

**HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

**JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 3 November 2011, commencing at 10.00 am.

**PRESENT:-**

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Clare Wood in the Chair.

Ryedale District Council: Councillors John Hicks and Robert Wainwright.

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman.

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Caroline Patmore.

Parish Councils: David Pontefract (Hambleton) and Gaynor De Barr (Ryedale).

Country Land and Business Association: Dorothy Fairburn.

National Farmers Union: Stephen Prest.

Ramblers Association: Geoff Eastwood.

Natural England: Eifion Jones and Nancy Stedman.

**Officers:**

Paul Jackson, Francesca Pert and Maggie Cochrane – Howardian Hills AONB.

Steve Loach (Secretary), Graham Megson and Ian Fielding – North Yorkshire County Council.

Paula Craddock – Ryedale District Council.

Graham Banks – Hambleton District Council.

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**COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK**

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**52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk was not aware of any apologies for absence having been submitted.

**53. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2011, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Minute Number 41 – Matters Arising – Retaining wall at Oulston Bank**

The AONB Manager stated that a walling contractor would be assessing the issue shortly and it was expected that a price would be provided for the repairs. County Councillor Patmore emphasised that the situation required attending to as a matter of urgency.

Page 2 – Minute Number 41 – Matters Arising – National Association for AONB's (NAAONB) Activity

The new branding scheme had been incorporated into various items, following discussion with the Chairman. The exact layouts of a new letterhead, Compliment Slip etc had yet to be finalised.

Minute Number 44 – AONB Unit Activity

Paragraph two referred to the possible attendance of Ann McIntosh MP at the annual site visit in July. It was noted that she had attended briefly, but had been called away on Parliamentary business.

Paragraph four – representatives of Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils had taken the necessary steps to further promote the “litter pick” initiative for local towns and villages.

Paragraph five – expanded details of the work of the Community Development Officer at Rural Action North Yorkshire had been provided with this agenda, in respect of the request expressed at the previous meeting.

Paragraph six – in terms of the planning application at Ampleforth (NB error in original agenda papers – should have read Oswaldkirk) it was expected that the planting for the landscape scheme would be taking place appropriately, this season.

Minute Number 45 – AONB Action Programme 2010/11

An item had been placed on the agenda to address the issues raised in relation to renewable energy technologies, as requested at the previous meeting, however, the AONB Manager had been unable to bring in an expert to talk on this matter.

Paragraph six – Susan Briggs had not been invited to attend today's meeting to give a presentation on 'Encouraging Rural Businesses', and, therefore, it was hoped that this would be incorporated into a future meeting.

Minute Number 46 – AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2011/12

Approval had been given to replace the finger post sign in Hovingham and that would be carried out shortly.

Minute Number 48 – National Association for AONBs - Activity

The Secretary of State visited the AONB on 19 May 2011, but was unable to make an extended visit, therefore an abbreviated itinerary was provided, giving views of landscape conservation work, local community work and a tour of Hovingham.

Minute Number 49 – Development within the AONB

The AONB Manager stated that he had been unable to complete the basic design guidance for new farm buildings as yet, but he hoped to address that in the near future.

Minute Number 50 – Natural England

It was noted that the Shropshire Hills AONB was representing the AONB Family at a forthcoming Natural England meeting, where loss of access payments in the Higher Stewardship Scheme could be raised. Progress on lobbying would be reported to a future meeting.

#### **54. AONB UNIT ACTIVITY**

CONSIDERED –

The joint report of AONB Officers detailing their activities and progress achieved by the Unit since the previous meeting in April 2011.

The Committee received a power point presentation of photographs of completed and on going projects referred to in the report that included countryside management works, community projects, volunteer activity and Junior Ranger Club days.

The particular issues highlighted included the following:-

- The development of “the Good Life” initiative which was being rolled out into a number of other areas.
- Proposals to underground BT lines at Dalby in the near future.
- The provision of natural oak log seats to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AONB on the 19 October 2012. Work was taking place alongside Castle Howard in respect of this. Dorothy Fairburn suggested that the scheme could be expanded to ensure that 25 seats, one for each year, were provided to commemorate this occasion.
- The feasibility of a project to reinstate the mausoleum at Castle Howard had progressed sufficiently and was much less cost intensive than had previously been thought. Further reports on the development of the scheme would be brought to future meetings.
- Nationally the role of AONBs was being recognised by Government and high profile figures, which assisted with the public’s perception of the AONBs and their development.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That further consideration be given to the number of seats to be provided to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AONB, with a view to providing 25 seats; and
- (b) That the report be noted.

#### **55. AONB INDICATORS**

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager presenting performance data on the indicators used to measure AONB Partnership performance.

The AONB Manager outlined how the performance indicator management data was no longer a requirement for collection, but assisted with measuring how the service was being provided. He stated that, should Members wish, he would continue to update the performance indicator data and provide reports to future meetings highlighting the facts collected.

Members indicated that if it was of no detriment to the AONB Manager and his team, they would prefer to continue receiving the reports on the performance indicator data at future meetings.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That performance indicator results continue to be provided to future meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee; and
- (b) That the performance indicator results in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

**56. PRESENTATION - RECENT GOVERNMENT POLICY INITIATIVES – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHITE PAPER AND NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

The AONB Manager provided a presentation giving details of the following government initiatives:-

Natural Environment White Paper.

National Planning Policy Framework.

Natural Environment White Paper – Briefing July 2011

The AONB Manager highlighted the following:-

- Background to the White Paper.
- Main Aims.
- Protecting the Natural Environment.
- Growing the Green Economy.
- Reconnecting People.
- EU Role.
- Local Nature Partnerships.
- Nature Improvement Areas.
- Other Longer Term Issues.
- Immediate Role.

**National Planning Policy Framework**

The AONB Manager highlighted the following:-

- 1,000 pages of guidance reduced to 52.
- Local Plan led.
- Favours sustainable development.
- AONB Stature and Importance outlined.
- Suggested amendments to be considered as part of the consultation process.

The Chairman asked whether the AONB had responded to the consultation exercise and the AONB Manager stated that this had been done through the National Association for AONBs, as that reflected the issues highlighted and the stance of the Howardian Hills AONB.

**RESOLVED –**

That the details of the presentations be noted.

**57. PLANNING REGULATIONS FOR DOMESTIC RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS IN THE AONB**

The AONB Manager stated that following the issue having been raised at the previous meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee details of the Planning Regulations covering various types of domestic renewable energy installation in the AONB were provided for Members information.

An appendix to the report provided details, however, it was noted that the situation applicable from 1 December 2011 onwards was outlined as that was when a revised General Permitted Development Order would come into effect. It was emphasised that potential applicants should contact their local planning authority before undertaking development to ensure compliance with the most up to date regulations. Details on the relevant permissions required were highlighted for the following:-

- Solar Panels.
- Ground Source and Water Source heat pumps.
- Flues for bio mass combined heat and power systems.
- Air Source heat pumps.
- Wind Turbines.

Listed Building and Conservation Area designations had an impact on what development could be undertaken without planning permission. The AONB designation only had an impact on domestic wind turbine installations. It was noted that National Parks had the same status as AONBs in the regulations.

It was noted that both and Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils might find the table useful and Members suggested that this should be placed on their websites, together with the AONB website, to ensure that the information was available, for all who wished to undertake such development.

The National Association of AONBs had been consulted on the regulations approximately three years ago and some of their suggestions had been included in the revised GPDO.

Members discussed the issue of the erection of wind turbines and it was suggested that the interpretation of planning policy guidance as to whether they could be allowed or not was highly subjective. It was noted that Kent Downs AONB has published guidance in relation to this matter, which had been requested from them, but had not yet been received. It was suggested, therefore, that this issue be further considered at a future meeting of the JAC. It was also suggested that air source heat pumps be given further consideration at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) That wind turbines and air source heat pumps be given further consideration at future meetings of the JAC; and
- (ii) That the report and Appendix be noted.

**58. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONB'S**

The AONB Manger provided an oral report which updated Members on the activity undertaken by the National Association for AONBs as follows:-

- Consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework.

- Conference 2011 held in Cornwall.
  - Presentation by Richard Benyon MP.
  - Work with other national organisations.
  - The Wildlife Trusts.
  - Framework of agreements.
  - Annual General Meeting.
  - NAAAONB Strategic and Business Plans.
  
- Issues were still under discussion regarding the regional co-ordinators and it was noted that once the discussions had been concluded an EGM may be required, in order to amend subscription rates, or, if more appropriate, the matter would be considered at the next AGM. The stance of the Howardian Hills AONB was as stated at the previous meeting.
  
- Consultation was underway in respect of the Rural Economic Growth Review and AONBs had submitted extensive portfolios of projects in response to this.
  
- Conference 2012 – this was to be held at York University and the Howardian Hills AONB would be one of the co-hosts. This would be an opportunity for the Howardian Hills AONB to promote its work and raise its profile nationally. As a co-host it was asked that representatives from the Committee and partner organisations put themselves forward to attend the Conference. Assistance would also be required in co-ordinating workshops and field trips. Members asked whether there would be a significant cost to the AONB in co-hosting the Conference and, in response, the AONB Manager stated this would principally consist of staff time and delegate attendance fees. Other costs would be under written by the National Association, which in turn were met by delegate fees.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) That delegates for the 2012 Conference, together with those able to provide assistance for workshops and field trips, from Committee Members and partner organisations, provide their availability to the AONB team; and
  
- (ii) That the information provided at the meeting be noted.

**59. AONB BUDGET**

**CONSIDERED –**

The report of the AONB Manager providing details of expenditure during 2011/12 and providing details for Members to consider the anticipated budgetary needs for 2012/13.

Details of the expenditure incurred during 2010/11 were outlined and although there were some variations between the estimated and actual spends on a number of budget heads, the overall profile of the budget showed an 0.8% underspend. It was noted that excluded from the details were the Rural/Urban Schools Twinning project as the claims/payment schedules did not easily fit into the standard financial year

format. A full claim for the Natural England grant was submitted, under the single pot arrangement.

Details of spending under the following budget heads were provided:-

- staffing
- office
- partnership running costs
- PR/events/research
- Sustainable development fund
- AONB enhancement – natural environment
- AONB enhancement – historic environment
- Enjoying the AONB
- Young peoples activities

At the end of the financial year 2010/11 there was a carry forward into 2011/12 of £38,498.

The AONB Manager set out details of the 2011/12 budget, highlighting the following:-

- The agreed budget for the year of £227,732
- The budget did not include the balance of carry forward of £38,498, although £12,544 had already been allocated, as detailed in the report.
- It was too early to make a reliable estimate of anticipated final expenditure, however, the current figures for the year were provided under the same budget headings as provided for the 2010/11 budget (above)
- It was anticipated that there would be a saving in salary costs of approximately £4,400 due to Liz Bassindale being on maternity leave for six months of the current year.
- The single pot arrangement meant that Defra funding was spread across nearly all the budget heads, but could be moved around as the year went on.

Finally the AONB Manager highlighted the potential for 2012/13 budget, which was highlighted in Appendix 5 to the report. He highlighted the following:-

- The exact position of the anticipated level of graduated cut in Defra and NYCC funding had yet to be provided exactly
- The use of variable amounts of reserves could make a significant difference to the number of projects completed.
- Single pot arrangements meant that there was no longer distinction between core and project budgets, however, those terms have been retained to enable the JAC to see the split between staff/office costs and project work.
- Defra would only fund a maximum of 75% of the core costs, therefore, the distinction must still be borne in mind when setting the budget.
- Details of the potential budget under the budget heads as detailed for 2010/11 (above) were provided.

