

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5 APRIL 2012**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the JAC.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period 27th October 2011 to 27th March 2012. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB Project Fund has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund. The main areas of work have been a number of significant hedge and wall restoration projects, in-field and boundary tree planting schemes, and restoration of traditional direction signs in the Hambleton area.
- 2.3 Volunteer activity has again been significant during the last six months. SINC management tasks clearing rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC and Western hemlock at Grimston Moor SINC have all attracted sustained high numbers of volunteers. Five task-days have been held, with a further one clearing rhododendron completely from Boggs Plantation SINC. Several volunteers have continued to come out with the local NYCC Area Ranger, working in the AONB approximately every second week. They have principally been carrying out Public Rights of Way maintenance work, but have also helped with several other tasks where many pairs of hands were needed.
- 2.4 A December Junior Ranger Club was delivered, without the snow this time! Dates have also been set for sessions in Easter, summer half-term and October 2012, with the activities for Easter and the summer half-term in the advanced stages of planning. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2011/12 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.5 Work on the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project has progressed very well. The final Year 1 visit was completed last November, with 3 Year 2 visits now also having been completed. The remaining 13 Year 2 visits have been arranged, with thoughts now turning to the Year 3 visits.
- 2.6 The RAY Community Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans. Two further 'Good Life' events, at Amotherby and Gilling, are being planned for April/May. A full list of the work carried out by the RAY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.7 The number of planning applications and need for responses/advice has seen a spike in the last couple of months, with a high number of schemes coming forward that have required a response. Copies of the 10 planning consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.

- 2.8 NAAONB work has principally involved planning for Conference 2012 in York, attending a national Lead Officers meeting and attending seminars to learn about potential new sources of funding that we may consider accessing in the future to support project work in the AONB.
- 2.9 The Joint Advisory Committee's annual budget is likely to be underspent this year by approximately £19,000, although £12,500 of that was money allocated from reserves brought forward from the previous year (making a £6,500 underspend on the year when considered in isolation). This is principally due to the gap between Liz Bassindale going on Maternity Leave in September and Francesca Pert starting in November. This is a crucial time of the year for developing projects and approaching potential applicants, and the lack of staff resource during that period has had a knock-on effect on the number of projects we have been able to complete. Combined with that, we have not been able to make any progress with restoration of the gate lodges at Howsham Hall, and the work at the Mausoleum (mentioned at the autumn JAC meeting) has now been put on hold until the Estate Conservation Management Plan has been updated. We have however developed a number of schemes that are due to be completed in April, including chipping rhododendron brash at Park Wood Fishponds SINC, and work will be starting on a major wall restoration scheme near Brandsby. Other approaches for funding for hedge restoration and wall repairs have also been received (including for Oulston Bank), and we plan to carry out more restoration of traditional direction signs. With the reserves brought forward from 2010/11, plus a further underspend this year of £6,500, the total predicted reserves for 2012/13 are approximately £45,000. £20,000 of reserve has already been allocated within the 2012/13 budget, and with the number of potential projects coming forward we hope to achieve full spend of this and therefore reduce the reserves to a more comfortable level.
- 2.10 A grant allocation proposal for 2012/13 was submitted to Defra in January. This included the confirmed Defra contribution for 2012/13, which is in line with the progressive 5.4% year-on-year reduction notified to us in December 2010. The interim claim for payment of the 2011/12 grant was also submitted on schedule in January, and payment has been received.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

27TH OCTOBER 2011 – 27TH MARCH 2012

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Progressing projects for 2011/12 implementation.
- Planning application assessments.
- Induction of Francesca Pert into the AONB Officer post.
- Preparing and submitting the 2012/13 bid for funding to Defra.
- Preparing and submitting the interim 2011/12 grant claim to Defra.
- Finalising the wording, obtaining Local Authority signatures and submitting the Memorandum of Agreement to Defra.

MEETINGS

- 2nd November – NYBAG meeting, York.
- 3rd November – JAC meeting, Hovingham.
- 8th November – Discuss Mausoleum repairs, Castle Howard.
- 11th November – Native Woodland Development Officer Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 15th November – Schools Twinning update meeting.
- 16th November – Ian Fielding (WACS AD), to discuss AONB management arrangements.
- 16th November – River Rye Project meeting, York.
- 18th November – Jeff Evans, NY Waste Partnership – WACS partnerships quarterly update.
- 23rd November – Annual Action programme team meeting.
- 29th November – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 30th November – NYCC Countryside Ranger – plan 2012 volunteers tasks.
- 6th December – Independent Panel on Forestry visit to Castle Howard.
- 7th December – Budget monitoring meeting, County Hall.
- 8th December – Core Partners Group.
- 8th December – SDF Steering Group.
- 15th December – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 16th December – Cleveland Corrosion Control, re restoration of traditional direction signs.
- 20th December – Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall, re SDF for refurbishments.
- 12th January – NET meeting.
- 17th February – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.

- 21st February – Lime and Ice Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project interpretation plan.
- 22nd February – Annual Action programme team meeting.
- 22nd February – Catchment Sensitive Farming event for farmers, Helmsley.
- 23rd February – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 24th February – LNP meeting, County Hall.
- 28th February – LNP meeting, York.
- 8th March – Core Partners Group.
- 14th March – DPCR5 (electricity cable undergrounding) Stakeholders Group, Northallerton.
- 20th March – Protected Landscapes Monitoring workshop, Leeds.
- 23rd March – Natural England liaison meeting, York.
- 27th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.

Project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB

- 8-9th November – Northern AONBs Group meeting, North Pennines.
- 9th November – Conf12 Steering Group, North Pennines AONB.
- 1st December – future AONB funding sources, Birmingham.
- 12th December – Conf12 Steering Group, York.
- 7th February – Conf12 Steering Group, York.
- 23rd February – Site visit to Helmsley Deer Park, to plan Conference12 Field Trip.
- 28th-29th February – Lead Officers' meeting, Birmingham.
- 19th March – Conf12 Steering Group, York.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 3rd April – NET meeting.
- 5th April – JAC.
- 12th April – NYCC Construction Manual meeting, County Hall.
- Rural Economy Growth Review potential initiatives, Malton.
- 17th April – NYBAG, ??
- 18th April – Hambleton BAP Steering Group.
- 19th April – Northern Powergrid Stakeholders Meeting, York?
- 27th April – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 30th April – AONB Partnership Group, Appleton-le-Street.
- 3rd May – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 22nd May – RT3 Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 14th June – NET meeting.
- 21st June – Core Partners Group
- 26th June – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 24th July – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 27th July – JAC site visit.
- 21st August – NET meeting.
- 5th September – DPCR5 meeting, Northallerton.
- 25th September – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 4th October – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 25th October – JAC?

Monthly project update meetings with Liz/Francesca and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

Quarterly – work programme team meeting.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 28th March – Funding seminar, Birmingham
- Conference 2012 – planning and delivery.
- 17th – 19th July – NAAONB Conference, York.
- 20th – 22nd July – NAAONB stand at Game Fair.
- 11th October – NAAONB AGM, London?

SITE VISITS

- 27th October – Discuss possible repairs schedule for the Mausoleum, Castle Howard.
- 27th October – Bulmer churchyard (wall repairs), Planning application site visits (Whitwell-on-the-Hill, Huttons Ambo).
- 12th November – planning application site

visit, Ampleforth.

- 24th November – Traditional direction signs in Hambleton area, with NYCC Highways Inspector.
- 27th November – Planning application site visit, Yearsley.
- 9th December – Tour of AONB/projects with Francesca.
- 22nd December – Management of Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Yearsley.
- 23rd December – Amotherby Lane SINC & planning application visit at Swinton Lane.
- 17th January – Planning application site meeting, Swinton.
- 7th February – Planning application site visits x 2, Crayke.
- 10th February – Hedge planting project, Grimstone.
- 9th March – Gilling Castle Park Pale tour.
- 9th March – Various projects in the Grimstone/Yearsley area.
- 12th March – meeting with contractor to discuss chipping of cleared rhododendron, Yearsley Moor.
- 12th March – Planning application site visit, Gilling.

