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Dear Consultee

## Consultation on Heather and Grass Burning in England

1. This consultation is to invite views on proposed amendments to [The Heather and Grass etc. Burning \(England\) Regulations 2021](#), aiming to extend the current protections afforded to peatlands in England. It also seeks views on the licence application process under the Regulations.

2. The following documents may be found on GOV.UK:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heather-and-grass-burning-in-england>

3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact

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Or email: [HGBConsultation@defra.gov.uk](mailto:HGBConsultation@defra.gov.uk)

## Responses

4. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).

Alternatively, please post your response to:

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5. Responses should be received by 25 May 2025.

## Consultation criteria

This consultation is being conducted in line with the [Cabinet Office consultation principles](#).

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information legislation. We respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here [Privacy notices - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk)

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

The Peatland Protection Team  
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