The Chairman emphasised that the exact position for 2012/13 was still in its early days, with potential changes to that situation still to be taken account of.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) that the details of JAC expenditure during 2010/11 be received for information; and

- (b) that Partner authorities be asked to consider making financial contributions towards the work of the JAC in 2012/13, in line with Appendix 5 and section 4 of this report.

**60. JAC PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

CONSIDERED –

The responses submitted by the AONB Manager to Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils in respect of planning applications within the area of the AONB received since the previous meeting. Results of applications already determined were available upon request.

The AONB Manager stated that guidance documents for new agricultural buildings had been sought from Kent and Shropshire to assist him in developing guidance for the Howardian Hills for the use of local authority officers. It was emphasised that this would not prevent the need for the local authority to contact the AONB for comments and planning applications, but would assist them in their processes.

It was asked whether the response to planning applications, from the AONB team, was as onerous as previously. The AONB Manager explained that although these could be time consuming the experience he had gained in responding to such matters assisted in making the process more efficient.

It was noted that there was nothing further to report following the public meeting in respect of the pre-application process for the erection of wind turbines within sight of the AONB at Wenby. It was noted that the application was currently being dealt with by Hambleton District Council. It was noted that until a formal proposal came through it was difficult to make a formal response, although it was useful to have the information in advance of the formal plans.

**RESOLVED –**

That the responses attached to the agenda be noted.

**61. REPORTS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS – ORAL REPORTS**

CONSIDERED –

North Yorkshire County Council

It was reported that a bid for Local Nature Partnership development funding of £20,000 had been submitted. It was expected that they would be advised as to whether they had been successful by the end of March 2012.

Natural England

Nancy Steadman stated that Natural England were developing a new role in respect of their relationship with AONBs. Their participation in the future was likely to be much changed and Natural England were unlikely to be involved in discussions on budgets or memberships.

Country Land and Business Association

Dorothy Fairburn outlined a re-organisation of the Association, from a Yorkshire to a Northern Region, which meant that she would be relocating from Easingwold to Scotch Corner. She also mentioned the importance of the Campaign for the Farmed



Environment, details of the Common Agricultural Policy reforms and involvement in the LEPs. She emphasised that a representative of the Association would continue to attend JAC meetings, but it would not necessarily be her.

#### National Farmers Union

Stephen Prest outlined how a review of the Common Agricultural Policy was currently taking place. He also noted that the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group was currently facing financial problems and he asked whether the AONB would be in a position to offer support to that Group. In response it was stated the sympathy of the AONB was with FWAG and support would be offered where possible.

#### Ryedale District Council

Ryedale were hoping to publish the Local Development Framework shortly however due to the launch of the National Planning Policy Framework publication of the Core Strategy would not be put out to consultation until it had been amended accordingly. A sites document would then follow that. It was noted that the importance of local strategies being robust was being emphasised by national government.

#### Hambleton District Council

The Local Development Framework for Hambleton was already in place, with site identification, and, although that was subject to a challenge through the Court of Appeal, it was being used as the adopted plan. In terms of the forthcoming National Planning Policy Framework it was noted that the Local Development Framework could be submitted for a Certificate of Conformity and Hambleton were considering doing that.

#### Ramblers Association

It was noted that the Chief Executive of the Ramblers Association would shortly be stepping down from the position.

## **62. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the date of the annual site visit be Friday, 27 July 2012
- (ii) that the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee be Thursday, 5 April 2012, at 10am at a venue to be confirmed
- (iii) that the arrangements for the 2012 National Conference in York be provided to Members of the JAC at the next meeting and that it be noted that this would be held on 17-19 July 2012 at York University

The meeting concluded at 12 noon  
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**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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to 27<sup>th</sup> 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

27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 – 27<sup>TH</sup> 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
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – NYBAG meeting, York.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – JAC meeting, Hovingham.
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Discuss Mausoleum repairs, Castle Howard.
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Native Woodland Development Officer Steering Group, Helmsley.
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Schools Twinning update meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – Ian Fielding (WACS AD), to discuss AONB management arrangements.
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – River Rye Project meeting, York.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Jeff Evans, NY Waste Partnership – WACS partnerships quarterly update.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Annual Action programme team meeting.
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – NYCC Countryside Ranger – plan 2012 volunteers tasks.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Independent Panel on Forestry visit to Castle Howard.
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Budget monitoring meeting, County Hall.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Core Partners Group.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – SDF Steering Group.
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Cleveland Corrosion Control, re restoration of traditional direction signs.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall, re SDF for refurbishments.
- 12<sup>th</sup> January – NET meeting.
- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.

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

Project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

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

## FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

Quarterly – work programme team meeting.

## FUTURE NAAONB

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

## SITE VISITS

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

visit, Ampleforth.

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

## FUTURE SITE VISITS

## PROJECTS

- Preparing for and induction of Francesca Pert as AONB Officer Maternity Cover.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Ryedale Show.
- September/October – Preparation & publication of AONB News 2012.

#### TRAINING

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

#### FUTURE TRAINING

- Mandatory Equalities & Diversity training.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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

#### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Malton – Ryedale Biodiversity Action Plan meeting
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Hovingham – AONB Unit meeting
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Appleton le Street – Partnership Group meeting
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team meeting
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wiganthorpe Park – Parkland restoration / tree planting
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – General AONB site familiarisation with Paul
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Ampleforth – Wass Grange hedge planting planning
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Coulton – Montreal Farm hedge scheme planning



- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Yearsley Moor – Meeting with Steve Green and Nick Short to plan 2012 volunteer tasks
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Four Acre Wood, Yearsley – look at tree removal from round barrows
- January 6<sup>th</sup> – Black Moor Plantation – roadside wall restoration site visit
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Scackleton – Dry stone walling
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – Black Moor Plantation – Arbortech tree specialists – tree removal planning
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – Stonegrave Minster – checking work in progress on new wooden steps into churchyard
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – Black Moor Plantation – site meeting with waller to discuss stone removal
- January 25<sup>th</sup> – Gilling – Pond scheme final site visit
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Amotherby – Amotherby Lane SINC light enhancement cut planning
- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Firby – Hedge planting scheme
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – Firby – Hedge planting site visit with Highways officers & land agent
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Firby – Marking out hedge planting scheme with Highways and land agent
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby Lane – Checking tree / shrub thinning at SINC
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Wiganthorpe Park and Stonegrave – Marking out tree planting locations with Mark Antcliff
- March 6<sup>th</sup> - Pond Farm Crambe, discussing tree planting with Mark Antcliffe and landowner
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Malton Street, Newburgh Priory, to discuss hedge planting and wall at Oulston
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Firby – checking hedges and putting HHAONB sign up
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 27<sup>th</sup> – Park Wood Fishponds SINC – rhododendron removal
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Park Wood Fishponds SINC – rhododendron removal
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Boggs Plantation SINC - rhododendron removal

- March 11<sup>th</sup> - Grimston Moor – western hemlock and rhododendron removal (FP not present)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Park Wood Fishponds SINC – western hemlock and rhododendron removal
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> April and Gilling on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – Arboretum – Winter Junior Ranger Club
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – Schools Twinning Project volunteer training workshop
- Schools Twinning Project development and organisation
- March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – Arboretum – 2<sup>nd</sup> round Schools Twinning events

### FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Castle Howard Arboretum – Spring Junior Ranger Club
- 5 Schools Twinning visits to Castle Howard Arboretum to be delivered by the end of April
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Alne – evening talk to the Gardening Club
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - 1 Schools Twinning visit at Crayke
- May to July - 8 Urban Schools Twinning Visits
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - 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

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

### FUTURE TRAINING

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Annual leave/TOIL 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- Annual leave booked 28<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Enjoying the AONB

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>The Arboretum Trust</b>	<b>Castle Howard Arboretum</b>	<b>Resources for Outdoor Classroom</b>	-	<b>AP2, SF2.4</b>	<b>£10,178</b>	<b>£1,490</b>
Scackleton Action Group	Scackleton	Post box and telephone box	-	LC1, HE3, HE4	£1,255	£750
<b>Barton-le-Willows VHC</b>	<b>Barton-le-Willows Village Hall</b>	<b>Install insulation</b>	-	<b>LC1</b>	<b>£3,437</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**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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Your Reference: 11/02350/FUL

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

PAUL JACKSON  
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Howardian Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee

## Jackie Dawson

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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 09 March 2012 17:49  
**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'  
**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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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 10 February 2012 16:46  
**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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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 23 December 2011 17:29  
**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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**From:** Paul Jackson  
**Sent:** 13 February 2012 15:31  
**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'  
**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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**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'  
**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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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 21 February 2012 12:37  
**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](mailto: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.

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

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

## October 2011 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

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

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

## December 2011 : Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

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

<b>Ranger Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>No of children attending</b>
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"><li>• decorating Yule logs and willow wreaths</li><li>• making pine cone stars and baubles</li><li>• clay tree decorations</li><li>• Christmas cards</li></ul>	13



**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
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JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
5 APRIL 2012**

**AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2011/12**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2011/12. The Action Programme for 2012/13, incorporating business planning requirements, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At each Spring meeting the JAC considers a report detailing the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives. The Action Programme contains details of the progress made against the previous year's targets. The Action Programme covering detailed progress against 2011/12 targets is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 A detailed Red/Amber/Green system has been put in place to monitor progress against annual targets, and analysis shows that 75% of the specific targets were either fully or substantially achieved, with a further 20% 'started but less than 75% completed'. Progress was also achieved against a further 6 Objectives for which no specific Targets had been set, with 7 separate actions being completed.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a better performance than that of the previous year, although from a subjective viewpoint it doesn't feel as good because we didn't deliver as many countryside management projects as we had hoped. Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were/became lower relative priorities for the AONB Unit.
- 2.4 Targets that we had hoped to achieve progress on included entering details of hedges planted, etc onto a GIS database; revising the Local Landscape Priorities in the AONB Management Plan to include the Historic Landscape Characterisation information; producing basic design guidance for new farm buildings/infrastructure; developing and publishing some off-road cycling route leaflets; and developing a mechanism to assess the condition of non-statutory Local Priority Sites. The lack of progress on these was principally due to Liz Bassindale's Maternity Leave, which meant that the AONB Manager had to leave some tasks that he had hoped to complete.

**3.0 SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund, allocating £10,000 to projects.
  - Preparing a leaflet on environmentally sustainable gardening, to go on the AONB website and for distribution at future events.
  - 2 Good Life events held, at Slingsby and Husthwaite, with a further 2 in planning.

## **4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **4.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Inputting the 2010/11 information into the Biodiversity Action Recording System.
- 7 SINCS and 8 Special Interest Road Verges re-surveyed.
- Carrying out 11 workdays with volunteers on 7 SINCS/SSSIs.
- Implementing 2 schemes to plant 30 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs), as a continuation of the initiative started two years ago.
- Managing 8 grassland sites (all SINCS bar one).
- Hedge at Broughton Lane SINC, and overhanging trees at Amotherby Lane SINC, cut back to promote grassland for knapweed broomrape.
- Managing 44 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Clearing significant areas of rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC, as well as continuing to clear Western hemlock regeneration on Grimston Moor SINC.
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Participating in a new partnership focussed on the River Rye, to develop a project to tackle Himalayan balsam on a catchment scale.
- Preparing 1 Farm Environment Plan, although the application subsequently didn't proceed.
- Supporting 5 village/school wildlife enhancement projects, at Hovingham, Ampleforth (2), Welburn and Swinton.

