24 June 2019

Our ref:  
Your ref:  

Nicola Beach  
Chief Executive  
Suffolk County Council  
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Dear Ms Beach,

**Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Designation Variation) Order 2019**

At its meeting on 19th June 2019, the Natural England Board considered the five representations made during the statutory Notice period for the proposed boundary variation to the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It also considered three letters which were submitted direct to Ministers as a result of the publication of the Notice.

The Board was not persuaded that the evidence submitted in these representations and letters warranted any changes to the designation variation Order. The Board approved the making of the Order, without modification.

The effect of the Order once made, will be to designate the areas shown on the maps attached to the Order as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The areas affected are the same as those shown on the maps made available at the time of the publication of the Notice. The designation variation Order will not however take effect unless and until confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The next steps will be for Natural England to make the Order (i.e. sign it and affix the Natural England seal) and submit it to the Secretary of State, for confirmation. It is anticipated that the Order will be submitted to the Secretary of State in the next few weeks. Copies of all the Notice representations and the letters to Ministers will be submitted to the Secretary of State with the Order.

The Secretary of State may decide to confirm the Order with or without modifications, or not to confirm the Order. He may also call a public inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Thacker  
Area Manager