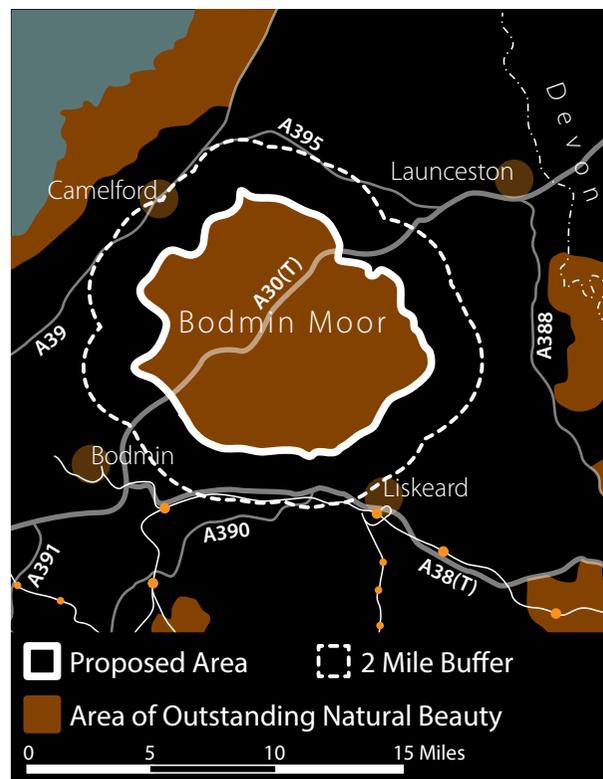


Proposed area for a Dark Sky Bid

This area is proposed because of a combination of its exceptional night sky, its scale and the AONB designation and protection.



Additionally good lighting practice would be encouraged in a 2 mile buffer area where communities are also expected to reap Dark Sky benefits

See for yourself

Come to Jamaica Inn, Bolventor, PL15 7TS from 6 - 7pm on Friday 15th April. There will be a presentation followed by an opportunity to discuss and give your views.

Tell us what you think

CPRE has campaigned for dark skies and already support the proposed bid. To add your support, make a comment or object please come to the consultation event or email/write to us by 2nd May 2016:

Dark Sky Bid

Cornwall Council, Local Plan Team,
Pydar House, Pydar Street
Truro TR1 1XU

Email: darksky@cornwall.gov.uk

Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/darksky

Telephone: **01872 224309**

We are particularly keen to hear from residents and businesses on Bodmin Moor. The Council will consider all comments before deciding on whether or not to submit a bid to the International Dark Sky Association.

Learn more about Dark Sky designations and the work of the International Dark Sky Association at: <http://www.darksky.org>.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
4TH APRIL - 2ND MAY 2016

BODMIN MOOR – A DARK SKY PARK IN CORNWALL?

**See for yourself:
Consultation event**

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Cornwall Council has been collaborating with the Caradon Observatory and wants to make a bid to the International Dark Sky Association to have Bodmin Moor recognised as an **International Dark Sky Park**.

Before we decide to proceed we want your views.

Why designate Bodmin Moor a Dark Sky Park?

The main purpose of a Dark Sky Park designation would be to protect the amazing quality of the sky at night over Bodmin Moor. Currently there are only three Dark Sky Parks in the UK and 31 worldwide.

Recent light readings show the quality of the night sky over Bodmin Moor is amongst the best in the world. We believe that Bodmin Moor is a candidate for a "Gold" standard Dark Sky Park.

As well as helping to protect the night sky from light pollution, the designation will provide a focus for awareness and learning about the stars and solar systems.

Darkness is good for our health, our body clocks haven't evolved for artificial lighting – and neither has wildlife.

A Dark Sky designation can be used to promote local tourism, elsewhere there have been tangible benefits from this.

Most people love a starry sky – lots of people study it closely, many more of us just enjoy gazing at it.



Photo by Rhys Harris: Cheesewring

What's the catch? None!

We want to encourage people who live and/or work on the Moor to manage lighting better and make sure it does what it needs to without harming the night sky.

Nevertheless **we will not make anyone change their lights.**

We all need to see what we're doing and feel safe as we go about our business. Too often however lighting is overly bright, needlessly spills upwards, poorly aimed and creates shadows – making it harder to see as well as being wasteful and harmful to the night sky. Well considered light can be much more effective.

We'll produce a quick guide for Dark Sky friendly lighting for when fitting new lights or replacing old. Basically:

- ★ Install lights that point down not up;
- ★ Turn lights off when they aren't needed, maybe use a timer; and
- ★ Only light where you need to.