## **5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

### **5.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Continuing our input to the CAN DO Lime & Ice Project's Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project, with 5-10 volunteers exploring the history of the area.
- Giving advice and developing proposals to improve the management of 5 Scheduled Monuments.
- Supporting excavation of 2 features in Gilling Castle Park, as part of the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
- Completing work on 10 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were restoration works on two sets of gate pillars, at Welburn and Whitwell, which are part of the historic approach to Castle Howard (see below).
- Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Scheme money used to repair Listed stone gateposts at Welburn and Whitwell, and village name signs/traditional direction signs in 2 AONB villages.

## **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### **6.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group and CAN DO Partnership.
- Community projects funded in 4 villages, with 2 Village Hall renovation projects also supported.
- Held 2 Good Life events, in Slingsby and Husthwaite.
- Supported the Ryedale Rural Awards competition and prize-giving event.
- 6 Traditional village name signs restored in Nunnington and Amotherby, by joint funding with Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

### 7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 2 farmers and land managers; preparing 1 Farm Environment Plan for HLS.
- Completing 11 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 2,462m of hedge planting/gapping-up, 195m of field wall restoration, 30 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 2 copses (100 trees & shrubs).
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 14 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

### 8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing to fund the Native Woodland Development Officer post.
- Providing woodland management advice to 1 landowner or manager.
- Propagating another batch of black poplar cuttings.
- Attended NAAONB training seminar, on technical aspects of continuous cover forestry management.
- Scrutinising 6 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT**

### 9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 70 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2011 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Overhead electricity wires being undergrounded in Crayke.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.
- Providing advice on 5 renewable energy schemes, and scrutinising 6 planning consultations.
- Lobbying Yorkshire Housing Association, via Ryedale DC, over the sale of two affordable homes at Nunnington.

## **10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

### 10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 13 development control consultations.
- Obtaining access to the NYCC traffic monitoring statistics website, and better liaison with Local Transport Plan implementation (including the preparation of the NYCC Construction Manual).
- Restoring 5 traditional direction signs in the Newburgh/Oulston/Yearsley area, and replacing 1 arm on a sign at Hovingham.
- 6 Traditional village name signs restored in Nunnington and Amotherby, by joint funding with Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.

## **11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM**

### **11.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Scrutinising 5 development control consultations.
- Developing links with Welcome to Yorkshire, and discussing ideas around the Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Continuing a Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network, using volunteers to carry out the survey work. 6 parishes surveyed.
- A team of at least 4 volunteers working with the NYCC Area Ranger at least 1 day every other week in the AONB on Public Rights of Way maintenance.
- Inputting to the Independent Review Panel on Forestry, via the NAAONB response and attending a Panel Sub-Group visit at Castle Howard.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.

## **12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**

### **12.1 Achievements this year included:**

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2010/11.
- Maintaining the AONB website – full statistics on Visits not available for 2011/12. Obtained media coverage via 29 press mentions worth £43,000.
- Hosting a film crew from the BBC Escape to the Country programme. 6 features/ interviews re-broadcast on Radio York, and Countryfile item re-broadcast on BBC1 at Christmas.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Holding 5 guided walks and giving 1 evening talk.
- Holding 4 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 59 children attending.
- Delivering Year 1 of the LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund-supported Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project, completing 16 Year 1 visits and 3 Year 2 visits.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 20 tasks or projects, worth at least 340 days or £23,000.

## **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

### **13.1 Achievements this year included:**

- The Sustainable Development Fund had a budget of £20,000. It was again delivered in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Authority.
- Utilising the Defra Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
- The CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project continued with the Yearsley Moor archaeology project.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Steering substantial projects to restore Listed gate pillars, traditional direction signs and village name signs to the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.
- Participating in new partnerships focussed on the River Rye (Himalayan balsam control; reducing channel sedimentation); the CAN DO area (Alcathoe bat); and the north eastern segment of the AONB (B-Lines project).

- Attended 2 NAAONB funding seminars, to learn about potential new sources of funding that we may consider accessing in the future to support project work in the AONB.
- Completing the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement between Defra and the three constituent Local Authorities of the AONB partnership.
- Liz Bassindale went on Maternity Leave in October 2011, with Francesca Pert appointed as Maternity Cover and commencing in November 2011.

#### **14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN**

##### 14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Further developing a list of potential sites for use in fixed-point photography monitoring.

#### **15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs**

##### 15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Attending the national AONB Conference, 1 Northern AONBs meeting and 3 seminars.
- Adopting the NAAONB Branding for the Annual Report and stationery (letterhead, business cards and Compliments slips).
- Representing the NAAONB at the Game Fair and 1 meeting, as well as attending the NAAONB AGM, the Northern AONBs Chairmens' meeting and a national Lead Officers' meeting.
- Paul Jackson, as a Director on the Board of the NAAONB, attended 3 Board meetings. Retired from the Board, by rotation, in October 2011.

#### **16.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- a) The progress made to date with implementing the Management Plan be noted;
- b) the achievements against Targets for 2011/12 be noted.

## HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

2011/12

The crosses indicate any specific periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.  
Targets that have an 'on-going' nature have no time period allocated.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12		
<b>AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change</b> SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB. SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure. SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments. ~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers. ~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.  ~ No further progress. Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise. ~ No further work considered necessary, after event attended in 2010/11.		
			XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX			
				XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Not achieved. Table felt to be applicable only to large projects. ~ Sustainable Gardening leaflet being prepared, in time for Good Life events in April '12. ~ Good Life events held at Slingsby & Hushwaite. ~ Waste Partnership shared AONB stand at Ryedale Show. ~ Preparing Good Life events for Amotherby, Gilling, due April & May '12. ~ Achieved.
<b>Promote sustainability, and support projects</b> SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects. SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living. SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability. SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	~ Pilot use of matrix table to assess projects and consultation responses. ~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary. ~ Include an article on waste recycling in AONB News 2011. ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.		XXXXX	XXXXX				
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<p><b>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring.</p> <p>NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.</p> <p>NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</p> <p>NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</p> <p>NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Include Foss Spring Mire in 2011 SINC survey.</li> <li>~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2010/11 into BARS.</li> <li>~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ 8 Special Interest Road Verges surveyed.</li> <li>~ 7 SINC's surveyed.</li> <li>~ Site has been surveyed. Co-ordinates sent to NEYEDC. Wiganthorpe, Howthorpe SINC's surveyed by volunteer surveyor.</li> <li>~ Completed.</li> <li>~ Not progressed.</li> <li>~ Additional work done to 'tint' Arable and Improved Grassland, so maps give a better representation of the wider landscape.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites.</p> <p>NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Continue work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees.</li> <li>~ Carry out survey of Newburgh Park.</li> <li>~ Assess Foss Spring Mire for SINC status.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Not progressed.</li> <li>~ Survey of Newburgh Priory park being pursued. Transfer to 2012/13.</li> <li>~ No progress.</li> <li>~ Advice given on proposed high ropes course, Park Wood Fishponds SINC.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local participation in nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINC's.</li> <li>~ Work with 2 PCCs on churchyard management.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Work carried out at Grimston Moor SINC x 2, Jeffrey Bog SSSI, Hollin Hill Bogs SINC (NE), Dalby Bush Fen SSSI, Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 4, Boggs Plantation SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC.</li> <li>~ Work grant aided at Amotherby, Huttons Ambo churches.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</b></p> <p>NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.</p> <p>NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees.</p> <p>NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.</p>	<p>~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood Fishponds, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p> <p>~ Assess whether further removal of Western hemlock is necessary adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling.</p> <p>~ Make concerted effort to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree.</p> <p>~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees.</p> <p>~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Park Wood Fishponds SINC; Boggs Plantation SINC.</p> <p>~ FEP prepared for land adjacent to Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (application didn't proceed).</p> <p>~ 1.7ha restored in Brandrith Wood SINC (broadleaves - 55% native).</p> <p>~ 1 task-day held, to continue removal of hemlock.</p> <p>~ Not progressed, due to owner's current major wind turbine project.</p> <p>~ 30 individual trees and 2 copses (100 trees &amp; shrubs) planted, at Wiganthorpe, Stonegrave.</p> <p>~ Advice also provided to scheme at Crambe.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</b></p> <p>NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges.</p> <p>NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath.</p> <p>NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.</p>	<p>~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC and other sites, by grazing or other means.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p> <p>~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs.</p> <p>~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC.</p> <p>~ Discuss Grimston Moor replanting proposals with FC, to achieve lower stocking density/heathland restoration.</p> <p>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ 8 sites grazed, at Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer.</p> <p>~ Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC managed.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ 44 SIRVs cut, Mar '12.</p> <p>~ Broughton Lane hedge cut back to promote grassland re-growth.</p> <p>~ 2 volunteer task-days completed.</p> <p>~ Partially achieved. Replanted as per Forest Design Plan, with wider rides and more open ground.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p>



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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</b></p> <p>NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.</p> <p>NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC.</li> <li>~ Explore willow control options at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC.</li> <li>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> <li>-</li> <li>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> <li>~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary.</li> </ul>		XXXXX		XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Unsure if any work completed during summer '11. Work due summer '12.</li> <li>~ Deferred until HLS agreement due for renewal.</li> <li>~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (application didn't proceed).</li> <li>~ Scrub clearance continuing at Dalby Bush Fen SSSI.</li> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> <li>~ Contracted to prepare FEP for 1 farm in 2012.</li> <li>~ Grant provided to create new wildlife pond at Gilling.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and coordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Atmotherby Lane SINC.</li> <li>~ Plant plug plants of greater knapweed to bolster population of host plant.</li> <li>~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area.</li> <li>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> <li>~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Site cut, autumn '11.</li> <li>~ Scrub cut back to allow more light in, Feb '12.</li> <li>~ 30 plants planted-out, Mar '12.</li> <li>~ 40-50 cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '12.</li> <li>~ 6 trees planted at Stonegrave.</li> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> <li>~ Contracted to prepare FEP for 1 farm in 2012.</li> <li>~ Events advertised on website; info on events provided to targeted farmers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Invasive non-native species</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following '08, '09 &amp; '10 work to control Himalayan balsam.</li> <li>~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following '09 &amp; '10 work to control rhododendron.</li> <li>~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09 &amp; '10 (Himalayan balsam).</li> <li>~ Experiment with using glyphosate to control Himalayan balsam.</li> <li>~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Density has reduced, as follow-up work reduced in cost again.</li> <li>~ Volunteers surveyed uncut tributaries of Wath Beck basin, July '11.</li> <li>~ Little regrowth observed.</li> <li>~ Achieved, Jul '11. 5.8km stretch cut.</li> <li>~ Test patch completed on River Rye SINC, May '11.</li> <li>~ Large scale project being prepared for River Rye catchment.</li> <li>~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Park Wood Fishponds SINC.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>More sympathetic management of farmland</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Complete 2 FEPs for land in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Advice provided on parkland restoration at Wiganthorpe Park.</p> <p>~ FEP completed for farm at Dalby, but application didn't proceed. Only 1 scheme given go-ahead by NE.</p> <p>~ Contracted to prepare FEPs for 2 farms in 2012</p> <p>~ HLS/ELS advice provided to farmer at Hovingham. Relevant information/events posted to website.</p>
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	-					<p>~ SDF funding for wildflower planting at Ampleforth School; bee hives and wildflower planting at Hovingham; pond refurbishment at Welburn School; bee-friendly planting in Swinton.</p> <p>~ Advice given on management of Ampleforth Millennium Green (LEADER funding accessed).</p>
<p><b>Important geodiversity sites</b></p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Resist development proposals.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p>~ NEYGT draft Geodiversity Action Plan reviewed.</p> <p>~ Meeting held with NEYGT to discuss geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p>~ No relevant applications.</p>
<p><b>Assistance to farmers and land managers</b></p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2.</p> <p>~ See appropriate Objectives above.</p> <p>~ Support 1 FWAG training course.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Orchard management course at Hushwaite, Nov '11.</p>

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<b>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</b> HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey. HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey. HE1.3 Research projects. HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage. HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER. HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.	~ Input to final Report. ~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. - ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2009/10 & 2010/11 projects to HER Officer. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Final report reviewed, Apr '11. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ Oswaldkirk Conservation Area reviewed. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13. ~ Contact at Oswaldkirk passed to Lime & Ice Project.
<b>Statutory protection</b> HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable.					~ Legislative framework not progressed by Government.
<b>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</b> HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features. HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites. ~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Excavation work on 2 features in Gilling Park, by YMAP volunteers. ~ Project proceeding, with AONB input as necessary. Discussion of potential interpretation ideas proceeding; excavation works done on 2 sites. ~ Events put on AONB website.

