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Wales's New National Park Proposal Public Consultation Questionnaire

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Introduction

A study area, referred to as the Area of Search, based on the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley ‘National Landscape’ (AONB) was identified and shared during a public engagement period in late 2023.

Following on from this, we are now consulting on the proposed National Park Candidate Area. We are also interested in your views on how a National Park could manage some of the issues affecting the area for the benefit of people, nature, and communities.

We encourage you to read our short summary of the evidence or the full reports for anyone interested in the detail prior to completing the questionnaire. Both documents can be found on our project website or at the events.

This consultation is an important step in the proposal for a new National Park for Wales. Your consultation feedback is important to us. It is a fundamental part of the assessment process and will help us shape our proposals going forward.

You can send us your views by:

- Completing and returning this form to Freepost Plus RTJJ-AAKE-HKKU, Wales’s New National Park Proposal, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW
- Completing and submitting the questionnaire via our project website. Scan the QR code.



About your feedback

The questions in this section help us to understand who is responding to this consultation.

Q1

Are you responding to this consultation as: Select one only

☐ An individual?

☐ On behalf of an organisation?
(please specify which):

☐ On behalf of a group or community?
(please specify which):

Q2

Which of the following best describe you? Select all answers that apply

☐ Local resident

☐ Visitor/tourist

☐ Other (please specify):

☐ Farmer/landowner

☐ Business owner

☐ Organisation/group representative
(please specify your role):

Any further comments?

Q3

What is your postcode? We would like to capture how many respondents live within the Candidate Area or outside.

Postcode

The 2023 Engagement Period

We held an engagement period on an initial Area of Search for a National Park in October and November 2023. We carefully considered all the responses before presenting the findings in an engagement report published on our project website.

Q3a During our engagement period in 2023, a number of key themes were identified. In your opinion, which are the most important themes?

Select 3 only

- ☐ Landscape conservation, Recognition for the area, Tranquillity
- ☐ Wildlife, Agriculture and Land Management, Environment and Sustainability
- ☐ Management of Tourism, Public services, and infrastructure
- ☐ Questioning the necessity for change, Management and Controls, Costs, Funding, Bureaucracy
- ☐ Local people & Communities, Local Economy
- ☐ Access issues & Outdoor recreation
- ☐ Housing implications
- ☐ Culture and Heritage
- ☐ Planning implications
- ☐ Boundary location

Q3b Would you like to suggest any other themes or add any additional information? Please briefly explain your answer

Additional evidence can be submitted via our project inbox at designated.landscapes.programme@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

The Proposed National Park Candidate Area

After detailed evaluation by an independent and experienced landscape consultant, the Candidate Area Map identifies the areas that met the statutory criteria for a National Park.

Please refer to the Candidate Area Map and summary of evidence report which is available to view on our website and at the events.

The Candidate Area Map we are consulting on is the refinement of the Area of Search 2023. This refinement took into consideration all comments raised in the 2023 engagement period and the technical assessment work in 2024. Some areas originally in the Area of Search have been excluded and two additional areas included. The summary of evidence report provides information on the decisions made.

Q4a Do you agree with our conclusions that this area has natural beauty?

Select one only

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Unsure

Please give a reason for your answer

Is there any other important information we should include in our assessment of natural beauty?

If yes, please give further details

Q4b Do you agree with our conclusions that this area has opportunities for open air recreation?

Select one only

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Unsure

Please give a reason for your answer

Is there any other important information we should include in our assessment of opportunities for open air recreation?

If yes, please give further details

Q4c Do you think the area proposed should be a National Park?

Select one only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but with modifications to the proposed boundary
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please complete the following sections if you either agree or disagree with our overall proposals

Q5a To what extent do you agree with where the proposed National Park boundary has been drawn?

Select one only

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Unsure

Any further comments?

Q5b The area around Pwll Glas and Upper Dee Valley are now included within the Candidate Area. Do you agree with this inclusion?

