

Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Proposals to include Farthing Downs and Happy Valley

Areas of Natural Beauty represent some of England's most treasured landscapes, whose unique qualities are safeguarded in the national interest. The present area stretches across along the North Downs from Farnham in the west to Oxted in the east, also including the Greensand Hills which rise in Haslemere and stretch east to Leith Hill, the highest point in

Natural England is also looking at bringing parts of Chipstead, Caterham Woods, Woldingham Valley, Limpsfield and Godstone Hills into the expanded Surrey Hills. This proposed expansion would include Farthing Downs and Happy Valley in Coulsdon and would bring in areas that are in London. It would not include Coulsdon Common or New Hill.



These two beauty spots managed by the City of London and Croydon are popular for their rich wildlife and countryside walks and are already protected as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and notified as a National Nature Reserve. If they became part of the Surrey Hills Area of Natural Beauty, however, they would be further conserved in law by the “CROW Act” – the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.



The full document including maps are on the DEFRA web site : https://consult.defra.gov.uk/ne-landscape-heritage-and-geodiversity-team/surrey-hills-boundary-variation/user_uploads/consultation-report--digital.pdf

The consultation closes on the 13th June 2023

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- Phone Jonathan Dix on **0208 0265774**. *If no one is available, please leave a message and contact details and we will return your call.*
- A public meeting will be at held on Saturday 20th May – 10:00-15:00 daytime drop in –at Soper Hall, Caterham.

You can also fill in the online response form [Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Boundary Variation Project - Introduction - Defra - Citizen Space](#)