

Proposed Extensions to the Kent Downs National Landscape

The Kent Downs Joint Advisory Committee commissioned a rapid review of a number of potential boundary extensions, that had been identified and proposed by members of the group, over several years.

Fiona Fyfe Associates conducted the review of 19 sites, including 2 that fall within the borough of Swale, namely;

- South of Faversham and
- The Blean

As shown on the map below;

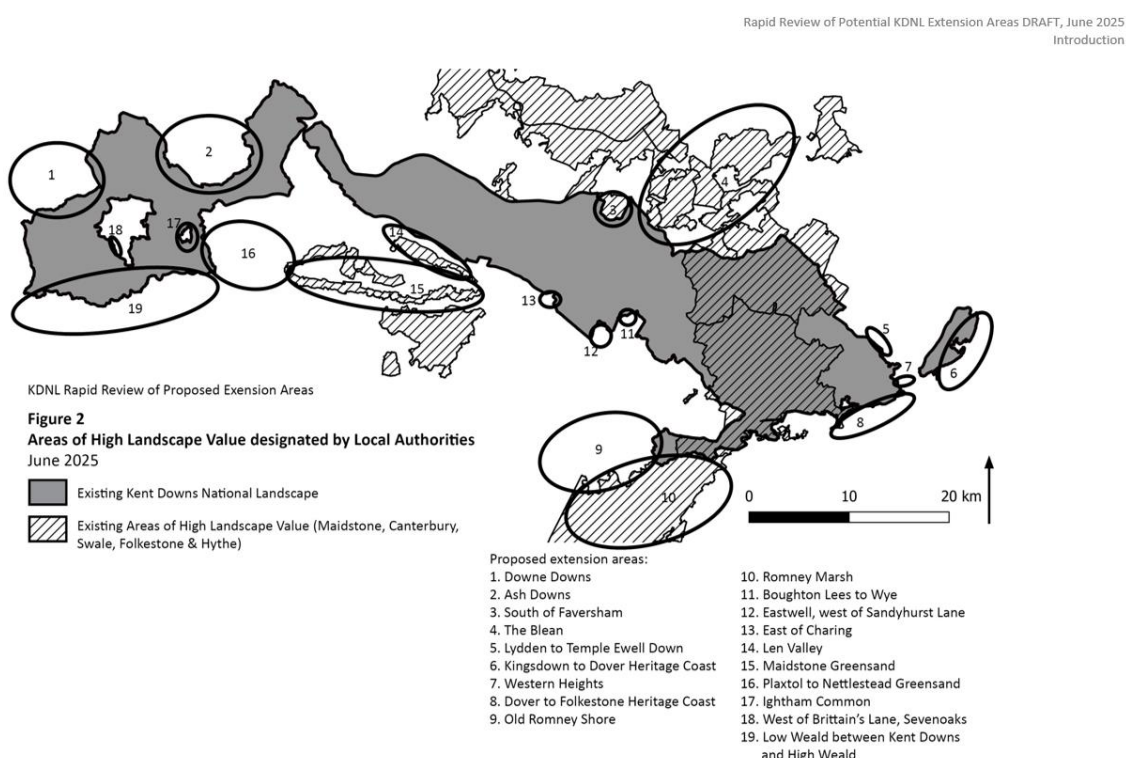


Fig. 2: Areas of High Landscape Value designated by Local Authorities with proposed KDNL extension areas

Each suggested extension was independently reviewed against Natural England's criteria and as a result The Blean was categorised as 'most of area likely to meet criteria' and South of Faversham categorised as 'part of area likely to meet criteria'.

It should be noted that Natural England have overall control of the boundary review process and they will have discretion over which requests to consider. However, at the present time, Natural England have put consideration of any such requests on hold, due to budget pressures.

More information about the Kent Downs National Landscape can be found here - <https://kentdowns.org.uk/>.

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