military hospital and the memorial avenue of trees, makes Bramshott Common an important and sensitive site • Appreciated for various types of recreation and the views across the Wey valley are exceptional • Plenty of scope for walking all year round restoring mental and physical wellbeing • Striking level of peacefulness and open space • Elevation lends to sense of remoteness • Varied colour interest through the seasons • Far reaching viewpoints • Association with Arts and Crafts movement, writers, musicians and poets • Geological and topographical diversity • Similar to areas within the existing AONB. 	

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The proposed extension does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion	ANON-VUXE-KRP3-7 <i>'This land is not exceptional compared with the rest of East Hants which is not protected.'</i>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England has considered the natural beauty of land in East Hampshire where it lies adjacent to the Surrey Hills National Landscape. Following detailed assessment of natural beauty, Natural England has concluded that the Ludshott and Bramshott Common landscapes express exceptional qualities which set them above adjacent East Hampshire landscape, outside of the South Downs National Park. Natural England has not assessed the wider landscape of East Hampshire and cannot comment on other areas.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>

Bramshott and Ludshott Commons: Boundary		
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General agreement with proposed boundary	A number of respondents agreed with the boundary and provided no further comment including ANON-VUXE-KR4S-B, ANON-VUXE-KR8S-F, ANON-VUXE-KRGK-P, ANON-VUXE-KRGS-X, ANON-VUXE-KRGZ-5, ANON-VUXE-KRHN-T, ANON-VUXE-KRJ5-3, ANON-VUXE-KRJD-J, ANON-VUXE-KRJR-Z, ANON-VUXE-KRKB-H, ANON-VUXE-KRN9-B, ANON-VUXE-KRND-P, ANON-VUXE-KRPK-Y, ANON-VUXE-KRPP-4, ANON-VUXE-KRPR-6, ANON-VUXE-KRPS-7, ANON-VUXE-KRQ1-6, ANON-VUXE-KRQ3-8, ANON-VUXE-KRR3-9, ANON-VUXE-KRR8-E, ANON-VUXE-KRT2-A, ANON-VUXE-KRTU-D, ANON-VUXE-KRWC-X, ANON-VUXE-KRWE-Z, ANON-VUXE-KRWP-B, ANON-VUXE-KRZ5-K, ANON-VUXE-KRZF-4, ANON-VUXE-KRZK-	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England acknowledges the support for the proposed boundary.</p>

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	<p>9, ANON-VUXE-KRZX-P, ANON-VUXE-KRB9-Y, ANON-VUXE-KRTW-F</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRCJ-H <i>'I agree with the assessment that the designation should 'washover' the A3. The A3 interrupts the natural logic of this landscape, which would otherwise be continuous in its characteristics, with the common land above Hammer then connecting down to Hammer Valley, and thence into Haslemere. Anyone who lives there understands this logic.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRNQ-3 <i>'While Bramshott Common is split by the A3, the A3 itself is lined along this section with Canadian red maples, which makes for a dramatic drive along this stretch of the road in the autumn, as well as being a fitting memorial for the Canadian military personnel who were camped in this area during World Wars 1 and 2.'</i></p>	
Requests for additional areas		
<p>Include all land at Spring Pond Hanger SINC</p>	<p>ANON-VUXE-KR81-D (Hampshire County Council) <i>'a wooded Hanger (SINC known as Spring Pond Hanger leading to Ludshott Manor) has been partially excluded from the East Hampshire extension – the boundary follows the track midway through this ancient wooded Hanger whereas I feel it should include the whole woodland. It is roughly centred in the uploaded map.'</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>The boundary in this area currently follows the access road leading to Woolmer Lodge, or formerly Ludshott Manor. The road passes through the centre of woodland which rises on slopes either side of the drive. Natural England was aware of the SINC associated with the woodland when defining the boundary. In this location, the qualifying land for designation was associated with the Cooper's Stream. Woolmer Lane cuts across the valley and was considered to be the most robust boundary line. Consideration was given to including the woodland to the west of the access drive, but it was noted that the SINC designation and woodland also extended to the west, along the river valley. Including the woodland just to the</p>

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		<p>west of the access drive would still have resulted in the SINC being split. On balance, it was concluded that Woolmer Lane, where it crosses the valley floor and extends through the woodland, is the most suitable, easily distinguishable feature to follow. This boundary still enables the majority of the nature conservation site to be included within the proposed boundary.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>
Grayshott Spa (Grayshott Hall)	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRG6-1 <i>'We wish to include the additional area of the open grounds of Grayshott Spa (Grayshott Hall) as we feel this area compliments Ludshott Common. The area being referenced is roughly south and west of a line connecting SU 8617 3538, SU 8604 3552, SU 8580 3556, SU 8563 3570, SU 8564 3585 and SU 8531 3586.</i></p> <p><i>This would provide a buffer and washover along Grayshott/Headley Road (B3002) connecting Whitmore Vale and Ludshott Common extensions to the AONB.</i></p> <p><i>This area is a natural habitat with deer and other wildlife. It has a natural beauty and tranquillity. It is easily accessible for the general public with multiple footpaths.</i></p> <p><i>We believe this proposal has strong support from the local community.'</i></p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>The land associated with Grayshott Spa is located between Ludshott Common and the B3002. Historically, it formed a mansion house set within parkland grounds which were carved out of the adjacent common. Access was gained off the B3002 (the main gatehouse still evident adjacent to the B3002) and the boundaries of the park planted with mixed plantations. In the latter half of the 20th century, it was converted to a hotel and luxury spa and is currently a vacant site. The Natural Beauty Assessment did not include it within the Candidate Area for designation, as the area did not reflect the natural habitat and characteristic of the wider common, and related more closely to the low-density development which is prevalent on the edge of Grayshott. Adjacent to Grayshott Hall is a further dwelling called Dunelm which is also excluded from the proposed extension area.</p> <p>The main reasons given by respondents for the inclusion of this area, appear to relate to a desire to create a buffer to the qualifying land of Ludshott Common, and a desire to connect this area with Whitmoor Vale in order to conserve wildlife habitat close to where</p>

