



Cornwall's nationally protected landscape




Cornwall
Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty

*Responsible &
Sustainable
Access*

AONB Aims, Policies & Objectives



| Title | Responsible & Sustainable Access | Time frame |
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| Intro | Appropriate, sustainable, access connecting the 12 Sections of the Cornwall AONB is important to achieve the physical linking of people and place. Access, both physical and digital, promotes mental health and wellbeing, connecting people with nature and removing all barriers (physical and cultural) to experiencing, and appreciating, the protected landscape. | |
| Priority | People |  |
| Aim | Create links between the 12 separate sections of Cornwall AONB and demonstrate the diverse landscapes while, connecting a greater range of people with nature and the protected landscape, promoting inclusive and innovative access for all. By encouraging sustainable access, carbon emissions are reduced supporting the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Plan. | |
| Policy RSA-P1 | Support the development of access infrastructure that conserves and where possible enhance the landscape, historic character, biodiversity and geodiversity of the AONB and support the proactive de-cluttering of associated modern signage, lighting and furniture. | |
| Policy RSA-P2 | Seek to improve the sustainable connectivity between population centres and nearby sections of the Cornwall AONB with appropriate green infrastructure that enhances landscape character and increases public health opportunities. | |
| Policy RSA-P3 | Support new proposals for future coastal access arising from the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, ensuring early consultation with landowners. Ensure that any coastal access provision conserves and enhances coastal character, working with landowners. <i>Provided that this does not impact upon the qualifying features of the SAC or SPA from recreational disturbance.</i> | |
| Policy RSA-P4 | Support integrated, accessible and sustainable public transport links within and between the Cornwall AONB sections with particular attention given to the provision of rural bus services and water-based transport within AONB estuaries. | |
| Policy RSA-P5 | Improve traffic management on the coast road between St Just and St Ives (B3306), focusing on the promotion of sustainable modes of travel through West Penwith that encourage people to visit places along the route, instead of just driving through. | |



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| Objective RSA-Ob1 | Support the strategic management of open access land and public rights of way within the AONB with the full involvement of landowners to ensure good condition and connectivity, whilst guarding against wildlife and social impacts. | Long |
| Objective RSA-Ob2 | Support partners in maintaining footpaths and bridleways in good condition, including the South West Coast Path, circular routes, cross county trails and connections to AONB settlements. | Short/ Medium |
| Objective RSA-Ob3 | Increase the access to, and interpretation of, important areas for biodiversity, geodiversity and/or heritage where appropriate, provided that this can be achieved without damage to or disturbance of these assets or unacceptable landscape and visual impact. <i>Provided that this does not impact upon the qualifying features of the SAC or SPA from recreational disturbance.</i> | Short/ Medium |
| Objective RSA-Ob4 | Raise the profile of and promote an improved understanding of the complicated geography of the Cornwall AONB. Raise the awareness of the importance of the protected landscape through various means including the sensitive placement of Cornwall AONB signage and highways boundary markers, where this is supported by partners and parishes. | Short/ Medium |
| Objective RSA-Ob5 | Secure gains for landscape, heritage and nature from transport and highways infrastructure projects, promoting the effective use of the Cornwall Rural Highways Best Practice Guide. | Long |
| Objective RSA-Ob6 | Create opportunities for new, long term programmes to increase diversity of visitors in the Cornwall AONB landscape aligned to Proposal 9 of The Landscape Review. | Long |



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