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROJECTS

- Preparing for and induction of Francesca Pert as AONB Officer Maternity Cover.
- 15th December – Email system changeover – Groupwise to Outlook.
- **Preparation and submission of 2012/13 grant proposal and work programme to Defra.**
- **Preparation and submission of interim 2011/12 grant claim to Defra.**
- **Preparation, obtaining signatures and submission of Memorandum of Agreement to Defra.**
- Progression of various partnership initiatives – LNP, rural tourism initiative, Revitalising the River Rye.
- **Preparing April JAC papers.**
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- May – Preparation and submission of final grant claim & reports to Defra.
- Rationalisation of project files and digitisation of JAC-funded work since 1997.
- Preparing October JAC papers.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

COMMUNITIES

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Re-run of Radio York interviews at Hovingham, Stonegrave, Cawton, Caulkleys Bank and Castle Howard.
- Christmas 2011 – Re-run of Countryfile edition filmed in the Howardian Hills

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Design of new NAAONB-branded Howardian Hills stationery.
- Preparation & publication of 2011/12 Annual Report.
- 26th July – Ryedale Show.
- September/October – Preparation & publication of AONB News 2012.

TRAINING

- 7th December – Outlook training, County Hall.
- 6th- 7th March – NAAONB Woodland Management event, Cranborne Chase & West Wilts Downs AONB.

FUTURE TRAINING

- Mandatory Equalities & Diversity training.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1st November – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal Review.
- 3rd November – Appraisal Review.
- 13th January – Francesca Pert Appraisal.
- 28th - 30th December – Office Christmas shut-down.
- 18th January- 1st February – Annual Leave.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 13th April – Appraisal.
- April – Maggie Cochrane Appraisal.
- April – Francesca Pert Appraisal.
- Liz Keeping In Touch days
- 3rd September – Liz Bassindale return to work after Maternity Leave.

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT
14TH NOVEMBER TO 8TH DECEMBER

Some of my main duties since taking over from Liz Bassindale as AONB Officer have been:

- **Rural:Urban School Twinning Project:** An initial meeting was held with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Project Officer and her line manager in order to meet each other, establish our roles and discuss an action plan as both myself and the YWT Officer were new to our posts in November. The project officer and I have held planning meetings in all 18 of the schools involved, talking to teachers in Hull, York and the AONB. We have built on the AONBs partnership with Dr. Katherine Forsey at the Arboretum Trust to use the Arboretum as the main host venue for round 2 activities. We have had 2 days in Hull scoping possible activities and venues including Hull Museums, Fish Trail and East Park animal enclosure. In York we met with community coaches at York City Football Club. I ran a volunteers training session at the Arboretum in February to prepare for AONB activity days. Three round 2 visits have successfully been completed so far. Dates have been confirmed with all remaining schools for their round 2 AONB visits. Urban exchange visit dates and activities are very close to confirmation.
- **Projects Fund:** Initial familiarization with the current project repertoire. The majority of AONB projects which were active when I came into post have been completed. Several grants have been processed for new schemes, especially hedge planting schemes. A large stretch of dry stone wall in Scackleton has been repaired. At Black Moor Plantation, near Brandsby, Arbortech Tree Specialists have cleared trees from a section of roadside wall preparing it for reconstruction next year. Large hedging schemes include: hedging along the roads around Firby; a section at Pond Farm, Crambe; Montreal Farm at Coulton; High Baxton Howe; Wass Grange at Ampleforth and Ryebeck Farm at Grimston Moor. A new set of steps have been installed at Church Farm, Stonegrave allowing direct access from the right of way into the corner of Stonegrave Minster churchyard. Work has been completed at Amotherby Lane SINC to encourage growth of greater knapweed and therefore, knapweed broomrape. Cutting of special interest verges has been carried out and work has started on the 2012 summer Yorkshire Exmoor Pony grazing rota arrangements. Volunteer work at Yearsley Moor, Grimston Moor and Boggs Plantation has removed huge amounts of rhododendron and western hemlock. There are a few projects to be rolled into next year's fund as they did not happen, mainly due to matters beyond our control.
- **SDF 2011 / 2012:** Grant offered for Swinton in Bloom for a village enhancement scheme which includes planters, bee-friendly plants and a commemorative anvil. Scackleton Village Action Group have restored the traditional phone box into a children's book exchange. Barton le Willows Village hall refurbishment is finished, AONB SDF paid for solid wall and loft insulation. Barton le Street village hall has completed installing an SDF-funded wood burner and loft insulation; they are now re-decorating the hall. The Arboretum Trust has acquired resources for a new School Visits Officer. We have worked with Sustrans to produce a Ryedale Bike rides leaflet and have supplied photos to the designer and commented on drafts of the leaflet throughout the process. One application (the Story Teller Brewery) was turned down at the steering group meeting as it did not meet the SDF aims.
- **SDF 2012/13** A grant has been offered to Appleton le Street village hall committee towards phase 2 of village hall improvements. The sum offered will cover insulation for the hall (which is located in Amotherby).
- **RAY and Rural Voice in the AONB:** Regular up-date meetings re: parish plans and on-going projects. Two Good Life events planned with Maggie Farey to be run at Gilling and Amotherby village halls.
- **Publicity** – Article in the NYCC Countryside Volunteers Newsletter.
- **Volunteers:** Three volunteer tasks managing rhododendron have taken place. Two at Park Wood Fish Ponds SINC, Yearsley Moor and another at Boggs Plantation SINC, Newburgh Priory where we completely cleared the woodland of rhododendron. Volunteers are surveying rights of way condition. A volunteer training session was held to bring them up to date with this years Schools Twinning Project activities. Junior Ranger Club sessions, held at the Arboretum were also delivered in part by volunteers. Attended Volunteer feedback session run by Dave Ranner, Volunteer Coordinator.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** Highly enjoyable and well attended Christmas and Easter sessions have been run in conjunction with Kathryn Hardacre and Dr. Katherine Forsey at the Arboretum Trust and volunteers.

MEETINGS

- November 3rd – Hovingham – JAC (attended voluntarily)
- November 15th – Hovingham – Twinning visits project update/planning
- November 17th – Northallerton - Natural Environment Team
- – Hovingham – Annual Action Programme
- November 21st - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- November 24th – Northallerton – Road verges NYBAG sub-group
- November 25th - Hovingham – meeting to update on Scackleton Phone box grant application.
- November 28th - Castle Howard Arboretum – YWT – Twinning Project update
- December 8th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- December 8th – Hovingham – SDF Steering Group meeting
- December 12th – Malton – Development Officers meeting
- Weekly – Schools Twinning Updates and planning meetings in schools
- Fortnightly project update meetings with Paul
- December 20th meeting with Nigella Ballard about SDF for Appleton le Street Village Hall
- January 10th – Hovingham – AONB Unit meeting
- January 11th - Amotherby – Schools Twinning planning meeting
- January 12th – Hovingham – NET meeting
- January 16th – Hovingham – LEADER project monitoring meeting Schools Twinning
- January 20th – Dishforth – Waste and Countryside Services away day
- January 23rd – Welburn & Hovingham - Schools Twinning planning meetings
- January 26th – Moors Centre – SDF Panel Meeting
- January 26th – Slingsby – Schools Twinning planning meeting
- February 9th – Hovingham – Liz Bassindale keeping in touch meeting
- February 9th – Sheriff Hutton – Schools Twinning planning meeting
- February 13th – Gilling – Good Life meeting with Maggie Farey & Chris Pickles
- February 14th – Arboretum – pre-visit with Wansbeck school
- February 15th – Robin Hoods Bay – Benedicte Windle NEYGT
- February 16th – Hull – Schools twinning planning meetings
- February 21st – Hovingham – AONB Unit meeting
- February 22nd – Hovingham – Action Programme meeting

