

Countryside Policy

10.1 Is sufficient protection afforded to the AONB?

Natural England consider that the policy protection to AONBs should be strengthened in the light of the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly paragraph 113. It is no longer the case that because there is national guidance, there is no need for local policy.

Policy protection for the AONB needs to be introduced into policy LHH. This policy should include protection against the potential cumulative effects within the AONB that might arise from exceptions to the policy CO that individually may each be insignificant.