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<p><b>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</b></p> <p>HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.</p> <p>HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.</p> <p>HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as necessary.</li> <li>~ See NE9 above.</li> <li>~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.</li> <li>~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow, Grimstone.</li> <li>~ Encourage more sympathetic management of Round Barrow cemetery (SMs) on Fryton Moor.</li> <li>~ Identify possible projects arising from the Gilling Castle study.</li> <li>~ Utilise RDC LEADER scheme for works in AONB villages.</li> <li>~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.</li> <li>~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.</li> <li>~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Advice provided at Wiganthorpe Park by NWDO and NYCC.</li> <li>~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant planning application.</li> <li>~ Site assessment of 4 SMs at Four Acre Wood, Yearsley. Future management plans agreed.</li> <li>~ Project partially scoped; transfer to 2012/13.</li> <li>~ Information passed to EH, for liaison with landowner.</li> <li>~ Possible geophysical survey of two temple sites; conservation of park pale (site visit held); excavation of terrace and building carried out.</li> <li>~ Village name signs restored at Nunnington, Amotherby. Interpretation material installed at Barton-le-Street church.</li> <li>~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Wiganthorpe (x 2 sites), Gilling, Hildenley. Work on other sites/features at Stonegrave, Whitwell, Hildenley.</li> <li>~ LEADER grant used for repairs to Exclamation Gate, Welburn.</li> <li>~ Stumps removed/treated around Pond Farm, Crambe.</li> <li>~ As and when received.</li> <li>~ FWAG orchard management course supported, Nov '11.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Assist local communities with projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As necessary</li> <li>~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>~ Liaise with RAY &amp; other organisations.</li> <li>~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Crayke.</li> <li>~ Liaise with RAY &amp; other organisations.</li> <li>~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</li> <li>~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages.</li> <li>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Attended all meetings, every 6-8 weeks.</li> <li>~ Projects funded at Hovingham, Scackleton, Ampleforth, Swinton; Village Hall projects at Barton-le-Willows, Barton-le-Street; Ryedale Rural Awards; preparation of forthcoming Good Life events.</li> <li>~ Completed.</li> <li>~ Good Life events in Slingsby, April '11; Hushwaite, Jul '11.</li> <li>~ Sharing stands at Ryedale Show; Hovingham market, Aug '11;</li> <li>~ Used RVA for Village Hall funding advice – Barton-le-Street; Barton-le-Willows.</li> <li>~ Events held in Amotherby x 2.</li> <li>~ Achieved, March '12.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As necessary, via NAAONB. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals.</li> <li>~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes.</li> <li>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</li> <li>~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2011.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Monitoring NAAONB responses to consultations, with input to Natural Environment White Paper, CAP Review responses.</li> <li>~ EA target area for Invasive Non-Native Species control (River Derwent); River Rye project being developed; NIA bid failed, due to overlap.</li> <li>~ Article included.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Conservation advice and assistance</b></p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p>~ Start 1 major stone wall restoration project.</p> <p>~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Advice provided to farmers at Yearsley, Coulton x 2, Ampleforth, Dalby.</p> <p>~ Schemes completed at Cawton, Coulton, Fryton, Wass, Firby, <b>Crambe</b>, <b>Grimstone</b>. <b>2,462m</b> of new hedge/gaps replanted. <b>8m</b> of stone wall rebuilt. <b>30</b> individual trees and <b>2</b> copses (<b>100</b> trees &amp; shrubs) planted – see NE4.4 above.</p> <p>~ Major project completed at Scackleton (187m); major project started at Brandsby.</p> <p>~ FWAG orchard management course supported, Nov '11.</p>
<p><b>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</b></p> <p>AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.</p> <p>AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.</p> <p>AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Encourage, as opportunities arise.</p> <p>~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ No objection to 1 project in planning consultation responses.</p> <p>~ Emerging initiatives being monitored.</p> <p>~ Article included.</p>
<p><b>New farm buildings and infrastructure</b></p> <p>AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.</p> <p>AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ <b>14</b> cases. Comments submitted on <b>6</b> proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with <b>3</b> proposals. <b>5</b> schemes Approved; <b>7</b> schemes Approved with suggested amendments; <b>2</b> Decisions pending.</p> <p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p>
<p><b>Woodland management proposals</b></p> <p>FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission.</p> <p>FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p>~ <b>6</b> consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes.</p> <p>~ Attended NAAONB training seminar, which covered technical aspects of continuous cover forestry.</p>

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<p><b>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b></p> <p>FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.</p> <p>FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ On-going.</li> <li>~ As opportunities arise.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local provenance trees and shrubs</b></p> <p>FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change.</p> <p>FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance.</p> <p>FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration.</p> <p>FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3)</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Propagate a further batch of black poplar cuttings at Castle Howard Tree Nursery.</li> </ul>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ See SF1.3 above.</li> <li>~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant scheme.</li> <li>~ Local provenance oak and black poplar used for in-field and boundary tree planting schemes (see NE4.4).</li> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> <li>~ 40-50 cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '12.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternative markets for timber products</b></p> <p>FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market.</p> <p>FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries.</p> <p>FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Promote FC incentives/advisory service for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2011.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Sycamore included in 1 relevant replanting scheme, specifically for woodfuel.</li> <li>~ Article included.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New woodland</b></p> <p>FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design.</p> <p>FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.</li> <li>~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011.</li> </ul>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No relevant schemes.</li> <li>~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice.</li> <li>~ Farmer at Wiganthorpe advised on HLS.</li> <li>~ Publicised and attended farmers' grants event in Helmsley, Feb '12.</li> <li>~ Article included.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</b></p> <p>FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks.</p> <p>FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy.</p> <p>FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland.</p> <p>FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers.</li> <li>- Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land.</li> <li>- Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Regional funds promoted, where applicable.</li> <li>~ Work carried out at Grimston Moor SINC (x 2), Park Wood Fishponds SINC (x 4).</li> <li>~ Enrichment planting in copses carried out at Oulston and Wiganthorpe.</li> <li>~ Achieved. High input to in-field/boundary tree planting projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</b></p> <p>FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events.</p> <p>FW7.2 List of local contractors.</p> <p>FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Comments submitted on Local Plan Strategy, Mar '12.</li> <li>~ Input to NAAONB response on Draft NPPF.</li> <li>~ 70 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New development</b></p> <p>D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>D1.2 Consultation arrangements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Local Plan Strategy scrutinised, Mar '12 - no comments necessary on this issue.</li> <li>~ As and when received.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</b></p> <p>D2.1 Rural Design standards.</p> <p>D2.2 Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals.</p> <p>D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Local Plan Strategy scrutinised, Mar '12 - no comments necessary on this issue.</li> <li>~ As and when received.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Mitigation of intrusive features</b></p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features.</p> <p>D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution.</p> <p>D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings.</li> <li>~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB.</li> <li>~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</li> <li>~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Attended meetings in Sept '11 &amp; Mar '12.</li> <li>~ Scheme progressing at Crayke.</li> <li>~ Discussions continuing over scheme at Dalby.</li> <li>~ Strong preference for Refusal for 3 replacement poles at Nunnington.</li> <li>~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant application.</li> <li>~ Completed, ending Dec '11.</li> <li>~ 2 incidents near Yearsley reported to Hambleton DC, Feb '12.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</b></p> <p>D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications.</p> <p>D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Contact owners of Grimston Grange, if proposed development works commence.</li> <li>~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No relevant applications.</li> <li>~ Development at Grimston Grange not started.</li> <li>~ No relevant development proposals.</li> <li>~ Stone supplier identified at Cawton, and reclamation of stone from derelict walls at Brandsby scoped.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Renewable energy installations</b></p> <p>D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations.</p> <p>D5.2 Support appropriate proposals.</p> <p>D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals.</li> <li>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Include case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2011 (dependent upon outcome of planning application).</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Advice provided to farmers/residents at Terrington, Ampleforth, Oswaldkirk, Stitttenham, Grimston.</li> <li>~ Table of Permitted Development rights put on website.</li> <li>~ Local Plan Strategy scrutinised, Mar '12 - comments submitted to safeguard AONB.</li> <li>~ No objections to 6 relevant applications.</li> <li>~ Decided not to include article, in case local opinion was not in favour once turbine was constructed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Business and diversification opportunities</b></p> <p>D6.1 Signposting to Business Link.</p> <p>D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As appropriate.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</b></p> <p>D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No objections to 3 relevant applications.</li> </ul>

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<b>Modern communications technology</b> D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.			XXXXX		~ No objection to 1 relevant application. ~ <a href="#">Information awaited.</a>
<b>Local needs/affordable housing</b> D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - ~ Include an item on the Community Right to Build in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Yorkshire Housing Association lobbied, via RDC, on sale of 2 properties at Nunnington. ~ Article included, on Rural Housing Enablers.
<b>Solutions to traffic routing problems</b> RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary.  - - -					~ Planning application for development at Showfield Lane approved by RDC, Mar '12. No proposals for link road.
<b>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b> RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations. RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds carried out in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages. -	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	~ 0 temporary checks carried out; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). ~ <a href="#">Information awaited.</a>
<b>Sustainable modes of transport</b> RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Continue input to development of SCTSs for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2011. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No action needed. ~ Monitored – no apparent progress. ~ Article included. ~ No relevant applications.