- February 22nd – Amotherby – Goodlife event meeting with Maggie Farey & Nigella Ballard
- February 22nd – Malton – Meeting with Rupert Douglas, Sustrans bike leaflet
- February 23rd – York FC – Planning meeting for Schools Twinning visit
- February 24th – Arboretum – Pre-visit meeting for Schools Twinning with Education team & Junior Ranger Club planning meeting
- February 28th – Welburn – Schools Twinning Planning meeting
- February 29th – Appleton le Street – Volunteer work summary & feedback session
- March 5th – Hovingham – projects update meeting with Paul
- March 5th - Arboretum – Teacher pre-visit
- March 8th – Hovingham - HHAONB core partners meeting
- March 9th – Helmsley – SDF panel meeting
- March 21st - Arboretum – Teacher pre-visit
- March 27th – Malton – Ryedale Development Officers meeting
- March 27th - Arboretum – Teacher pre-visit
- April 3rd – Hovingham – Natural Environment Team meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 19th – Malton – Ryedale Biodiversity Action Plan meeting
- April 25th – Hovingham – AONB Unit meeting
- April 30th – Appleton le Street – Partnership Group meeting
- May 3rd – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team meeting
- June 21st – Hovingham – HHAONB core partners meeting
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly – SDF Steering Group Meetings
- Monthly - Project updates with Paul
- Approx every 6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings
- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie

SITE VISITS

- November 22nd – Wiganthorpe Park – Parkland restoration / tree planting
- December 9th – General AONB site familiarisation with Paul
- December 15th – Ampleforth – Wass Grange hedge planting planning
- December 16th – Coulton – Montreal Farm hedge scheme planning

- December 19th – Yearsley Moor – Meeting with Steve Green and Nick Short to plan 2012 volunteer tasks
- December 22nd – Four Acre Wood, Yearsley – look at tree removal from round barrows
- January 6th – Black Moor Plantation – roadside wall restoration site visit
- January 13th – Scackleton – Dry stone walling
- January 18th – Black Moor Plantation – Arbortech tree specialists – tree removal planning
- January 18th – Stonegrave Minster – checking work in progress on new wooden steps into churchyard
- January 19th – Black Moor Plantation – site meeting with waller to discuss stone removal
- January 25th – Gilling – Pond scheme final site visit
- January 31st – Amotherby – Amotherby Lane SINC light enhancement cut planning
- February 1st - Firby – Hedge planting scheme
- February 15th – Firby – Hedge planting site visit with Highways officers & land agent
- February 23rd – Firby – Marking out hedge planting scheme with Highways and land agent
- February 28th – Amotherby Lane – Checking tree / shrub thinning at SINC
- March 1st – Wiganthorpe Park and Stonegrave – Marking out tree planting locations with Mark Antcliff
- March 6th - Pond Farm Crambe, discussing tree planting with Mark Antcliffe and landowner
- March 7th – Malton Street, Newburgh Priory, to discuss hedge planting and wall at Oulston
- March 19th – Firby – checking hedges and putting HHAONB sign up
- March 20th – Barton le Street Village Hall – checking wood burner SDF project

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Checking completed hedge and walling projects at Firby, Scackleton and Pond Farm, Crambe.
- Checking of completed SDF projects at Scackleton, Swinton and Hovingham
- Site visit with dry stone waller to Black Moor Plantation

PROJECTS

- November 27th – Park Wood Fishponds SINC – rhododendron removal
- January 15th – Park Wood Fishponds SINC – rhododendron removal
- February 26th - Boggs Plantation SINC - rhododendron removal

- March 11th - Grimston Moor – western hemlock and rhododendron removal (FP not present)
- March 25th - Park Wood Fishponds SINC – western hemlock and rhododendron removal
- March 30th – Planting of Greater Knapweed plug plants at Amotherby Lane SINC
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF PLANNED/DELIVERED PROJECTS.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Working with the Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust on summer grazing of important grassland
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

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RECREATION/ACCESS

- Ryedale Bike rides leaflet development in conjunction with Sustrans

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Complete the three off-road cycle leaflets.

COMMUNITY WORK

- Met with Gilling and Amotherby village hall representatives to discuss ‘Good Life’ events

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.
- ‘Good Life’ events to be held at Amotherby on 28th April and Gilling on 26th May
- Continue to build links with existing volunteer schemes in the locality and to develop joint tasks

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Content supplied to NYCC Volunteer Newsletter
- Met with North East Yorkshire Geological Trust to discuss interpretation of geology in AONB and their involvement in education projects
- Press release via Sustrans promoting new 'Ryedale Bike Rides' leaflet.

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Press release about Schools Twinning project round 2 visits
- Press-release with York Football Club regarding Schools Twinning visits
- Displays in community spaces about the Schools Twinning project round 2 visits
- Ideas for a circular walk focussing on geological interpretation

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- December 21st – Arboretum – Winter Junior Ranger Club
- February 27th – Arboretum – Schools Twinning Project volunteer training workshop
- Schools Twinning Project development and organisation
- March 28th and 29th – Arboretum – 2nd round Schools Twinning events

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- April 4th – Castle Howard Arboretum – Spring Junior Ranger Club
- 5 Schools Twinning visits to Castle Howard Arboretum to be delivered by the end of April
- April 25th – Alne – evening talk to the Gardening Club
- April 27th - 1 Schools Twinning visit at Crayke
- May to July - 8 Urban Schools Twinning Visits
- June 8th - Castle Howard Arboretum - Summer Junior Ranger Club
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including ongoing PRow Condition Assessment Training, Community Events and Habitat Management.
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TRAINING

- 1st December - NAAONB workshop – Raising funds for AONB activities.
- December 5th and 6th – First Aid at Work requalification.
- NAAONB online staff induction.
- General AONB Office induction.
- NYCC corporate induction training.
- 7th December – Outlook Training, County Hall
- December 15th - Intro to Health and Safety
- December 23rd - Equality and Diversity
- December 23rd - Data Protection and Freedom of Information
- December 12th - DSE Assessment
- February 1st - Voice Connect Training

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Annual leave/TOIL 12th – 16th March 2012

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Annual leave booked 28th May – 5th June 2012

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

27 OCTOBER 2011 – 23 MARCH 2012

My main duties over the period have been:

- Assisting in induction process for new AONB Officer.
- Liaising with YWT re Schools Twinning Project in interregnum of Project Officer and AONB Officer.
- Planning, preparation and assisting with delivery for Junior Ranger Club session on 21 December.
- Planning and preparation for Junior Ranger Club sessions on 4 April and 8 June.
- Promoting CRC Farm Grant Scheme updates to local farmers and landowners.
- Promoting Good Life events at Amotherby and Gilling East.
- Assisting with planning for the NAAONB Conference 2012.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Uploading and amending of text and information to website.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues.

MEETINGS

- 3 Nov – JAC meeting, Hovingham V H
- 9 Nov – Conference 2012 steering group and Northern Group meetings, Blanchland
- 15 Nov – Schools Twinning Project update meeting with YWT
- 17 Nov – NET meeting, County Hall
- 23 Nov – AONB Action Programme meeting
- 7 Dec – JRC planning meeting with Arboretum
- 8 Dec - Core Partners' Group meeting
- 12 Dec – NAAONB Conference 2012 steering group meeting, York
- 12 Jan – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 20 Jan – Waste & Countryside Services Workshop, Dishforth
- 7 Feb – NAAONB Conference 2012 steering group meeting and site visit, University of York
- 22 Feb - AONB Action Programme meeting
- 24 Feb – JRC planning meeting, Arboretum
- 8 Mar – Core Partners' Group meeting
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 3 Apr – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 5 Apr – JAC meeting, Oswaldkirk VH
- 21 June – Core Partners' Group meeting
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

SITE VISITS

- 14 Mar – Arboretum re SDF project (resources for 2nd outdoor classroom)

FUTURE SITE VISITS

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continued supply of walks leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)
- Technical support for volunteers undertaking footpath condition surveys ie mapping and data-inputting (ongoing)

