

Project Stages	Start Date
Review evidence, engage TAG. Consultants field surveys	April 2023
Natural Beauty Assessment with targeted informal engagement on the identified Candidate Area	November 2023
Assessment of Desirability	November 2023
Identifying proposed boundary changes	February 2024
Formal statutory and public consultation: all parties to provide formal responses on the proposed boundary review.	Spring-Summer 2024
Review and respond to statutory consultation.	Summer 2024
Seek Natural England Board approval of draft Variation Order	Summer 2024
Formal period of notice – public comment	Summer to Autumn 2024
Analyse representations received during the formal Notice period.	Autumn 2024
Seek Natural England Board approval.	Early Winter 2024
Making and submitting an Order to the Secretary of State (Defra) to vary the boundary of the Chilterns AONB	End of 2024

*All dates may be subject to change