

CONSULTATION: PLANNING AND TRAVELLERS

Response of the Cotswolds Conservation Board

The Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') was established by Parliament in 2004.

The Board has two statutory purposes¹:

- a) to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB; and
- b) To increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

In fulfilling these roles, the Board has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of people living in the AONB.

The Board responds to the following questions in the consultation document as follows:

Q4- Do you agree that Planning Policy for Travellers Sites be amended to reflect the provisions in the NPPF that provide protection to these sensitive sites? (These include AONBs).

YES

Q5 – Do you agree that paragraph 23 of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites should be amended to “local authorities should very strictly limit new traveller sites in the open countryside”.

YES

Q6 – Do you agree that the absence of an up-to-date five year supply of deliverable sites should be removed from Planning Policy for Traveller sites as a significant material in the grant of temporary permission for traveller sites in the areas mentioned above? (These include AONBs).

YES

The Board welcomes the Governments' intention to ensure such similar such provisions are applied to the settled community.

¹ Section 87, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, as amended by the NERC Act 2006.