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

COMMUNITY WORK

- Planning, preparation and delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 21 December
- Planning and preparation for Junior Ranger Club session on 4 April
- 29 Feb – NYCC and HHAONB Volunteers annual meeting and feedback session, Appleton-le-Street
- Liaison with volunteers and Countryside Ranger re volunteer projects

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- 4 April – Assist with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Involvement with re-design of HHAONB stationery etc, incorporating Landscapes for Life logo
- Production of a leaflet promoting gardening for wildlife and sustainability, to be accessible from the HHAONB website
- Promotion of Good Life events at Amotherby and Gilling East
- Production of flyers for JRC sessions

FUTURE PROMOTION/
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Planning for HHAONB stand at Ryedale Show
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflet to tourism outlets etc
- Promotion of HHAONB Partnership Group Meeting on 30 April

EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- Liaison with YWT and volunteers to deliver Schools Twinning Project
- Planning of NAAONB Conference 2012

FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING
AWARENESS

- Assisting with delivery of NAAONB Conference 2012

TRAINING

- 9 Nov - Northern Group presentations and site visit, Blanchland
- 7 Dec – Microsoft Outlook training, County Hall
- 23 Feb - Mandatory Diversity & Equalities e-learning

FUTURE TRAINING

- Assertiveness Training
- Mandatory Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Nov – 6-monthly Appraisal review

- 14 Nov onwards – assisted with Francesca's induction
- 31 Jan – 2 Feb – Sick leave
- 6 Feb – 22 Mar – 6 additional days worked on specific tasks eg review of project files, production of wildlife gardening leaflet

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 – 3 May – Annual leave
- 6 – 14 June – Annual leave

Howardian Hills Community Engagement; October 2011 - March 2012

- Continuing to support Slingsby Village Design Statement.
- Thornton Le Clay & Foston planning a Village Walk in May 2012 to launch their Village Design Statement.
- Attended Village Hall Conference at Hovingham on 6 October 2011.
- Ryedale Rural Awards – Awards evening held in Terrington Village Hall on Friday 21 October 2011. Hovingham Market and Action Group were category winners and Gilling East Village Hall received a special award. Slingsby Allotments were Runners-up.
- Village Hall Net-working meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 7 December 2011.
- Working with HHAONB team to plan two more 'Good Life' Events; at Amotherby Village Hall on Saturday 28 April 2012 and Gilling East Village Hall, both from 1pm to 4pm.
- Helped to organise and attended Hovingham Community Awareness Event on 15 March 2012 at Hovingham Village Hall; in partnership with Parish Council, NYCC and Environment Agency. Other organisations attending included Police and RDC Community Safety Officer, Fire & Emergency Service, Rural Voice Project, York Hospital Trust. Displayed HHAONB leaflets and information.
- Ryedale LSP Delivery Group meeting - member for Community Engagement.
- Attended Sustainable Development Panel Meetings.
- On-going support to Parish Plan groups and Community groups and village halls in the AONB.

AONB PROJECTS 2011/2012

1st April 2011 – 27th March 2012

Projects that have received formal offers of assistance; **Completed projects.**

AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
~	AONB-wide	Native Woodland Development Officer post	-	FW6.5	£32,360	£2,500
RPS Group Ltd	AONB-wide	Digitisation of Phase 1 habitat survey maps – tint on Arable and Improved land	-	NE1.5	£168	£168
A Mosey	Sundial Farm, Cawton	Wall restoration (8m)	-	AG2.2	£490	£390
L Hikes	Scackleton	Wall restoration (76m)	-	AG2.2	c.£1,500	£1,430
B Hornsey	Coulton	Planting new hedge (212m)	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£1,875	£922
J Rawson	Fryton	Hedge restoration (415m)	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£7,133	£1,966
G Lupton	Wass	Hedge restoration (250m)	Zone 4A Landscape	AG2.2	£1,642	£985 (60%)
C Coward	Scackleton	Wall restoration (111m)	-	AG2.2	c.£3,300	c.£3,250
M Marshall	Brandsby	Wall restoration – remove trees and scrub; grind stumps	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£3,500	£3,000
M Marshall	Brandsby	Wall restoration – take-down wall around stumps, to allow grinding	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£195	£195
A Henson	Westow/Firby	Hedge restoration (1,100m + 2 individual trees)	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£6,500	c.£6,230

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
L Thompson	Crambe	Planting new hedge (250m + 5 individual trees)	Zone 7 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,137	£570 (50%)
J Pesterfield	Grimstone	Planting new hedge (235m)	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,119	£832
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer	Conservation grazing of 8 SINCs or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	£1,089	£818
(AONB Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Grassland management - scrub control	Site 1.56	NE6.1	£450	-
(AONB Unit - P Gospel)	River Rye SINC	Test-spray of Himalayan balsam	Site 1.16	NE6.1	£0	£0
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£150	-
T Berriman	Gilling	Pond creation	-	NE6.4	£2,739	£625 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE5.1	£220	£110 (50%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	£110	£110
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£210	£110 (50%)
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£120	£60
(AONB Unit - P Gospel)	Terrington Moor SINC	Re-fence landslip area	Site 1.66	NE6.1	c.£350	£205

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Curlwe Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£761	£761
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£1,287	£1,287
(Leeds University)	AONB	Bat survey transects	-	NE1.2	£600	£100
(Leeds University)	AONB	Bat habitat suitability modelling	All Nat Env Priority Sites	NE1.2, NE7.3	£6,000	£1,010
St Hilda’s School	Ampleforth	Wildflower plug plants, bird box & camera and bird feeding station	-	NE10.1	£360	£260
Welburn School	Welburn	Repairs to vandalised pond liner		NE10.1	£1,032	£450
(AONB Volunteers)	Wath Beck	Himalayan balsam survey	Sites 1.63, 1.64, 1.68	NE3.1, NE8.1	£300	-
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Scar Wood, Gilling	Treat sycamore re-growth, beat-up planting areas, chemical weed control	Site 1.25	NE4.1	£740	£740
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Littledale SINC	Cutting brambles	Site 1.20	NE5.1	£110	£110
FWAG (Cameron Smith)	Hustwaite	Orchard management training course	-	NE10.1	£1,645	£775
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£900	-
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Littledale SINC	Spraying bramble regrowth	Site 1.20	NE5.1	£70	£70

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£900	-
(NYCC Countryside Rangers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£990	-
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Slingsby Bank Verge SINC	Sweep salt from broken salt bin off orchid patch	Site 1.35	NE5.1	£28	£28
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£900	-
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 44 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	£1,350	£1,350
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management – cutting back overhanging branches	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	£110	£110
(AONB Volunteers)	Boggs Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.4	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£900	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£750	-
Mr G Craven	Wiganthorpe Park	Planting 17 individual trees and 50 trees & shrubs in gaps in parkland belts	Site 2.92	NE4.4, HE4.5	c.£1,060	c.£1,010
Lord St Oswald	Stonegrave	Planting 6 individual black poplar trees	-	NE4.4, NE7.1	c.£350	c.£300
M Cranfield	Oulston	Planting 1 copse (50 trees & shrubs)	Zone 4C Landscape	FW6.4	c.£70	c.£70

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit + volunteer)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Planting 30 greater knapweed plants to act as host for knapweed broomrape	Site 1.38	NE5.1, NE7.1	c.£63	£38
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Western hemlock and rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£650	-

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	£196	£196
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£42	£42
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Re-building 4m of gaps in Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£390	£195 (50%)
Stonegrave PCC	Stonegrave Minster	Repair 9m of churchyard wall	-	HE4.5	£460	£360
(AONB Unit – Sam Baxter)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Consolidation of kilns – phase 2 (repair of ivy damage and re-build of brick fire arch)	Site 2.50	HE4.5	c.£2,000	£1,843
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Treatment of stumps	Site 2.50	HE4.5	£60	£60
NYCC	Hovingham	Replacement arm for traditional direction sign	-	HE4.5, RT4.5	£500	£0