Select one only

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Unsure

Any further comments?

Q5c The following areas are not included in the Candidate Area: Gronant Dunes, Vale of Clwyd, Halkyn Mountain, Hope Mountain and Mynydd Mynyllod. To what extent do you agree with these being excluded?

Select one only

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Unsure

Any further comments?

Q5d Do you have any other comments about the Candidate Area boundary?

Please specify

Q5e If a National Park is established, then it would require a new Name. Working with partners we have identified two options.

Please select the one you prefer or suggest your own

Bryniau Clwyd a'r Berwyn

Clwyd recalls the name of the local government area 1974-96. Bryniau Clwyd is the mountain chain from Prestatyn to the Dee Valley and recalls the medieval cantref of Dyffryn Clwyd. Berwyn is a historic name for the chain of mountains extending south from the Dee Valley. Together they describe the geographical extent of the Candidate area well.

Glyndŵr

Owain Glyndŵr lived within the Candidate area at Sycharth. A variant of his name, Glyndyfrdwy is one of the constituent regions of the park. He was the last Prince of Wales who led a rebellion in 1400 and by 1404 had established rule over the whole country. When his strongholds were recaptured, Glyndŵr disappeared and acquired a mythical status as the Mab Darogan, who will one day return. Glyndŵr also recalls the name of the local government area 1974-96.

- ☐ Park Cenedlaethol - **Bryniau Clwyd a'r Berwyn** - National Park
- ☐ Park Cenedlaethol - **Glyndŵr** - National Park
- ☐ Other

(please specify with a short justification if possible)

Q6 Are there any other comments you wish to add on the proposal for a new National Park?

Q6 If you would like to be kept up to date, please provide us with your email address

Welsh Language Considerations

Q8 What is your Welsh language ability?

Select one only

- ☐ Able to speak Welsh fluently
- ☐ Able to understand and speak some Welsh
- ☐ Learning Welsh
- ☐ No understanding of Welsh

We would like to know your views on the effects of this proposal might have on the Welsh language, as follows:

- Opportunities for people to use Welsh language
- Treating the Welsh language, no less favourably than the English language.

Q9 What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Q10 Please also explain how you believe this proposal could be formulated or changed to have:

- Positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- No adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Supporting comments

About you

We have included the following questions in order to ensure the continued development of our diversity, equality and inclusion practices. You are not obliged to answer any of the questions, but we would appreciate your feedback to ensure all parts of society are represented. If you choose not to answer questions, it will not affect our consideration of your comments. The information you supply below is confidential and will be used solely for monitoring purposes. The data will be held in accordance with GDPR, more information can be found in our privacy statement available at our events or on our project website.

Please provide your consent by selecting the appropriate box below.

- ☐ Yes, I consent to my data being collected
- ☐ No, I do not consent to my data being collected.

Q11 How old are you? Select one only

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 - 24
- ☐ 25 - 34
- ☐ 35 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q12 What is your gender? Select one only

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify);

Q13 What is your ethnicity?

Select one only

White

- ☐ Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Roma
- ☐ Any other White background (please specify);

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- ☐ White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ White and Black African
- ☐ White and Asian
- ☐ Any other Mixed or Multiple background (please specify);

Asian, Asian Welsh or Asian British

- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Any other Asian background (please specify);

Black, Black Welsh, Black British, Caribbean or African

- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ African background
- ☐ Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background (please specify);

Other ethnic group

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Any other ethnic group (please specify);

Q14 Do you consider yourself to have any of the following?

Select all that apply

- ☐ Hearing Impairment
- ☐ Physical Impairment
- ☐ Visual Impairment
- ☐ Learning Disability
- ☐ Cognitive Disability
- ☐ Sensory Disability
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Health Condition (lasting 12 months or more)
- ☐ Other (please specify);

Q15 Are you currently responsible for caring for an adult relative/partner, disabled child or other?

Select one only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

Please send this form back to us using our Freepost address, all you need is an envelope.
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