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		<p>people live. Both these issues are addressed in the desirability table below.</p> <p>Natural England considers that the proposed boundary to the south of Grayshott Hall, which follows the property boundary to the hall, is a clearly defined feature on the ground. Natural England agrees that the boundary could follow the B3002 as an alternative but, on balance, considers that the southern property boundary to Grayshott Hall and Dunelm more closely reflects the natural beauty of the landscape.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>
Include land between Ludshott Common and Whitmore Vale	A number of respondents put forward suggestions to include land to the north of the B3002 to connect with the proposed extension at Whitmoor Vale. These have been considered below under Whitmoor Vale.	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>See Natural England response under Whitmoor Vale below.</p>
Requests for land to be excluded		

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Remove private property at Stoney Bottom for consistency	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRH3-Y and ANON-VUXE-KR38-F</p> <p><i>'Please remove my home and land from the boundary – [property address provided]. I can see no reason to include this one residence in the scope. Please move the boundary to the left to exclude my property. None of the neighbouring residences have been included.'</i></p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England has reviewed the boundary in this area in light of these consultation responses. The proposed boundary follows a public right of way/track heading north and then, at the intersection with a bridleway, turns southwest. Land to the north and east of the boundary has a settled character with properties set within woodland on the edge of Grayshott.</p> <p>The individual property in question sits on the edge of the proposed boundary. Natural England notes that the property boundary is defined by a post and wire fence. Whilst the proposed boundary to the Surrey Hills [AONB] extension could follow this as an alternative, Natural England remains of the view that the public right of way makes a more suitable, easily distinguishable feature and avoids increased complexity which would result in seeking to exclude this property on the edge of the boundary. It is not unusual for individual properties on one side of a boundary feature to be included within a designation where they form part of a tract of qualifying land. This property does not fall within the settlement boundary for Grayshott, as defined in the East Hampshire Local Plan.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>

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The proposed extension meets the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>ANON-VUXE-KR3E-V (East Hampshire District Council)</p> <p><i>'Most of our recommended areas were successful for inclusion, but not Broxhead Common. However, we support the reasoning set out in the evaluation report for its exclusion within the boundary revision.</i></p> <p><i>We support that the areas with potential to meet the requirements of an AONB in East Hampshire have now been evaluated and endorse the findings that have resulted in further extensions to the proposed Surrey Hills AONB.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3Y-G (Waverley Borough Council)</p> <p><i>'Waverley Borough Council broadly supports the specific areas within Waverley that are proposed to be in addition to those areas that were proposed for inclusion in the AONB in the first consultation that ran from March to June 2023..... Although the areas of land are outside Waverley, Waverley Borough Council supports the inclusion of the three areas of land in East Hampshire that adjoin our administrative boundary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• South of Dockenfield Hills</i> <i>• Ludshott and Bramshott Commons</i> <i>• Whitmoor Vale</i> <p><i>Waverley [Borough Council] also agrees that the proposed boundaries for extending the AONB are logical and adhere to the principles for setting an AONB boundary. However, this view is based on a high-level assessment of the proposals and therefore it is appreciated that our local communities will have more detailed knowledge of their areas. As such, where our local communities have some concerns about the details of the boundaries on the ground or that in some cases, feel that additional land should be proposed for inclusion in the AONB, we would urge Natural England to carefully consider their representations.'</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England agrees that the areas identified within the proposed boundary extension meet the Natural Beauty Criterion for designation as AONB.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>No change.</p>

