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Dear Fellow of the Geological Society,

The 28 October 2024 Geological Society e-Newsletter included a letter from me to Fellows updating you on the progress of the Society's Byelaws and Royal Charter review with my further brief update on 28th April 2025. If you received these or other prior communications, you may be aware that a Council-instigated working group has been reviewing the Society's Royal Charter and Byelaws to ensure that these two documents are fit for modern purpose, reflect best practice and are in line with current legislation.

In March 2024, a consultation exercise was launched, and Fellows invited to comment on drafts of the updated documents. In total, 5,329 Fellows opened and read the dedicated email sent 8 March 2024 by my predecessor, Ruth Allington. There were 771 views of the consultation webpage by 562 individuals and a total of 81 written comments from 35 Fellows. The consultation closed on 28 April and the working group considered and responded to each comment made. The anonymised comments and the working group's response to each are available for you to view at www.geolsoc.org.uk/byelaws.

Taking account of the feedback received, the working group made further revisions and amends to the draft Royal Charter and Byelaws and final drafts were agreed by Council late 2024 and were submitted to the Privy Council Advisors for review which is now complete.

This letter is to bring your attention to the final drafts of the Royal Charter and Byelaws located at www.geolsoc.org.uk/byelaws (or via the QR code). Alongside the drafts, there is additional information to explain the approval process and how to respond if you wish. Should you require paper copies of these documents, please submit a request to: secretary@geolsoc.org.uk or telephone: 020 7434 9944.

We will then seek your support for the final drafts of the Supplemental Royal Charter and Byelaws including any revisions. This will be via a ballot in July followed by a confirmatory vote at a Special General Meeting anticipated to be late November or December 2025. If you wish to vote by post in the ballot, rather than online, please submit a request to: secretary@geolsoc.org.uk or telephone: 020 7434 9944.

If Fellows approve these drafts, they will be submitted to the King to be formally sealed.

My sincere thanks to those of you who have participated in the process to date. I hope you will participate in the formal approval process in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Gluyas
President



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