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<p><b>Maintain character of rural road network</b></p> <p>RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.</p> <p>RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.</p> <p>RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.</p> <p>RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p> <p>RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</li> <li>~ Contribute to continuing development of NYCC Construction Manual.</li> <li>~ Rationalise signs where possible, as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.</li> <li>~ Explore options for recording features, for input into National Street Gazetteer.</li> <li>~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.</li> <li>~ Restore 1 milepost.</li> <li>~ Restore 5 village name signs.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ 13 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above).</li> <li>~ NYMNP involved in process, and invitation extended to NY AONBs again.</li> <li>~ 2 cycleway signs removed from traditional direction signs, as part of restorations.</li> <li>~ All assets, including historic signs, have been photographed and recorded by NYCC on the NSG.</li> <li>~ 5 signs restored, at <a href="#">Husthwaite</a>, <a href="#">Newburgh</a>, <a href="#">Oulston</a>, <a href="#">Yearsley</a> (2).</li> <li>~ Broken arm restored on sign at Hovingham.</li> <li>~ All mileposts in excellent condition, after work by RDC and Milepost Society.</li> <li>~ 6 original signs restored at Nunnington, Amotherby by RDC LEADER project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A64 Trunk Road</b></p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Comments submitted on pedestrian crossing improvements at Whitwell.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainable recreation activities</b></p> <p>RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.</p> <p>RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ 5 cases. Comments submitted on 1 proposal; Objections or Serious Reservations with 3 proposals. 3 schemes Approved; 1 scheme Refused; 1 Decision pending.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</b></p> <p>RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.</p> <p>RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.</p> <p>RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.</p>	<p>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</p> <p>~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.</p> <p>-</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Completed, Aug '11.</p> <p>~ See RA2.3 below.</p> <p>~ Meeting with Welcome to Yorkshire and Castle Howard, Jul '11.</p> <p>~ Sustrans cycling leaflet (3 routes) funded by SDF.</p> <p>~ Meeting with RDC &amp; Castle Howard arranged, Mar '12. Postponed to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ See AP2.3 below.</p>
<p>RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p> <p>RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Deliver schools twinning project, with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>~ Develop further links with local health providers/organisations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Not progressed.</p>
<p><b>Recreational management measures</b></p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p>~ No further requirement from Parish Councils.</p>
<p><b>Management of the PROW network</b></p>	<p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ On-going.</p>
<p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<p>~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</p> <p>~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.</p> <p>~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB volunteers.</p> <p>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary.</p> <p>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</p> <p>~ Train 4 more volunteers in path Condition surveying.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Welburn, Crambe, Huttons Ambo, Henderskelfe, Bulmer surveyed; Stittenham in progress. Data inputted to CAMS.</p> <p>~ Issues passed on, when received by AONB Unit.</p> <p>~ No known issues in 2011 programme.</p> <p>~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB each week.</p> <p>~ Not achieved. May only be 2 in 2012, due to capacity issues with data entry.</p>

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<p><b>Definitive Map</b>  RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.  RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth.</li> <li>~ Commence work on bridleway route anomaly at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Discussions continuing between NYCC and landowner.</li> <li>~ NYCC discussing one Agreement to deal with 10/15 route anomalies on the whole Estate.</li> <li>~ Offered grant assistance with fencing at Easthorpe, to facilitate progress of whole package.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improvements to PRoW network</b>  RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.  RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As opportunities arise.</li> <li>~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.</li> <li>~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby &amp; Hovingham.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ See RA5.2 above.</li> <li>~ Information awaited; see also RA5.2 re. Slingsby.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Path usage issues</b>  RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures.  RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc.  RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>-</li> <li>~ As requested.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No relevant applications.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Access in FC woodland</b>  RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.  RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land.  RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>~ Input as appropriate to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate.</li> <li>~ As necessary.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Input via NAAONB consultation response.</li> <li>~ Attended Panel sub-group visit to Castle Howard, Dec '11.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Guided routes</b></p> <p>RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes.</p> <p>RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.</p> <p>RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Develop circular off-road cycle route from Hovingham, in partnership with NYCC.</p> <p>-</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload Hovingham Ridges Ride cycle route leaflet.</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload 2 further cycle route leaflets.</p> <p>~ Distribute Terrington Local Information &amp; Walks leaflets.</p> <p>~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ No further progress. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ See RA9.1 above.</p> <p>~ Sustrans cycling leaflet (3 routes) funded by SDF.</p> <p>~ Supplies printed and distributed to village shop.</p> <p>~ Agreement secured from NYCC Countryside Ranger, to mount board on bridleway fingerpost.</p>
<p><b>Bus routes and other transport services</b></p> <p>RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks.</p> <p>RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>					<p>~ Routes within the AONB remain unaltered after the latest review.</p>
<p><b>Informal car parking facilities</b></p> <p>RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.</p> <p>RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.</p> <p>RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p>	<p>~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p>~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorne, to maximise space available.</p> <p>~ (Completed)</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		<p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Completed, ending Dec '11.</p> <p>~ Usage of car parks monitored Aug '11 (see RA2.1).</p> <p>~ Agreed by Estate but not implemented. Assistance offered, if required.</p>
<p><b>Water recreation on the Derwent</b></p> <p>RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use.</p> <p>RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>					<p>~ No relevant applications.</p>

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<p><b>Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues</b></p> <p>RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary.</p> <p>RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>					
<p><b>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</b></p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.</p> <p>AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.</p>	<p>~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p>~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p>~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p>~ Publish 2010/11 Annual Report.</p> <p>~ Publish AONB News 2011.</p> <p>~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p>~ Obtain at least 20 media mentions.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p> <p>~ Published and distributed, Sept '11.</p> <p>~ Published and distributed, Oct '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved. New stats analysis system being used. 500 visits during Mar '12. Full-year data not available.</p> <p>~ 29 press mentions (NEDL, undergrounding, Good Life event, JRC, Lime &amp; Ice projects, Ryedale Rural Awards, Draft NPPF, Annual Report, SDF projects); Equivalent to £42,998 of advertising space.</p> <p>~ Escape to the Country filming, Oct '11; broadcast, Jan '12.</p> <p>~ Repeats of 2010 Radio York interviews: Hovingham, Stonegrave, Cawton, Nunnington, Castle Howard; Nov '11.</p> <p>~ BBC Countryfile programme repeated, Christmas '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved; RAY and NY Waste Partnership sharing stand.</p> <p>~ Also attended Terrington Feast, Hovingham Market, Ryedale Rural Awards.</p> <p>~ Achieved. Good Life event, Slingsby; Good Life event, Husthwaite; Terrington Feast; Ryedale Rural Awards ceremony; Village Halls events - Hovingham, Amotherby.</p> <p>~ No longer relevant. Planning to have natural sculptural seats.</p> <p>~ Branchwood for 6 seats obtained from Castle Howard Estate. Numbers planned subsequently increased to 25.</p> <p>~ Article about planned work circulated to NYCC Volunteers, Mar '12.</p>
<p>AP1.5 Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct 2012).</p>	<p>~ Continue to scope the options for an environmental sculpture.</p> <p>~ Investigate provision of log seats.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.</p>	<p>~ Establish methodology and recruit volunteers, for survey in Summer 2012.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
<p><b>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</b></p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Achieved. Malton &amp; Norton Gardening Club talk (30), Stonegrave (6), Caulkleys Bank (16), Ampleforth (12), Hovingham Storytelling (70), Castle Howard bat-walk (19).</p> <p>~ Exceeded. Easter '11; June '11; October '11 Christmas '11. (59 children).</p> <p>~ 16 x Year 1 visits completed; teachers and volunteers workshops/training days held; 16 Year 2 visits planned; 3 x Year 2 visits completed.</p> <p>~ Caulkleys Bank project progressed but not completed.</p>
<p><b>Volunteering</b></p> <p>AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.</p>	<p>~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p> <p>~ Further develop, with Nidderdale AONB, a possible graduate placement programme.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ Assisting at Junior Ranger Club (Easter '11, June '11, Oct '11, Dec '11); Ryedale Show; Terrington Feast; boardwalk at Jeffrey Bog SSSI; rhododendron clearance at Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 4; Western hemlock clearance at Grimston Moor SINC x 2; rhododendron clearance at Boggs Plantation SINC; Amotherby Lane SINC; PROW maintenance with NYCC Ranger; PROW Condition surveying; Rural: Urban Schools Twinning project; Himalayan balsam surveying; Lime &amp; Ice Yearsley Moor project. 20 projects or tasks, worth at least 340 days (£23,000 at SDF volunteering rates).</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>



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<p><b>Funding and partnership mechanisms</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra.</li> <li>~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation.</li> <li>~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project.</li> <li>~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB.</li> <li>~ Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, LEADER, etc for specific identified projects.</li> <li>~ Investigate the potential for accessing SITA Trust funding for rhododendron control/ woodland restoration in the FC Gilling woodlands.</li> <li>~ Hold a meeting in April 2012.</li> <li>~ Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme.</li> <li>~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park &amp; AONB.</li> <li>~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Supported continuing development of liaison with Defra, via NAAONB.</li> <li>~ Achieved.</li> <li>~ On-going.</li> <li>~ On-going. Main fund allocated now.</li> <li>~ Significant number of schemes in the AONB supported by RDC LEADER Small-scale Enhancements Scheme.</li> <li>~ Worked in partnerships developing new projects that access funding: Revitalising the River Rye x 2 (Defra/EA Water Framework Directive); Alcatraz bat (Natural England WFD); B-Lines (SITA).</li> <li>~ Attended 2 x NAAONB seminars looking at alternative sources of funding for projects in AONBs.</li> <li>~ Investigated by FC, but decided to proceed with incremental work as good progress being made.</li> <li>~ Achieved.</li> <li>~ Achieved.</li> <li>~ Achieved.</li> <li>~ All meetings attended.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Business development of AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Complete the signing of a new Agreement between Defra and the 3 constituent Local Authorities.</li> <li>~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2012.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Completed, Jan '12.</li> <li>~ Achieved, for JAC 5<sup>th</sup> April '12.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</b></p> <p>MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.</p>	<p>~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2012.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers.</p> <p>~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ Achieved, for JAC 5<sup>th</sup> April '12.</p> <p>~ No further progress. Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise.</p> <p>~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC, Oct '11.</p> <p>~ Achieved.</p>
<p><b>Monitor Condition of AONB</b></p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system.</p> <p>MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.</p>	<p>~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage.</p> <p>~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites.</p> <p>~ Establish baseline photos for chosen locations.</p> <p>~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p> <p>~ Not achieved – see above.</p> <p>~ Minimal further progress; scoping set still being compiled.</p> <p>~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2012/13.</p>
<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b></p> <p>Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<p>~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings.</p> <p>~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine.</p> <p>~ Adopt AONB Family branding identity, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<p>~ 3 Board meetings attended.</p> <p>~ 1 article submitted for Autumn '10 but no edition published (Outstanding now discontinued).</p> <p>~ Branding adopted for Annual Report, headed paper, Compliments slips and business cards.</p> <p>~ Manned stand at Game Fair, attended GWCT meeting; NAAONB AGM; Northern Chairmens' meeting; National Lead Officers' meeting.</p> <p>~ Attended National Conference (Cornwall); Nov '11 Northern Group meeting (North Pennines AONB); Funding Sources workshops x 2; Woodland Management seminar.</p>

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<b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.	-					

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

**AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2012/13**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2012/13.

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The AONB Management Plan contains a detailed Action Programme that lists each Objective and Action and identifies a suggested lead agency and partner organisations for implementation.
- 2.2 In addition to setting targets for 2012/13 this report also details some of the mechanisms for achieving the proposed targets, as well as indications of some of the individual projects that may be implemented.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 contains the Action Programme and Targets for 2012/13, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks.

**3.0 SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Continuing to run a Sustainable Development Fund, with an anticipated budget of £20,000.
  - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.
  - Attempting to calculate the carbon balance of land use in the AONB, using data from the FWAG CALM assessments.

**4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £22,750, although there is also a share of a c.£40,000 reserve from 2011/12 available. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Drystone wall restoration near Brandsby x 2.
  - In-field tree planting at Sproxton, Coulton and Newburgh.
  - Continued control of rhododendron in Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and road verge management.
  - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees.
  - GPS plotting of the principal knapweed broomrape colonies on the 3 sites where the plant is known to occur.
  - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.

- Developing and implementing a Revitalising the River Rye project, in partnership with a number of other organisations, to bring in substantial funding to tackle Himalayan balsam in the River Rye catchment.
- Completing 2 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.