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(Nunnington PC)	Nunnington & East Ness	Refurbish traditional direction signs & village name signs	-	HE4.5, RT4.5	£5,600	£600
(Castle Howard Estate Ltd)	Hardy Flatts, Whitwell	Restore gate pillars	-	HE4.5	£2,660	£0 (Ryedale LEADER)
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kiln, Hildenley	Treatment of stumps/re-growth and cutting ivy stems	Site 2.49	HE4.5	c.£150	c.£150
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Ice house, Hildenley	Treatment of stumps/re-growth	-	HE4.5	c.£60	c.£60
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Spraying scrub regrowth	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£40	£40
(Amotherby PC)	B1257, Amotherby	Refurbish traditional direction signs & village name signs	-	HE4.5, RT4.5	£5,500	£500
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Hushwaite /Oulston /Yearsley	Restoration of 5 traditional direction signs	-	RT4.5	c.£9,290	c.£9,290

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – David Bayes)	Pond Farm, Crambe	Stump treatment following tree removal (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.104	HE4.5	c.£280	c.£280
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Welburn	Restore White Gate (aka Exclamation Gate) gate pillar (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.80	HE4.5	£2,340	£0 (Ryedale LEADER)

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APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	D3.5	£550	£550
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£630	£630
(AONB Volunteers)	Jeffrey Bog SSSI	Constructing boardwalk	Site 1.70	RA4, AP3	£700	-
Stonegrave Minster PCC	Stonegrave Minster	Re-instating steps from Public Footpath into churchyard	-	RA3.1	£160	£100
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRoW in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£5,600	-
Rural Action Yorkshire	Ryedale	Rural Ryedale Awards	-	LC1	£2,450	£300
Barton-le-Street PCC	Barton-le-Street Church	Interpretation of historic church	-	LC1.5	£5,261	£261
(Ampleforth PC)	Millennium Green	Pond restoration, tree planting, benches and information board	-	NE10.1, LC1.5	£5,296	£296
Bulmer Church PCC	Bulmer Church	Repair of 17m of gaps/fallen sections of churchyard wall	-	LC1.5	£435	£218
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club	-	RA2.4	c.£875	£233
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort – Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, PRoW Condition surveying, etc.	-	AP3.1	£2,550	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	RA2.4, AP2.3, AP3.1	£3,600	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2011/12 contribution			£176,980	£4,500

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2011/2012

1st April 2011 – 27th March 2012

Projects that have received formal offers of assistance; **Completed projects.**

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Hovingham Action Group	Hovingham village	Bee projects (bee-friendly planting, bee homes & bee hive)	-	LC1.5, NE10.1	£1,950	£800
The Arboretum Trust	Castle Howard Arboretum	Resources for Outdoor Classroom	-	AP2, SF2.4	£10,178	£1,490
Scackleton Action Group	Scackleton	Post box and telephone box	-	LC1, HE3, HE4	£1,255	£750
Barton-le-Willows VHC	Barton-le-Willows Village Hall	Install insulation	-	LC1	£3,437	£1,000
Barton-le-Street VHC	Barton-le-Street Village Hall	Install log-burning stove	-	LC1	£4,768	£2,000
Sustrans	AONB & Yorks. Wolds	Touring cycle routes leaflet	-	RA9.3, AP2	£5,280	£3,100
Swinton In Bloom	Swinton	Wildflower and shrub planting; stone drinking trough outside old forge	-	LC1	£2,390	£1,500

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2011/2012

1st April 2011 – 27th March 2012

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Strong concern over siting; dark grey roof sheets and walls to be used	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Installation of photo voltaic cells)	No	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of link extension; change of windows)	Yes	Serious reservations about window – recommend Refusal	Permitted
Forestry Commission	Yearsley/Oulston	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning, FC land)	No	Open-up by round barrow, protect colony of scarce species	Agreed
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	No spoil disposal on adjacent historic site	Permitted, with Condition
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton-Grimstone	NRSWA consultation (haunching works)	No	Species-rich road verges – avoid damage	No observed impact on verges
North Yorkshire County Council	Bulmer	NRSWA consultation (CE Electric overhead)	No	None	-

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CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Amotherby	Planning application (Conversion of water storage reservoir to 3 bed holiday cottage)	Yes	Strong reservations	Refused (Appealed - Dismissed)
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	Installation of storm sewer control cabinet	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Construction of agricultural building & retrospective application for construction of agricultural building)	Yes	Dark grey roof sheets and dark stained boarding to be used	Permitted, with Condition
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building – re-submission)	No	Support	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Flaxton	Planning application (Erection of 20m wind turbine)	Yes (in passing)	None	(Withdrawn)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Non-compliance with Condition on volume of feed production)	No	Re-iterate significance of AONB	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Pre-application	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Change of use of former agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings & 1 holiday cottage – re-submission)	No	Colour of window frames to be ‘agricultural’	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling – re-submission)	No	Support	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Demolition of agricultural building, alterations & extensions to dwelling)	No	No lighting along access track	Permitted, with Condition
Forestry Commission	Cawton	Woodland management proposals (Felling & compensatory re-planting)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth/Gilling	Woodland management proposals (Felling & compensatory re-planting)	Yes	Felling area is PAWS; planting area is semi-natural grassland	Approved, as re-stock of felling site

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Natural England	Gilling	Disposal of former water pumping station	Yes (in passing)	Parcel on N side of road is SINC	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Wall sheets to be dark grey	Erected as dark green
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Telecoms Notifications x 3 (Erection of telegraph poles)	(in passing)	Strongly prefer undergrounding	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Installation of roof-mounted solar PV panels on farm buildings)	No	None	(Permitted)
Forestry Commission	Scackleton	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 2.0ha conifer to native broadleaves)	(in passing)	Minor	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	NRSWA consultations x 6 (installation of replacement mileposts)	No	2 species-rich road verges. Backfill method.	OK
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning applications x 7 (Construction of agricultural piggery buildings)	Yes	Objection - Dark grey roof sheets to be used; landscaping needed	Amended
CE Electric	Hovingham	Consultation (Erection of pole-mounted transformer)	Yes	None	A 'totem' can be 2 poles!
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (Carriageway patching works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham to Slingsby	NRSWA consultation (Carriageway patching works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Drainage investigation)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	Concerns about proportion of chimney stack	Amended; Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Erection of 5 camping tents and solar panels)	Yes	Minor	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Installation of roof-mounted solar PV panels on farm buildings)	No	None	(Permitted)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning applications x 7 (Construction of agricultural piggery buildings – amended details)	No	Dark grey roof sheets noted; assistance offered with landscaping plan	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Discharge of Conditions – landscape planting (Construction of agricultural piggery buildings)	No	Number of plants, species, timescale for planting	Planting scheme satisfactorily amended
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Extension to annex and conversion of barn to residential)	No	Minor - colour of window frames to be 'agricultural'	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Amendment to garage windows)	Yes	Large window out of proportion to building	Refused (Appealed - ??)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Lean-to extension to agricultural building)	Yes	Objection – colour of roof sheets	Roof sheets to be painted dark grey
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of permanent frame for sign)	Yes	Recommend Refusal – size of sign, colour of frame	12 month Permission.