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	<p>ANON-VUXE-KR8H-4</p> <p><i>'It seems much more sensible to designate the whole of Whitmore Vale as AONB rather than just one side of it, as is the current position. The vale is seen and enjoyed as a complete wooded valley, it makes no sense to restrict the protection to the line of the county boundary that runs along the bottom of the valley; far better that this landscape asset is protected as a whole, to the benefit of the village of Grayshott and to all the visitors who drive through and walk in the vale.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRNQ-3</p> <p><i>'This area is close to where I live and I have visited it often. It does have sufficient natural beauty to be designated as part of the Surrey Hills AONB. Like the previous locations, it is a logical extension of the AONB in terms of landscape type.'</i></p> <p>A number of responses were identical or gave the same information, and a number of respondents commented on this area as well as proposed Addition 23. Respondents included:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR4Y-H, ANON-VUXE-KR81-D, ANON-VUXE-KRAX-W, ANON-VUXE-KRG6-1, ANON-VUXE-KRJK-S, ANON-VUXE-KRNU-7, ANON-VUXE-KRWE-Z</p> <p>Reasons given included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hidden gem • Species which qualify as 'Hampshire notable' as defined by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre • North facing slopes of the wooded vale • Sense of remoteness 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of ancient semi-natural woodland • Peaceful and beautiful area • Tranquil • Archaeological features including charcoal making hearths, medieval boundary banks, wetland environments and remnants of historic squatter/smallholder houses and plots • Easily accessible • Needs protection for future generations • Unique area of ancient woodland and hanger • Complements that already within the AONB • Existing AONB boundary is artificial in terms of natural beauty • Southwest valley sides are equal in natural beauty • Some areas of heathland • The area locally is known as the Golden Valley and the tree colours change both through the day and through the seasons • Wildlife including owls, bats and deer. <p>A number of respondents agreed that the area met the Natural Beauty Criterion but did not provide any additional information or relevant evidence for their view. Respondents included: ANON-VUXE-KRGZ-5, ANON-VUXE-KRJ5-3, ANON-VUXE-KRN-7, ANON-VUXE-KRR3-9, ANON-VUXE-KRT2-A, ANON-VUXE-KRTU-D, ANON-VUXE-KRB9-Y</p>	
The proposed extension does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRP3-7</p> <p><i>'There is already half of East Hants that is protected from development by the South Downs National Park. This land is not exceptional compared with the rest of East Hants which is not protected.'</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England has considered the natural beauty of land in East Hampshire, where it lies adjacent to the Surrey Hills National Landscape. Following detailed assessment of natural beauty,</p>

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		<p>Natural England has concluded that the western slopes of Whitmoor Vale express exceptional qualities which set them above adjacent East Hampshire landscape, outside of the South Downs National Park. Natural England has not assessed the wider landscape of East Hampshire and cannot comment on other areas.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>

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General agreement with proposed boundary	<p>The majority of respondents agreed with the boundary but provided no reason for their view including ANON-VUXE-KR4Y-H, ANON-VUXE-KR81-D, ANON-VUXE-KR8H-4, ANON-VUXE-KRAX-W, ANON-VUXE-KRGZ-5, ANON-VUXE-KRJ5-3, ANON-VUXE-KRKX-7, ANON-VUXE-KRN-7, ANON-VUXE-KRNQ-3, ANON-VUXE-KRR3-9, ANON-VUXE-KRT2-A, ANON-VUXE-KRTU-D, ANON-VUXE-KRB9-Y</p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England acknowledges the support for the proposed boundary.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u> No change.</p>
Requests for Additional Areas		

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Include Applegarth SANG	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRJK-S</p> <p><i>'Furthermore, strong consideration should be given to incorporating the area now known as Applegarth Meadow, a SANG located between the Applegarth development and the Waggoners estate that is immediately adjacent to the Whitmoor Hangers. This area is now being actively managed by Grayshott Parish Council to provide further sanctuary to local flora and fauna. It is a compliment to the wooded areas of the Whitmoor Vale. This areas [area] is also shown as a 'priority suggestion' in the map.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRG6-1</p> <p><i>'We also wish you to consider including the area to the south west of Hammer Lane up to the Headley Road to include the countryside south west of Hammer Lane, Applegarth Sang and the natural burial site. The approximate boundaries for Applegarth Sang are SU 8622 3580, SU 8586 3573 and SU 8608 3554.'</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Applegarth Meadow (SANG) is a triangular area of land bordered to the north by development at Applegarth Vale, and to the southeast by development off Waggoners Way. To the southwest is the B3002.</p> <p>The area has a semi-natural character and is managed for dog-walking and informal recreation. It is closely associated with adjacent residential areas and, although adjacent to woodland within Whitmoor Bottom, it lies on the upper slopes and is set back from the valley of Whitmoor Vale. The landscape to the south and west of Whitmoor Vale has a more developed character and overall is not considered to meet the Natural Beauty Criterion.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>No change.</p>
Include more land at Flat Wood	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRG6-1</p> <p><i>'We propose that Flat Wood is included up to Hammer Lane as far the Parish boundary to the north east. Flat Wood offers uninterrupted views of the existing AONB and continuation of the wildlife habitats. The approximate suggested boundaries are SU 8599 3613, SU 8576 3608, SU 8531 3677 and SU 8539 3710.</i></p> <p><i>The approximate suggested boundaries for Hammer Land [Lane] and the natural burial site are SU 8530 3676, SU 8517 3718, SU 8452 3699, SU 8417 3642, SU 8468 3619, SU 8450 3661, SU 8480 3668, SU 8495 3646, SU 8483 3614, SU 8502 3603, SU 8507 3625, SU 8527 3622 and SU 8559 3627.'</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>The East Hampshire Evaluation Report sets out the Natural Beauty Assessment for Evaluation Area 15a of which Whitmoor Vale, and land to the west, is a part. It noted <i>'north of Headl[e]y Road [B3002], woodland is predominately conifer plantation and mixed woodland...along Hammer Lane, frequent access driveways to properties and non-native planting gives rise to a more settled character and lower landscape condition.'</i></p> <p>It goes on to state that <i>'In the northeast the rural lanes through Whitmoor Vale are more influenced by dispersed residential development which impacts on their character with the introduction</i></p>

