# Draft Dorset National Landscape Management Plan

**This consultation opens on the 14th July 2025 and closes on the 22nd September 2025**

## Overview

Dorset Council and its partners in the Dorset National Landscape Partnership have a statutory responsibility for reviewing and developing a 5-year management plan for the landscape. These are plans for the Dorset National Landscape Partnership and team, individual partner organisations, farmers and landowners, communities and businesses.

The purpose is to set out how we all may contribute towards the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty in this special area. A new draft plan has been developed by the National Landscape team with input from a wide range of partners. We want to hear from partners, Dorset residents and visitors to the landscape. Have we prioritised what matters most? Is there anything that we have missed, and have we addressed concerns for the future of your local landscape?

We welcome your feedback on the new draft plan.

The plan has 8 chapters after a vision and foreword.

It is available to download or read online here: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resources/draft-management-plan-2026-31/>

You can also pick up a paper version at libraries in the Dorset National Landscape or request one from the team by contacting Caroline Richards [caroline.richards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.richards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) / 01305 224717

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## ABOUT YOU

**Q1. I am responding as a:**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Member of the public | On behalf of an organisation | Business | Local Planning Authority | Town or Parish Council | Elected Member | Other (please specify) |
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***If you are responding as an organisation, business, Local Planning Authority or Town or Parish Council, please go to Q2. For all other options, go to Q4.***

**Q2. Are you providing your organisation’s official response?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q3. If yes, please tell us the name of your organisation**

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### From this point onward, you are not required to answer every question in this survey. Feel free to respond to only those sections you feel most strongly about.

## VISION

This section features the joint future vision for the Dorset National

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-vision-and-foreword/>

**Q4. How much do you agree or disagree with the vision?**

*Please tick one option. Answer options are on the next page.*

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| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
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**Q5. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the purpose of the Management Plan. You can read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-1-introduction/>

**Q6. Do you understand the purpose of the management plan?**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Yes | No | Don’t know |
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**Q7. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 2: NATIONAL LANDSCAPES

This chapter describes the legal background to designation, defines natural beauty, describes the geography of the Dorset National Landscape, describes how the designation and place are managed, and describes how the partnership may work beyond the boundary.

You can read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-2/>

**Q8. To what extent does this chapter address its intended purpose in the following areas?**

*Please tick one option per row.*

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|  | Not at all | To a small extent | To some extent | To a great extent | Completely | Don’t know |
| describes the legal background to designation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| defines natural beauty |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| describes how the partnership may work beyond the boundary |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q9. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 3: THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

This chapter describes what the plan is for, who it is for, how it relates to other plans and strategies and illustrates the impact of previous plans.

You can read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-3/>

**Q10. To what extent does this chapter address its intended purpose in the following areas?**

*Please tick one option per row. Answer options continue onto the next page.*

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|  | Not at all | To a small extent | To some extent | To a great extent | Completely | Don’t know |
| What the plan is for |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| How it relates to other plans and strategies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Illustrates the impact of previous plans |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q11. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 4: THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

This chapter describes the political, environmental and socio-economic background at the time of plan writing.

The Dorset National Landscape, its management and access to it as guided by this plan can provide solutions to the many challenges listed.

You can read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-4/>

**Q12. How much do you agree or disagree with our view on the main drivers for change?**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
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**Q13. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 5: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This chapter is largely derived from other official sources. It describes the elements of natural beauty that are important to this landscape.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-5/>

**Q14. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 6: LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE CHARACTER

This chapter is largely derived from other official sources. It describes the character of defined landscape types, the condition of the landscape and the coastal and seascape character.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-6/>

**Q15. Do you have any comments on this chapter?**

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## CHAPTER 7.1: THE WORKING LANDSCAPE

This chapter is largely focussed on land management, farming, fishing, and the products that come from them.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-7-1/>

**Q16. To what extent does the chapter section in 'introduction and significance' address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q17. To what extent does the chapter section in ‘opportunities and pressures’ address its intended purpose?**

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**Q18. Are there any relevant organisations we may have missed?**

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**Q19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following draft objectives?**

*Please tick one option per row.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| A1: conserving and enhancing nature |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A2: conserving and enhancing historic landscapes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A3: adapting to environmental change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A4: building skills for a sustainable future |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A5: promoting sustainable markets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A6: conserving and enhancing geology |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q20. Please list the kind of actions, if any, that you or your organisation could do to deliver these policies.**

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**Q21. Please list any potential actions that others could deliver.**

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**Q22. Do you have any other comments for the ‘The Working Landscape’ section of chapter 7?**

*Please tell us here:*

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## CHAPTER 7.2: EXPLORING, UNDERSTANDING, ENGAGING

This chapter focuses on how the Dorset National Landscape supports local people and visitors to explore, understand and engage with the landscape in a positive way.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-7-2/>

**Q23. To what extent does the chapter section in 'introduction and significance' address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q24. To what extent does the chapter section in ‘opportunities and pressures’ address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q25. Are there any relevant organisations we may have missed?**

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**Q26. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following draft objectives?**

*Please tick one option per row. Answer options continue on next page.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| B1: enabling enjoyment and access for wellbeing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| B2: promoting sustainable tourism and access |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B3: fostering understanding and awareness |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B4: engaging local people in landscape stewardship |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q27. Please list the kind of actions, if any, that you or your organisation could do to deliver these policies.**

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**Q28. Please list any potential actions that others could deliver.**

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**Q29. Do you have any other comments for the ‘Exploring, Understanding, Engaging’ section of chapter 7?**

