

Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Joint Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 5 November 2012, commencing at 10.00 am.

Present:-

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillors Clare Wood and Caroline Patmore.

Ryedale District Council: Councillor Robert Wainwright.

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman.

Parish Councils: David Pontefract (Hambleton).

Country Land and Business Association: William Worsley.

National Farmers Union: Robert Hicks.

Natural England: Justine Clark and Nancy Steadman.

Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB: Paul Jackson, Liz Bassindale and Maggie Cochrane.

North Yorkshire County Council Jane Wilkinson (Secretary) and Graham Megson.

Ryedale District Council: Paula Craddock.

Hambleton District Council: Graham Banks.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

72. Election of Chairman

Resolved –

That County Councillor Clare Wood is elected to serve as Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for the next 12 months.

County Councillor Clare Wood in the Chair

73. Apologies for Absence

Submitted on behalf of Ryedale Parish Councillor Gaynor De Barr.

74. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2012, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

75. Matters Arising

Min No 64 Retaining Wall at Oulston Bank

It was reported that Newburgh Priory Estate had obtained grant funding to repair fallen sections of wall totalling between 30/40m in length and that the repairs works had commenced on site.

County Councillor Patmore was concerned that other sections of the wall that were on the verge of collapse would compromise the work now being carried out.

David Pontefract said that he had spoken with the contractor who had completed approximately 50% of the work and who shared the concerns of County Councillor Patmore. It was reported that a lack of funds meant that the Estate was not prepared to carry out any further repair works. Members were pleased that some progress had been achieved and Paul Jackson agreed to monitor the situation and provide further updates to future meetings.

Min No 65 – Gate Pillars at Hardy Flatts, Whitwell

An exploration of alternative options to protective wooden posts in front of the stone pillars was outstanding. Update to be reported to the next meeting.

Min No 65 – 25th AONB Commemorative Log Seats

The latest edition of the AONB newsletter had invited suggestions for the location of the commemorative seats. Similarly a letter to all parish councils in the AONB was about to be sent out inviting them to submit suitable locations.

Min No 66 – Appointment of NYCC Volunteer Co-ordinator

A meeting between the AONB Officer and newly appointed Volunteer Co-ordinator had taken place at which volunteer activity within the AONB had been discussed.

Min- 67 – AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2012/13

It was reported that since the previous meeting no SDF applications had been received that required determination by an E-Panel.

76. Election of Vice-Chairman

Resolved –

That Hambleton District Councillor Christine Cookman is elected as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for the next 12 months.

77. Election of SDF Panel Representatives

That Ryedale District Councillor Robert Wainwright and David Pontefract (Parish Councils Hambleton) are nominated to represent Howardian Hills AONB on the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the next 12 months.

That Hambleton District Councillor Christine Cookman is nominated as the substitute member to represent Howardian Hills AONB on the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the next 12 months.

78. AONB Unit Activity

Considered –

The joint report of AONB Officers detailing their activities and the progress achieved by the Unit during the period April-September 2012.

A slideshow 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 was shown at the meeting.

Members enquired about the effectiveness of the work done to date to clear and control the spread of Himalayan Balsam. The Committee was advised that the plant was an annual and the main method of control used was to cut the plant before it set seed. Timing of the cut was critical. This method had proved successful within the AONB as evidenced by the 50% reduction in the cost of this work each year for the past four years. Because the plant shaded out other vegetation perennial grasses may need to be reintroduced to treated areas.

It was acknowledged that efforts to control the spread of Himalayan balsam within the confines of the AONB could be rendered ineffective unless replicated outside its boundaries. The AONB Manager highlighted a joint project to eradicate non-native species around the River Derwent that involved a number of different organisations. He said that lack of funding/resources was often the reason preventative action was not taken as opposed to a lack of will. The National Park had he said produced a leaflet that was widely available that contained advice on how to control Himalayan balsam. The plant was shallow rooted and could easily be uprooted by hand and small areas could effectively be treated in this way.

During the photographic presentation details of potential future Sustainable Development Fund applications still under development were highlighted. The Chairman recommended that the applicant of the Autism Centre project establish contact with the County Council's Health & Adult Services Directorate to seek advice on how to strengthen their bid.

Members pointed out that the top stones on the northern section of Scackleton Wall at Wiganthorpe had yet to be replaced. The AONB Manager confirmed that appropriate stone had been sourced but that its removal required mineral planning consent. The Chairman and Members of the Committee instructed the AONB Manager to write a letter immediately following the meeting requesting the appropriate consent.

Members enquired when the renovated traditional highway direction signs would be reinstated. The AONB Manager replied that five signs had been renovated but that only one had been reinstated. The County Council's Area Highways Office at Thirsk was responsible for reinstatement works but his efforts to get this work timetabled had to date proved unsuccessful. The Chairman and County Councillor Caroline Patmore agreed to contact Nigel Smith, Area Highways Manager to request that he organise the works.

The Chairman referred to the analysis of grant recipients questionnaire returns for the year 2012/12 at appendix 5 of the report and was concerned that 28% said the work would have been done without a grant being awarded. The AONB Manager acknowledged her concerns and gave assurances to the Committee that he would closely monitor the situation.

In conclusion, the Chairman and Members of the Committee congratulated the AONB Manager and his team on their achievements which given the changes in staff were particularly impressive.

Resolved –

That the content of the report and the information provided at the meeting be noted.

79. AONB Indicators

Considered –

The report of the AONB Manager presenting the 2011/12 annual performance results for the AONB Partnership. The report brought together data on performance, personnel, financial and partnership working. Individual indicator results were appended to the report.

Members commented that whilst it was no longer a requirement that the data was collected it continued to be a useful source of information. It enabled year on year comparative analysis to be undertaken and as it was not too onerous to collect recommended the practice should continue.

Resolved –

That performance indicator results continue to be reported to Joint Advisory Committee on an annual basis.

That the performance indicator results in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

80. Visitors & Users Survey

Considered –

The report of the AONB Manager presenting the methodology and results of a Visitor & User Survey undertaken in August 2012. The findings of the survey were displayed in detail on large boards in the meeting room.

The AONB Manager said it was interesting to note that significantly more people were aware that the area was a designated AONB than had been the case when the previous survey was undertaken in 2002. The findings of the survey would he said be used to inform the new Management Plan.

Graham Megson commented that the information about disabled users would be helpful when completing equality impact assessments.

The Chairman was concerned that when looking at the survey results in the future external factors such as the weather and the affect of the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee would be forgotten. The AONB Manager said he would include in the Survey Report a paragraph highlighting the reasons why 2012 was not a typical year.

Resolved –

That the Visitors & Users Survey methodology and results be noted for information.

81. New Agricultural Buildings Design Guide (Draft)

Considered –

The report of the AONB Manager seeking feedback from Members prior to informal consultation and subsequent publication and distribution of a new draft Agricultural Buildings Design Guide for use within the AONB. A copy of the draft design guide was appended to the report.

The AONB Manager said the design guide was based on the model used by North York Moors National Park. Once approved it was intended that the Design Guide was sent to all farmers and agents in the AONB who regularly submitted planning

applications. The Design Guide would also be used as a reference tool by the AONB Manager when commenting on planning applications.

William Worsley said he had reservations about the document in its current form. It was important that the Guide did not frustrate the practice of agriculture which nationally required a significant amount of investment in infrastructure. He was not convinced that it was a good idea to use the same template as that used by the National Park. Farming in the National Park was predominantly livestock whereas in the AONB it was mainly arable which had very different requirements. He said there was a need for large agricultural buildings with adequate space between them to enable farm vehicles to manoeuvre properly and easily. Multi-span roofs were not suitable for grain stores and sky lights should be avoided. Tree planting was often seen as a means to mitigate the appearance of farm buildings but often it was difficult to get advice from district councils and was not followed up after planning consent had been obtained.

The AONB Manager said he had used the National Park template because like the AONB it was a protected landscape and the Guide contained many things that were also relevant to the AONB. He agreed to remove the obvious discordant references.

County Councillor Caroline Patmore suggested that consideration be given to imposing a fee for giving advice similar to the practice employed by district councils.

Nancy Steadman said the number one principle/consideration of the Guide should be location as opposed to design details. With regard to tree planting she said she would prefer to see other options apart from barrier planting used such as the planting of a copse as a means of breaking up the profile of a building.

On behalf of the National Farmers Union Robert Hicks welcomed investment in high quality agricultural buildings which he was keen to see sited for practical reasons close to existing farm buildings. He agreed with the comments of William Worsley about the need for turning space for farm vehicles and suggested that it would be helpful if the Guide when approved was distributed to farm building contractors who often assisted farmers with design aspects of new buildings.

The AONB Manager agreed to liaise outside of the meeting with William Worsley, Robert Hicks and Nancy Steadman about making revisions to the draft guide before circulating it to Members of the Committee.

Members debated whether the Design Guide when approved should be adopted as part of the Local Development Framework. The Chairman expressed support for the document which she said would help raise the profile of the AONB and if formally adopted would place it on a formal footing.

Members agreed to defer making a decision about whether to include the Design Guide in the Local Development Framework until the next meeting of the Committee when hopefully an amended Design Guide would be approved.

Resolved –

- (a) That the AONB Manager liaise with Members of the Committee about amendments to the Design Guide before referring it to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.
- (b) That a decision about whether to include the Design Guide in the Local Development Framework be deferred to the next meeting.

82. AONB Budget

Considered –

The report of the AONB Manager presenting details of expenditure during 2011/12 and highlighting anticipated budgetary needs for 2013/14.

Details of expenditure incurred during 2011/12 were summarised and Members noted the reasons for the above average number of variations between estimated and actual spend on a number of budget heads that had resulted in an underspend of 12%.

The principal reason for the overall budget underspend was the Historic Environment budget head which had spent only 32% of its provision as described in paragraph 2.10 of the report. At the end of the 2011/12 financial year there was a carry forward into 2012/13 of £48,616. The AONB Manager expressed himself satisfied with the overall position.

The AONB Manager then summarised the current budget situation as set out in appendix 5 of the report and estimated anticipated expenditure during 2013/14.

Members supported the approach as outlined in the report. The Chairman congratulated the Unit on its achievement during what had been a challenging time in terms of staff changes and gave notice that if the County Council decided to freeze Council Tax next year then further budget cuts could be experienced.

Resolved –

- (a) That the details of JAC expenditure during 2011/12 be received for information.
- (b) That Partner authorities be asked to consider making financial contributions towards the work of the JAC in 2013/14, in line with Appendix 5 and section 4 of the report.
- (c) That North Yorkshire County Council is invited to review renewal of its lease on the AONB Team office at Hovingham, with all costs continuing to be funded by the AONB Partnership.
- (d) That the increase in NAAONB subscription for a 2-year trial secondment of the Regional Co-ordinators to the national NAAONB Team is noted and outputs monitored.

83. National Association For AONB's

The AONB Manager provided an oral report providing feedback to Members on the annual conference.

The AONB had acted as one of the host authorities and had been responsible for organising two field trips both of which had been very successful. The events had taken a lot of time and effort to organise but the feedback received had been very positive and the conference was said to have been one the best there had been.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman commended the AONB Manager and his team for their all hard work and efforts.

The AONB Manager summarised the following highlights from the Conference:-

- Minister Richard Benyon pledging strong support for AONBs
- Keynote speaker Ed Gillespie

The National Association had held their AGM in October in London. Minister Richard Benyon had attended and had emphasised the importance of rural growth, the roll out of broadband, tourism and partnership working with the National Parks.

The AONB Manager described the newly created national role for the two former regional co-ordinators who had previously worked in the South East/West. The previous arrangement was he said unbalanced and unsustainable. The AONB Manager supported their new role which he said would cost each AONB £2,700 over two years but was already producing benefits even though they were not officially due to start their new role until April 2013.

Resolved –

That the information provided at the meeting be noted.

84. JAC planning consultations

The Committee received for information and comment a copy of the responses submitted by the AONB Manager to Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils in respect of planning applications within the area of the AONB that had been received since the previous meeting.

In response to a question from a Member the AONB Manager confirmed that he had not been consulted on and was unaware of enforcement action at High House Farm, Oulston.

The Chairman commented that it had been an exceptionally busy period with a wide range of development. The AONB Manager said that the volume of work in this area was always unpredictable.

Resolved –

That the responses attached to the agenda be noted.

