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Our ref: South London Downs NNR



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Dear Colin,

Proposed declaration of the South London Downs National Nature Reserve

This letter confirms Natural England's support for the declaration of a new National Nature Reserve (NNR) in South London. Natural England are looking to take forward the proposal to declare the South London Downs NNR, including land owned and managed by the City of London and the London Borough of Croydon. The proposed South London Downs NNR will comprise of 417ha of land on the urban fringe of London.

Natural England are working on the proposed NNR with an aim to launch in summer 2019 and official completion of declaration by November 2019. The declaration process outlined below is subject to change depending on Natural England board proceedings.

Declaration process:

Proposal to NNR estates panel – Approved 6th December 2018 (complete)

Proposal to Senior Leadership Team – April 2019

Proposal to Natural England Board – June 2019

Launch Event - 21- 28th July National Park City Week

Internal NE documentation complete – Declared November 2019

The approved body status for London Borough of Croydon will run concurrently alongside the NNR declaration.

Yours Sincerely,

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