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.3ha conifer PAWS to conifer PAWS, 0.2ha conifer/broadleaf to conifer/broadleaf, 0.8ha conifer to conifer)	No	Prefer to see conifer PAWS go to con/BL PAWS	No amendment
Halcrows	A64, Whitwell	Alterations to pedestrian crossing point	Yes	Reduce signage; paint barriers green	Signage amended; barriers removed from scheme
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Variation of Condition on occupancy of farmhouse annex)	No	Support	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Conversion of traditional farm building to B&B use)	No	Support	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley (Gilling)	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan site)	Yes	Serious Reservations – access road, site layout & ancillaries, screening	?
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	Yes	Strong Reservations (size/layout)	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Firby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Re-surface existing forestry track)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (Replace gully grate)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Construction of an agricultural building for grain dryer) (See also below)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes (in passing)	Dark roof sheets noted	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Addition of 2 antennae to existing 15m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Dark roof sheets noted	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping	Roof sheets amended to dark grey; landscaping scheme
Ryedale District Council	Barton-le-Street	Planning Application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Permitted - Condition as Anthracite Grey roof
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 3 bedroom annex and re-location of existing garage)	No	None	(Refused)
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (Pole-mounted transformer)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Construction of an agricultural building for grain dryer) (See also above)	Yes	Increased width/extent of landscaping; species mix	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Alterations & extensions to existing dwelling)	Yes	Object to parking area on verge; conservation kerbing	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (resurfacing)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Extension to annex and conversion of barn to residential – re-submission)	No	See above	?
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning Application (Erection of agricultural storage building with roof-mounted solar PV array)	Yes	None – see above for AGNOT for building	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural grain store)	Yes	Roof sheets to be dark grey; landscaping needed to north	Plans revised, as suggested
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning Application (Erection of solar thermal array to heat swimming pool)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Formation of new access to farmyard)	Yes	Minor, re materials for walls and kerbs	?
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	(Requires full planning application)	-
Forestry Commission	Bulmer	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.7ha conifer to broadleaves)	(in passing)	Welcome reversion to broadleaves, but prefer higher percentage of natives	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2011/2012

1st April 2011 – 27th March 2012

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
NYCC	Ryedale	Renewal of bus contracts and Home to School transport contracts	Not scrutinised	
NYCC	North Yorkshire, York & Tees Valley	Historic Landscape Character Assessment report	None	
NYCC	North Yorkshire	Countywide civil parking Enforcement	Not scrutinised	
NYCC	North Yorkshire	Minerals & Waste Development Framework Core Strategy	None	
(NAAONB)	England	Position Statement on In-field Solar PV arrays	Amendments suggested	
(NAAONB)	England	Draft National Planning Policy Statement	Input into NAAONB response	
(NAAONB)	England	Defra CAP reform consultation	Input into NAAONB response	
Ryedale DC	Ryedale	Development Plan document	Comments submitted on wording of one policy	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2011/2012

1st April 2011 – 27th March 2012

ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc
RELU	Could Protected Landscapes have a leading role to play in the sustainable management of natural resources?

From: Paul Jackson
To: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Date: 08/11/2011 14:37
Subject: 11/01059/ADV; Low Hutton Junction, A64

I visited this site on 27th October, to refresh my memory after the previously Withdrawn application.

Whilst I am naturally sympathetic to the aim of sustaining the economic viability of Malton, since it is the gateway town for the Howardian Hills AONB, I have some strong concerns about the size of the proposed sign.

My comments are therefore:

Size of proposed sign. I had not actually measured-out the dimensions of the sign for the last application, but having done so now I have strong concerns about its size and visual impact. The Low Hutton junction is already very cluttered with (in my view) excessive chevron signage. That however is all to the 'outside edge' of the AONB, i.e. if you look west then you look into fairly unspoilt countryside in the AONB. I am concerned that a sign face 3.3m wide and 2.1m high will not only add to the general clutter but will also be a visual intrusion extending now to the west of the A64.

In my response to the original application I indicated that the framework should be painted in a green finish. This has not been taken on board by the applicant and, again, a galvanised framework of that size would have a significant impact even when no banner was affixed.

When submitting comments that would support the Refusal of a proposal, I try to offer some constructive alternative option. In this case however, much as I support the laudable aim of the scheme, it is difficult to see where a sign of the size proposed could be satisfactorily sited so as to address visual concerns but also serve its purpose of encouraging motorists to divert into Malton. The old sign referred to in the application is still in fact in place, buried in the hawthorn scrub. It is a fraction of the size of this proposed structure and, whilst accepting that marketing has moved on since the 1980s, a more subtle approach than the one contained in this application ought to be considered for the AONB.

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From: Paul Jackson
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Subject: 11/01038/FUL: Erection of calf pen and lean-to extension, Knoll Hill Farm, Ampleforth

I visited the site on 12th November and have the following comments to make:

As a general observation, the word 'Retrospective' has applied to all the development that has occurred at this site, which I don't think is helpful either to the applicant or to consultees, as it makes the Development Control process less structured.

Calf pen

I have no objections to the calf pen - it is a small building, with a low roofline, clad with dark green roof sheets and screened by the roadside hedge.

Lean-to extension

The lean-to extension however, despite its small footprint, has a significant visual impact due to the colour of the roof sheets and the shallow angle of the roof (which in effect increases the viewed area of the roof).

Checking back to the comments I submitted on the application in first 2003 and then 2006, I note that I supported the erection of the original building (2003) but raised comments about the colour of the roof sheets (2006). If my memory is correct, the roof sheets for the main building were pre-used and therefore, even if they were originally Natural Grey, then they were already significantly weathered when they were used for the 'new' building.

The Design and Access statement indicates that the new lean-to extension is screened from Carr Lane. Whilst this is true if viewed from Carr Lane immediately north of the development site, it is not true when the site is viewed from the western end of Ampleforth village, at approx. grid ref SE 577788. Due to the long curve of Carr Lane, the view from the road at the top of the hill at the western end of Ampleforth village looks straight onto the new extension, which stands out due to the shallow angle of the roof and the contrasting colour of the roof sheets. I consider this to be the principal viewpoint, with the new extension as a significant visual intrusion.

The Design & Access Statement also indicates that the materials and colours of the extension "are in accordance with the Howardian Hills suggested design criteria". This is a 'misunderstanding' or 'misinterpretation' of what the AONB Management Plan actually says. On p.69 of the Management Plan it states that "New farm buildings typically use modern industrial designs and materials such as steel, concrete and corrugated fibre cement panels. It is usually possible however to obtain these materials in colours that resemble the appearance of traditional materials and which therefore integrate new buildings more comfortably into the landscape."

The first sentence is a statement of fact, not a suggested design criteria. The second sentence indicates that we would want to see these modern materials used in colours that integrate new buildings into the landscape. The Objectives that follow these sentences state that the AONB Committee will:

AG4.1 Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these are appropriate in scale and use high standards of design, careful siting and good landscaping measures.

AG4.2 Produce basic guidance on the design, siting, colour of materials and landscaping for new

farm buildings and infrastructure.

By "High standards of design" we would include the issue of colour of materials, which we plan to give guidance on in the Design Guidance referred to in Objective AG4.2. This is in the process of development but has not been published yet. It will set out the design principles that we expect to see and will be the encapsulation of the responses that we currently give to planning applications. We Supported the original building because it was small in scale, met an identified agricultural need, and used sympathetic colours.

What the Design Guidance WILL say is that we would expect all new agricultural building roofs in the AONB to use dark-coloured roof sheeting wherever possible - dark green for box profile steel sheeting or Anthracite Grey for fibre cement sheets. This is the standard that we would expect in a nationally designated landscape and the Guidance will set down what has become our standard response.

In light of the above, I therefore feel that we must **OBJECT** to the proposal. Whilst the lean-to extension is acceptable in principle, the use of light-coloured roof sheets creates an unacceptable and significant visual intrusion in the AONB landscape.

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Subject: 11/01109/73A: Variation of Condition, West Newton Grange, Oswaldkirk

As a matter of principle we would generally support the provision of two dwelling houses for active farms, in order to make their management more sustainable in the longer term. Wherever possible the additional dwelling should be located at the farmstead itself, and ideally making use of redundant traditional farm buildings.

In this case the development has already taken place and the application is seeking to widen the scope of occupation.

We would wish to support this application.

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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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My Reference: 3.1

Your Reference: 11/02350/FUL

Date: 7th December 2011

Dear Sir

Change of agricultural land to a touring caravan site; Redcar House, Yearsley

I am responding on behalf of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee to your consultation regarding the above proposal.

