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Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-2024

Policy Details

What is this policy for?	<p>Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are protected in the national interest so their natural beauty may be conserved and enhanced for future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>The Dorset AONB was designated in 1959 and is now one of 34 AONBs in England. The designated area covers over 40% of the County, from Poole Harbour to Lyme Regis and inland to Hambledon Hill, north of Blandford. It covers the towns of Swanage, Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis.</p> <p>Local authorities have a statutory duty arising from s89 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000) to act jointly to produce a Management Plan for any AONB in their areas. This plan covers the period 2019-2024.</p>
Who does this policy affect?	This policy plan is for the landscape of the Dorset AONB. It expresses a shared vision for the landscape and how its natural beauty may be conserved and enhanced. It adds definition to the meaning of natural beauty in this landscape's context.
Keywords	Dorset, AONB, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Landscape, Designated landscape
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Dorset Council policy adopted from	<p>Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, North Dorset District Council, Purbeck District Council.</p> <p>Dorset Council has adopted policies from its constituent councils. Please be aware varying policies apply within the Dorset Council area. Policies will be reviewed and/or harmonised by 1 April 2021.</p>
Does this policy relate to any laws?	This plan relates to s89 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000): a duty for local authorities to act jointly to produce such a plan. It also facilitates the 'duty of regard for the purposes of AONB designation' arising from s89 of the CROW Act (2000).
Is this policy linked to any other Dorset Council policies?	The policy is referenced in the relevant Local Plans.
Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)	<p>An EQIA was completed in 2019: it concluded that the plan has a neutral or positive outcome on people defined by all protected characteristics.</p> <p>The EQIA will be updated when the policy is reviewed in preparation for the next plan period (2024-2029).</p>
Other Impact Assessments	The plan was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment.

You can view the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-2024 on the Dorset AONB website: <https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/the-dorset-aonb/management-plan/>

Status and Approvals

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