



## **Cannock Chase National Landscape**

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Image attached: Cannock Chase National Landscape

### **BEGINS**

#### **Partnership seeks views on future for Cannock Chase**

A new consultation is seeking views on the priorities for protecting and managing Cannock Chase National Landscape over the next five years.

Cannock Chase is a nationally and internationally important landscape. It was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1958, one of 46 in the UK designated to conserve and enhance their natural beauty.

The Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership has produced a [new draft Management Plan](#) for the area for 2025-2030. The plan defines the qualities that make the area special, the policies required to protect it and the actions the partnership will take forward over the next five years.

Cannock Chase National Partnership Chairman Cllr. Tony Pearce explains: “Our new draft Management Plan sets out a clear direction and framework for local authorities, statutory agencies and communities to ensure that this beautiful area is safeguarded for future generations. As the smallest mainland National Landscape in a heavily urbanised wider landscape, there are significant pressures on this special place and its precious ecology.

The programme of work we have set out will drive forward nature recovery, help to address the impacts of climate change, reinforce the Chase’s distinctive sense of place and protect its rich heritage, and make sure that all who use the Chase feel welcome and can enjoy their activities with no harm coming to this outstanding landscape.

It is important that we get this right, so we want people to give us their views. In particular we would like to know if people feel that our ambitions for Cannock Chase are realistic and achievable, and also if there is anything more that we could do. We also want to know if we have identified the right policies and actions needed to look after the area”.

To view the Draft Management Plan and submit your comments on the survey, visit [the website](#). You can also view hard copies of the Plan in local libraries around the National Landscape. All comments must be submitted by the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**ENDS**

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **Cannock Chase National Landscape**

A former Royal hunting forest, Cannock Chase in Staffordshire may be the smallest Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in mainland England, but its 26 square miles contain a stunning mix of rolling hills, vast expanse of purple heather and quiet woodlands.

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty were re-branded as National Landscapes in 2023. National Landscapes (along with National Parks) are the nation's finest landscapes, whose breath-taking beauty is so precious that they are protected in the national interest. There are just 34 National Landscapes in England, five in Wales and eight in Northern Ireland. Cannock Chase was designated an AONB in 1958 because of its beautiful landscape, its wildlife and its history.

The National Landscape Partnership is the body that exists to protect this special place. This partnership is made up of local authorities, interest groups, national agencies and local communities, all of which are committed to ensuring that Cannock Chase remains a healthy, living landscape for future generations.

For further information about Cannock Chase visit [www.cannock-chase.co.uk](http://www.cannock-chase.co.uk)

For further information about the National Landscapes Family visit [National Landscapes - Home \(national-landscapes.org.uk\)](http://NationalLandscapes-Home(national-landscapes.org.uk))

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