

We are currently undertaking a feasibility study looking into whether the Cotswolds National Landscape may in the future be able to strive for IDA Dark Skies reserve status. Our study includes a survey to understand how parish and town councils, local authorities, and a wide range of stakeholders view the importance of Dark Skies in the Cotswolds, what protection currently exists, and whether there is support for doing more.

Dark night skies are important for landscape, heritage, wildlife, recreation and enjoyment and health and wellbeing. The Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) has a significant and extensive area of naturally dark night skies, allowing us to enjoy the nocturnal wonder and beauty above us.

Dark skies are an identified 'Special Quality' of our designated landscape but they are under continued pressure from increasing light pollution from commercial and domestic security lighting, development and street lighting. The area of darkest night skies within the CNL has diminished by more than 40% since 1993, with no indication this decline will be slowed.

We would very much appreciate you taking 5 minutes to complete our online survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/K0ZDZLVNK3>

The survey will close 09 December 2022

Many thanks

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