85. Reports from Partner Organisations - Oral reports

Considered –

Natural England

The new Environmental Stewardship handbook was now available and contained details of changes made to the allocation of points under the Entry Level Scheme. Changes to the staffing structure of the local office had led to reduced staff numbers which in turn meant officers now had less time for field work. For those staff that remained the future was uncertain. During the Summer the television programme on the restoration of Coulton Mill had provided a lot of good publicity. Within the AONB there were five Environmental Stewardship Applications in the pipeline and invitations had been sent out seeking applications for next year. Works to The Avenue at Castle Howard were planned but overall the future of the Rural Development Programme remained uncertain.

Hambleton District Council

Shared services with Richmondshire District Council were now at an end and planning had reverted to being a single service.

Ryedale District Council

The Local Development Framework document was subject to its examination in September 2012. The Inspector had not officially closed the examination yet and had indicated that further public consultation on changes made during the examination would be needed.

North Yorkshire County Council

The reorganisation of the Public Rights of Way Team was now complete and a new staffing structure in place. Contact details for the Rangers to be provided.

Country Land & Business Association

The Association was very concerned about the effects of Ash Dieback and diseases affecting other species of trees. The Association stressed the importance of mixed planting.

86. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee is Thursday 4 April 2013 at 10.00 am at a venue to be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

JW/ALJ

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4 APRIL 2013**

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 Officers and AONB Assistant in the period 5th November 2012 to 27th March 2013. 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, and in-field and boundary tree planting schemes.
- 2.3 Volunteer activity on practical tasks has been lower during the last six months than in the past, due to a re-organisation of the NYCC Ranger Teams. The SINC management task of clearing rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC has continued to attract sustained high numbers of volunteers however, for the two days that were arranged. Volunteer help with the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project has however been significant, with at least 2 volunteers present on each activity day and in some cases fully leading the activities.
- 2.4 A November Junior Ranger Club was delivered, with planning for the next one at Easter 2013 at an advanced stage. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2012/13 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.5 Work on the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project has progressed very well. 8 Year 3 visits have having been completed, the remaining 12 Year 3 visits have been arranged, and thoughts have turned to the Year 4 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. 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 saw a spike in Quarter 3, with a high number of schemes coming forward that needed a response, but the number has been slightly lower in Quarter 4. Copies of the 8 planning consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.
- 2.8 The first of the 25th Anniversary log benches was installed at Castle Howard in November, with an accompanying press release and photo. The timber for the remaining benches has been secured, Parish Councils have been asked for suggested locations and different methods of installation are being explored.
- 2.9 Rebecca Thompson started in late November on secondment from the North York Moors National Park until 31st March 2014, to make up the 1 day per week shortfall in the AONB Officer post after Liz Bassindale moved to 4 days per week. Rebecca is helping with a variety of projects, ranging from grant aided schemes to discrete pieces of work that we have not been able to devote resources to until now.

- 2.10 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in the new Future Landscapes Collaboration project, attending a regional Chairmen and Lead Officers meeting and attending a seminar on AONB Management Plan review.
- 2.11 The Joint Advisory Committee's annual budget is likely to be underspent this year by approximately £8,000, although £7,000 of that was money allocated from reserves brought forward from the previous year (making a £1,000 underspend on the year when considered in isolation). This is partly due to the gap between Liz Bassindale returning from Maternity Leave in September but Francesca Pert having left to take up a new job in August. This gap at the end of Maternity Cover contracts is not unusual and was in fact smaller than can often be the case. The principal reason for the underspend has been the postponement of a number of SDF projects to which we had either offered grant aid or which we had reasonably expected to be brought forward this financial year. Those schemes offered grant have been postponed due to a variety of factors, including the failure of applicants' other funding bids to be supported and the wet weather. As a result only 50% of the SDF budget was spent this year. In contrast however 65% of next year's budget is already allocated and we have enough projects at an advanced stage to more than account for the remainder. With the reserves brought forward from 2011/12, plus a further underspend this year of £1,000, the total predicted reserves for 2013/14 are approximately £50,000. £12,000 of reserve has already been allocated within the 2013/14 budget, and with the number of potential projects coming forward we hope to achieve full spend of this.
- 2.12 A grant allocation proposal for 2013/14 was submitted to Defra in January. This included the confirmed Defra contribution for 2013/14, 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 2012/13 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

29TH OCTOBER 2012 – 27TH MARCH 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Completing preparation of the 11/12 Annual Review.
- Press release for the 25th Anniversary log seats, installing the first one and scoping an installation programme for the remainder.
- Interview, Secondment Agreement and Induction for Rebecca Thompson, seconded from NYMNPA for 7hrs per week until 31/3/14.
- Submission of 2012/13 interim grant claim to Defra.
- Submission of 2013/14 Grant Proposal to Defra.
- Planning application assessments, particularly housing development proposal at Ampleforth.
- AONB Project Fund work.
- Annual Leave.
- Organising dates for the 8 Management Plan Topic Group meetings.
- Attending NAAONB Future Landscapes Collaboration Programme workshops.

MEETINGS

- 5th November – JAC.
- 13th November – NET meeting, Wath Court.
- 16th November – FC Woodland Uplift Calculator workshop, York.
- 21st November – Shadow LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 28th November – NYMNP Conservation & Land Management Forum, Helmsley
- 4th December – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 7th December – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 17th November – Campaign for the Farmed Environment Agents' briefing day, Sproxtun.
- 19th December – Core Partners Group meeting.
- 11th January – NE Liaison meeting, York.
- 15th January – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 16th January – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding, County Hall.
- 21st January – Discussion about continuing work for Lime & Ice volunteers, Northallerton.
- 13th February – Meeting with LNP consultants re CAN DO Partnership, Helmsley.
- 19th February – Quarterly Annual Action Programme progress meeting.
- 6th March – Revitalising the River Rye project meeting.
- 7th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 14th March – Core Partners Group.
- 20th March – LNP Stakeholders meeting, Whitby.

- 27th March – Ryedale DC, re Ampleforth housing planning application?

Project round-up meetings with Liz, Rebecca and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB

- 14th November – Management Plan Review workshop, Birmingham.
- 20th December – Collaboration Programme Focus Group, York.
- 17th January - Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 6th February - Collaboration Programme workshop, Reading.
- 20th February – Chairmen & Lead Officers' Meeting, York.
- 12 & 13 March - Collaboration Programme workshop, Warrington.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 28th March – LNP Board meeting, Northallerton.
- 4th April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street.
- 16th April – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 18th April – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.
- 19th April – LEADER Support Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 22nd April – AONB Partnership Group, Appleton-le-Street.

- 25th April – Forestry & Woodland Topic Group.
- 30th April – Development & Rural Economy Topic Group.
- 1st May – Natural Environment Topic Group.
- 7th May – Roads, Transport & Traffic Management Topic Group.
- 8th May – Historic Environment Topic Group.
- 9th May – Communities Topic Group.
- 17th May – Agriculture Topic Group.
- 23rd May – Recreation, Access & Tourism Topic Group.
- 30th May – NET meeting.
- 20th June – Core Partners Group.
- 26th June – LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 9th July – River Rye Restoration Project meeting.
- 11th July – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding, County Hall.
- 5th September – NET meeting.
- 12th September – Core Partners Group.
- 25th September – LNP Board, Northallerton.
- 15th October – NET meeting, County Hall.
- 30th October – KIT meeting with Ian Fielding.
- 7th November – JAC meeting?

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 17th April – Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.
- 23/24th April – Northern AONBs Group meeting, Howardian Hills.
- 16th – 18th July – NAAONB Conference, Ipswich.
- 19th – 21st July – Game Fair, Staffordshire.
- 1st October – Collaboration Programme workshop, Birmingham.

SITE VISITS

- 13th November – Planning Application site visits x 2, Gilling.
- 26th November – Agree log seat location, Castle Howard.
- 12th December – Yearsley Moor Lime and Ice excavation – mill site and park pale.
- 4th January – Planning application site visit, Brandsby.
- 9th January – Arbortec – scrub removal options prior to wall restoration; Brandsby.
- 9th January – Planning application site visit, Crayke.

- 10th January – YMAP pottery finds drop-in session, Helmsley.
- 15th January – English Heritage, to discuss kerbing of long barrow, Grimstone.
- 4th February – Planning application site meeting, Gilling.
- 5th February – HLS Historic Action Plan scoping visit, Gilling Lakes.
- 13th February – Planning vols task, Park Wood Fishponds SINC.
- 18th February – Planning application site visit, Ampleforth.
- 11th March – Planning application site visits, Scackleton and Hovingham.

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Planning applications site visit, Crayke.
- Planning application site visit, Gilling.

PROJECTS

- Preparation of October JAC papers.
- 6th November – Interview of potential secondee from North York Moors National Park.
- Rebecca Thompson Induction.
- Confirmation of Topic Group meeting dates to discuss review of AONB Management Plan chapters.
- Preparation of JAC papers.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Completion of 2012 State Aids returns to Defra.
- 2012/13 Year-end financial arrangements.
- Analysis of the Historic Landscape Characterisation information, and incorporation into the Management Plan Local Landscape Priorities sections where appropriate.
- Assessment of Condition of Non-Statutory sites.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

COMMUNITIES

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- 30th November – Log seat installation and press launch.
- Press release on 25th Anniversary of AONB designation, and installation of log seats
- December – Publication of 2011/12 Annual Report.
- 12th February – Walk/interview with Guardian Travel Writer, Hovingham/Cawton.
- 20th February – Evening talk, Easingwold Gardening Club.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Installation of 25th Anniversary log seats.

TRAINING

- 24th December – Recruitment & Selection.
- 24th December – Safer Recruitment.
- 1st February – MS Office 2010, Malton.

FUTURE TRAINING

- Information management.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6th November – Team Appraisals.
- 19th December – Appraisal.
- 25th December – 1st January – Compulsory office shutdown.
- 25th February to 1st March – Annual Leave.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 19th April – Appraisal.

Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee October 2012 to March 2013

Continuing to support Thornton-le-Clay & Foston Village Design Statement in partnership with RDC Planning & Conversation Officers, attended meeting on 21 November 2012.

Ryedale Village Hall Networking Event held at Hovingham VH on 25 October 2012, attended by Hovingham, Coneysthorpe, Slingsby, Appleton-le-Street and Oswaldkirk Village Halls. Topics covered included environmentally friendly ways of heating community buildings.

A second event was held at Scagglethorpe on 6 March 2013 attended by Coneysthorpe, Barton-le-Street and Appleton-le-Street Village Halls. Topics included Insurance cover for Village Halls and community events.

Attended HHAONB SDF panel meeting on 24 January 2013.

Supporting Swinton Action Group and attended their AGM 29 January 2013.

Oswaldkirk are doing a 2nd Parish Plan; I met with Mark Clook (Parish Clerk) to plan the way forward. A Steering Group meeting has been arranged 27 March.

Terrington PC have decided to do a Parish Plan; I attended their PC meeting on 11 March 2013 and gave a presentation. 7 volunteers agreed to go to a Steering group; 1st meeting to be arranged soon.

RDC Community Investment Fund Pot 1 Ward level allocation. Held meeting with Amotherby Ward and Hovingham Ward, along with RDC Councillors, to discuss suitable projects to go forward for funding.

Following on from this both Hovingham and Amotherby Wards have decided to continue to meet at least twice a year to discuss cross-parish interests and concerns.

Meeting held at Terrington VH on 20 March with Cllr Robert Wainwright & Cllr Clare Wood and representatives from Terrington, Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton and Hovingham Parish Councils and Barton-le-Street Parish Meeting. Topics at Terrington meeting included updates from RDC & NYCC Councillors, Parish Plans, sharing information between the parishes, the use of community newsletters and websites and Police Ringmaster scheme. Another meeting is planned for October 2013 and one of topics could be HHAONB and to invite someone to give an update etc.

Amotherby Ward meeting held at Kirby Misperton Village Hall on 14 March 2013. Unfortunately the Ward Cllr was unable to attend; representatives from the ward parishes attended included Amotherby PC, Broughton PM. Topics discussed included road works along the B1257 and the fact the Amotherby PC and Broughton PM had received no information from NYCC regarding this and felt generally that updates from Council departments was poor. New Homes Bonus funding and availability for 2013/14 and Village Newsletters were also discussed. Another meeting is to be arranged for September 2013.