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	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRJK-S</p> <p><i>'The proposed new boundary of the AONB to the North of the Applegarth development is difficult to follow, it would make great sense to incorporate the area known as Flat Wood by extending the boundary along the BOAT as far as Hammer Lane, along Hammer Lane itself and then to follow the footpath that forms the parish boundary back down to the road known as Whitmore [Whitmoor] Vale.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRKX-7</p> <p><i>'The area between Hammer Lane and Whitmore [Whitmoor] Vale known as Flat Wood should also be included. It is equally as beautiful as Whitmore [Whitmoor] Vale. It may be a commercial wood but it is still beautiful. It is a very natural wood although I believe it is commercially planted'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRNU-7</p> <p><i>'I wish to propose including all the wooded areas either side of Hammer Lane, including Flat Wood....' and south to the Headley Road. This would help conserve this landscape and preserve the settlement boundaries of Grayshott and Headley.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRWE-Z</p> <p><i>'Please consider adding Flat Wood to the designated area, immediately west of Whitmore [Whitmoor] Hanger and extending to Hammer Lane. Although it is currently plantation, its eastern portion (on the valley slope) preserves remnants of historic oak coppice. The whole of Flat Wood is upon a medieval fieldscape (recorded as such in Hampshire HER) and substantial remains of earthen fieldbanks are preserved within the wood. Although the conifer plantation is not ancient it is open</i></p>	<p><i>of access gateways and non-native vegetation as well as modern residential properties' and that 'perceptions of relative wildness decrease adjacent to settlement and the A3 and B3002 corridors where the sight and sound of traffic intrudes.'</i></p> <p>The assessment concluded that Whitmoor Vale met the Natural Beauty Criterion but land further to the west did not. The definition of a boundary in this area therefore focused on qualifying land within Whitmoor Vale and not land to the west comprising conifer plantations (including Flat Wood).</p> <p>The area west of Whitmoor Vale and north of the B3002 has been reviewed in light of consultation responses. Natural England acknowledge that there are some attractive rides through Flat Wood but also note that there are limited views outwards and into Whitmoor Vale due to elevation and density of tree planting. Overall, it is considered that the natural beauty of this landscape is lower than within Whitmoor Vale, where the dramatic topography is more pronounced, native deciduous woodland is more prevalent, and natural and cultural heritage features contribute to the natural beauty of the area. The proposed western boundary of Whitmoor Vale for much of its length follows the outer edge of the ancient woodland at Whitmoor Bottom and the Whitmoor Vale Road.</p> <p>Natural England acknowledges that this excludes some of the prominent slopes to the vale to the north. This area has undergone select felling and thinning which has opened up views and created greater structural diversity. Hampshire Historic Landscape Characterisation records the area as comprising 19th century plantation on former heathland. Natural England is not aware of current plans to fell Flat Wood.</p> <p>On balance, Natural England remains of the view that the proposed boundary includes those areas which meet the Natural Beauty</p>

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	<p><i>and mature, and presents a pleasing sensory contrast to the adjacent hanger. The boundary could easily be defined by Hammer Lane to the west and by PRowS to the north.'</i></p>	<p>Criterion and proposes a boundary which follows clear features on the ground, excluding areas of conifer plantation largely beyond the vale, and development between Hammer Lane and Whitmoor Vale in the north.</p> <p>Conclusion No change.</p>
<p>Include more land to the southwest up to Headley Road (B3002)</p>	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRTG-Y</p> <p><i>'Consolidating the Ludshott and Bramshott Commons into the National Landscape [AONB] and connecting it via the areas we propose; to the North of Churt Road and West of Grayshott will have the benefit of adding a further land management partner to the partnerships that currently exist and facilitating a more cohesive approach to nature recovery.'</i></p> <p>Reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area has remained little changed over last 100 years • Woodland is actively managed by the Woodland Trust • Woodland is similar in nature to woodland in Whitmore Vale – pine with pockets of deciduous woodland • Geographical features are similar to Whitmoor Vale – steep valleys next to level/flat ridge formations • Limited settlement – Headley Downs village and Fairlands Estate not included and screened by woodland • Nature reserve at Heatherlands Estate • Woodland and some grazing is typical of area • Woodland aids sense of remoteness • Extensive areas of semi-natural vegetation • No incongruous elements • Sounds of nature contribute to tranquillity 	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England has reviewed this area in light of responses. The East Hampshire Natural Beauty Assessment identified the woodland areas west of Whitmoor Vale as comprising mainly conifer plantations, and lacking the diversity and interest seen within the native, semi-natural woodland at Whitmoor Bottom.</p> <p>Natural England has reviewed the area west of Hammer Lane as far as the B3002 to determine if it warranted inclusion. Natural England accepts that, in places, the topography of this area is steep and dramatic and that there are some isolated patches of semi-natural woodland, and some evidence of select felling. The extent of the area also affords higher levels of tranquillity and remoteness. Nevertheless, the general uniformity of conifer plantation results in a lack of visual variety and there are few natural and cultural heritage features to add interest. In the south, the effects of development at the traveller's site, infrastructure associated with GreenAcres burial ground and development at Applegarth Vale, as well as road noise from the B3002, means that tranquillity is diminished. The interface of the plantation, with these areas of development, also creates greater complexity in defining a boundary. The northern extent of the woodland is also indented and interfaces with other land uses such as wholesale nursery and</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside becomes more rural further northwest • Land is a valuable wildlife corridor connecting areas of SSSI and under consideration as part of the Heathland Connections Partnership Project • Designation would strengthen efforts to restore and enhance the unique and sensitive heathland habitat • Part of the strategic settlement gap between Grayshott and Headley Down. <p>ANON-VUXE-KRH6-2</p> <p><i>'..... the addition of other wooded areas between Ludshott Common and Whitmore [Whitmoor] Vale would bridge the local areas already proposed for inclusion in the AONB. The woodland along Hammer Lane (including Flat Wood and adjacent areas to the east and various areas to the west) would potentially form a key part of this bridge, extending to Whitmore [Whitmoor] Vale from the local gap. Land to the North of the B3002, including Land of Nod estate would complement the western part of Ludshott Common.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3T-B</p> <p><i>'In relation to the above Consultation, I would like to recommend that the Grayshott/Headley Down Strategic Gap be included. My wife and I have lived in this area for over the last 30 years and regard it as an important part of the locality.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRJK-S</p> <p><i>'The area should be extended further to the line of the Headley-Grayshott Road (from the Waggoners Well access road to the junction with Firway). I have indicated this area on the map that I have enclosed. This additional extension would give significant protection to the land adjacent to the SSSI with the Headley-Grayshott road</i></p>	<p>equestrian uses. Natural England notes that, of the responses received during the statutory consultation, no two boundary suggestions are the same. One boundary proposed by respondent ANON-VUXE-KRH4-Z proposed a northern boundary which followed a historic track, excluding the more fragmented land uses to the north.</p> <p>On balance Natural England does not consider this area has sufficient natural beauty to warrant inclusion within the proposed AONB extension and that, in comparison, land within Whitmoor Vale and Ludshott Common exhibits a greater weight of evidence to support designation.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of reasons put forward for the inclusion of this land up to the B3002 relate to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reinforcing the local gap between Grayshott and Headley • providing a buffer to the SSSI at Ludshott Common • cohesive approach to nature recovery. <p>These are considered in turn below.</p> <p>Local Gap</p> <p>The strategic settlement gap between Grayshott and Headley Down is a planning policy, aimed at protecting the separate identity of these two settlements and the sense of openness between them along the B3002. The assessment of land for national designation is undertaken in relation to natural beauty and the factors relevant to this, as set out in Natural England Guidance. The desire to keep land open from development or the presence of planning policy which seeks to achieve this, is not a consideration or determining factor when evaluating landscapes.</p>