## **5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT**

5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £37,500, which includes £21,000 of the c.£40,000 reserve mentioned above. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Continuing works on the Park wall at Scackleton – sourcing and fitting capstones.
- Conservation work to the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall. It is proposed to explore the possibility of using Ryedale SSES LEADER money to commission a report from a conservation architect, to give us an up-to-date assessment of the condition and priorities. Legislation is available to compel the owners to carry out repair works, but the survey information would be needed before this could even be contemplated.
- Restoring traditional direction signs in the Ryedale area of the AONB.
- Installing kerbing to protect the Scheduled long barrow near Grimston.
- Consolidation and re-building of a lime kiln at Hildenley.
- Unfortunately the repair project for the Castle Howard Mausoleum, as outlined at the last JAC meeting, is on hold until the updating of the Historic Estate Management Plan for the estate.

5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continuing the CAN DO Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor community archaeology project, into its final year and the installation of interpretation material.
- Working on projects arising from the Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden – principally the remnant park pale through Gilling/Yearsley woods.
- Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, as part of the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Promoting Ryedale SSES LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in Ryedale villages.

## **6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

6.1 The proposed budget for works with local communities is £500. Only village sign restoration (mainly via the Ryedale SSES LEADER project) has been identified as yet, but if a substantial scheme were to emerge then funding could be transferred from another budget head, or part of the reserve could be used.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme.
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.

## **7.0 AGRICULTURE**

7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £22,750. See paragraph 4.1 above.

- 7.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Monitoring the development of the CAP reforms, to assess their potential impact on the AONB and its farmers. Inputting to NAAONB consultations on the reform proposals, as necessary.
  - Preparing basic design guidance for new farm buildings. The North York Moors National Park Authority is launching its draft guidance for consultation in the summer, and it would make logical sense to dovetail with this where possible.
  - Completing 2 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

## **8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND**

- 8.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Continuing with management work to control invasive species in targeted locations, principally Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron.
  - Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers via the Native Woodland Development Officer.
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

## **9.0 DEVELOPMENT**

- 9.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities on development proposals. The amount of work arising from planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive. 2011/12 has seen a significant increase in the number of applications received by the Local Planning Authorities, with a consequent increase in the number of schemes needing scrutiny by the AONB Manager.
  - Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale LDP, as appropriate.
  - Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, pushing for the design and subsequent start of work in another AONB village.
  - Continuing to control litter and report fly-tipping.

## **10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

- 10.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Responding to consultations received from the Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
  - Continued attendance at the NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Liaison meetings.
  - Continued input into the preparation/implementation of the NYCC Service Centre Transportation Strategies and Construction Manual.
  - The repair and restoration of at least 5 traditional direction signs.
  - Investigating the recording of Special Interest Road Verges and traditional direction signs/mileposts in the National Street Gazetteer.

## **11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM**

- 11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,000, although there is also a share of the c.£40,000 reserve from 2011/12 available.

11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Exploring the scope for an appropriate rural tourism initiative, in partnership with other organisations, in response to Defra's Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Training and utilising volunteers wherever possible for management works on Rights of Way.
- Continuing with the Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network.
- Progressing an Agreement to rationalise a number of Public Rights of Way routing anomalies on the Castle Howard estate, which should make one particular bridleway route from Slingsby more attractive to users.
- Continuing to control litter at 'hot-spots'.
- Further developing possible circular routes for off-road cyclists.
- Monitoring the progress and conclusions of the Panel convened to advise on the future running of the public forest estate.
- Encouraging Appleton-le-Street Village Hall to expand their ideas for walker/cyclist accommodation, as part of refurbishment works.

## **12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work is £5,350.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets have ample supplies of our leaflets.
- Publishing our 2011/12 Annual Report and AONB News 2012.
- Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
- Preparing a leaflet on the geodiversity interest of the AONB.
- Issuing publicity and installing log seats, to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the designation of the AONB.
- Carrying out a repeat Visitors and Users Survey, to feed into the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Holding at least 3 guided walks or events and 2 Junior Ranger Club days.
- Assisting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in delivering a successful second year of the 4-year Rural:Urban schools twinning project.
- As described in the sections above, using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.

## **13.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:

- Continuing the Native Woodland Development Officer partnership with the North York Moors National Park (and Forestry Commission?), with a contribution of £2,500.
- Continuing involvement with the CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project, with a wide variety of community-based activity and interpretation. Continuing to support the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
- Participating in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER partnership.
- Accessing resources from the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme.
- Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for work on Monuments at Risk.
- Continuing to develop a habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area, based on Alcatloe bat.
- Implementing Year 1 of the Revitalising the River Rye project, should Defra/EA WFD funding bids be successful.

- Participating in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review.
- Investigating the potential for Community Foundations to support AONB projects.
- Monitoring, and assisting as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives.
- Utilising reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance the AONB Officer staff resource.

#### **14.0 MONITORING**

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Developing an assessment mechanism of non-statutory Local Priority Sites.
- Gathering baseline data for the remaining four AONB Condition Indicators for which information is still missing.
- Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.
- Continuing to develop a fixed-point photography monitoring project, and compiling a set of baseline photos.

#### **15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs**

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Embracing the AONB Family branding initiative where possible.
- Co-hosting the Annual Conference (in York); attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

#### **16.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN**

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Agreeing the scope of the review.
- Holding Topic Groups to discuss the individual chapters.
- Revising the Plan text and consulting back with the Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.

#### **17.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2012/13, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.



## HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

2012/13

The crosses indicate any specific periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken. Targets that have an 'on-going' nature have no time period allocated.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 12/13	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 12/13	
<b>AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change</b> SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.  SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.  SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments. ~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers. -			XXXXX	XXXXX		
			XXXXX	XXXXX			
<b>Promote sustainability, and support projects</b> SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects. SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living. SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability. SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	-  ~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.  ~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects. -				XXXXX		
				XXXXX	XXXXX		

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 12/13	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 12/13
<p><b>Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts</b></p> <p>NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring.</p> <p>NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species.</p> <p>NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</p> <p>NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</p> <p>NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Include Foss Spring Mire in 2012 SINC survey programme.</p> <p>~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2011/12 into BARS.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		
<p><b>Key nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites.</p> <p>NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation.</p> <p>NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites.</p> <p>NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.</p>	<p>~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees.</p> <p>~ Carry out survey of Newburgh Park.</p> <p>~ Assess Foss Spring Mire for SINC status.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>-</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
<p><b>Local participation in nature conservation sites</b></p> <p>NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINC.</p>		XXXXX		XXXXX	

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<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats</b> NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees. NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	~ Continue rhododendron/Western hemlock control works in Park Wood Fishponds and Piper Hill Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats</b> NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges. NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC and other sites, by grazing or other means. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor and Piper Hill Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
<b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</b> NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.	~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, with preparation of 1 FEP.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
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<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</b></p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC.</li> <li>~ Investigate old quarry adjacent to Swinton Lane population of knapweed broomrape.</li> <li>~ Record locations of principal knapweed broomrape colonies using GPS.</li> <li>~ Carry out formative pruning of black poplar at Stonegrave, to develop a tree form and also cuttings material.</li> <li>~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers &amp; land managers.</li> <li>~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, with preparation of 1 FEP (see NE6.4).</li> <li>~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Invasive non-native species</b></p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Survey Wath Beck main channel, to monitor efficiency of 3 years' work to control Himalayan balsam.</li> <li>~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole catchment (see IM1.1).</li> <li>~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation and Park Wood Fishponds SINC's, following work to control rhododendron.</li> <li>~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09, '10 &amp; '11 (Himalayan balsam).</li> <li>~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1).</li> <li>~ See FW6.4 for actions to control rhododendron and Western hemlock.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		

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<p><b>More sympathetic management of farmland</b></p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as appropriate.</li> <li>~ Complete 2 FEPS for land in the AONB.</li> <li>~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</b></p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Work with Ampleforth Millennium Green group on potential project.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<p><b>Important geodiversity sites</b></p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Resist development proposals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Assistance to farmers and land managers</b></p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ See NE9 and FW2.</li> <li>~ See appropriate Objectives above.</li> <li>~</li> <li>~</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</b></p> <p>HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.</p> <p>HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.</p> <p>HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Revise the relevant sections in the AONB Management Plan.</li> <li>~ See HE3.2.</li> <li>~ Participate in update of Castle Howard Historic Estate Management Plan, as appropriate (see HE4.4).</li> <li>~ See HE3.2.</li> <li>~ Pass information on 2009/10 - 2011/12 projects to HER Officer.</li> <li>~</li> </ul>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Statutory protection</b></p> <p>HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As necessary, dependent upon any revival of legislative process.</li> </ul>					
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<p><b>Local participation in cultural heritage sites</b></p> <p>HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.</p> <p>HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.</p>	<p>~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.</p> <p>~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.</p> <p>~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
<p><b>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</b></p> <p>HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.</p> <p>HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.</p> <p>HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.</p> <p>HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ See NE9 above.</p> <p>~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.</p> <p>~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow at Grimstone.</p> <p>~ Participate in update of Casle Howard Historic Estate Management Plan, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Participate in preparation of Newburgh Priory Estate Plan, as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Utilise RDC LEADER scheme for works in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ Carry out management or repair works on 5 Local Priority Sites or historic features.</p> <p>~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER SSES to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.</p> <p>~ Commence conservation works on the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall.</p> <p>~ Carry out management works to conserve former deer park pale at Gilling Castle.</p> <p>~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	

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<p><b>Assist local communities with projects</b></p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations.</li> <li>~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings.</li> <li>~ Monitor proposals for further changes to the network of rural Post Office services.</li> <li>~ Liaise with RAY &amp; other organisations.</li> <li>~ Restore 4 village name signs.</li> <li>~ Liaise with RAY &amp; other organisations.</li> <li>~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</li> <li>~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages.</li> <li>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</b></p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As necessary, via NAAONB consultations. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals.</li> <li>~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes.</li> <li>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Conservation advice and assistance</b></p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Provide advice to farmers &amp; land managers, as appropriate.</li> <li>~ Assist 5 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</li> <li>~ Start 1 new major stone wall restoration project.</li> <li>~ Participate in any events arising from the Revitalising the River Rye project.</li> </ul>	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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<b>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</b> AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control. AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes. AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Encourage, as opportunities arise. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
<b>New farm buildings and infrastructure</b> AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures. AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
<b>Woodland management proposals</b> FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					
<b>Multi-objective approach to woodland management</b> FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. -					
<b>Local provenance trees and shrubs</b> FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Propagate a further batch of black poplar cuttings at Castle Howard Tree Nursery.				XXXXX	



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<b>Alternative markets for timber products</b> FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. - -					
<b>New woodland</b> FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate.					
<b>Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives</b> FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	- ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. - ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
<b>Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce</b> FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	- - -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		