Maggie Farey 26 March 2013

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT – Liz Bassindale

5TH NOVEMBER 2012 – 21ST MARCH 2013

This report summarises the work completed over this 4½ month period:

- **Projects Fund 2012/13:** Grant offers have been made for hedge planting at Stearsby, Welburn and Oswaldkirk. The walling near Brandsby is progressing well. Repairs to the Ha-Ha at Gilling have been completed.
- **SDF 2012/13/14:** Grant offers have been issued towards an outdoor classroom at Crayke School, setting up a trial Geonauts scheme, bus shelters for Huttons Ambo, composting toilets for Howsham Mill, 'green technology' for Husthwaite Village Hall and a contribution to RAY for a Community Development Officer. Discussions have also taken place relating to a wildflower area at Welburn Primary School and information boards at Gilling Church.
- **Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project:** Three twinning visits took place to Ampleforth Abbey in November 2012 – the children met a monk, visited the orchard and learnt about the fruit processing centre. AONB based activities have taken place this term in Ampleforth and Husthwaite – both days focused on owls, species diversification and bird habitats close to the school grounds. Development of the nine urban sessions and one AONB session to be delivered Spring/Summer 2013 is underway.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers have offered their help for the next Junior Ranger Club and School Twinning sessions. Six volunteers helped with the Autumn twinning sessions and four with the March days.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** Activities have been planned for the Easter Holidays – the North Yorkshire Rotters will join us for part of the day to make wormeries with the children. Promotional material has been produced and is being sent to all of the local primary schools and schools in nearby market towns. We are conscious of the need to recruit the next group of Junior Rangers as some of the older children are towards the end of their time in the group.

MEETINGS

- Nov 5th – Hovingham – JAC
- Nov 6th – Hovingham - Appraisal
- Nov 8th – York – NYBAG
- Nov 13th – Northallerton – Natural Environment Team
- Nov 27th – Easington (East Cleveland) – LEADER LAG
- Dec 4th – Hovingham – Work programme review
- Dec 5th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Dec 7th – Hovingham – River Rye Group
- Dec 11th – Hovingham – Projects update
- Dec 12th – Scarborough – Development Officers
- Dec 13th – Hovingham – Howsham Mill Education and Events Officer – school twinning/other joint working
- Dec 19th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Jan 24th – Hovingham – SDF Panel
- Feb 19th – Hovingham – AONB Work Programme meeting
- Feb 28th – Hovingham - Natural Environment Team
- Feb 28th – Northallerton – Road Verges meeting

- March 5th – Malton – Development Officers
- March 6th – Hovingham – River Rye project development group
- March 14th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 4th – Barton le Street – JAC
- April 11th – York – NYBAG
- April 22nd – Appleton le Street – Partnership Group
- June 20th – Hovingham – Core Partners
- April/May – Hovingham – Management Plan Topic Groups
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly - Project updates with Paul
- Approx every 4-6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings
- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul, Rebecca and Maggie

SITE VISITS

- Nov 8th – Crayke School – SDF Project Ideas
- Nov 8th – Oulston – retaining wall project check
- Nov 28th – Hovingham – Bill Thompson – survey work update
- Nov 28th – Hovingham – SDF projects review with Paul
- Dec 4th – Welburn – tree and hedge planting with landowner and Rebecca (intro for her to our grant schemes)
- Jan 9th – Stearsby – Hedge planting advice/grant site meeting
- Jan 10th – Oswaldkirk – Hedge planting advice/grant site meeting
- Jan 30th – Hovingham – Stearsby hedge planting applicant meeting
- Feb 17th – Yearsley Moor – volunteer task clearing rhododendron
- March 13th – Burton House – landowner and Buglife Officer – grassland habitats restoration

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROJECTS

- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

Projects include:

- Rhododendron clearance and chipping at Yearsley Moor
- Western Hemlock at Grimston Moor
- Cutting and re-gravelling City of Troy Maze

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Offer made to contribute towards a re-print of the road cycling leaflet in conjunction with Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire, Ryedale DC

- Jan 25th – Hovingham – Outdoor booklet bike and walk routes – maps and info requirements with coordinator

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Identify a method to complete the three off-road cycle leaflets (underway with Castle Howard and Rupert Douglas/Ryedale DC)

COMMUNITIES

- Nov 1st – Castle Howard Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- Jan 10th – Husthwaite Village Hall – SDF advice

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- April 10th – The Yorkshire Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- 29th May – venue tbc – Junior Ranger Club
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Dec 21st – Scarborough – Great Outdoors 2013 booklet meeting
- Jan 10th – Helmsley – Lime and Ice drop in – finds from the Mill at Yearsley
- Jan 10th – Ampleforth – set up display in St Hilda's Church, Ampleforth, about the school twinning project
- Feb 6th – Ryedale House – Great Outdoors Booklet update and advertising
- Feb 15th – Castle Howard – bike and walking leaflets and promotion of wider Estate

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Nov 21st – Malton Rugby Club - Meet the Funder
- Displays in community spaces about the Schools Twinning Project

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- Nov 20th – Hull – Twinning update and planning
- 3 school twinning visits to Ampleforth Abbey – orchards and ‘A Monk’s Life’ theme
 - 7th Nov – Ampleforth St Hilda’s, Hovingham and Neasden
 - 12th Nov – Ings and Sheriff Hutton
 - 19th Nov – Slingsby and Park Grove
- Jan 8th – Hull – School twinning planning meeting
- Jan 22nd – Welburn - meeting with school – twinning and meadow grant
- Jan 24th – Ampleforth St Benedict’s School – school twinning planning with teacher
- Jan 30th – Howsham/Welburn – meeting with Howsham Mill Education and Events Officer and YWT – Autumn 2013 twinning sessions
- Feb 14th – Foston School – pics of school twinning display
- Feb 20th – St Nicholas Fields, York – scoping potential for twinning project
- March 5th – Ampleforth – School twinning day (not attending)
- March 6th – Husthwaite – School twinning day
- March 8th – York – Scoping possible city centre venues for school twinning

- School twinning display to Ampleforth Abbey

- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- April – Twinning visits to Hull x7
- May/June – Twinning visits to York x 2 and AONB x 1

- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including Educational Activities, Community Events and Habitat Management.

TRAINING

- Jan 23rd – NYCC Customer Care online
- Jan 23rd – NYCC Introduction to Information Management online
- Jan 31st – Ryedale House - Microsoft migration

FUTURE TRAINING

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Nov 6th – Hovingham - Interview panel for one day per week AONB Officer post
- Nov 9th-16th (not 14th) – Annual leave
- Jan 15th – 18th – Annual leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- March 19th – 22nd – Annual leave
- June 4th – 14th – Annual leave

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT – Rebecca Thompson

27th NOVEMBER 2012 – 26th MARCH 2013

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Induction to HHAONB
- Adding grid references to historic project information for inclusion on HER
- Mapping of Howardian Way onto GIS
- Gathering information & producing a fact sheet for Schools Twinning Project (Humber Dock & Fruit Market)
- Producing display material for School Twinning Project
- Proof reading Design Guidance for new Agricultural Buildings
- Finalisation of Registered Park & Garden Study for Gilling Castle

MEETINGS

- 4th December – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 11th December – Project round-up meeting
- 19th February – Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting.

- Mapping route of ‘Howardian Way’ onto GIS layer
- Calculating carbon storage potential of HHAONB
- Rationalisation of project files
- Proof reading the Design Guidance for New Agricultural Buildings
- Finalisation of Registered Park & Garden Study for Gilling Castle

NAAONB

FUTURE PROJECTS

FUTURE MEETINGS

CONSULTATIONS

FUTURE NAAONB

- 24th April – Northern Group Meeting

COMMUNITIES

SITE VISITS

- 4th December – proposed hedge planting at Greets Farm, Welburn.
- 15th January – English Heritage, to discuss kerbing of long barrow, Grimstone
- 19th February – proposed wall restoration, Brandsby & proposed hedge, Brandsby

- Gathering information & producing fact sheet about Humber Dock and Hull Fruit Market for use by teachers in the Schools Twinning Project.
- Production of material for School Twinning Display

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

PROJECTS

- Updating historic project records with grid references and submitting information to NYCC for inclusion on HER.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

TRAINING

- Induction to HHAONB

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Interpretation of AONB Manager's 360° Feedback Report

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

27 OCTOBER 2012 – 21 MARCH 2013

My main duties over the period have been:

- Preparation for and assisting with delivery of Junior Rangers' session on 1 November and planning and promotion of Junior Rangers' session 10 April.
- Assisting with delivery of one of Schools Twinning days at Ampleforth Abbey, and assisting with planning for Schools Twinning days in York.
- Assisting with planning for annual Partnership meeting and Northern Group Staff meeting.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Updating the AONB website, with news and information, including launch of the 25th anniversary log seats campaign.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues including issues arising from migration to Microsoft 2010.

MEETINGS

- 5 Nov – JAC meeting, Hovingham VH
- 13 Nov – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 4 Dec - AONB Action Programme meeting
- 19 Dec – CPG meeting, Wath Court
- 20 – Dec - NET meeting, County Hall
- 13 Feb – JRC planning meeting with Arboretum education officer, Castle Howard
- 28 Feb – NET meeting, Wath Court
- 14 March – CPG meeting, Wath Court
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 4 April – JAC meeting, Barton-le-Street VH
- 16 April – NET meeting, County Hall
- 22 April – AONB Partnership meeting, Appleton-le-Street
- 24 April – Northern Group Staff meeting, Gilling
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

SITE VISITS

- 20 Feb – St Nicholas' Fields, York - scoping for schools twinning venue
- 7 March – Museum Gardens etc, York – scoping for schools twinning venue

FUTURE SITE VISITS

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Research into further outlets for leaflets

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Continued supply of walks and new cycle routes leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)

COMMUNITY WORK

- Assisting with delivery of JRC session on 1 November
- 5 March – Attending Volunteers Event at Cresswell Arms, Appleton-le-Street
- Planning and promotion for JRC session on 10 April

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations
- Mailing of AONB Newsletter and letters to PCs re log seats
- Assisting with publicity for Schools Twinning Project
- Update and reprint of HHAONB general leaflet (to include LfL logo)
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflet to tourism outlets etc

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY

- Develop opportunities for promotion of JRC

EDUCATION/RAISING AWARENESS

- 7 November - Assisting with delivery of Schools Twinning visit at Ampleforth Abbey

- 5 March – Photos of Schools Twinning visit at St Benedict’s School, Ampleforth

FUTURE EDUCATION/RAISING
AWARENESS

- Continued liaison with YWT and volunteers to deliver Schools Twinning Project
- Planning for Ryedale Show

TRAINING

- E-learning course on Access databases
- 14 Feb – Basic Financial Admin Training Day

FUTURE TRAINING

- Mandatory e-learning courses in Customer Care and Data Protection

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6 November - Appraisal
- 6 November – Interview panel for appointment of Rebecca Thompson
- 24 Dec – 4 Jan – Annual Leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 27 – 28 March – Annual Leave

AONB PROJECTS 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

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
M Marshall	Brandsby	Wall restoration (150m)	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£7,500	c.£6,500
A Mosey	Sundial Farm, Cawton	Wall restoration (2m)	-	AG2.2	£175	£130
Newburgh Priory Estate	Oulston	Wall restoration (38m)	-	HE4.5	£13,884	£6,942 (50%)
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Clearing scrub from 280m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£1,200	c.£1,200
B Gilbert	Stearsby	Hedge planting/gapping (185m); 3 individual boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	AG2.2	£1,843	£921 (50%)
M Fram	Oswaldkirk	Hedge planting (150m); 1 individual boundary tree	-	AG2.2	£1,942	£750 (50%)
M Lyon	Greets Farm, Welburn	Hedge planting (215m); 2 individual boundary trees	Zone 5 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,122	£750
J Royle	Snargate, Brandsby	Hedge planting (150m); 4 individual boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	AG2.2	£1,702	£851 (50%)

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer	Conservation grazing of 8 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	£835	£718
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,750	£2,750
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Scar Wood, Gilling	Treat sycamore re-growth, beat-up planting areas, chemical weed control	Site 1.25	NE4.1	£900	£900
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£797.50	£797.50
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£564	£564
(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
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	c.£1,350	c.£1,350
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£210	£110 (50%)
(AONB Unit – P&A Gospel Landscapes)	Bull Ings SINC, Coulton	Install pony handling pen	Site 1.60	NE6.1	£535	£535

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Park Wood, Gilling	Brushcut Western hemlock regeneration	Adj Site 1.6	NE4.2	£200	£200
Mrs Cranfield	Burton House, Oulston	Planting 14 individual in-field trees	Zone 2C Landscape	NE4.4	c.£700	c.£700
(Leeds University)	AONB	Bat transects and refining habitat suitability model	All Nat Env Priority Sites	NE1.2, NE7.3	£3,300	£300
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,200	£2,200
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£450	-
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£60	£30
G Armstrong	Cliff Field House, Dalby	Planting 10 individual in-field and 11 boundary trees	Zone 3A Landscape	NE4.4	c.£610	c.£610
L Thompson	Pond Farm, Crambe	Planting 7 individual in-field and 5 boundary trees	-	NE4.4	c.£400	c.£400
(AONB Volunteers)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2, AP3.1	£400	-
(Arbortech)	Park Wood Fishponds/The Wilderness SINC	Rhododendron control (chipping piles of brash)	Site 1.6	NE4.1, NE8.2	£2,750	£2,750

