

Appendix 6: Enton Hills

Please refer to Figure 16b

No responses were received in relation to this Extension Area during the second (2024) statutory consultation.

Overview

Question C1: Does the Enton Hills Extension Area have Sufficient Natural Beauty to be Designated as AONB?

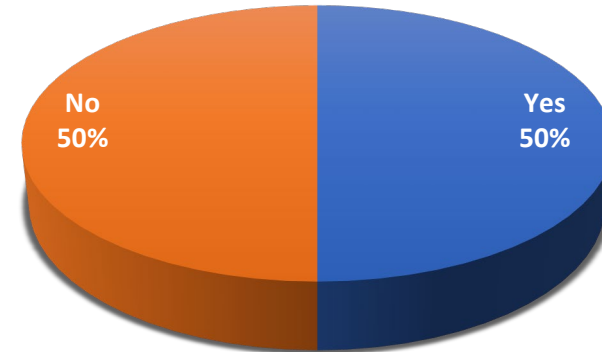
Natural Beauty	Responses
Yes	1
No	1
Not sure	0

This proposed Extension Area attracted a very low number of responses with 1 respondent (50%) agreeing that the Enton Hills Extension Area has sufficient natural beauty to be designated as AONB, while the other respondent does not.

The respondent who answered no, answered no to this question for all Extension Areas.

The respondent who supported the designation of the Extension Area agreed with the desirability reasons put forward.

Enton Hills - Sufficient natural beauty to be designated



Question C5: Do you agree with the proposed boundary for the Enton Hills Extension Area?

Boundary	Responses
Yes	0
Yes, but I wish to suggest an alternative	1
No	1
Not sure	0

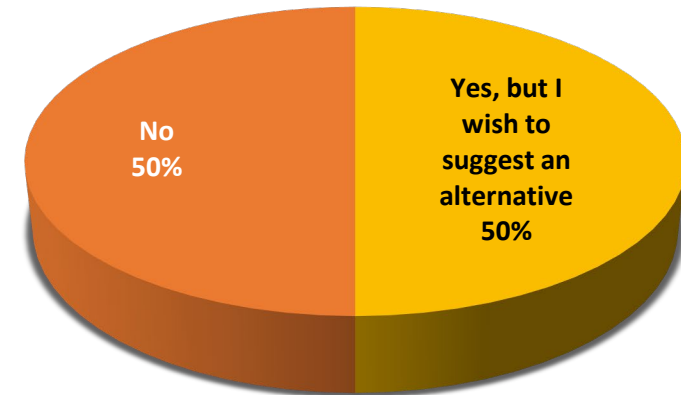
Of the 2 respondents who answered question C5, 1 (50%) agreed with the proposed boundary for the Enton Hills Extension Area but wished to suggest an alternative boundary and 1 respondent disagreed with the proposed boundary of the Extension Area but did not suggest an alternative.

The additional areas of land that respondents wish to see included within the proposed extension are:

- Busbridge Hall Estate.

There are no requested exclusions.

Enton Hills - Agreement with the proposed boundary



Natural Beauty		
<u>Theme</u>	<u>Representations</u>	<u>Natural England Commentary</u>
The proposed extension meets the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>ANON-VUXE-WS1W-T (Waverley Borough Council) <i>'Waverley also broadly supports the specific areas within Waverley proposed for inclusion in the AONB. The Council agrees with the accompanying assessment that the quality of the proposed areas is of sufficient natural beauty to be included in the AONB.'</i></p> <p>ANON-VUXE-WEV7-H <i>'We support your reasons for justification.'</i></p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England agrees that the proposed Extension Area meets the Natural Beauty Criterion and is worthy of AONB designation.</p>
The proposed extension does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion	<p>ANON-VUXE-W5T8-Z considered the area did not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion. No justification was given.</p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England disagrees that the land identified for designation does not meet the Natural Beauty Criterion for the reasons set out in the Natural Beauty Assessment.</p>

Boundary		
<u>Theme</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Natural England Commentary</u>
General agreement with proposed boundary	<p>ANON-VUXE-WS1W-T (Waverley Borough Council)</p> <p><i>‘Waverley 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><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England notes the support for the proposed boundary and has provided a detailed commentary to the issues raised by respondents which can be found below.</p>
General disagreement with proposed boundary	<p>ANON-VUXE-WEBN-M</p> <p><i>‘[Anon] are dismayed and disappointed that our evidence for Tuesley to be included within the AONB has been rejected. We would respectfully ask you to reconsider before a final decision is made.’</i></p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>Natural England considered the Tuesley area as part of Evaluation Area EA 4b in the Natural Beauty Assessment pages 68-73. The assessment noted the pockets of tranquillity and scenic beauty in Busbridge Lakes parkland and along the narrow tributary stream valley. However, it also noted that these areas were of mixed quality or isolated and do not sit within a wider tract of qualifying land. No new information has been submitted relating to this area and Natural England remains of the view that this area does not have sufficient natural beauty. Additional information was submitted in relation to Busbridge Hall Estate by another respondent, and this is considered further below.</p>

Boundary		
<u>Theme</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Natural England Commentary</u>
Requests for Additional Areas		
<p>Include Busbridge Hall Estate</p>	<p>ANON-VUXE-WEV7-H requested the inclusion of Busbridge Hall Estate, including its lakes and parkland, for reasons of nature conservation/biodiversity/ecology as well as scenic beauty.</p> <p>No map showing a proposed boundary was provided.</p>	<p><u>Commentary</u></p> <p>The Natural Beauty Assessment considered this area as part of EA4b. The assessment acknowledged the natural heritage interest of the landscape at Busbridge Hall Estate reflected in its SNCI designation and areas of ancient woodland. Nevertheless, it concluded <i>'There are pockets of tranquillity and scenic beauty, such as within Busbridge Lakes parkland, along the narrow tributary stream valleys which lie adjacent to the AONB, but these areas are of mixed quality and are isolated and do not sit within a wider tract of qualifying land. Overall, they are not regarded as meeting the natural beauty criterion.'</i></p> <p>Natural England has reviewed this area. The current use of the Busbridge Hall parkland as an area for breeding wildfowl is evident in the fencing and signage and the area is not accessible via public rights of way. The land to the north of the wooded valley retains some vestiges of former parkland including isolated parkland trees and lodge gatehouses but is affected by adjacent housing development along its northern side. The incised lane between the existing AONB and parkland estate is itself a valuable landscape feature typical of the Surrey Hills, and comprises a narrow, sinuous, heavily incised, greensand lane. Despite these qualities, Natural England is still of the view that the area of the Busbridge Estate parkland is mixed, in terms of its qualities and condition, and that the current AONB boundary is a more robust boundary line along Hambledone Road. Natural England therefore considers that the previous judgment, to not include this area, remains robust. This decision is consistent with decisions relating to isolated river valley landscapes elsewhere e.g. Wey Valley.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>No change.</p>