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	<p><i>providing a clear boundary. If the Whitmoor Vale extension were also to be extended further (as I have suggested in my submission related to that extension) then it would be possible for the Whitmoor Vale and Ludshott Common extensions to be connected. The connections are also natural routes used by wildlife in the area.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRTG-Y</p> <p><i>'We are currently preparing a Nature Recovery Strategy for our town and surrounding villages. These proposed extension areas to the National Landscape (AONB), though outside our parish boundary, are adjacent to it and form an essential route for wildlife in this area. Consolidating the Ludshott and Bramshott Commons into the National Landscape and connecting it via the areas we propose; to the North of Churt Road and West of Grayshott will have the benefit of adding a further land management partner to the partnerships that currently exist and facilitating a more cohesive approach to nature recovery.'</i></p>	<p>Buffer to SSSI</p> <p>The buffering of nature conservation designations is not a relevant consideration in the evaluation of land for designation. For land to be included within an AONB, it must meet the Natural Beauty Criterion, as set out in Natural England Guidance.</p> <p>Nature Recovery</p> <p>Natural England supports Nature Recovery Strategies and the connectivity between habitats. These initiatives may operate inside and outside of National Landscapes and are not a factor which determines the extent of land which qualifies for designation. Although only part of the area is proposed for designation, this will not prevent the movement of species and habitat connections between areas. Similarly, the designation of one area does not prevent the AONB/National Landscape Partnership from working beyond its boundaries to achieve nature recovery.</p> <p>Conclusion No change.</p>

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Theme	Representations	Natural England Commentary
The proposed extension meets the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>ANON-VUXE-KR81-D (Hampshire County Council)</p> <p><i>'Linking the Surrey Hills between Frensham Country Park and the SDNP at Alice Holt Forest would strengthen the landscape connections here. The A23 Addition Area would also protect more of the scenic setting of the Shipwright's Way long distance trail, south of the Forest. The additional areas are all consistent with our understanding of valued landscapes, having good condition, distinctive scenic quality, good representation of their type, conservation values and recreational value.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3E-V (East Hampshire District Council)</p> <p><i>'Most of our recommended areas were successful for inclusion, but not Broxhead Common. However, we support the reasoning set out in the evaluation report for its exclusion within the boundary revision.</i></p> <p><i>We support that the areas with potential to meet the requirements of an AONB in East Hampshire have now been evaluated and endorse the findings that have resulted in further extensions to the proposed Surrey Hills AONB.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3Y-G (Waverley Borough Council)</p> <p><i>'Waverley Borough Council broadly supports the specific areas within Waverley that are proposed to be in addition to those areas that were proposed for inclusion in the AONB in the first consultation that ran from March to June 2023..... Although the areas of land are outside Waverley, Waverley Borough Council supports the inclusion of the three areas of land in East Hampshire that adjoin our administrative boundary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of Dockenfield Hills • Ludshott and Bramshott Commons 	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England agrees that the areas identified within the proposed boundary extension meet the Natural Beauty Criterion for designation as AONB.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>No change.</p>