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	£182	£182
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£70	£70
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Husthwaite /Oulston /Yearsley	Restoration of 5 traditional direction signs	-	RT4.5	c.£1,179	c.£1,179
Ryedale DC	Ryedale	LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme	-	LC1.5, RT4.5	£31,520	£2,500
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Repairing 2m hole in roadside wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£130	£130
Crayke PC	Village Green, Crayke	Repair well-head	-	HE4.5	£470	£352 (75%)
Gigi Signorelli/ AONB Volunteers	Yearsley Moor	Lime & Ice research excavation of section of park pale and possible water mill	Site 2.16	HE1.5	£6,000	£2,280
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor	Clearance of Western hemlock regeneration from Gilling Castle park pale	Site 2.16	HE4.5	£200	£0
Ampleforth Abbey Trust	Gilling Castle	Rebuilding 35m of ha-ha wall	Site 2.16	HE4.5	£2,860	££1,950
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Rebuilding 7m of Wiganthorpe Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£300	£150 (50%)

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Earth, Stone & Lime Company)	Pond Farm, Crambe (Listed Building at Risk)	Repairing crack in gable wall, re-pointing, stripping/re-roofing of lean-to, fixing of rainwater goods	Site 2.104	HE4.5	c.£12,750	£2,350

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APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	D3.5	£550	£550
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£630	£630
(Welcome to Yorkshire)	AONB & NYMNP	Great Outdoors booklet	-	RA9.3	£10,000	£1,000
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£3,000	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Rural Voice	Amotherby	Good Life event	-	SF2.2, LC1.5	c.£650	£72
Rural Voice	Gilling	Good Life event	-	SF2.2, LC1.5	c.£650	£76
Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting	Oswaldkirk	Replacement village notice board	-	LC1.5	£1,250	£625 (50%)
Rural Action Yorkshire	Ryedale	Ryedale Rural Community Awards	-	LC1	c.£2,450	£100

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort – Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, PRow Condition surveying, etc.	-	AP3.1	£650	-
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club	-	RA2.4	£480	£30
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	RA2.4, AP2.3, AP3.1	£7,200	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2012/13 contribution			£170,060	£3,500

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall	Amotherby	Village hall refurbishment (phase 2)	-	LC1.5	£72,769	£6,840
Crayke School	Crayke	Creation of an outdoor classroom, for school and community use	-	LC1.5	£11,995	£2,000
North & East Yorkshire Geology Trust	Amotherby, Ampleforth, Nawton Primary Schools	Geonauts pilot sessions	-	AP2	£1,200	£600 (50%)

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

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	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Confirm roof sheets as dark green; minor landscaping	Dark green; no landscaping
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Dark grey or dark red roof sheets to be used	Amended – dark grey sheets
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of extension and creation of new access)	Yes	Object to proposed new access	New access deleted from scheme
Ryedale District Council	Ness	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Dark grey roof sheets preferred	Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	(In passing)	Dark grey roof sheets to be used	Plans amended
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	(In passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of garages and stables)	Yes	Objection – over-development of site, beyond farm curtilage	Approved
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton x 2	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Amotherby	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Avoid damage to traditional direction sign	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirkham	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Appleton-le-Street	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Amotherby	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Avoid damage to milepost	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton Grange	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Huttons Ambo x 3	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Musley Bank	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (Install 2 road gullies)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Move road gully)	No	Species-rich hedge adjacent	-
Forestry Commission	Hovingham	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning; 3.88ha PAWS restoration)	No	Support PAWS restoration, broadleaved fringe on prominent edge	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (Replace existing drainage)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of stables and menage)	Yes	No lighting; fencing around ménage to be agricultural	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of extension)	(In passing)	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – location too prominent; alternative available	Location amended as suggested
Ryedale District Council	South Holme	Planning application (Erection of broiler units)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of timber stables and field shelter - retrospective)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Change of use of land and buildings to builders yard - retrospective)	(in passing)	Minor, re ornamental species used in landscaping	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Siting of a marquee - retrospective)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land and erection of stables - retrospective)	Yes	Colour of materials; additional landscaping	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None – dark-coloured finishes noted	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Surfacing with all-weather surface and erection of 2m fencing)	No	No lighting	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Alterations & extensions to create house + equestrian B&B)	Yes	Support for business use; appropriate colour for woodwork	Condition attached
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Bulmer	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Install kerbing)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Drain investigation)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Reduce size, dark coloured concrete panels	No amendments
North Yorkshire County Council	Castle Howard Estate	Diversions (Extinguishments & Creations) at 9 locations	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Henderskelfe	Planning application (Siting of portable office building)	Yes (in passing)	Walls to be painted a dark colour	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Construction of a slurry store)	No	Walls and cover to be dark colour	Details amended as suggested
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Erection of Horse signs)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (Signing works)	Yes?	Sign size/clutter?	No amendments

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Change of use of land to car park; widening of access)	Yes	Minor (under-planting, conservation kerbing, lighting)	Conditions attached re materials and lighting
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Conversion of agricultural building to camping barn)	No	Colour of windows/doors & frames; landscaping, log burner flues	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Agricultural Prior Notification (Construction of a farm access track)	Yes (in passing)	Support	Planning Application required
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Siting of 6 containers)	No	Dark grey or dark green roof and wall sheets to be used; not to be double storey	Green colours; single storey only
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	Yes (previously)	Strong objection – premature to Local Plan, poor design/layout, no recognition of AONB status	New documents
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building 1 – amended details)	Yes	Dark coloured materials noted; landscaping suggested	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building 2)	Yes	Dark coloured materials noted	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Tesla Exploration	Hovingham/ Stonegrave/ Nunnington	Seismic survey for potential gas reserves	No	Minor – shot points to avoid semi-natural habitats	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Replacement of o/h LV line with u/g line)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	Yes	Strong objection – premature to Local Plan Inquiry result.	Amended layout and designs
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Agricultural Prior Notification (Extension to farm building)	Yes	Dark roof sheets to be used	Planning Application required
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension and raising of roof height)	Yes	Object – large area of windows; roof pitch	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Object - prominent siting, materials colours, non-compliance with previous Conditions	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of detached office)	Yes	Object – landscape impact; incremental development	Design revised
Halcrow	A64, High Hutton	Footway widening/extension; new signage	Yes	Direction signage to ‘Gaterley’ unnecessary	‘Gaterley’ signage deleted from scheme
Forestry Commission	Whitwell	Woodland management proposals (0.4ha conifer to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Retention of log cabin dwelling at alpaca farm)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (selective fell, conifer to broadleaves)	Yes (in passing)	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Crambe	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Species-rich hedges not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Huttons Ambo	NRSWA consultation (Excavations)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Raising roof height of dwelling, plus single storey extensions)	No	Minor, re proposed porch & dormer window	Dormer window not removed
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building and formation of track)	Yes	Shrub planting, dark walls, stained timber	Landscaping Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Change of use of outbuildings to form 2 holiday cottages)	Yes	No objections, subject to revised parking area	Approved, with revised parking area
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of groundsmans' storage shed)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (Water mains renewal/renovation)	No	Species-rich hedges and verge not to be damaged	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of 3 detached garden rooms)	No	Minor, in relation to Crayke Conservation Area	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building)	No	Minor – 'green' sheeting to be dark green not light green	Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley (Windygates)	Planning application (Alterations and extensions to dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wombleton	Planning application (Change of use of potato store to mix of wood fuel, caravan and potato storage)	No	Minor – traffic to be routed from the north only	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Drainage investigation)	No	Species-rich verge not to be damaged	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	Species-rich hedge not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	SINC not to be damaged	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Easthorpe	Woodland management proposals (4.31ha conifer PAWS reversion to native broadleaves)	No	Support – Limit use of sycamore; unplanted margins along Public Bridleway	?
Forestry Commission	Crambeck	Woodland management proposals (1.0ha conifer PAWS reversion to native broadleaves)	No	Support – unplanted margins along Public Footpath	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Alterations to domestic garage to form a holiday unit)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	Object – contrary to all local & national planning policy	Refused
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth, Welburn	NRSWA consultation (Signing & lining)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of grain store)	Yes (in passing)	Support colour of materials. Landscaping needed to north	Condition attached

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of warehouse building)	No	Colour of materials, landscaping	Dark roof coverings; landscape plan submitted
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 30 dwellings)	No	Materials, more landscaping to east	?
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of garage and formation of new access)	Yes	Conservation kerbing to be used, no lighting, minimal tree removal	Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions and double garage)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (HV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of storage shed)	No	None	-
Natural England	Brandsby	Energy Crops Scheme consultation (23ha miscanthus planting)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Alterations and extensions)	Yes	Object to 2 x prominent 2-storey windows	?
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Extension to Travellers' site)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtun	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Await construction

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Dark green roof to match existing; landscaping to be planted	Agreed with Agent
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth	Woodland management proposals (0.4ha new planting – native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Erection of extension to an agricultural building)	Yes	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Condition attached
North Yorkshire County Council	Scackleton	NRSWA consultation (Haunching works)	No	No damage to adjacent hedges	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Wath Quarry	Planning application (Delay review of Minerals Permission)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of extensions and conversion of garage to annex)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Siting of timber camping pods)	No	Harvest Buff kerbing; enhance SSSI rock exposures?	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None (re-submission of previous scheme)	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Howthorpe	NRSWA consultation (LV works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension and raising of roof height - revised)	Yes	None	-
Forestry Commission	Stittenham	Woodland management proposals (3.1ha new planting – mostly native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – not on approved Outline site, poor alignment with other buildings, size	?
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	-	Planning application required

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire CC	North Yorkshire	Timber Freight Quality Partnership consultation	Added better information about Exit Points and potential routes being used	
Ryedale DC	Ryedale	Consultation Draft Economic Action Plan	Support – experiences and likely future trends in the AONB	
(NAAONB)	EU-wide	Invasive Alien Species	None	
NAAONB	AONBs	Accord with Woodland Trust	Certain Actions need to be more generic – significant woodland creation not necessarily applicable in all AONBs	Amended
(NAAONB) - DCLG	England	Permitted Development Rights for the re-use of agricultural buildings	None	
NYCC	North Yorkshire	Highway trees – consultation protocol and removal guidance		
(NAAONB) - DfT	England	Review of rural road speed limits	None	
(NAAONB) - FC	England	Woodland Creation Opportunities	Methodology seems rather superficial. Little apparent recognition of landscape character and its importance	Comments also made at regional event
(NAAONB) - DCMS	England	Proposed changes to siting requirements for broadband cabinets and overhead lines to facilitate the deployment of superfast broadband networks	No guidance in document about poles, only about cabinets	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2012/2013

1st April 2012 – 27th March 2013

ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Could agri-environment schemes be improved and would training for farmers help to achieve such improvements?
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Investigating the relationship between farming practice and sustainability at landscape scales
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Does payment for ecosystem services offer a new opportunity for natural resource management and how can it work in practice?
Rural Economy & land Use Programme (RELU), Newcastle University	Policy & Practice Note: Making partnerships work across landscapes – the role of Nature Improvement Areas

2012/13 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.

April 2012 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 4 th April Spring has Sprung in the Howardian Hills AONB	Outdoor activities – despite rather murky weather the children enjoyed a spring story trail walk through the rootery and an Easter egg hunt by the lake. After lunch children gathered materials for a nest challenge then created a bird's nest in teams. Indoor craft activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egg box decorating • Easter cards 	13

June 2012:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Friday 8 th June See in the Summer in the Howardian Hills 'Minibeasts and more'	In the morning the children went pond dipping and investigated the contents of the adaptation suitcase. In the afternoon they went on a minibeast hunt, designed a superbug and worked together on a spring collage.	13

November 2012

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Thursday 1 st November Amazing Autumn at the Arboretum	In the morning the children went on a hunt for seasonal leaves and cones, used some of the leaves to make leaf prints and rubbings and made Plaster of Paris casts of animal prints. In the afternoon they stuck their leaf prints and rubbings onto a giant autumnal tree, searched for mini-beasts and made natural art pictures under the larch trees.	13

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4 APRIL 2013**

NEW AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS DESIGN GUIDANCE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the final draft of the New Agricultural Buildings Design Guidance and consider options for adoption of the guidance by the relevant Local Planning Authorities (LPAs).

