

## Media response

For immediate release

### **AONB Family Charity welcomes Michael Gove's ambition to restore the UK's nature**

**NAAONB Chairman, Philip Hygate** said:

"We are delighted to hear that Secretary of State, Michael Gove MP draws inspiration from nature and believes that we need beauty in our lives as much as we need food and shelter. The NAAONB fully concurs with this belief.

The AONB Family looks forward to continued work with The Secretary of State, Lord Gardiner and their Defra colleagues to support the landowners and farmers who work their land responsibly to produce our food and support our nature.

We believe that, together, we can achieve the Secretary of State's ambition to halt the deterioration of our environment and restore and enhance the UK's outstanding nature".

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#### **Notes**

1. The National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) is a charity that provides a strong collective voice for the UK's 46 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). Its objectives are to promote the conservation and enhancement of AONBs, advance the education, understanding and appreciation by the public of AONBs, and promote the efficiency and effectiveness of those promoting or representing AONBs, other Protected Areas and those areas for which designation might be pursued. It does this by taking a collaborative and partnership based approach to working with our membership and other organisations at a national level to achieve shared goals. For more information see Web: [www.landscapesforlife.org.uk](http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk) Twitter: @naaonb @AONBFamily

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