NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1949

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

MENDIP NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

NO.01 DECLARATION 2023

The land shown un-hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps has already been declared a National Nature Reserve in the Ebbor Gorge National Nature Reserve No.01 Declaration 1968 and the No.02 Declaration 2006, and in the Rodney Stoke National Nature Reserve No.01 Declaration 1957, No.02 Declaration 1960, and No.03 Declaration 2006. Natural England now wishes to extend these National Nature Reserves.

In accordance with section 19(3) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (as amended), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declare that the land having a total area of 0.08 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parish of St. Cuthbert Out in the County of Somerset and shown cross hatched and unshaded on the attached map number 10 (which land was included in the Ebbor Gorge Number 02 Declaration made by English Nature on the 14th day of September 2006) has ceased to be managed as a nature reserve.

The land having a total area of 0.48 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parishes of St. Cuthbert Out and Rodney Stoke in the County of Somerset and shown single hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps 9 and 10 is held by Natural England and is being managed as a nature reserve.

The land having a total area of 1312.30 hectares or thereabouts, situated in the Parishes of Weston-Super-Mare, Hutton, Bleadon, Winscombe and Sandford, and Churchill, in the Unitary Authority of North Somerset, and the Parishes of Brean, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Cheddar, Priddy, Rodney Stoke, Westbury, St. Cuthbert Out, Wells and Chewton Mendip in the County of Somerset and shown single hatched and shaded yellow on the attached maps is held by Avon Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Longleat Enterprises Limited, National Trust, Somerset Wildlife Trust, The South West Heritage Trust and The Woodland Trust, bodies approved by Natural England, and is being managed as a nature reserve.

Natural England is satisfied that the land shown edged black on the attached maps having a total area of 1410.60 hectares or thereabouts is of national importance and is to be known henceforth as Mendip National Nature Reserve.

And in pursuance of section 35(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, Natural England hereby declares the land referred to herein and more particularly shown on the maps attached hereto a National Nature Reserve.

This Declaration may be referred to as Mendip National Nature Reserve No.01 Declaration 2023.

The Common Seal of Natural England affixed to this Deed is authenticated by:-

A-clus(signature)

Authorised Member/Officer of Natural England

this...26...day of...Sept....2023

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