2.0 NEW AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS DESIGN GUIDANCE

- 2.1 The JAC considered the first draft of the Design Guidance at the November JAC meeting, resolving that it needed further work before being issued. The AONB Manager was asked to revise the draft Guidance, liaise with a small sub-group of interested JAC Members/organisations, and then circulate a revised document in advance of the formal Agenda papers for the April 2013 JAC meeting.
- 2.2 The Guidance was revised in January and circulated to the sub-group in mid-February. The comments received were considered and a large majority of them were incorporated into the document.
- 2.3 The updated draft was circulated to all JAC Members by email on 17th March and, with a few further minor amendments, is the version that is appended to this report.
- 2.4 Members are asked to provide any further comments on the content of the Guidance, after which it will be amended as necessary. The intention is to print the Design Guidance and send it to all known active farmers in the AONB, as well as to agents who regularly submit planning applications on their behalf. In order to reduce costs/complexity it may be preferable to send only the Summary to farmers, as this also contains a link to the AONB website where the full Design Guidance will also be available.
- 2.5 At the November meeting of the JAC it was suggested that the Design Guidance should ideally be adopted by the relevant Local Planning Authorities as a Supplementary Planning Document in the Local Development Framework.
- 2.6 Officers have looked at this and feel that the lengthy public consultation process that this would involve, and the lack of time available at the LPAs to do it, would not reap corresponding rewards in terms of its effectiveness as part of the planning process.
- 2.7 The suggested approach therefore is for the JAC to agree the document as guidance for the AONB Manager to use in responding to planning application consultations, with the two relevant LPAs being asked to do similarly. This would enable the LPAs to adopt the Design Guidance as a material consideration in Development Management when dealing with applications in the AONB, as happens currently with the AONB Management Plan.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) the final draft of the Design Guidance be approved for use by the AONB Manager in responding to planning application consultations.
- b) the Design Guidance be printed and sent to all relevant farmers, landowners, agents and local construction companies.
- c) Ryedale and Hambleton District Councils be requested to adopt the Design Guidance as a material consideration in Development Management.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Design Guidance

New Agricultural Buildings and Infrastructure



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**Howardian
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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

SUMMARY

- The farming, forestry and rural economies are key factors influencing the landscape of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- It is inevitable that new buildings and infrastructure will be needed periodically, to enable farmers and rural businesses to remain competitive, access new markets and comply with animal welfare regulations.
- Modern farm buildings are often large in scale and use materials such as concrete wall panels and profiled sheeting. Without careful attention to detail they can be intrusive features within the AONB landscape.
- The AONB Joint Advisory Committee is a consultee in the planning application process and all proposals are assessed against AONB Management Plan Objectives.
- The relevant Objective in the AONB Management Plan states: “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.”
- We are likely to OBJECT to buildings that we believe do not conform to this Objective, although we stress that the final decision on Approval or Refusal rests with the District Council (Hambleton or Ryedale), who will judge applications against the relevant Policies in their Local Plans.
- This Design Guidance has been developed to provide practical advice and assistance to agents, farmers and construction companies considering or designing a new or extended agricultural building within the AONB. It is the intention to seek adoption of the Design Guidance by Ryedale and Hambleton District Councils, for them to use as a material consideration when deciding planning applications.
- Basic design principles:
 - Site new buildings near to existing buildings wherever possible, but also take landform and the scale of existing buildings into account.
 - Use dark muted colours for the roof sheets – e.g. ‘Anthracite Grey’ not ‘Natural Grey’.
 - Use Yorkshire boarding or dark-coloured profile sheeting for the walls.
 - If using blockwork or grain walling, consider painting external wall faces in a dark colour.
 - Provide landscaping to either screen or break-up the profile of the building.
- We will work with applicants wherever possible to develop/modify schemes into ones that we feel able to support, although this may not be possible in all cases.
- Further details on all the aspects of design can be found in the sections following this Summary, or at www.howardianhills.org.uk

Section 1

Introduction

1.1 The two principal purposes of the Design Guidance are to:

- inform farmers and land managers about the standards of design, colour of materials, siting, etc, that we would like to see used within the AONB;
- reduce the time input/cost for farmers, land managers, agents and AONB staff, by ensuring that well-designed proposals are submitted for planning approval first time round. This minimises the need for amendments and re-design following objections/significant comments.

1.2 The outcomes we hope to achieve are:

- new agricultural buildings/infrastructure that are designed within the context of statutory AONB purposes¹ and which also meet the requirements of modern farming;
- high quality design that conserves and enhances the character and special qualities of the area and respects the local distinctiveness and the built and natural heritage of the AONB;
- sustainable building practices which minimise waste and the use of resources;
- design that mitigates the causes and adapts to the effects of climate change;
- wildlife and natural habitats that are maintained or enhanced.

1.3 Aims and Objectives

Farmsteads are a strong visual element within the landscape of the AONB. As such, they help to define the local distinctiveness and cultural heritage of the Howardian Hills.

Whilst in general terms the AONB landscape is well-wooded and undulating, the location of farmsteads can mean that new development may be particularly intrusive unless careful attention is paid to its siting and design.

Consequently these guidelines have been produced to encourage those planning and/or designing new agricultural buildings and infrastructure to carefully consider their potential impact and suggest ways of improving their appearance within the sensitive (and nationally protected) landscape of the Howardian Hills.

The aim of the guidance is to provide practical advice on the design of new farm buildings that function efficiently and have a minimal visual impact upon the environment.

Farming practices have to be flexible, the scale of operations has changed, building materials and styles are increasingly industrial and there are regulations and standards to be observed. Within this context farmers need to make a living, because the AONB landscape cannot be conserved and enhanced without thriving agricultural and forest industries.

¹ Summarised as: Conserve and enhance natural beauty; in doing so, take account of the needs of agriculture, forestry and other rural industries, and the economic and social needs of villages; meet the demand for recreation, so far as this is consistent with the conservation of natural beauty and the needs of agriculture, forestry and other uses.

Whilst the guidance provides general design advice for a broad range of farm structures, it does not cover all potential types of farm building such as farm diversification schemes or agricultural workers' dwellings.

Section 2

An Approach: The Importance of Design

Historically, the siting and design of farm buildings evolved in response to local climatic conditions, landscape, the farming system, locally available building materials, skills and traditions. Buildings were usually carefully sited and orientated, resulting in a close relationship between them and the landscape. The building forms, materials and colours tended to harmonise with the landscape and often enhanced it. Many farms have developed in stages over the years as and when new buildings have been required and are therefore generally characterised by a range of building styles and materials together on one site. The arrangement of buildings on a farm appears random rather than uniform. The older parts of farms, including the farm house, are typically stone and pantile.

Major changes in farming practice over the last five decades have had a significant impact on the design and function of agricultural buildings. Greater mechanisation, the introduction of different systems of production, hygiene requirements and the need to achieve greater output with less labour has led to the development of much larger farm units. Consequently, larger buildings are required for the efficient housing of livestock and the storage of grain, straw and general everyday equipment and machinery.

There is a continuing trend towards larger buildings with wider roof spans, even if fewer are being built per farmstead. These buildings are often industrial in appearance and scale and can have a significant impact on the rural landscape and the visual quality of existing farmsteads. Grain stores in particular often need to be large in order to provide storage for a significant proportion of the farm's annual harvest. In addition they need to have high enough roofs to allow large grain trailers to tip inside, meaning that they are often substantial structures.

There has been increasing interest and concern expressed about the impact of some new farm buildings in the landscape. Amongst the most common issues are:

- poorly sited buildings, located for example in prominent skyline locations or without regard to existing development;
- inappropriate design and choice of materials; and
- the incongruous colour of materials.

Whilst it is important that new buildings are located and designed in a way that respects both their natural and man-made surroundings, they should not necessarily perpetuate past traditions in building styles and materials. In many cases these are no longer appropriate to contemporary farming practice or building technology, and can look awkward when scaled-up. Nevertheless, new buildings should respect traditional influences and be developed in sympathy with their surroundings and in a form appropriate to their function.

Good design relates not only to appearance and form but also to the suitability of the building to its function. The operational requirements of farming are a major consideration and will often determine the general location and in some cases the particular siting and form of a new building. New buildings have to contribute to effective functioning of the farm in order to be economically viable. On this basis,

applications for new agricultural buildings will also need to demonstrate that the scale of the proposed building is commensurate with the functional need for it.

Section 3

Design Guidance

It is important for economic reasons that all new farm buildings and other agricultural structures are properly designed and constructed. A quality building, though perhaps of higher initial costs, will save on-going maintenance and perhaps even future replacement costs, and should assist in achieving greater productivity.

When planning and designing a new agricultural building, consideration should be given to how this and associated works could help to enhance the appearance of the farm as a whole. The advice below applies equally to extensions as to new buildings.

3.1 Landscape Character and Setting

The landscape is a complex combination of physical and cultural elements, the character of which has been created over a long period of time and through environmental changes and human intervention. Farming and farm buildings are an integral part of the AONB's landscape and contribute towards its appeal. The Landscape Character Assessment in the AONB Management Plan identifies seven different landscape character types across the AONB. The objectives for landscape enhancement in each of these character types are set out in the Future Local Management Priorities section of the Management Plan².

It is important to ensure that development proposals respect their context and are sensitively designed to protect and enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the AONB's landscape.

Early consideration of the landscape context as part of the design process is essential if development is to successfully integrate with its surroundings. High quality design can enhance both the development itself and the local environment. Considering the landscape early in the design process can also save time, as a lack of detailed information at the planning application stage can lead to delays.

When considering the form, materials and colour of the new building (see below), consideration should be given to maintaining the overall appearance of the farm in the landscape. This includes respecting the varied and ad hoc appearance of farms as they have developed over time, whilst also ensuring that new buildings complement the existing buildings and surroundings.

The construction of a new building may also provide an opportunity to enhance the appearance of an existing farmstead in the landscape through, for example, screening existing parts of the site from wider view or softening the appearance through the use of landscaping.

There may be instances where higher standards of design are called for. Proposals for new buildings or extensions within historic villages, prominent open countryside, Conservation Areas or adjacent to a Listed Building will require particular care and attention to detail.

² Please see http://www.howardianhills.org.uk/downloads/Management_Plan_2009-14.pdf

3.2 Siting

The position of a new farm building is usually dependent on its function and the space available, but as a general rule new buildings should be sited within or adjacent to existing groups of agricultural buildings. A poorly sited building, no matter how well designed, can have a significant impact on the landscape. It is acknowledged however that, due to the practicalities of farming, it may not always be possible to site a new building in or around an existing farmstead.

General design guidance on siting:

- Subject to operational requirements, the impact of a new structure can be reduced by locating it in close proximity to existing buildings within an existing group. Rarely will it be acceptable to build an isolated free-standing structure in open countryside.
- Sufficient space should however be allowed between buildings so as to enable access/turning by large machinery/HGVs, and for general farmyard safety.
- New buildings should respect the contours and natural form of the land by fitting into folds in the land wherever possible, avoiding platforms or exposed skylines or ridges.
- Buildings located on the crest of a hill are not only more exposed to the elements but are often more visually prominent and intrusive in the landscape. Where it can be demonstrated that such a location is unavoidable the impact of the building can be reduced by siting it below the skyline and by the careful choice of colour for the walls and roof.
- On sloping sites it is generally best to align a new building such that part of it can be cut into the slope, thereby reducing the perceived height and providing some in-built screening.
- Where the proposed use of a new building could accommodate different floor levels a building can be stepped down a slope. This can minimise disturbance to the existing land form and reduce the building's visual impact.
- New buildings should be sited so as to minimise impacts from public vantage points such as roads and Public Rights of Way. It is the view from these places that the planning authority and AONB staff will take into account when assessing planning applications.
- Avoid 'unneighbourly' siting, especially for grain stores with fans and buildings that will house livestock.

3.3 Scale and Form

Historically the scale and form of traditional buildings was decided by functional requirements, the local climate and the availability of building materials, which has resulted in distinctive local types.

Modern farm buildings are generally large single span structures with shallow pitched roofs based around a portal frame construction. The width allows flexibility for machinery, crops, livestock, forage or feed to be housed under one roof at a cost-effective price. As a result modern buildings are at risk of being out of scale with nearby smaller, more traditional buildings.

General design guidance on scale and form:

- Avoid locating very large buildings close to smaller ones. Large new buildings can look out of scale with smaller (older) buildings and consideration should be given to minimising this effect. Ensure that in a grouping, the larger building is sited so as to not dominate the existing buildings.

