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Chief Executive
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10 December 2018

Dear William,

High Weald AONB Management Plan 2019-2014 and supporting reports

As you will be aware over the last 18 months the High Weald AONB Partnership has been undertaking a review of the High Weald AONB Management Plan on behalf of the 15 local authorities with land in the High Weald AONB, as required under Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

On 28th November 2018 the Management Plan 2019-2024 was agreed by the Joint Advisory Committee, which includes Councillor Julia Soyke on behalf of your Council. Your Councillor is supported by the Officer Steering Group Member, David Scully.

Please find enclosed a copy of the new Management Plan and request that your Council formally adopts it according to your own procedures before **31st March 2019**, as required by law. Once adopted this Management Plan will be your Council's 'policy for the management of the area and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it'.

The Management Plan is accompanied by supporting documents including an Equalities Impact Assessment, a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Your Council will need to take these statutory documents into account when making the decision to adopt, particularly since you are the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations.

Anglesey
Arnside and Silverdale
Blackdown Hills
Cannock Chase
Chichester Harbour
Chilterns
Clwydian Range
Cornwall
Cotswolds
Gower
Cranbourne Chase
Dedham Vale
Dorset
East Devon
Forest of Bowland
Howardian Hills
High Weald
Isle of Wight
Isles of Scilly
Kent Downs
Lincolnshire Wolds
Llyn
Malvern Hills
Mendip Hills
Nidderdale
Norfolk Coast
North Devon
North Pennines
North Wessex Downs
Northumberland Coast
Quantock Hills
Shropshire Hills
Solway Coast
South Devon
Suffolk Coast and Heaths
Surrey Hills
Tamar Valley
Wye Valley

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These documents can be accessed at <http://www.highweald.org/downloads/publications/joint-advisory-committee-papers/2018-2019.html>

Following adoption of the Plan by the area's 15 local authorities the new Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State and published in April 2019.

Thank you for working with us to conserve and enhance the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Marsh and Jason Lavender'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sally Marsh and Jason Lavender
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