I visited the site on 27th November and have the following comments to make:

- Objective AG3 of the 2009-2014 AONB Management Plan states that the Joint Advisory Committee will: "ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE FARM ENTERPRISES THAT CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE AONB".
More specifically, Objective AG3.1 indicates that we will: "Adopt a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification projects".
I am taking the view that this application is a form of farm diversification.
- Objective RA1 of the Management Plan states that the Joint Advisory Committee will: "ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE AONB".
More specifically, Objective RA1.2 indicates that we will: "Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational business developments".
- We judge all proposals against these policies, looking at potential impacts on the landscape, biodiversity, historic environment and recreation value both within the AONB and beyond its boundaries if appropriate. The supporting text in the Management Plan indicates that enterprises that build on the distinctive character of the AONB are more likely to be both acceptable and successful, whereas ones that are intrusive and create traffic problems for local communities are not likely to be.
- There are a number of existing providers of camping/caravanning facilities in the AONB, ranging from the large 'mobile home' type facility at Coneysthorpe to 5-van Caravan Club Certificated Locations on farms. In general these are relatively unobtrusive and provide a good range of accommodation for people wishing to visit the AONB and not stay in a hotel/B&B.
- The principle of a caravan site is therefore acceptable; the issue being whether one can be incorporated satisfactorily into the AONB landscape at this particular location.

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- In general I feel that the Supporting Statement lacks information on items that I would expect to find on a modern caravan site of this size, including but not exclusively:
 - A hard-surfaced access road within the site.
 - Lighting.
 - Electric hook-up points.
 - A utility area for waste bins.
 - A chemical toilet emptying point.
 - There is also no indication as to whether there will be a seasonal opening period, or whether the site will be in use year-round.

It may be that the application is solely for what it is at the minute – 15 concrete hardstandings in a grass field – but clarification must be sought on these points. In comparison to recent applications for camping sites at Skewsby and Newburgh, the detail is very sparse.

- The access to the site is via a single-track public road from Gilling village, with only a few passing places and some blind bends. This is used by large agricultural machinery (particularly at peak times of the year such as harvest), as well as by significant numbers of school parents travelling between Ampleforth College and Gilling St Martins School. The width of the road belies the amount of traffic that uses it at certain times of the day/year, and it should not be considered as a quiet dead-end country lane. I note that no comments have been received to date from the Highway Authority in relation to the issue of traffic volume on this road. As this aspect is an important one for the proposal, with Gilling Parish Council having raised it as a concern, their views (as the authoritative voice on this aspect of the application) **must** be sought and recorded before a Decision is made. Any proposed additional passing places, or traffic management measures, would need to be carefully and sympathetically implemented so as not to themselves impact adversely on the character of the AONB.
- As indicated by the response from NYCC Public Rights of Way section, a Public Footpath crosses the site and would appear to be obstructed at at least one point if a caravan was present on the relevant hardstanding. The site layout will therefore need amending to address this issue.
- As indicated above, the principle of a caravan site at the proposed location is acceptable, and the additional income to the local economy is to be welcomed. Certain specific details however would need to be addressed before I was happy that the facility fitted sympathetically into the AONB landscape:
 - Clarification is needed on site infrastructure, as described above.
 - Grasscrete or similar should be used for the hardstandings and any internal access road, so that in the off-season the surface more closely resembles a grass field.
 - The site layout should be amended – as many as possible of the 5 pitches near the road should go along the woodland edge at the north of the site, and the spacing should be adjusted to accommodate the Public Right of Way that crosses the row of pitches at two points. The 5 pitches near the road are the ones that will be most visible to users of the Public Footpath, and also the ones most overlooked from there (from a users' point of view).
 - Screening – treeplanting is needed at the western end of the site to bolster the existing row of mature trees, and I would wish to see a belt of trees and shrubs along the side of the access road/Public Footpath (or planting of a 'contoured' nature throughout the whole site) in order to screen the caravans and create a more wooded setting. This would link with the existing tree belt to the north of the site. Species already found on the fringes of the site – oak, birch, hazel and holly – should be used and I believe that this planting would both significantly enhance the visitor experience and provide both substantial and 'filtered view' screening.

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I am in two minds over our final recommendation. Whilst the AONB Committee is happy with the principle of the development, and indeed supports measures that boost the local economy within the AONB, the development is **not acceptable in its current form**.

The four points detailed immediately above, together with the potential impact of additional passing places on the public road to Gilling (accepting that this is in the Ryedale District) need to be addressed. It is felt that these factors mean that the development, as currently proposed, would have a detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape.

I do not feel that a full Objection would however be the appropriate way to proceed. The view of the AONB Committee therefore is that we have **serious reservations** about the proposal, and would wish to work with the applicant and Local Planning Authority on improvements to the design in order to minimise its visual impact and create a high-quality but low key site worthy of the AONB location.

Yours sincerely

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Howardian Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee

Jackie Dawson

From: Paul Jackson
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Cc: 'Helen Laws'
Subject: 11/02350/FUL: Touring Caravan site, Redcar Farm

Further to the revised plans, as received by Hambleton District Council on 28th February:

I will assume that the points made in my email of 10th February (in relation to the use of grasscrete for the pitches, electric hook-up points and a Landscaping Condition) have all been incorporated and that the final issue for resolution is the actual site layout.

I am happy with the location of Pitches 2-4, **as long as** some landscaping measures (individual trees) can be accommodated to the west of them, either within the application site itself or in the adjacent hedge/fence.

Pitch 1 however will involve the felling of part of a copse, which although of minimal biodiversity value (being a young plantation of mixed broadleaved and conifer species) does provide some important existing screening of the site when viewed from the west. I don't have an objection to removal of **PART** of the copse, but would not want to see the full width removed in the vicinity of Pitch 1. A section of screening trees must be retained on the western edge of the copse, even if much of the remainder of the width was felled. Due to the relative alignments of the copse and the site access road, it would appear to be possible however to move Pitch 1 southwards a small way in order to achieve this.

Provided that the above two issues can be accommodated (i.e. screening to the western side of the site via new tree planting and retention of parts of the copse) then I am happy with the revised layout.

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To: 'Helen Laws'
Subject: 11/02350/FUL: Touring caravan site, Redcar Farm, Yearsley

Helen

I visited the site on 4th February to assess the revised layout plan and now have the following comments to make:

- The revised layout removes the 5 pitches from adjacent to the access road/public footpath, which would have been the most visually intrusive. It also now avoids the public footpath across the field, and creates two clear areas where landscaping could be installed. I am therefore happy with the revised layout.
- The applicant's revised proposal mentions the use of grasscrete for the spine access road on the site. Grasscrete must also be used for the pitches themselves, and this should be specified as a Condition.
- Electric hook-up points generally are low-level anyway, but the support structures and installations should be non-obtrusive, dark, colours where possible.
- A Landscaping Condition should be placed on any Consent that is issued, and I would wish to submit comments when such a condition was discharged. I believe that the addition of landscaping to both the west and south of the site, in the two clear areas created by the revised layout, will bring significant benefits to both the ambience of the site and it's integration into the landscape.

In conclusion, and subject to the comments above, I am happy with the revisions as presented.

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To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 11/01342/AGNOT; Erection of grain store, Land at Swinton

I made a quick site visit today and, whilst feeling that this site could satisfactorily accommodate a farm building, there are aspects of the application that I'm unhappy with:

1) 0.5 square metres below the threshold at which full planning permission would be required. I somehow don't believe that a farm building can be erected to within a 0.1% tolerance in the dimensions.

2) The roof sheets must be Anthracite Grey in colour, not Natural Grey (which is in effect white).

3) I feel that some relatively small element of landscaping should be included, to screen what I presume will be the white-coloured grain walling.

This is only a very brief holding reply - I'd like to have a site meeting with the applicant/agent to see precisely how the building will fit into the contours of the site (i.e. the amount of cut-and-fill needed), and to discuss materials colour and landscaping.

I don't however feel that the issues can be satisfactorily dealt with via an AGNOT. Prior Approval at the very least should be required, whilst the closeness to the 465 square metre threshold is making me feel that it ought to be scrutinised in the same way as a full planning application, even if ultimately the decision is via the AGNOT/Prior Approval mechanism.