- Where possible roof pitches should be matched with those on existing buildings.
- Wide overhanging eaves can also help to reduce the apparent height of a building.
- Large expanses of roof and walling can be broken up with well-designed and carefully positioned functional elements such as roof lights, gutters, downpipes, roof ventilators, doors and windows.
- Flat roofs are not part of the Howardian Hills building tradition and should not be used. Dual pitched roofs are generally preferred, although mono-pitch can be suitable for smaller buildings or lean-to extensions to existing structures, with an appropriate pitch.
- Extensions should not dominate the existing building nor result in an excessively sized building with large expanses of roof and walling. Where a large new space is needed consider breaking the roofline.
- Small, sympathetic extensions can help to enhance the traditional 'ad hoc' feel of a farmstead.

3.4 Colour

The colour of a building can have a significant impact on the landscape.

Cladding materials for agricultural (and forestry) buildings are available in a wide range of colours. The choices must be carefully made since colour and finish are important factors in helping to reduce the visual impact of a building.

Very light colours and large areas of intense strong colours do not blend particularly well with the landscape, whilst dark muted colours are usually less apparent than light ones. A building will therefore appear smaller if darkly coloured.

General design guidance on colour:

- Dark muted 'earth' colours (dark greens/browns/greys and black) are generally more acceptable as they complement the natural environment throughout the seasons and the different characteristics of daylight during the year. Consideration should be given to the general colour of the backdrop against which the building will be most frequently seen.
- As a general rule the roof of an agricultural building should be darker than the walls, to bring out the building's form. Dark roofs reflect less light and generally make buildings look smaller and less conspicuous. The main exception may be when lighter colours are required for high humidity livestock housing because of the operational need to reduce solar heat gain, or when a building will be primarily viewed against the sky.
- Where more than one colour is used, they should be in harmony. Technical information on preferred colours which can be used together without resulting in severe colour clashes and considerable visual intrusion is contained in British Standard BS5502 (Part 20).
- Use of the same or similar colours on new and existing structures can help to unify a group of buildings.
- Gloss finishes should be avoided – matt finishes are significantly less reflective.

3.5 Materials

The type, colour and texture of external materials can greatly affect the impact that a new building has on the landscape.

In the past, the range of building materials available in rural areas was fairly limited with the result that buildings tended to harmonise and be in scale with each other. New

construction methods have resulted in a wider range of building materials being available for use on agricultural buildings.

Modern farm buildings tend to be constructed using a steel portal frame, clad with timber or sheeting, with a base (plinth) layer of concrete blocks or panels.

Profiled sheet is available in a wide range of colours and is the usual material for crop stores where birds and other pest species need to be excluded.

Spaced vertical timber boarding (known as 'Yorkshire boarding') is functional and sustainable. It provides a good source of natural ventilation and light, and can be stained if necessary to meet the requirements of a particular site.

General design guidance on materials:

- The range of materials on one building should be limited. Too many contrasting finishes can create a cluttered appearance.
- Choose materials which are appropriate for the climate and which will weather well over time.
- Take account of the maintenance implications of the materials used. Low initial construction costs can result in hasty construction and poor detailing which, in the longer term, can lead to increased maintenance costs and a reduced life-span for the building.
- The use of traditional materials should be considered where it can provide an important link to existing, more traditional buildings.
- Profiled sheeting should be an appropriate, normally dark, colour.
- Treated (tanalised) timber can be effectively used as space boarding where natural ventilation is required, and can be stained a darker colour if necessary.
- Concrete block/panel plinth walls are visually less intrusive when treated by either painting, rendering or where appropriate, cladding with sheeting or natural stone.
- Shiny materials should usually be avoided.

3.6 Constructional Detailing

All guttering and downpipes must be sized in proportion to the area of roof being served. All downpipes must be linked into a drainage system to ensure that they do not discharge into an area that may be contaminated, as this could result in the pollution of a watercourse.

Some agricultural buildings require natural lighting, except crop or bulk feed stores where natural light should be excluded to discourage birds. The most economic and efficient way of providing natural light is in the form of roof lights. Roof lights can transform the working conditions in a building but they should be in proportion to the roof area. They should not dominate the roof nor be placed to give a 'checkerboard' appearance. A few large roof lights are generally better than a lot of smaller ones and they should be positioned on the least prominent roof slope.

External lighting should be kept to the minimum necessary and shielded so as to avoid upward light spillage and hence light pollution. Lights should ideally be sensor-controlled, to avoid unnecessary use and save energy/cost.

Good ventilation is essential to provide healthy conditions for livestock. Ventilation units should be in proportion with the whole building and careful use of colour can assist in making these a design feature. Ventilation comprises two main types: at the junction of materials (for example between the upper and lower sections of a wall); and purpose-made ventilators for use on roofs or walls.

3.7 Access Tracks

Access to buildings and the associated manoeuvring space required for large vehicles and machinery needs to be carefully considered, particularly in relation to vehicles arriving for crop/livestock collection/delivery and stock routes.

Access tracks, roads and services should be designed with particular respect for the landscape and historic patterns of land use and movement. Consideration should be given to the impact of tracks on the landscape.

There may be opportunities to rationalise access points by reducing multiple access points to a single, more acceptable point. Access routes should be clearly marked on plans and should include sufficient space to accommodate any planned landscaping.

Buildings should also be designed having regard to the movement of plant and stock around them. Access for service vehicles must also be allowed for.

Where a completely new access onto a highway is proposed, early discussion with the highway authority is strongly recommended.

General design guidance on access tracks:

- Locate new buildings on sites that minimise the need for the creation of new access tracks.
- Where there is an unavoidable need for a new access track to be created it should, where possible, be routed next to existing field boundaries and follow the contours of the land.
- Spoil from construction should be removed and not banked-up along the side of the new track.
- New tracks should take account of the potential impacts of vehicles on neighbouring residential properties that are not associated with the farm.
- Tracks should be surfaced with darker, less visually intrusive, materials (e.g. road planings) if they are in particularly prominent locations. Crushed limestone is an appropriate local material and is often acceptable for other tracks.

3.8 Other Farm Structures

Silos & Towers

The erection of any structure that will significantly exceed the height of existing buildings within the farm group will rarely be acceptable. Where the need for a tower or silo is unavoidable the following points should be considered:

- Try to integrate the structure within an existing group of buildings.
- Take advantage of any existing landscape features such as trees, slopes and hills to mitigate any visual impacts.
- Avoid sites which are visible from public vantage points.
- Paint in a dark muted colour – a shiny, reflective galvanised steel finish can be very conspicuous within the landscape.

Silage Clamps & Slurry Stores

Slurry stores or tanks can be located below or partly below ground to reduce their impact, with above-ground walls painted in dark colours. Consideration should be given to screening silage clamps and slurry stores from wider view through the use of existing features such as trees, buildings, slopes or hills.

New electricity connections

Where a new building requires an electricity supply, and particularly if the building is separated from existing buildings, then this should be placed underground. New overhead lines are unlikely to be acceptable and farmers should be able to undertake much of the preparation work themselves (e.g. trench excavation), which can significantly reduce costs.

3.9 Landscaping

Consideration needs to be given to the best way of integrating a new building with its immediate surroundings. New areas of hard standing, fences, boundary walls and additional planting should all be regarded as part of the overall design. They can be used or restored to link buildings into the landscape, join buildings together, reduce their apparent scale and create enclosures that will provide shelter and privacy. Height should be considered: 1.5 metres is below eye level but 2.0 metres cuts off most views. Minor detailing such as the colour of fencing can be very important - white concrete posts for example can be very intrusive in the landscape.

The impact of new buildings can be softened by careful tree and shrub planting that reflects the local landscape character. Planting around modern farm buildings with appropriate native species, reflecting the existing pattern of woodlands, copses, individual mature trees and hedgerows can create new landscape features and wildlife habitats. This helps to integrate new buildings into the wider landscape. In some locations planting nearer principal viewpoints, or as a backdrop, can effectively break up the profile of a building.

General design guidance on landscaping:

- Look at the site of the new building from points in the surrounding landscape that are accessible by the public, in particular roads and Public Rights of Way. Consider how new planting either near the new building or near the main viewpoints (if the land is in your control) could help integrate it, screen it, or break up the profile.
- Consider the layout and design of large areas of hard standing, fences, walls and hedges since they can make an important contribution to the appearance of the holding by creating a unifying visual link between buildings and integrating the site into the surrounding landscape.
- Consider the advance planting of trees before the construction of the building, as this will result in earlier integration with the landscape.
- Retain and if possible augment existing groups of trees and shelter belts. Trees can improve the appearance of large new buildings by softening their outline and horizontal emphasis.
- It is not always appropriate to plant a dense belt of trees and shrubs to screen a new building. Planting groups of trees or even a scatter of individual trees can be more appropriate to the local landscape character and can effectively 'disrupt' views of the new building by breaking up its profile.
- Only use native tree species or those which are characteristic of the area, since this will have additional benefits for the conservation of flora and fauna. Avoid ornamental trees of any sort.
- Avoid planting so close to buildings that there is a risk of damage to cladding by falling branches, gutters becoming blocked with leaves or root damage to foundations.
- Before undertaking new planting, take account of possible future building expansion and operational and building maintenance requirements.

3.10 Sustainable design

The rural, often remote, location and the design of many modern agricultural buildings can offer the opportunity to incorporate renewable energy. It may be possible to accommodate technology such as solar panels or wind turbines if they are carefully sited to minimise their visual impacts. The roofs of modern farm buildings can offer greater scope for integrating solar panels than those of traditional buildings.

Consideration should be given to how the building can help in adapting to the predicted effects of climate change, for example considering how it may be used if the climate becomes warmer and wetter. Where this will not lead to risk of pollution, permeable surfacing should be used to reduce the potential for water run-off from the site to increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.

Section 4:

Other Statutory Considerations

4.1 Built Heritage

Particular consideration should be given to the design of new agricultural buildings where they are likely to have an impact on a Listed Building or are sited within a Conservation Area. Features of historical importance and their settings should not be compromised or damaged in order to facilitate a new structure.

4.2 Archaeology

The Howardian Hills has a rich archaeological and historical landscape with many sites and features, nearly 80 of which are protected as Scheduled Monuments. These represent a finite resource that can be easily damaged or destroyed by development. Once lost, they cannot be replaced.

Wherever excavation is involved and if you are unsure whether or not your proposal might adversely affect an archaeological site or feature, you are strongly advised to consult with the Historic Environment Team at North Yorkshire County Council at an early stage (archaeology@northyorks.gov.uk).

4.3 Natural Environment

The AONB contains some areas that have been specifically designated on the basis of the flora and fauna that they support. These include Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the non-statutory Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation. However, important habitats and species exist across the whole of the AONB.

All British bat species and nesting birds, plus many other species, are protected by law. Buildings and the landscape are home for many different protected species. The development of new agricultural buildings should avoid, mitigate, or as a last resort compensate for, any significant harm to important sites and species.

The geology of the AONB is also an important component of its natural environment and should be taken into account when planning new buildings or infrastructure.

Further advice and guidance can be obtained from the AONB Manager (info@howardianhills.org.uk).

4.4 Public Rights of Way

The view of a development from Public Rights of Way can affect the special qualities of the AONB and people's enjoyment of it. Where Public Rights of Way cross a site, their

incorporation into a scheme should be considered at an early stage so that any potential impacts can be minimised.

In these situations, the ability to link the site to the surrounding countryside and nearby settlements should be regarded as an opportunity and potential benefit to the proposal. Where possible, Public Rights of Way should retain their route alignment and form an integral part of the design to provide an attractive, accessible and secure route for all users.

4.5 Non-planning considerations

It should be remembered that there are a variety of other regulations which apply to the design and construction of new farm buildings, many of which are subject to change over time. These include requirements relating to animal welfare, pollution, odour, waste management and health and safety matters - all of which can have implications for the way in which a new building or an extension to an existing building is developed. Applicants are therefore advised to refer to the most up-to-date technical and statutory requirements or to seek professional advice.

Section 5:

Planning Approvals

The planning system regulates the use of land and buildings in the public interest and has an important role to play in promoting sustainable development.

Ryedale and Hambleton District Councils are the statutory planning authorities for the AONB and they determine all applications for planning permission to carry out agricultural development within its boundaries. They have regard to national planning policy guidance and the relevant planning policies in their respective Development Plans. It is the intention to seek adoption of this Design Guidance by Ryedale and Hambleton District Councils, for them to use as a material consideration when deciding planning applications.

The planning legislation relating to agricultural buildings is complex. There are a limited range of exemptions and there are various works that can be authorised using a streamlined 'prior notification' procedure, rather than the full planning application process. However, these opportunities are limited to specific circumstances and it is strongly recommended that specific advice is sought from a planning officer before work starts.

