

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**Summary of responses to the consultation on
the Bodmin Moor Commons Council
Establishment Order**

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Introduction

The Secretary of State can establish a commons council by order made under section 27 of the Commons Act 2006 provided that there has been consultation on a draft order and it receives substantial support.

When considering consultation responses, the Secretary of State must have particular regard to responses from persons who have a legal interest in the land, who are likely to be involved in or affected by the commons council. Those persons are:

- persons with a right over, or who occupy, the common (other than rights of common);
- persons who have rights of common over the common; and
- persons who have a legal function related to the maintenance or management of the common.

The consultation, which ran from 13 March to 13 April, asked one question: Do you support the making of the Bodmin Moor Commons Council Establishment Order 2015?

Consultation responses

There were 202 responses and 195 (96%) responded in favour of the Order and 7 (4%) were against it.

Regarding persons with a legal interest, to whom particular regard must be paid, responses were received from commoners, landowners, Natural England and the Cornwall AONB Partnership. There were 166 responses, 160 were in favour and 6 were against.

The organisations which responded are listed below. We cannot publish the names of individuals who responded.

Government response

The Secretary of State is satisfied that substantial support has been shown for the making of the Order; accordingly she will make the Order. The Order must be laid in Parliament for a minimum of 21 days before it can come into force. The coming into force date of the Order is 1 September 2015. The Bodmin Moor Commons Council will come into being on 1 March 2016.

The Secretary of State will appoint a returning officer to prepare the first elections of the council and notify the participants of the Bodmin Moor Commons Council and other relevant parties such as local authorities. This work must take place between 1 September

2015 and 29 February 2016 to ensure that the Commons Council is fully constituted from day one of its existence.

List of respondents

The organisations which responded were:

Bodmin Moorland Pony Rehabilitation

British Horse Society

Cornwall AONB Partnership

Country Land and Business Association

Dartmoor Commoners Council

Duchy of Cornwall

Foundation for Common Land

National Equine Welfare Council

National Farmers Union

National Sheep Association

Natural England

Open Spaces Society

Redwings Horse Sanctuary

South West Equine Protection

World Horse Welfares