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	<p>• <i>Whitmoor Vale</i></p> <p><i>Waverley [Borough Council] also agrees that the proposed boundaries for extending the AONB are logical and adhere to the principles for setting an AONB boundary. However, this view is based on a high-level assessment of the proposals and therefore it is appreciated that our local communities will have more detailed knowledge of their areas. As such, where our local communities have some concerns about the details of the boundaries on the ground or that in some cases, feel that additional land should be proposed for inclusion in the AONB, we would urge Natural England to carefully consider their representations.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3W-E</p> <p><i>'The areas of highest landscape quality and condition over in the north of the area where meandering water courses flow, narrow flood plains and flat valley floor pastures. The area is picturesque and is very peaceful.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRAM-J</p> <p><i>'The boundaries that are currently being proposed include areas of significant natural beauty (Mellow Farm, Heath Hill and the fields East of Cradle Lane) and they also form a clearly defined boundary.'</i></p> <p>A number of responses were identical or gave the same information, and a number of respondents commented on this area as well as proposed Addition 23. Respondents included:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR4Y-H, ANON-VUXE-KR82-E, ANON-VUXE-KR85-H, ANON-VUXE-KR89-N, ANON-VUXE-KR8R-E, ANON-VUXE-KR8T-G, ANON-VUXE-KR8U-H, ANON-VUXE-KR8Z-P, ANON-VUXE-KRH5-1, ANON-VUXE-KRHF-J, ANON-VUXE-KRHB-E, ANON-VUXE-KRHN-T, ANON-VUXE-KRHU-1, ANON-VUXE-KRHY-5, ANON-VUXE-KRJ2-Z,</p>	

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	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRJZ-8, ANON-VUXE-KRR4-A, ANON-VUXE-KRRE-U, ANON-VUXE-KRRG-W, ANON-VUXE-KRRP-6, ANON-VUXE-KR35-C, ANON-VUXE-KR39-G, ANON-VUXE-KR3S-A, ANON-VUXE-KRB5-U, ANON-VUXE-KRBE-B, ANON-VUXE-KRBF-C, ANON-VUXE-KRBK-H, ANON-VUXE-KRBT-T, ANON-VUXE-KRBU-U, ANON-VUXE-KRBV-V, ANON-VUXE-KRBY-Y</p> <p>Reasons given included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species which qualify as 'Hampshire notable' as defined by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre • Gently rolling landscape • Very tranquil, rural area, rural backwater • Quiet, winding lanes with wild flowers along verges • Wildflower woodlands – bluebells and wild garlic • Open, small-scale pasture and ancient hedges and veteran oaks • Birdsong and the buzzing of insects • Meandering course of River Wey – classic geomorphological features (Oxbow lakes near Mellow Farm) • Cultural heritage in farm buildings and river crossing • Associated with Pauline Baynes – author, artist and illustrator (Rock Barn Cottage) • Ancient bridges and barns • Exposed greensand along incised lanes • Walkers can also delight in the dense bluebell wood visible on the western flank of Cradle Lane, and in the old ford and wooden bridge across the River Slea • Contiguous with Addition 23 • Supported by South Downs National Park Inspector • Microcosm of Wealden geology 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little light pollution. <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the biodiversity and visual beauty of this area. <p>A number of respondents agreed that the area met the Natural Beauty Criterion but did not provide any additional information or relevant evidence for their view. Respondents included:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRNQ-3, ANON-VUXE-KRRH-X, ANON-VUXE-KRT2-A, ANON-VUXE-KRTU-D, ANON-VUXE-KRZK-9, ANON-VUXE-KRBH-E, ANON-VUXE-KRBJ-G</p>	
The proposed extension does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>Respondent ANON-VUXE-KRR9-F did not support the designation of this area but provided no reasons why.</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRP3-7</p> <p><i>‘There is already half of East Hants that is protected from development by the South Downs National Park. This land is not exceptional compared with the rest of East Hants which is not protected.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRTE-W</p> <p><i>‘The farmed landscape is no different to much of the farmed landscape not in the proposed AONB.’</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England has considered the natural beauty of land in East Hampshire where it lies adjacent to the Surrey Hills National Landscape. Following detailed assessment of natural beauty, Natural England has concluded that the area of Slea and Wey Valleys express qualities (as set out in the East Hampshire Evaluation) which set them above adjacent East Hampshire landscape (outside of the South Downs National Park) and that it qualifies for designation as AONB. Natural England has not assessed the wider landscape of East Hampshire and cannot comment on other areas.</p> <p>Conclusion No change.</p>