5.1 Prior Notification

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995³ (GPDO) grants a general planning permission (known as permitted development rights) for certain types of development – including the erection of some agricultural buildings. A specific planning application is not needed if your project falls within one of the categories set out in the GPDO and meets all the conditions laid down. However, under the requirements of the prior notification procedure you must apply to the relevant District Council for a determination as to whether approval is needed for details relating to siting, design and external appearance of the proposed development. You should contact the District Council for advice on whether you need to submit details under the prior notification procedure or apply for planning permission.

³ The GPDO is frequently amended and you should therefore check that, where appropriate, you obtain the up-to-date text for the relevant Part.

Under the prior notification procedure applicants are required to provide details of their proposal to the relevant District Council using the 'prior notification' form. The application should be accompanied by the appropriate fee and supporting information including a site plan and brief details of the proposed appearance and scale of the structure.

The District Council has 28 days in which to decide whether or not a more detailed 'prior approval' process supported by more detailed information and drawings is required. If you have not been informed of the Council's decision within 28 days of the date of the Council receiving the notification, you should contact the Council to confirm whether or not it has taken a decision. If the Council confirms that it has not reached a decision within this period, you may proceed with the development, as notified to the Council. If you are advised that prior approval is not required, you may go ahead in accordance with the details that you have already submitted.

In those cases where you are informed that the Council's prior approval *is* required you must, within one week of receiving notice from the Council, put up a site notice in the prescribed form on or near the land, which must stay up for at least three weeks.

No work should begin before an application is approved.

5.2 Planning Permission

Planning permission will be required for most new agricultural buildings, depending upon the size, location and nature of the proposal. You should contact your District Council for advice on whether planning permission is needed.

Submission documents:

Submitting the correct documents is a crucial part of the application process and can assist in the time taken to determine an application. Using the advice and guidance set out in this Design Guidance should assist in producing a comprehensive, detailed and appropriate application.

When you are ready to submit a planning application, the Council will need adequate plans and drawings of a high quality (for printing and photocopying purposes) to assess the proposal. You are encouraged to submit your application via the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.gov.uk) The checklist below sets out the documentation which is likely to be required for a full planning application:

- Three copies of completed and signed application forms (no copies required if submitted via the Planning Portal).
- Location plan (at a scale of 1:2500 or 1:1250 and on plans that are in copyright).
- Supporting Planning Statement
- Existing and proposed site layout plans (at a scale of 1:100, 1:200 or 1:500)
- Other relevant drawings such as floor levels, sections, floor plans and layouts
- Photographs or photomontages
- The relevant fee. A fee calculator is provided at www.planningportal.gov.uk

To ensure that decisions are made on as fully an informed basis as possible applicants are also strongly encouraged to provide basic details relating to livestock numbers, the range of land use types on the holding and why the development is necessary.

The AONB Team encourages early discussions between applicants and District Council planning officers to assess whether siting, design and materials might need to be tailored in order to achieve better integration into the landscape. Conditions covering these matters will normally be attached if the planning permission is granted.

Glossary

Wherever possible this document has sought to avoid the use of specialist terminology and jargon. However, it is inevitable that certain phrases and terms are used whose meaning may not be immediately clear. This glossary seeks to define and clarify the meaning of a number of references in the Design Guidance.

A

Agriculture Section 336 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 defines 'agriculture' as:

- 'horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming;
- the breeding and keeping of livestock (including any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the farming of land);
- the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens or nursery grounds; and
- the use of land for woodlands where that use is ancillary to the farming of land for other agricultural purposes.'

It should be noted that the following uses **do not** fall within the definition of agriculture for planning purposes:

- Equestrian or horse-related development (except where the use only involves the grazing of horses);
- Parking or maintenance of agricultural contractor's plant and machinery;
- Hobby farming;
- Buildings used to store equipment that will be used to maintain non-agricultural land e.g. mowers to cut grassed fields not used to keep livestock or to grow crops.

C

Character Distinguishing qualities, features or attributes.

Character Assessment An area appraisal emphasising historical and cultural associations.

D

Design Guidance A document providing guidance on how development can be carried out in accordance with the design policies of a local authority often with a view to retaining local distinctiveness.

Development The legal definition of development is "the carrying out of building, mining, engineering or other operations in, on, under or over land, and the making of any material change in the use of buildings or other land" (Section 55 of 1990 Act); this covers virtually all construction activities and changes of use.

Development Plan Local Planning Policy, prepared at the local, District (and County) level. Planning decisions should be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

F

Farmstead Group of farm buildings generally consisting of a farm house and a range of associated outbuildings

H

Historic Environment The historic environment is the physical legacy of thousands of years of human activity within the towns and the countryside, in the form of buildings, monuments, sites and landscapes.

L

Landscape The appearance of land, including its shape, form, colours and elements, the way these components combine in a way that is distinctive to particular localities, the way they are perceived, and an area's cultural and historical associations. Buildings and settlements are also an important component of the landscape.

Landscape character A distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements and / or features that makes one landscape different from another (rather than better or worse)

Listed Building A building designated by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as amended, as being a building of special architectural or historic interest.

Local Distinctiveness The particular positive features of a locality that contribute to its special character and sense of place and which distinguish one local area from another.

M

Material Consideration A matter that should be taken into account in deciding a planning application or in an appeal against a planning decision.

P

Public Right of Way Routes over which, even where in private ownership, the public has a right of passage. They comprise byways, which are open to any user; restricted byways, open to any user other than mechanically propelled vehicles; bridleways, which can be used by those on foot, horse or bicycle; and footpaths which are open to those on foot only.

S

Scale The impression of a building when seen in relation to its surroundings, or the size of parts of a building or its details, particularly as experienced in relation to the size of a person and adjacent buildings.

Setting The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.

Sustainable Design Design that seeks to create spaces or buildings where materials, energy and water are used efficiently and where the impact on the natural environment is minimised.

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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 2012.

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 2012

3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2012 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 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, but are still only 82% of what they were at the pre-recession point in 2008. The increase in numbers of applications has mostly been in the Hambleton area, which saw 25% more applications in 2012 than in 2011, although Ryedale has also seen a small increase (10%).
- 97% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is higher than the 5-year average of 92%. A number of conclusions could be drawn from that statistic (the District Councils are being less rigid?, national planning policy has changed?, the design of schemes has improved?). The most significant conclusion I feel is that planning control in the AONB is allowing the vast majority of applications to proceed, and they are of a high enough quality to ensure that the AONB is not being compromised.
- Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications understandably being seen in the larger villages. Activity in most villages has been fairly consistent with the 5-year average, although Brandsby-cum-Stearsby and Hovingham experienced slightly higher-than-normal levels of activity.
- Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. The three categories showing above-average activity were Residential – Conversions, Business & Commercial (Hambleton only) and Agriculture (Ryedale only), where there has been a significant increase in the number of applications for the construction of new farm buildings (160% higher than the 5-year average).

- The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourism and recreational development pressure. After a higher-than-average number of applications in the previous year the number in 2012 was closer to the 5-year average. In 2011 many of the applications were for outdoor accommodation (e.g. camping or caravan sites) whereas in 2012 they have been for B&B and camping barn facilities.
- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year – applications for an agricultural workers dwelling at Scackleton; a grain store at Oswaldkirk; a grain dryer building at Crayke; two agricultural buildings at Sproxton; and in particular the construction of 30 new houses at Ampleforth. Two Residential schemes involving the installation of 2-storey windows were the subject of objections, as such expanses of glass can be very visually intrusive in the landscape.
- There were a significant number of Agricultural Prior Notifications for new buildings, although it is pleasing to note that design standards (even prior to any comments from the AONB Manager) appear to be improving.
- There were no applications for wind turbines this year, which is perhaps a little surprising but may have been due to the change in Feed-in Tariff rates.

3.3 In the financial year 2012/13, which does not quite overlap with the calendar year 2012, 65 applications were scrutinised, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager:

- The AONB Manager submitted comments on 45 of these consultations.
- Objections/strong reservations were lodged in 10 of those responses.
- The District Council followed the JAC's recommendations of refusal, or the applicants Withdrew the plans, in 2 out of the cases where a decision was required (3 cases still pending a Decision).
- 4 schemes were approved following re-submission/amendment in line with the AONB Managers comments.

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.

Howardian Hills AONB										
Applications Determined by										
Type of Development										
(Number of applications and % approved)										
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5yr Average				
Ryedale Parishes						2008-2012				
Residential - New Build	16	2	5	4	2	6				
	88%	50%	100%	100%	100%					
Residential - Conversions	15	1	1	3	9	6				
	66%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Holiday - Conversions	1	0	0	0	1	0				
	100%	~	~	~	100%					
Householder	67	49	38	34	43	46				
	87%	98%	87%	88%	98%					
Retail	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	~	~	~	~	~					
Business & Commercial	1	2	4	1	1	2				
	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%					
Minerals & Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation	0	2	1	1	2	1				
	~	50%	100%	0%	100%					
Community Facilities	0	0	0	1	1	0				
	~	~	~	0%	100%					
Agriculture	0	0	2	4	8	3				
	~	~	50%	75%	87%					
Agricultural Prior Notifications	N/A	N/A	N/A	3		3				
Other	26	14	15	20	12	17				
	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Equestrian			4	0	1	2				
			75%	~	100%					
Total Ryedale	126	70	70	71	80	83				
	87%	96%	90%	88%	97%					
Hambleton Parishes										
Residential - New Build	2	1	0	0	2	1				
	100%	100%	~	~	100%					
Residential - Conversions	0	0	0	2	4	1				
	~	~	~	100%	100%					
Holiday - Conversions	1	0	0	2	2	1				
	100%	~	~	100%	100%					
Householder	16	6	15	18	20	15				
	94%	83%	100%	94%	90%					
Retail	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	~	~	~	~	~					
Business & Commercial	1	0	0	0	4	1				
	100%	~	~	~	100%					
Minerals & Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation	0	0	0	4	1	1				
	~	~	~	75%	100%					
Community Facilities	0	0	0	0	1	0				
	~	~	~	~	100%					
Agriculture	2	1	5	8	3	4				
	50%	100%	80%	100%	100%					
Agricultural Prior Notifications	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	6	5				
Other	6	1	2	0	3	2				
	66%	100%	100%	~	100%					
Total Hambleton	28	9	22	37	46	28				
	86%	89%	95%	95%	96%					
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONE	154	79	92	108	126	112				
	86%	95%	91%	90%	97%	92%				

Howardian Hills AONB						
Applications Determined by Parish						
						5yr Average
Ryedale Parishes	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008-2012
Ampleforth	16	7	8	10	7	10
Bulmer	3	1	2	3	0	2
Cawton	5	2	1	3	3	3
Coneysthorpe	0	0	0	0	1	0
Coulton	5	2	0	3	5	3
Crambe	6	0	1	0	2	2
Gilling East	12	12	10	9	10	11
Grimstone	12	3	0	0	0	3
Henderskelfe	2	1	0	0	1	1
Hovingham	8	4	3	9	10	7
Howsham	3	4	2	2	0	2
Huttons Ambo	5	5	6	1	6	5
Nunnington	7	4	4	4	3	4
Oswaldkirk	5	3	8	9	2	5
Scackleton	2	5	2	0	2	2
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	5	1	0	0	0	1
Sproxton	2	3	6	1	4	3
Stonegrave	6	0	0	2	6	3
Terrington	16	7	12	5	10	10
Welburn	6	6	5	11	6	7
Whitwell-on-the Hill	0	0	0	1	2	1
Total Ryedale	126	70	70	73	80	84
Hambleton Parishes						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	8	1	0	7	12	6
Coxwold	0	0	1	0	0	0
Crayke	6	3	8	17	8	8
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	0	3	5	2	3	3
Husthwaite	4	0	2	5	14	5
Newburgh	0	0	0	1	2	1
Oulston	4	1	3	3	1	2
Thornton-on-the-Hill	1	0	1	0	0	0
Whenby	0	0	0	1	0	0
Yearsley	5	1	2	1	6	3
Total Hambleton	28	9	22	37	46	28
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	154	79	92	110	126	112

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AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2012/13

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2012/13. The Action Programme for 2013/14, 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 2012/13 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, 8% were 25-75% achieved, 5% were less than 25% achieved and 12% were not progressed at all. Progress was also achieved against a further 1 Objective for which no specific Targets had been set, with 1 separate action being completed.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a similar performance to that of the previous year, which is pleasing given the various changes in staffing arrangements for the AONB Officer post. 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; fully revising the Local Landscape Priorities in the AONB Management Plan to include the Historic Landscape Characterisation information; and developing a mechanism to assess the condition of non-statutory Local Priority Sites. We have however started some of these tasks and are hopeful of making more substantive progress next year (and indeed completing those that are related to Management Plan review).

