

Approved Body status

Steps to becoming an Approved Body

The Approved Body status requires the Natural England team to complete a form providing evidence for each category that the National Park can manage the NNR land. Form provided.

All of the questions relate directly to the NNR Management Standards. These can be found in Appendix 3. Examples are sections 2 of both the AB form and the NNR Management standards relate to management planning and sections 5 both relate to public enjoyment.

This AB form is currently being completed using the Key management documents that are publicly available on the SDNP website.

Other organisations who are already Approved Bodies involved in this NNR declaration are National Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Forestry England and Natural England.

Also going through this process are South East Water, Eastbourne Borough Council and Seaford Town Council.

Examples of organisations to recently become ABs in other NNR declarations across the country are both The Longleat Estate and Avon Wildlife Trust, as part of The Mendip NNR.

Our completed Approved Body proposal form will be presented to the Natural England Estates Panel/Board along with others and our overall NNR extension proposal form. Laura Newland and Kerrie Curzon will be making the case for all new Approved Bodies, as part of the NNR declaration process, concluding in November 2024.

There are no other steps SDNPA need to take to become an Approved Body, other than your own internal processes, which we are happy to help with.