*Please tell us here:*

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## CHAPTER 7.3: PLANNING FOR LANDSCAPE QUALITY

This chapter covers forward planning, development management and infrastructure.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-7-3/>

**Q30. To what extent does the chapter section in 'introduction and significance' address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q31. To what extent does the chapter section in ‘opportunities and pressures’ address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q32. Are there any relevant organisations we may have missed?**

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**Q33. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following draft objectives?**

*Please tick one option per row. Answer options are on the next page.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| C1: conserving and enhancing the national landscape and its setting through planning and development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C2: ensuring effective landscape assessment and monitoring |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C3: supporting necessary and sustainable development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C4: avoiding harmful development and protecting special qualities |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q34. Please list the kind of actions, if any, that you or your organisation could do to deliver these policies.**

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**Q35. Please list any potential actions that others could deliver.**

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**Q36. Do you have any other comments for the ‘Planning for Landscape Quality’ section of chapter 7?**

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## CHAPTER 7.4: WAYS OF WORKING

This chapter sets out principles by which the National Landscape Partnership operates.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-7-4/>

**Q37. To what extent does the chapter section in 'introduction and significance' address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q38. To what extent does the chapter section in ‘opportunities and pressures’ address its intended purpose?**

*Please tick one option.*

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**Q39. Are there any relevant organisations we may have missed?**

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**Q40. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following draft objectives?**

*Please tick one option per row.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| D1: engaging people in key decisions relating to the national landscape |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D2: informing decisions with high quality evidence and best practices |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D3: monitoring and adapting to achieve optimal outcomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D4: developing collaborative working through partnerships |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q41. Please list the kind of actions, if any, that you or your organisation could do to deliver these policies.**

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**Q42. Please list any potential actions that others could deliver.**

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**Q43. Do you have any other comments for the ‘Ways of Working’ section of chapter 7?**

*Please tell us on the next page.*

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## CHAPTER 8: DELIVERY

This chapter describes the partnership's priorities, both geographic and thematic, and how the impact of work will be monitored and how this relates to national targets.

Read more about it on our website: <https://dorset-nl.org.uk/resource/draft-management-plan-chapter-8/>

**Q44. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the 'Area-based' priorities?**

*Please tick one option per row. Answer options continue onto the next page.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| A landscape-scale project conserving natural and cultural landscape heritage, extent to be determined after a robust development phase; the National Lottery Heritage Fund’s Landscape Connections programme is a likely support mechanism |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Landscape enhancements in the National Grid high voltage electricity transmission corridor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| Landscape enhancements across the Wild Purbeck Nature Improvement Area by convening and chairing its partnership, seeking Landscape Recovery funding and working towards a new National Nature Reserve declaration on the Purbeck Coast |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visitor management and visitor experience enhancement across the Jurassic Coast and using that expertise to develop greater inland opportunities |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q45. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the ‘Thematic’ priorities?**

*Please tick one option per row. Answer options continue onto the next page.*

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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| The development, implementation and rollout of agri-environment support mechanisms, alongside seeking a multi-year Farming in Protected Landscapes programme |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don’t know |
| Promotion of local food and drink products, particularly those that are related to the beneficial management of the National Landscape |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activities which connect a wide range people with nature and the natural landscape, prioritising effort where there are the most significant barriers |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q46. Do you have any comments on this section?**

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## FINAL THOUGHTS

**Q47.** **Overall,** **how informed do you feel about the Draft Dorset National Landscape Management Plan 2026–31?**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Not at all informed | Slightly informed | Moderately informed | Well informed | Extremely well informed | Don’t know |
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**Q48. Overall, do you have any other comments about the Draft Dorset National Landscape Management Plan 2026 to 31?**

*Please let us know here:*

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## MORE ABOUT YOU

This section is optional. We use it to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of residents.

**Q49. Please select your age group**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Under 18 | 18 to 24 | 25 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 to 64 | 65 plus | Prefer not to say |
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**Q50. What is your sex?**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Male | Female | Prefer not to say |
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**Q51. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?**

*Please tick one option.*

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| Yes | No | Prefer not to say |
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**Q52. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?**

*Please tick one option. Answer options on next page.*

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| Yes | No | Prefer not to say |
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**Q53.** **If at the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability, please state the type of disability which applies to you.**

*Please tick any that apply:*

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| Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) |  |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) |  |
| Autistic Spectrum Conditions |  |
| Blind |  |
| Dyscalculia |  |
| Dyslexia |  |
| Dyspraxia |  |
| Deaf |  |
| Hearing loss |  |
| Long term health condition |  |
| Mental health issues |  |
| Physical impairment |  |
| Sign Language User |  |
| Visually impaired |  |
| Medical conditions |  |
| Mobility issues |  |
| Learning disability |  |
| Specific learning differences |  |
| Wheelchair user |  |

*If you prefer to use another term, please write in the box below:*

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**Q54. What is your ethnic group?**

*Please tick one option. There are more answer options on the next page.*

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| White: British |  |
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| White: Gypsy |  |
| White: Irish Traveller |  |
| White: Other |  |
| Mixed: White and Black Caribbean |  |
| Mixed: White and Black African |  |
| Mixed: White and Asian |  |
| Mixed: Other |  |
| Asian or Asian British: Indian |  |
| Asian or Asian British: Pakistan |  |
| Asian or Asian British: Chinese |  |
| Asian or Asian British: Other |  |
| Black or Black British |  |
| Arab |  |
| Other ethnic group |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

*If other - please specify here:*

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You are finished! Thank you. By sending your response to us, you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results.

Please return this by email to [caroline.richards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.richards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you may send a paper version to:

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