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<p><b>New development</b></p> <p>D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>D1.2 Consultation arrangements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</li> <li>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Input to NAAONB responses on the National Planning Policy Framework, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<p><b>Design of new development/ management of existing buildings</b></p> <p>D2.1 Rural Design standards.</p> <p>D2.2 Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals.</p> <p>D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary (see D1.1).</li> <li>~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website (see HE4.7).</li> <li>–</li> <li>–</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
<p><b>Mitigation of intrusive features</b></p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features.</p> <p>D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution.</p> <p>D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–</li> <li>~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings.</li> <li>~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB.</li> <li>~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes.</li> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</li> <li>~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Small-scale quarrying for local uses</b></p> <p>D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications.</p> <p>D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.</li> </ul>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
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<p><b>Renewable energy installations</b></p> <p>D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations.</p> <p>D5.2 Support appropriate proposals.</p> <p>D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals.</p> <p>~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary (see D1.1).</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Consider including case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2012.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Business and diversification opportunities</b></p> <p>D6.1 Signposting to Business Link.</p> <p>D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.</p>	<p>~ As appropriate.</p> <p>~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review (see RA2.2).</p>						
<p><b>Re-use of redundant farm buildings</b></p> <p>D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>						
<p><b>Modern communications technology</b></p> <p>D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations.</p> <p>D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.</p>			XXXXX			
<p><b>Local needs/affordable housing</b></p> <p>D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys.</p> <p>D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures.</p> <p>D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.</p>	<p>~</p> <p>~</p> <p>~</p>						
<p><b>Solutions to traffic routing problems</b></p> <p>RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction.</p> <p>RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue.</p> <p>RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB.</p> <p>RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.</p>	<p>~ Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Scrutinise the Timber FQP consultation, inputting if appropriate.</p>						
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<p><b>Traffic and driver behaviour issues</b></p> <p>RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds.</p> <p>RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations.</p> <p>RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.</p>	<p>~ Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ Obtain data on police traffic speed checks carried out in AONB villages.</p> <p>~</p>				<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>		

<p><b>Sustainable modes of transport</b></p> <p>RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.</p> <p>RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSS.</p> <p>RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services.</p> <p>RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans.</p> <p>RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.</p>	<p>~ Continue input to implementation of SCTSS for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary.</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p>				
<p><b>Maintain character of rural road network</b></p> <p>RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.</p> <p>RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.</p> <p>RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.</p> <p>RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p> <p>RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ Contribute to on-going development of NYCC Construction Manual.</p> <p>~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.</p> <p>~ Check that features have been recorded in National Street Gazetteer.</p> <p>~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p><b>A64 Trunk Road</b></p> <p>RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.</p>	<p>~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.</p>				
<p><b>Sustainable recreation activities</b></p> <p>RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.</p> <p>RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>				

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<p><b>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</b></p> <p>RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.</p> <p>RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.</p> <p>RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.</p> <p>RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</p> <p>RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</li> <li>~ Conduct a follow-up Visitors and Users Survey (see AP1.6).</li> <li>~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review.</li> <li>~ See RA2.2 above.</li> <li>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull (see AP2.3).</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p><b>Recreational management measures</b></p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>-</p>					
<p><b>Management of the PROW network</b></p> <p>RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.</p> <p>RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.</p> <p>RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</p> <p>RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.</p> <p>RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.</li> <li>~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.</li> <li>~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.</li> <li>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary.</li> <li>~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary.</li> <li>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</li> <li>~ Train 2 more volunteers in path Condition surveying.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>Definitive Map</b>  RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.  RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth.</li> <li>~ Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Improvements to PRow network</b>  RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.  RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ As opportunities arise.</li> <li>~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status.</li> <li>~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby &amp; Hovingham.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Path usage issues</b>  RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures.  RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc.  RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</li> <li>-</li> <li>~ As requested.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Open Access in FC woodland</b>  RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.  RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land.  RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>~ Monitor, and input as appropriate, to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate.</li> <li>~ As necessary.</li> </ul>					

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<p><b>Guided routes</b></p> <p>RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes.</p> <p>RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.</p> <p>RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.</p>	<p>~ See AP2.1</p> <p>~ Continue to develop circular off-road cycle route from Hovingham, in partnership with NYCC.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload Hovingham Ridges Ride cycle route leaflet.</p> <p>~ Publish and distribute/upload 2 further cycle route leaflets.</p> <p>~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank (see AP2.4).</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Bus routes and other transport services</b></p> <p>RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks.</p> <p>RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.</p>	<p>~</p> <p>~</p>					
<p><b>Informal car parking facilities</b></p> <p>RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works.</p> <p>RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory.</p> <p>RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</p>	<p>~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank.</p> <p>~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB.</p> <p>~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available.</p> <p>~ Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained.</p> <p>~ (Completed)</p> <p>~ Encourage Appleton-le-Street Village Hall to develop their ideas for walker/cyclist accommodation, as part of refurbishment works.</p>	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		

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<b>Water recreation on the Derwent</b> RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As necessary.					
<b>Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues</b> RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary. RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.	- -					
<b>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</b> AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64. AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.	~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained. ~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64. ~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc. have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets. ~ Start preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website. AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.	~ Publish 2011/12 Annual Report. ~ Publish AONB News 2012. ~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month. ~ Monitor extent and value of media mentions. ~ Attend Ryedale Show.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
AP1.5 Celebrate the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct. 2012). AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.	~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events. ~ Issue appropriate publicity. ~ Identify suitable sites, obtain permissions and install up to 25 log seats. ~ Develop methodology, identify survey sites, recruit volunteers and carry out Survey.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	



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<b>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</b> AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages. AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks. AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities. AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.	~ See RA9.3. ~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks. ~ Hold at least 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions. ~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull. ~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
<b>Volunteering</b> AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.	~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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<p><b>Funding and partnership mechanisms</b></p> <p>IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.</p> <p>IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra.</li> <li>~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation.</li> <li>~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project.</li> <li>~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB.</li> <li>~ Access additional resources from County &amp; District Councils, FC, EA, EH, CAN DO, Ryedale LEADER SSES, etc for specific identified projects.</li> <li>~ Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for Monuments at Risk.</li> <li>~ Continue to develop a habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area, based on Alcatheo bat.</li> <li>~ Implement Year 1 of the Revitalising the River Rye project, should Defra/EA funding bids be successful.</li> <li>~ Participate in the B-Lines project, with or without SITA funding.</li> <li>~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review.</li> <li>~ Investigate the potential for Community Foundations to support AONB projects.</li> <li>~ Monitor, and assist as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives.</li> <li>~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance AONB Officer staff resource.</li> <li>~ Hold a meeting in April 2013.</li> <li>~ Continue to deliver the AONB SDF programme in partnership with the North York Moors National Park.</li> <li>~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park &amp; AONB.</li> <li>~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO Partnership.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	

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<p><b>Business development of AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements.</p> <p>IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</p>	<p>~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance AONB Officer staff resource.</p> <p>~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2013.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p><b>Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit</b></p> <p>MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators.</p> <p>MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.</p>	<p>~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2013.</p> <p>~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers (see SF1.2).</p> <p>~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
<p><b>Monitor Condition of AONB</b></p> <p>MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system.</p> <p>MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators.</p> <p>MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle.</p> <p>MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.</p>	<p>~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage.</p> <p>~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites.</p> <p>~ Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations.</p> <p>~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators.</p> <p>~ As necessary.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	

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<p><b>National Association for AONBs</b> Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities.</p> <p>Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</li> <li>~ Co-host NAAONB Conference 2012, in York.</li> <li>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	
<p><b>AONB Management Plan</b> Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Agree scope of review needed, with AONB Partnership.</li> <li>~ Hold Topic Groups for individual subjects.</li> <li>~ Revise Plan text and consult back with Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.</li> </ul>			<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs (NAAONB) ACTIVITY**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of the initiatives currently being progressed by the NAAONB.

**2.0 UPDATE ON INITIATIVES**

- 2.1 The JAC Chairman attended the northern Chairmen's Meeting in York on 25<sup>th</sup> January, which also had representatives from the other northern AONBs. The Notes of the meeting are attached as Appendix 1 and these provide a good summary of the current state-of-play with national AONB/NAAONB issues.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

That the progress on various initiatives described in Appendix 1 be noted.



## **Chair and Lead Officer meeting – York – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### **Meeting Notes**

Peter Stevens welcomed attendees to the meeting.

The CEO updated attendees on national activity. Specifically covering the following areas of work:

#### **The Defra sponsorship change project**

Richard Clarke has taken a lead on working up these projects ensuring that we effectively have someone on the inside with a thorough understanding of the way that AONB partnerships operate. Whilst Richard has been working for Defra our communications have been daily. We have, however, lost Richard as a NAAONB resource over this period – a price that we considered worth paying.

All elements of this change project have been set within the context of decentralisation, and as a reminder the six key threads of the decentralisation agenda are (to):

- Lift the burden of bureaucracy
- Empower communities to do things their way
- Increase local control of public finances
- Diversify the supply of public services
- Open up government to public scrutiny
- Strengthen accountability to local people

#### **Element 1 – The approach to funding**

2 areas of consideration:

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- The general split of funding across what have historically been known as core, project and SDF pots, and the funding formula
- The mechanism by which money is delivered to the AONB partnerships

The recommendation is that **the single pot is retained, with no reference to core, project and SDF, and it will be up to the AONB partnership to decide how it apportions the Defra contribution** – the last point of detail being important. Reference to Defra's contribution as a grant limits its use as match funding (particularly in relation to European-funded projects). If individual AONBs require further clarification on how this single pot allocation has been derived then requests for further information should be made to Defra directly.

The possibility of 100% funding by Defra has also been discussed but only considered worth pursuing if the current money to Local Authorities from DCLG that makes up the match funding could be routed through Defra. This is not an option. In fact, discussions would suggest that we should be mindful of the very real possibility that all monies to LAs, wherever they are destined, are routed unhypothecated through DCLG to LAs.

**The funding formula** that determines the distribution of grant has also been the subject of discussion. There has been pressure for a review, with the Cotswolds making the case for a fairer distribution of money, citing the fact that Cannock Chase receives £2491 per sq. km whereas the North Pennines receives only £187 per sq. km. **The recommendation is that the funding formula shouldn't be revisited at this stage** as any redistribution of a shrinking pot will result in losers as well as winners. Focus should be placed on diversifying income streams, particularly from non-exchequer sources. This has resulted in the second of a series of training events designed to look at just this. We are currently planning a third for the end of this financial year.

It is widely accepted that the relevance of the funding formula will be significantly reduced following the next spending review. However, there is a commitment by Defra to review it in 2015/16 should this still be a wish of the AONB Family.

## **Mechanism**

4 options:

- Continue as is – with Defra funding going directly to the 34 lead authorities
- Defra funding to go directly to the LAs as part of the Revenue Support Grant
- All funding administered by the NAAONB (but apportioned by Defra)

- Establishment of a new national 'landscape trust' type charity that receives funding from Defra and distributes it to all of the AONBs

No concrete recommendation as yet, although it is likely to continue as is.

## **Element 2 – Synergies**

Four NGOs that work with PLs in England – NAAONB, ENPAA, UK ANPA, and EAI

Review of how these organisations work; are there any areas of overlap? Where work could be complementary; any gaps that need filling?

4 options

- Defra takes no further action
- The four NGOs are combined to form a single PL organisation
- Greater collaboration between NGOs is strongly encouraged by Defra
- Defra gently encourages the four organisations to come up with a collaboration plan\*

Investigation highlighted the fact that these organisations are already working closely in many areas. There are firm links established between ENPAA, UK ANPA, and the NAAONB. The NAAONB and ENPAA have produced a collaboration note highlighting areas of shared interest; there is a fledgling programme of chair-level bilaterals; the NAAONB will be working with NE on a shared outcome agreement that reflects and complements that agreed with ENPAA; the process of drawing up national consultation responses now involves ENPAA as a matter of course. There is further work to do in relation to collaboration with EAI.

