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CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is our local branch of CPRE, a national charity. We speak up for the English countryside: to protect it from the threats it faces, and to shape its future for the better

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Dear Graham

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the formation of the Ouse Valley Trust. As you will know, we supported the 2013 application to designate the Great Ouse Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and were disappointed to learn that due to lack of resources Natural England are unable to make a decision about this.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Branch of CPRE strongly supports the work of the Ouse Valley Trust to both champion the landscape and raise awareness of the value and benefits of the Great Ouse Valley.

We in CPRE consider that the English lowland landscape is significantly under-valued. The valley of the Great Ouse, with its partly wooded slopes and wide meadows rich in native flora, its historic small towns and villages, its vast areas of lakes and wetlands which attract much wildlife, is comparable with other areas of lowland AONB particularly the Stour Valley. As such, it should be recognised and protected.

Please, therefore, be assured of our continuing commitment to your work. We have included information about the Trust on our website (www.cprecams.org.uk) and hope to send a representative to the meeting on 22 September.

Yours sincerely

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