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Cc: 'Helen Laws'
Subject: 11/02736/FUL; Construction of a building to house a grain drier; Rose Cottage, Crayke

Although on my first look at this application I felt that no comments needed to be submitted from an AONB perspective, the strength of local feeling as communicated to me has necessitated a second appraisal.

I visited the site on 7th February and have the following comments to make:

When approaching from Easingwold, views to Crayke Castle will be almost completely lost by the construction of the new building (in combination with the recently constructed grain stores). However, once past Rose Cottage (and to the road junction that forms the AONB boundary), the views of the Castle and into the AONB are uninterrupted and unaffected.

When viewed from the layby/seat adjacent to Crayke Castle the new building will add to the bulk of the Rose Cottage site, but it is at a lower elevation and therefore more easily mitigated by landscape planting.

It is important to realise that, large though this particular building would be, and rapid as the development of the Rose Cottage site has been, it is in a location (just) outside the AONB boundary and more importantly in one that is potentially better able to be integrated into the AONB landscape and adjacent area. The (albeit probably theoretical) alternative site of Mount Pleasant is located within the AONB and at a higher elevation, potentially making the impact of any new buildings more significant and landscaping harder to achieve.

I do not therefore wish to object to the proposal, but I do feel that more substantial landscaping is essential and that the species mix needs to be amended to create a better screen. In that respect I have noted the visual effect of the copse next to Rookery House immediately to the north of the application site, and that is the effect that needs to be replicated. Amendments needed are therefore:

- A significant increase in the width of the planting strip. I currently estimate it as 10m (which would equate to 4-5 rows of trees) - it needs to be a minimum of 20m.
- It should also extend, at that 20m width, along the north side of the new grain stores and also down the eastern side as well. This is to ensure that views of the taller building are screened from the Crayke - Easingwold road when travelling west.
- Species - I am unclear as to what is meant by 'common white birch', given that silver birch is what would normally be considered the common birch. Aside from that, all the proposed new screening belts should also include sycamore and pedunculate oak (*Quercus robur*), in order to give tall, dense-foliaged trees in the longer term.
- I believe that the approval for the storage building (10/02961/FUL) included the proposal to replant the roadside hedge to the south east of Rose Cottage (as per the plan, not the letter). This should be actioned this season (I note that the triangular shelterbelt appears to already be planted). Although I only took these details in on a slow drive-by, rather than stopping for a closer inspection, it did appear that a new hedge had been planted to the west of the yard, as well as the triangular shelterbelt. The new hedge however appeared to be of *Leylandii*, in common with the existing hedge, which clearly would not be acceptable in landscape terms - native species only should be used.

Other comments as submitted by local people have been in relation to neighbour issues and heavy vehicle movements in Easingwold. These are not matters that we feel able to comment on specifically and would therefore defer to the Highway Authority and District Council for views on these matters.

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Cc: 'Helen Laws'
Subject: 12/00101/Ful; Alterations & extensions to existing dwelling, Kirkhills, Yearsley

I visited the site on 7th february and, whilst I don't wish to object to the scheme overall, I have the following comments to make:

As the existing roadside hedge consists of native species, having been the original field hedge I suspect, any new or replanted/supplemented hedging must also use native species.

I don't object to the principle of creating a level drive into the courtyard, but I do strongly object to the principle of using an additional section of the roadside verge as a hardstanding for the use of "delivery vehicles, post, etc". The courtyard is of a perfectly adequate size to allow delivery vehicles to service the property, since it will need to service a double garage. If the applicant wishes to install security gating that prevents access by delivery vehicles, then that is an issue that he will need to address without turning part of the verge into a hardstanding area. The splay will need to be constructed to Highway Authority specifications anyway, which in itself will allow space for delivery vehicles to park if necessary.

The splay of the new access drive will need to be kerbed - this should be done using Harvest Buff conservation kerbing, not standard grey concrete kerbing.

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Jackie Dawson

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To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 12/00137/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

You have been sent this email because you or somebody else has submitted a consultee comment on a Planning Application to your local authority using your email address. A summary of your comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12:36 PM on 21 Feb 2012 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 12/00137/AGNOT
Address: Sundial Farm Main Street Cawton Helmsley YO62 4LW
Proposal: Erection of agricultural grain store
Case Officer: Edward Senior

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Comments Details

I visited the site on 18th February and have the following comments to make: 1) The main public viewpoints for the new building will be from the minor road to the south/west and from the B1257 to the north. The two existing recent buildings are visible from the B1257 and Public Rights of Way on Caulkleys Bank to the north, and this proposed building will add to the massing of what will become quite a substantial collection of large buildings. 2) The location is acceptable, being tucked between two other new farm buildings and in line with the edge of the general storage building that was constructed at Sundial Farm several years ago. 3) BS12B29 is a good colour for the profile sheeting on the walls, being dark in colour and similar to the cladding of the building to the east. 4) The roof sheets must however be Anthracite Grey in colour, not Natural Grey (which is in effect white when viewed at a shallow angle). Suggested options are Farmscape Anthracite Grey fibre cement sheeting; colour BS18B27 (which is a dark grey); or RAL 7016 (Anthracite). These dark colours will achieve the natural weathering effect seen on Natural Grey sheets after 15-20 years, but immediately. In the nationally protected landscape of the AONB we would expect this to be the default colour of roof sheets. 3) The concrete panels to the side walls will be the white-coloured grain walling. This should not be an issue when viewed beyond the farm yard from the south, but is again likely to be visible from the north. I would therefore like to see a narrow belt of shrubs and smaller trees planted along the northern side of the proposed building, consisting of species such as hawthorn, hazel, birch and rowan. In conclusion, I have no objection to the

construction of the building subject to the change of roof
sheet colour and the addition of some landscaping. Paul
Jackson

2011/12 Junior Ranger Club

All Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, with all sessions taking place at the Arboretum except for 1 June, when it was at Welburn Village Hall.

April 2011 : Amazing April in the Howardian Hills

The Easter holiday session was carried out using the visitor centre at The Arboretum.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Easter crafts Monday 11 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Texture trail/scavenger hunt – collecting natural materials of different textures. ▪ Wild relay game – team game involving learning about different animal groups and habitats. ▪ Egg decorating – using wax as colour resistant material ▪ Finger print sheep mural – using variety of materials and design ideas. ▪ Nest building – using natural materials collected in scavenger hunt. ▪ Clay fridge magnets of flowers/animals. ▪ Orienteering in the Arboretum. 	16

June 2011 : See in the Summer in the Howardian Hills

The half-term holiday session was carried out at Welburn Village Hall and surroundings with assistance from the Education Officer from The Arboretum.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Caterpillars and Butterflies' Wednesday 1 st June	<p>A collection of activities looking at how caterpillars and butterflies develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Papier mache caterpillars. ▪ Butterfly kite-making. ▪ Bug hunting using nets, identification cards and magnifying jars. ▪ Picnic lunch in the woods. ▪ Wild flower relay game. ▪ Treasure hunt around Welburn village using maps and question sheets. 	17

October 2011 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

The October half-term holiday session was again held at the Arboretum.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Wild Senses' Monday 24 th October	A collection of activities investigating autumnal changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Glass painting autumn leaves and fungi.▪ Texture scavenger hunt looking for leaves, twigs, seeds and fruits of different textures.▪ Mirror walk – how do rabbits and hares, crocodiles and alligators see the world?▪ Sound maps – listening to the natural sounds of the arboretum.▪ Shelter-building – weaving in the willow branches planted three years ago to make a shelter.▪ Halloween lanterns – the effects of light.▪ Colour palettes – collecting as many different autumn colours as possible.▪ Autumn woodland collage – designing and making a collage using a variety of materials.	13

December 2011 : Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

The Christmas session again took place at the Arboretum Visitor Centre.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 21st December	Outdoor activities – despite rather murky weather the children enjoyed their walk around the lake, collecting twigs, pine cones, etc for natural Christmas tree decorations. They also visited the composting zone. Indoor craft activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• decorating Yule logs and willow wreaths• making pine cone stars and baubles• clay tree decorations• Christmas cards	13