Wey and Slea Valleys (extension of Dockenfield Hills): Boundary		
Theme	Representations	Natural England Commentary
General agreement with proposed boundary	<p>ANON-VUXE-KRRD-T, ANON-VUXE-KR35-C</p> <p><i>‘The proposed boundaries, along lanes and bridleways are clear and well defined. The new boundary proposed, along Cradle Lane, constitutes a straightforward linkage to the Alice Holt Forest and South Downs National Park with all their diversity of flora and fauna, with footpaths crossing between the two. Including Cradle Lane would provide for a greater section of the initial section of the Shipwrights Way being within the AONB.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRRS-9</p> <p><i>‘As stated above, the proposed boundary is well defined and encompasses a stretch of land of great natural beauty and peacefulness. It would be completely illogical to use the county boundary as the AONB boundary as it is not clearly defined on the ground (and has changed over the years - Dockenfield village used to be in Hampshire). The suggested boundary avoids separating landscapes in Surrey from naturally connected areas of equal value in Hampshire.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR85-H</p> <p><i>‘The proposed boundary extension will ensure that the local landscape has appropriate recognition and protections and that the boundary line drawn is based on the outer perimeter of natural beauty and not by the presence of county borders.’</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRR4-A</p> <p><i>‘If designated this land would also address the convoluted nature of the current National Landscape [AONB] boundary which does not reflect the continuous natural beauty of the area.</i></p> <p><i>The Surrey Hampshire boundary does not reflect a change in natural beauty. The extension into Hampshire would include the wider</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>Natural England acknowledges the support for the proposed boundary.</p> <p>Natural England acknowledges that an error was made in the boundary description and agrees that it should read <i>‘east to the junction of High Thicket Road and Old Lane.’</i> This does not alter Natural England’s judgment on the proposed boundary.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>No change.</p>

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	<p><i>landscape of the river valley and provide continuity to the extensive views by including both sides of the valley..'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRJD-J</p> <p><i>'I would like to see the boundary extended [as proposed]'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRBF-C</p> <p><i>'Sensible boundary around the whole area of natural beauty.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRBT-T</p> <p><i>'This area is continuous in beauty and quality with the area to the north and the proposed boundary along the road makes more sense.'</i></p> <p>A number of respondents agreed with the proposed boundary but drew attention to an error in the boundary description. Comments are as follows:</p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR8C-Y</p> <p><i>'Agree but there seems to be one small mistake in the text describing the boundary.</i></p> <p><i>After the boundary coming up cradle lane northwards it crosses the road to the SDNP boundary. The text then says west but it should be EASTWARDS to the junction of Old lane and High thicket road.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KR8U-H</p> <p><i>'The boundary is drawn reasonably to deliberately exclude less charismatic areas such as a sandpit tot eh [to the] west and a congested horsey culture and airstrip to the east the other side of the river from Dockenfield.</i></p> <p><i>HOWEVER. the boundary description is incorrect in one detail</i></p> <p><i>The west boundary goes north along Cradle Lane until it hits the road running from from [repeated] Old lane to the A325. After crossing the lane at right angles the text states it then runs WEST. This is incorrect; it runs EAST to the 3 way junction with Old lane and High Thicket lane..'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-KRR2-8</p>	