## **Element 3 - Monitoring and reporting**

Defra's intention is to move from a quarterly to an annual reporting cycle – based on the RAG model, with the NAAONB pulling together an annual report collating specific examples of delivery from across its membership. This annual report would serve to showcase the work of AONB partnerships in England and form an important component of our communications and advocacy work.



## **Regional co-ordinator posts**

The CEO updated the meeting on the position regarding the regional co-ordinator posts, highlighting the letter sent to the regional fora, post holders, and the NAAONB stating Defra's intention to route the monies for these posts through the NAAONB. The intention to make this extra staff resource available to all AONBs in England was made clear. There was a discussion on the mechanics and some concern over how much time the post holders would have available for wider work, having taken into account legacy work in the former regions. Likewise there was concern over the length of time funding would be made available to support these posts from Defra. The CEO explained that it is the intention to work up national projects that would draw down funding to support these posts in the future and whilst we are generously supported by Defra currently we must look to non-exchequer funding, more than we have in the past, to maintain not only these posts but the NAAONB itself, as AONB partnerships are having to do.

## **Guidance document**

The NAAONB has scoped a 'guidance document' that will highlight the value of AONBs, Section 85, the Silkin Test etc. and set the designation within the context of the current government agenda. This document will be produced by the NAAONB and it is envisaged that it will be endorsed by Defra. This guidance will complement the next round of management plans.

## **Rural Economic Growth Review**

The CEO outlined the NAAONB response to the consultation on rural economic growth, acknowledged the significant role played by High Weald AONB Partnership and Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB Partnership, and flagged the value of the final document in relation to articulating the role of AONBs in helping support rural development.

The Defra response to the REGR was discussed including the provision of monies to promote sustainable tourism in AONBs. It was suggested by the Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership Lead Officer, Elliott Lorimer, that an officer from Defra might speak at their Sustainable tourism symposium in May.

**Action – HD to follow this up with Defra**

Following this update there was a discussion that touched on the following issues.

There was an acknowledgement that Defra has supported the AONBs over what has been, and still is, a difficult time and that working towards delivery of Defra's objectives is a natural and appropriate response.

### **Corporate risk**

The issue of leadership was raised as part of the corporate risk assessment discussed during the Chair and Lead Officer meetings in 2011. Whilst the NAAONB has taken action to manage most of the risks, the issue of further developing leadership skills has not received any attention. To clarify, leadership in this context is about developing capabilities, growing skills, communicating effectively, and generally identifying and making better use of the skills and relationships that exist within the AONB Family.

The NAAONB proposed initiating a programme of development that was met with broad support and the clear link between this and one of Defra's objectives for the AONBs was highlighted.

### **NAAONB strategic plan**

The CEO highlighted the importance of our nationally agreed strategic plan, reminded members as to what it contained, and suggested that it could be used to effectively champion the work of not only the NAAONB but the AONB Family.

### **NAAONB Communications**

The Communications and Development Manager reported that

- The first phase of [www.landscapesforlife.org.uk](http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk) is now complete and the second phase will be complete by year end. She thanked everyone for their hard work before Christmas to make this possible.
- AONB News, the NAAONB's email newsletter, remains the most efficient way of getting lots of information out to the AONB Family and partner organisations. The NAAONB relies on the communication officers of each AONB to forward this on to wider partnership staff and members. She reminded people that if they were not receiving it direct and wished to, then they should get in touch.

- Board papers were also a useful source of information and if you were too busy to read all the papers, most useful reading was deemed as agenda, previous meetings minutes and the activity report which would give a snapshot of what was going on.
- Between AONB News editions and the quarterly Board meetings, important information was sent out as email “Updates”
- The current NAAONB email traffic was so intense that both the CEO and the Communications Manager were finding it difficult to keep up with responses. She asked for understanding while the backlog was cleared and asked if the information was urgently required that they could be contacted on their mobiles – Howard 07576 321614 and Jill 07969 888823
- Conference 2012 would take place in York, 17-19<sup>th</sup> July.

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

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**DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2011.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the spring meeting, the JAC receives an annual report on the number and type of planning applications determined within the AONB during the previous year. This procedure was started for the first time in 1998 and gives an impression of the degree of development pressure within the AONB.

**3.0 DEVELOPMENT DURING 2011**

- 3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2011 appears in Appendix 1. Details have been included of all applications within the period which were approved or refused by the two principal local planning authorities – Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils. Details have not been included of applications which were withdrawn or where a decision was still pending at the end of the year.
- 3.2 **Due to pressure of deadlines with the Ryedale Local Plan, it unfortunately has not been possible to compile the information for the Ryedale District in time for the agenda being sent out. Data will be provided at the JAC meeting or as a follow-up paper subsequently.**
- 3.3 It is clearly important not to read too much into this information. Nothing can be deduced about the scale of development or its visual impact. Nevertheless the following appear to be the most significant conclusions:
- The AONB is still under relatively little development pressure; the numbers of applications have risen since a very low point in 2009 and are now at their highest for the rolling 5-year period.
  - 95% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is consistent with the 5-year average of around 90%.
  - Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications understandably being seen in the larger villages. Crayke saw a significantly higher-than-normal level of activity during 2011, with other parishes being about average.
  - Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. The two categories showing above-average activity were Tourism & Recreation and Agriculture, where there has been a significant increase in the number of applications for the construction of new farm buildings.

Levels of activity in these categories were 400% and 275% of the 5-year average respectively.

- Whilst the AONB continues to be under relatively little tourist and recreational development pressure, the number of applications increased last year. These have been for conversion of farm buildings to holiday accommodation and an up-market 'glamping' facility. An application for a 15-pitch caravan site near Gilling is currently being determined.
- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year – applications for conversion of a disused water reservoir to a holiday let in open countryside near Amotherby (Refused; upheld on Appeal); construction of a large new piggery complex just outside the AONB boundary near Crayke; and the creation of a 15-pitch touring caravan site near Gilling. Although more applications for on-farm wind turbines in the 12-15m category were expected, none were forthcoming last year. Other than these individual cases, the most noticeable other trend was the number of Agricultural Prior Notifications for the construction of new grain storage buildings.

3.3 In the financial year 2011/12, which obviously does not quite overlap with the calendar year 2011, 48 planning applications were scrutinised by the JAC, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. The AONB Manager submitted comments on 30 of these consultations; objections/strong reservations were lodged in 11 of those responses; the District Council followed the JAC's recommendations of refusal, or the applicants Withdrew/amended the plans, in 5 out of the cases where a decision was required (2 Decisions pending). In a further 11 of the responses our comments resulted in amendments/Conditions that significantly improved the schemes from an AONB perspective. In many cases the comments submitted were relatively minor in nature, but nonetheless important in order to ensure that the AONB landscape, wildlife and historic heritage is conserved appropriately. Many of the comments made relate to the colour of materials and wall/roof finishes. Although a Condition is often placed on the development by the District Council, it is only once the development takes place that we can see whether our comments have truly been successful or not. Members should note that we have very little control over the workload generated by this area of our work, as it is dependent upon the number and type of applications submitted.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received for information.

<b>Howardian Hills AONB</b>											
<b>Applications Determined by</b>											
<b>Type of Development</b>											
(Number of applications and % approved)											
<b>Ryedale Parishes</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>		<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2011</b>		<b>5yr Average 2007-2011</b>
Residential - New Build	15		16		2		5				<b>10</b>
		60%		88%		50%		100%			
Residential - Conversions	14		15		1		1				<b>8</b>
		86%		66%		100%		100%			
Holiday - Conversions	1		1		0		0				<b>1</b>
		100%		100%		~		~			
Householder	68		67		49		38				<b>56</b>
		87%		87%		98%		87%			
Retail	0		0		0		0				<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~			
Business and Commercial	1		1		2		4				<b>2</b>
		100%		100%		100%		100%			
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0				<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~			
Tourism and Recreation	2		0		2		1				<b>1</b>
		100%		~		50%		100%			
Community Facilities	1		0		0		0				<b>0</b>
		100%		~		~		~			
Agriculture	7		0		0		2				<b>2</b>
		71%		~		~		50%			
Other	16		26		14		15				<b>18</b>
		100%		96%		100%		100%			
Equestrian							4				<b>4</b>
								75%			
<b>Total Ryedale</b>	<b>125</b>		<b>126</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>70</b>				<b>98</b>
		<b>85%</b>		<b>87%</b>		<b>96%</b>		<b>90%</b>			
<b>Hambleton Parishes</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>		<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2011</b>		<b>5yr Average 2007-2011</b>
Residential - New Build	1		2		1		0		0		<b>1</b>
		0%		100%		100%		~		~	
Residential - Conversions	0		0		0		0		2		<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~		100%	
Holiday - Conversions	0		1		0		0		2		<b>1</b>
		~		100%		~		~		~	
Householder	19		16		6		15		18		<b>15</b>
		95%		94%		83%		100%		94%	
Retail	0		0		0		0		0		<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~		~	
Business and Commercial	0		1		0		0		0		<b>0</b>
		~		100%		~		~		~	
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0		0		<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~		~	
Tourism and Recreation	0		0		0		0		4		<b>1</b>
		~		~		~		~		75%	
Community Facilities	0		0		0		0		0		<b>0</b>
		~		~		~		~		~	
Agriculture	3		2		1		5		11		<b>4</b>
		33%		50%		100%		80%		~	
Other	0		6		1		2		0		<b>2</b>
		~		66%		100%		100%		~	
<b>Total Hambleton</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>28</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>24</b>
		<b>83%</b>		<b>86%</b>		<b>89%</b>		<b>95%</b>		<b>95%</b>	
<b>TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB</b>	<b>148</b>		<b>154</b>		<b>79</b>		<b>92</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>102</b>
		<b>84%</b>		<b>86%</b>		<b>95%</b>		<b>91%</b>			<b>89%</b>

<b>Howardian Hills AONB</b>						
<b>Applications Determined by Parish</b>						
						<b>5yr Average</b>
<b><u>Ryedale Parishes</u></b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2007-2011</b>
Ampleforth	7	16	7	8		<b>10</b>
Bulmer	7	3	1	2		<b>3</b>
Cawton	3	5	2	1		<b>3</b>
Coneysthorpe	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
Coulton	8	5	2	0		<b>4</b>
Crambe	4	6	0	1		<b>3</b>
Gilling East	9	12	12	10		<b>11</b>
Grimstone	1	12	3	0		<b>4</b>
Henderskelfe	2	2	1	0		<b>1</b>
Hovingham	6	8	4	3		<b>5</b>
Howsham	6	3	4	2		<b>4</b>
Huttons Ambo	8	5	5	6		<b>6</b>
Nunnington	6	7	4	4		<b>5</b>
Oswaldkirk	9	5	3	8		<b>6</b>
Scackleton	6	2	5	2		<b>4</b>
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	2	5	1	0		<b>2</b>
Sproxton	8	2	3	6		<b>5</b>
Stonegrave	6	6	0	0		<b>3</b>
Terrington	15	16	7	12		<b>13</b>
Welburn	5	6	6	5		<b>6</b>
Whitwell-on-the Hill	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Ryedale</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>		<b>96</b>
<b><u>Hambleton Parishes</u></b>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	7	8	1	0	7	<b>5</b>
Coxwold	0	0	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
Crayke	7	6	3	8	17	<b>8</b>
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	2	0	3	5	2	<b>2</b>
Husthwaite	1	4	0	2	5	<b>2</b>
Newburgh	0	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Oulston	4	4	1	3	3	<b>3</b>
Thornton-on-the-Hill	0	1	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
Whenby	0	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Yearsley	2	5	1	2	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Hambleton</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>101</b>