

## Media response

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### **AONB Charity welcomes Michael Gove's vision of a thriving agriculture sector and beautiful landscapes**

**NAAONB Chairman**, Philip Hygate said:

"We are delighted to hear in his address to the Oxford Farming Conference that Secretary of State, Michael Gove MP values "beautiful landscapes".

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 vision of a thriving agriculture sector, a healthy rural economy, beautiful landscapes, rich habitats for wild life, a just society and a fair economy".

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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
2. See a transcript of Michael Gove's speech [here](#)

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