

North East Wales National Park Evaluation Timeline

2021

Welsh Government commissions us to evaluate the case for a new National Park in North East Wales.

Stage 1
2021 - 2022

Stage 2
2022 - 2024

Stage 3
2024 - 2026

2026

Our **Area of Search** study establishes maximum extent of the area to be considered.

Our **Special Qualities assessment** identifies which characteristics a new National Park would have a duty to protect, enhance and promote.

Our **Forces for Change assessment** identifies factors that influence the area's special qualities such as tourism, agriculture, transport and climate change.

We value our relationship with the public and other stakeholders, and engagement with them will play an important part in informing the process.

We will examine and identify the best options for managing the area.

Consultation on the proposed boundary.

Areas that meet the criteria move forward to **Candidate Areas** which inform the detailed boundary setting.

Area divided into **Evaluation Areas** for further analysis and evaluation against qualifying criteria.

If confirmed by Welsh Government, a new National Park will be designated.

We will consider the consultation responses and make amendments as appropriate.

We will present our recommendation to Welsh Government and if there is sufficient evidence, submit a **Designation Order**.

Welsh Government Ministers consider the Designation Order and confirm, refuse, or vary the Order.

- Stage 1:** Pre-commencement
- Stage 2:** Evidence gathering and engagement
- Stage 3:** Statutory designation process