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	<p><i>'The boundary proposed is generally clear, defined and reasonable. It excludes land to the east and west that has uses not [currently at least] appropriate for designation.'</i></p> <p><i>There is one error in the boundary text submitted that needs correcting.</i></p> <p><i>The boundary moves "north along Cradle lane to the lane between Frith End and High Thicket road."</i></p> <p><i>It crosses the road at right angles to meet the SDNP boundary.</i></p> <p><i>The text then says WEST whereas it should say EAST - to the junction of High Thicket road and Old Lane. That junction is the existing accepted proposed boundary of the Dockenfield Hills.'</i></p>	
Requests for Additional Areas		
<p>Include more land to the southeast as far as Churt Road and southwest to include Broxhead Common</p>	<p>Respondent ANON-VUXE-KRTG-Y provided a detailed assessment against each of the factors and sub-factors which contribute to Natural Beauty. The area assessed included the proposed Wey and Slea Valleys extension area, as proposed by Natural England.</p> <p>Evidence supporting designation of a wider area beyond the proposed extension includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wishanger is situated on an aquifer and there are springs everywhere • Use of springs with creation of fish tanks • Idyllic countryside • Views of small hills • Little sign of urbanisation • Rural feel east of Churt • Woodland hangers are a common feature 	<p>Commentary</p> <p>This area was assessed as a part of EA 15b Headley Lowland Mosaic and Broxhead Common in the East Hampshire Evaluation report (pages 19-23). The assessment identified several landscape quality issues including land uses such as horticulture, equestrian activities, conifer plantations, recreational uses, the domestication of rural land and the presence of invasive species and signs of lack of management.</p> <p>The assessment concluded that <i>'There is a strong weight of evidence to support the inclusion of the northern part of this area as a Candidate Area for designation as AONB. This area lies adjacent to qualifying land within the Dockenfield Hills Extension Area (Boundary Considerations Report pages 56-58, Feb 2023). There is also a weight of evidence to support the designation of Broxhead Common. However, land between the common and the northern</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private airstrip at Wishanger Farm is not tarmacked Flat land in northeast was Wishanger Common Rural lanes are deep set and enclosed by high banks e.g. Bacon Lane Woodland hanger at Stream Forest Rural lanes give sense of being away from it all Little artificial light, traffic noise or settlement Hills are topped with woodland – majority are deciduous with pockets of ancient woodland Parkland habitat at Great Birchfield Copse Broxhead Common SSSI and SPA River Wey Viaduct scheduled monument and associated meadows Historic association of Wishanger Common and Waverley Abbey and continuity of use and form Biodiversity opportunity area with potential for wildlife rich corridors B-line runs across the north of the area. <p>ANON-VUXE-KR3R-9</p> <p><i>‘[Anon] is very appreciative of the second consultation undertaken by Natural England and its consultants to review land within East Hampshire, adjoining or in close proximity to the existing Surrey Hills AONB boundary, and proposed extensions....</i></p> <p><i>However, we are concerned that land to the south west, south, and south east of the Note 3 proposal is not contained with the proposed boundary variation, compromising Broxhead Common – a Hampshire County Council Nature Reserve and land designated as a SINC and SSSI including land either side of the River Wey/Slea.’</i></p> <p>Reasons given include:</p>	<p><i>qualifying land is of lesser quality and lacks the distinct pastoral valley qualities found further north. Given the limited extent of Broxhead Common and its peripheral location, it is not recommended for inclusion within the Candidate Area.</i></p> <p><i>The western and southern fringes are declining in natural beauty and are fragmented by mixed land uses.’</i></p> <p>Natural England has reviewed this area in light of consultation responses. It confirms that the positive qualities of Heath Hill and associated river valley corridor is included within the proposed extension.</p> <p>Natural England notes that the area contains a number of features of interest, including the aqueduct at Headley Park and attractive countryside associated with the watercourses and rural lanes such as Bacon Lane. It also notes that the urban areas of Lindford, Headley and Arford do not form an abrupt edge. However, it notes that the more dispersed form of development and land uses has caused landscape fragmentation as a result of various land uses and signs of lack of management. Examples include: invasive species (bamboo) at the lakes south of Wishanger Farm, conifer plantation at Stream Forest and across former parkland at Headley Park (Bottomfield Copse), horticulture along Spats Lane, linear development along lanes, and equestrian uses along valley pastures, especially in the south. Together, these contribute to the fragmentation of the landscape.</p> <p>Natural England acknowledges that, at Broxhead Common, the land is designated as part of the Broxhead and Kingsley Common SSSI for its mosaic of heathland and acid grassland, with areas of scrub and secondary woodland. It also notes that the designation extends northwards to include a linear area of heath, south of</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broxhead Common to the east of the B3004, and the land to the east has a landscape quality that meets the AONB criteria with a combination of heathland, pasture land – usually used for equestrian purposes • The River Wey meandering through the area and the streams feeding the river add to the landscape quality • Landscape quality is similar to land within the existing AONB boundary to the east of Symondstone • Plantation woodland is not a prominent landscape feature • Residential development is dispersed and does not diminish scenic quality • Farmed areas are the same relative wilderness as much of the existing AONB • Areas is not affected by A325 or fingers of Lindford, Arford or Headley. 	<p>Picketts Hill. The condition of this later area is recorded as unfavourable/recovering due to tree and scrub growth.</p> <p>The East Hampshire Evaluation identified Broxhead Common as meeting the Natural Beauty Criterion but, given its peripheral location, it was not recommended for inclusion.</p> <p>Natural England has reviewed the area between Picketts Hill and Broxhead Farm Road, to determine if this land could form a link between the proposed boundary extension and Broxhead Common, and has concluded that the area does not express the qualities found further to the north. Furthermore, to the south of Broxhead Common, the landscape is found to comprise more urban land uses and, to the east, the land has been improved for agriculture (possibly following historic minerals extraction).</p> <p>On balance, therefore, Natural England has concluded that the land adjacent to the common does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion. Overall, the wider area does not demonstrate sufficient natural beauty to justify designation as AONB, and the proposed boundary remains robust.</p> <p>Conclusion No change.</p>
Include more land north of Wishanger Manor/ New Farm and Wishanger Common	<p>ANON-VUXE-KR3J-1</p> <p><i>'If you would agree to the addition to the AONB/SDNP it would be good for the preservation of that very important and beautiful area and it would close the gap between the two important preserved areas, plus it would tie into the area currently shown as being proposed for adding to the protected areas.....This would include an important area which would boarder [border] Frensham Great Pond and include both</i></p>	<p>Commentary</p> <p>The East Hampshire Evaluation specifically commented on the landscape north of Wishanger Manor and New Farm stating <i>'In the area around New Farm, in the northeast, the enclosure pattern comprises Parliamentary fields and is extensively used for</i></p>

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	<p><i>important river courses, the River Slea and River Wey and the still very natural wetlands, open fields, hedgerows and many woodland areas as well as protecting views.</i></p> <p><i>We have carefully considered this area adjacent to the proposed boundary and believe that the beauty of this lands [land] is important and worthy of inclusion in a protected area. There are a variety of important landscape features that are becoming rare and are a mix of types. This is natural beauty more and more at risk. Just as important for the small animal and insect mix and habitat as the natural benefits to look at and be part of. We do appreciate that land over the county borders require more administration but feel that if this parcel of land could be linked to the proposed piece of land it will hopefully help to minimise any extra administration works and costs.'</i></p>	<p><i>equestrian use and an airstrip. Here landscape quality and condition are lower.'</i></p> <p>Natural England has reviewed this area and remains of the view that the land north of New Farm, as a result of its flatter topography and current land uses, does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion. Whilst the historic lanes, such as Bacon Lane, retain their narrow rural character; in other locations hedgerows have been replaced by close board fencing, or laurel, and new access to new large dwellings. Elsewhere the introduction of new large farm buildings for equestrian and diversification purposes has disrupted more traditional settlement patterns, e.g. off Wishanger Lane. The tributary valley to the south of the valley contains a series of waterbodies used for fishing and, whilst attractive countryside, there is evidence of lack of management and invasive species.</p> <p>On balance therefore Natural England has concluded that this area does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion and that the proposed boundary remains robust.</p> <p>Conclusion No change.</p>