

## JOINT STATEMENT ON THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT IN AONBS

### ***Purpose***

To seek endorsement of the Joint Statement on the Historic Environment in AONBs in England, prepared with Historic England and the National Association for AONBs.

### ***Recommendations***

That the JAC endorse the Joint Statement on the Historic Environment in AONBs in England, prepared with Historic England and the National Association for AONBs.

### ***Key Issues***

- The National Association of AONBs (NAAONB) has been working with Historic England to revise a previous accord on the Historic Environment in AONBs.
- The Joint Statement on the Historic Environment in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty is attached.
- Endorsement by each AONB Partnership is sought before the Joint Statement is launched later in 2022.

### ***Reasons***

The AONB Historic Environment Steering Group have been reviewing the 2004 Joint Statement of intent between the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB), Cadw and English Heritage. The new Joint Statement has been agreed and approved by the Steering Group, the NAAONB and Historic England. Most AONB Partnerships are in the process of signing up to the Statement.

### ***Implications***

This new Joint Statement will re-establish and strengthen the working relationship between all the 34 English AONBs, Historic England and the NAAONB and will enable greater collaborative working between the AONBs and Historic England. The intention is that this initial statement is not overly onerous on any parties but rather consolidates a mutually positive relationship from which to develop ambitions to help safeguard and celebrate our Historic Environment further. It is hoped the Joint Statement can be launched in mid 2022.

### ***Background***

The 2004 Joint Statement led to the publication of Outstanding Beauty: Outstanding Heritage.