

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have just learned of the consultation on the London Plan and that the closing date for representations is tomorrow. I would therefore like, on behalf of the High Weald AONB Partnership, to support the representation made by the Chilterns AONB Conservation Board and the Surrey AONB Board on Policy G6 Biodiversity and access to nature.

Chapter 8 of the Plan should look beyond London's boundaries to recognise the value and accessibility of the nationally protected landscapes that are on London's doorstep. The plan currently fails to mention the protected landscapes that ring London: the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Surrey Hills AONB, Kent Downs AONB, High Weald AONB, Dedham Vale AONB and the South Downs National Park. These should be recognised as breathing spaces of strategic importance for London. They are nationally protected assets and some of the finest landscapes in the UK. As well as providing clean air, clean water and local food and drink products, they provide opportunities for peace and adventure, like walking, cycling, horse-riding and watching wildlife. Many of these experiences are completely free, accessible to all, and of great value for health and wellbeing.

For more information please see <http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/about-aonbs/visit-aonbs/> and <http://www.highweald.org/>

Regards,

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