

The Global Geopark Conference in September, 2016, would welcome 1,000 delegates and showcase the area's unique geological and marine environment which was key to the area's designation of the world's first urban geopark in 2007. The bid sets out how Torbay would host the conference with a forum for the exchange of issues important to the Geopark destinations around the world and a packed and varied itinerary focussing on the diverse elements of the Geopark, what it has achieved since 2007, and how it is being interpreted and enjoyed by the local community and visitors. The hosting committee will help to foster long-term relationships among partners from around the globe; connect talented delegates and demonstrate the success of the English Riviera Global Geopark.

If the bid is won, some of the Geopark's most impressive sites will be visited by the delegates during the conference field trips, including Kents Cavern, Berry Head nature reserve, Saltern Cove, Hope's Nose, Paignton Geoplay Park and the Geopark cruises.