

The Mendip Society

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FUTURE APPROACH TO NP AND AONB BOUNDARY REVISIONS CASE FOR EXTENDING THE MENDIP HILLS AONB

Thank you for your recent letter about this in response to mine of 24th January.

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our case for extending the Mendip Hills AONB. This case draws on the research undertaken to assess the whole area of what became the Mendip Hills Character Area by Chris Blandford Associates for the Countryside Commission in 1996, resulting in the report *Landscape Assessment of the Mendip Hills - from Steep Holm to Frome*. Copies were deposited in the HQ and SWRO Libraries, with the local authorities and interested parties. In our view, it clearly shows that there is outstanding landscape outwith the current Mendip Hills AONB but within the Mendip Hills Character Area that should be included. We hope that you will keep this case on file and that your current review exercise will put Mendip on the priority list for action.

The need for review is supported by the Mendip Hills AONB Partnership and the CPRE, who will be writing to you direct. Parishes and others are supporting our case, but to save you the trouble of receiving letters in dribs and drabs, we are collecting a dossier and will forward it in due course.

I am copying this letter to Amanda Grundy in the Agency's SW Office. Could Carol Foster kindly acknowledge receipt of this case, please?

With best wishes

RICHARD BULL
Vice President