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund, allocating £10,000 to projects for 2012/13 and £14,500 of advance approval for 2013/14 projects.
 - Calculating the approximate carbon balance of land management in the AONB – c.1.3m tonnes of carbon stored, and sequestering c. 86k tones/yr.
 - 2 Good Life events held, at Amotherby and Gilling.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 Achievements this year included:
- 6 SINCS re-surveyed, including a new site at Yearsley.
 - Carrying out 2 workdays with volunteers on 1 SINC.

- Implementing 3 schemes to plant 47 new hedgerow or in-field trees, as a continuation of the initiative started three years ago.
- Managing 8 grassland sites (all SINCs bar one).
- Surveying new and existing sites for knapweed broomrape and recording their locations by GPS.
- Managing 45 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Continuing clearance of rhododendron at Park Wood Fishponds SINC, generally with volunteers and contractor back-up to chip the brash.
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Continuing to participate in the partnership focussed on the River Rye, to develop a project to tackle Himalayan balsam, river quality and sedimentation on a catchment scale.
- Preparing 2 Farm Environment Plans, and advising 3 other landowners/managers on ELS/HLS.
- Supporting 2 village/school wildlife enhancement projects, at Crayke and Welburn.
- Supporting pilot Geonauts sessions at Amotherby and Ampleforth schools, delivered by the North & East Yorkshire Geology Trust.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Starting to incorporate the results of the Historic Landscape Characterisation Survey into the AONB Management Plan Local Priorities sections.
- Passing information on the last 3 years of relevant AONB projects to NYCC for entry into the Historic Environment Record.
- Providing basic advice to 4 land managers.
- Supporting excavation of 2 important features in Gilling Castle Park, as part of the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
- Completing work on 7 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were restoration work to the ha-ha at Gilling Castle, tree clearance from a section of the former Gilling Castle park pale and renovation of guttering at Pond Farm, Crambe (Listed Building at Risk).
- A £2,500 contribution to the Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Scheme yielded £31,500 in project spend, on 10 heritage restoration projects in AONB villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group.
- Community projects funded in 2 villages, including 1 Village Hall renovation project supported.
- Holding 2 Good Life events, in Amotherby and Gilling.
- Supporting the Ryedale Rural Awards competition and prize-giving event.
- Referring Parish Council enquiries to the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme, to obtain project funding.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 3 farmers and land managers; preparing 2 Farm Environment Plans for HLS.
- Completing 8 landscape enhancement schemes involving 700m of hedge planting/gapping-up, 10 new hedgerow trees, 40m of field wall restoration and 280m of wall-side scrub removal.

- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 26 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.
- Preparing Design Guidance on New Agricultural Buildings & Infrastructure.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing to fund the Native Woodland Development Officer post.
- Inputting to the Forestry Commission's Woodland Uplift Calculator exercise, which was part of the Government's response to the Independent Panel on Forestry's report.
- Scrutinising 9 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 124 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2012 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Progressing undergrounding of overhead electricity wires in Bulmer.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.
- Providing advice on 3 renewable energy schemes, and scrutinising 1 planning consultation.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 42 development control consultations.
- Inputting to the Timber Freight Quality Partnership consultation of timber access routes.
- Submitting design guidance for the Howardian Hills AONB, to be included as an appendix in the NYCC Construction Manual.
- Installing 5 renovated traditional direction signs in the Newburgh/Oulston/Yearsley area.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 7 development control consultations.
- Participating in the LEADER area local Distinctiveness project 'Moors and More'.
- Developing a Green Traveller Guide to the Howardian Hills, using some residual Area Tourism Partnership money.
- Developing an Outdoors leaflet with the North York Moors National Park and Welcome to Yorkshire, featuring some of our walking and cycling routes.
- 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, up until October 2012.
- Inputting to an NYCC mountain bike route leaflet based on Hovingham.
- Working with Castle Howard to publish guides for 2 mountain bike routes at Welburn and Coneysthorpe.
- Comprehensive survey of car parking carried out as part of the Visitors & Users' Survey.
- 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 2011/12.
- Maintaining the AONB website – 6,550 Visits by 5,388 Unique Visitors. Obtained media coverage via 34 press mentions worth £42,000.
- Hosting a travel writer from The Guardian, who took a 2-day route through the AONB from Kirkham to Crayke.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Holding 1 guided walk and giving 2 evening talks.
- Installing the first 25th Anniversary log seat, with an accompanying press release and photo. Securing the timber for the remaining benches, asking Parish Councils for suggested locations and exploring different methods of installation.
- Completing a comprehensive Visitors & Users' Survey.
- Holding 3 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 39 children attending.
- Completing Round 2 and starting Round 3 of the LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund-supported Rural:Urban Schools Twinning Project, completing 15 Round 2 visits and 8 Round 3 visits.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 9 tasks or projects, worth at least 139 days or £12,300.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Achievements this year included:

- The Sustainable Development Fund had a budget of £20,000. It was again delivered with technical assistance from 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. Underspent HLF money was drawn-down to fund excavation work on a section of the Gilling Castle park pale and the site of a mill.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Obtaining substantial leverage from our contribution to the Ryedale LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Scheme (£31,500 of projects for a £2,500 contribution).
- Obtaining a contribution from the Hambleton DC Natural Environment Grant Scheme for rhododendron clearance work on a SINC near Yearsley.
- Participating in continuing partnerships focussed on the River Rye (Himalayan balsam control; reducing channel sedimentation) and the northern/eastern segments of the AONB (B-Lines project).
- Developing a Reserves Strategy to utilise our resources most efficiently in delivering Management Plan Objectives and practical conservation projects.
- Liz Bassindale returned from Maternity Leave in September 2012, with Francesca Pert having moved to a new job at the beginning of August 2012. Rebecca Thompson seconded from North York Moors National Park Authority for 1 day per week from November 2012, to backfill reduction in Liz's hours.

14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Revising the invite lists, contacting 60-70 stakeholders and arranging dates for the 8 Management Plan review Topic Groups.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Co-hosting the national AONB Conference in York.
- Attending 2 Northern AONBs Group meetings and 1 seminar.
- Attending the NAAONB AGM and the Northern AONBs Chairmens' meeting.

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 2012/13 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
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change 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	~ Completed. Carbon stock of c.1.3m tonnes; annual sequestering of c.86k tonnes. ~ Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise, which reduces shelf space and will assist subsequent digitisation.
Promote sustainability, and support projects 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	XXXXX	~ Good Life events held in Amotherby, Gilling in April & May '12. Fliers taken to Ryedale Funding Fair Nov '12. ~ Achieved.

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Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. ~ Include Foss Spring Mire in 2012 SINC survey programme. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2011/12 into BARS. - -	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Land ownership information provided. 5 sites surveyed. ~ Achieved – surveyed in summer '12. ~ List completed but issues with inputting data into BARS II database.
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. ~ Carry out survey of Newburgh Park. ~ Assess Foss Spring Mire for SINC status. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	~ Not progressed. ~ Survey of Newburgh Priory Park being pursued. Transfer to 2013/14. ~ Information on habitats provided to Natural England for BD2020 strategy. ~ Being assessed by SINC Panel, following survey. Site size below 0.25ha minimum though. ~ Comments submitted in 1 planning consultation response.
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINC.		XXXXX		XXXXX	~ Work carried out adjacent to Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 2.

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats 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	~ Chipping of rhododendron brash x 3, adj to Park Wood Fishponds SINC; Removal of Western Hemlock from bankside adjacent to Park Wood Fishponds SINC. 2 volunteer task-days completed adjacent to Park Wood Fishponds SINC. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 9.2ha restored in 3 locations, including Coneysthorpe Banks and Ox Carr & Ben Woods SINC. ~ 57 individual trees planted: in major schemes at Yearsley, Crambe, Dalby; as part of hedge planting schemes at Stearsby, Welburn, Brandsby, Oswaldkirk. ~ No relevant schemes.
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats 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	~ 8 sites grazed, at Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer. ~ Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC managed. ~ Field above Cawton Bank surveyed as part of HLS FEP. ~ 45 SIRVs cut, Mar '13. ~ Decided to leave Grimston Moor another year, to let seedlings come up a bit more. ~ Supported HLS application at Crayke. ~ Advice provided to landowner at Yearsley. ~ Advice provided to schemes at Welburn School, Kirkham. Buglife's B-Lines project successful with bid for SITA funding.

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats 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		~ Work completed summer '12. ~ Cawton Fens surveyed as part of HLS FEP. ~ Supported HLS application at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Land adjacent to Foxfoot Hay SINC surveyed as part of HLS FEP. ~ Wet grassland habitats created near Byland as part of HLS agreement. ~ Preparation of HLS FEP for land at Byland. Application prepared by RSPB.
Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species. NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites. NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.	~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Investigate old quarry adjacent to Swinton Lane population of knapweed broomrape. ~ Record locations of principal knapweed broomrape colonies using GPS. ~ Carry out formative pruning of black poplar at Stonegrave, to develop a tree form and also cuttings material. ~ 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 (see NE6.4). ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species.		XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Site cut, autumn '12; new knapweed plants inspected and growing well. ~ Achieved Autumn '12 - 1 new spike found. ~ Completed Autumn '12; downloading awaited. Data to be sent to N & E Yorkshire Ecological Datacentre. ~ Tree assessed – some formative pruning is possible to create a better shape. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Contributed to grant bid for River Rye corridor, based on Alcatloe bat presence at Helmsley. ~ See NE6.4 ~ Events advertised on AONB website; Agents event attended Dec '12.

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<p>Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<p>~ Survey Wath Beck main channel, to monitor efficiency of 3 years' work to control Himalayan balsam.</p> <p>~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole catchment (see IM1.1).</p> <p>~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation and Park Wood Fishponds SINC, following work to control rhododendron.</p> <p>~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09, '10 & '11 (Himalayan balsam).</p> <p>~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1).</p> <p>~ See FW6.4 for actions to control rhododendron and Western hemlock.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p>~ Survey not carried out. Density assumed to have reduced, as follow-up work reduced in cost again. Contractors reported new patch by Swinsey Carr Wood SINC.</p> <p>~ See IM1.1.</p> <p>~ Spraying completed at Park Wood Fishponds SINC in late summer '13 and appears to be working.</p> <p>~ Achieved, Jul '12. 5.8km stretch cut.</p> <p>~ See IM1.1.</p> <p>~ See FW6.4.</p>
<p>More sympathetic management of farmland</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 & land managers, as appropriate.</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 to landowners/managers at Grimston, Ampleforth, Barton-le-Street.</p> <p>~ FEPs completed for farms at Hovingham, Byland.</p> <p>~ Relevant information/events posted to AONB website; attended Agents briefing event Dec '12.</p>
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Work with Ampleforth Millennium Green group on potential project.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p>~ Project didn't proceed.</p> <p>~ Advice provided for schemes at Welburn School, Crayke School.</p>
<p>Important geodiversity sites</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>~ No survey programme proposed, as far as is known.</p> <p>~ Geology Trust Geonauts pilot schemes at Amotherby and Ampleforth schools supported with SDF.</p> <p>~ No relevant applications.</p>

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Assistance to farmers and land managers NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes. NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance. NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. - -					
Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB 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.	~ Revise the relevant sections in the AONB Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. ~ Participate in update of Castle Howard Historic Estate Management Plan, as appropriate (see HE4.4). ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2009/10 - 2011/12 projects to HER Officer. -		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Data obtained from NYCC HER Officer. Some initial trial work completed. ~ See HE4.4 ~ Completed.
Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ As necessary, dependent upon any revival of legislative process.					~ Legislative framework not progressed by Government.
Local participation in cultural heritage sites 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	~ Supported excavation work carried out by YMAP volunteers on mill and park pale in Gilling Castle Park. ~ Management work carried out on Gilling Castle Park pale. ~ See HE3.1 above. ~ Attended launch of new Lime & Ice exhibition at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre.

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<p>Preserve AONB's historic heritage</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 & 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 Castle 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>	<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>~ Advice provided to land managers at Grimston, Coulton, Newburgh, Hovingham.</p> <p>~ Comments submitted on 3 relevant planning applications.</p> <p>~ Round Barrow at Hovingham included in FEP.</p> <p>~ No progress.</p> <p>~ Site meeting held with EH; generic SMC form being developed; kerbing options being explored.</p> <p>~ Draft plan scrutinised.</p> <p>~ 10 projects funded in AONB. £31,500 project spend for £2,500 contribution.</p> <p>~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Wiganthorpe (x 2 sites), Gilling Castle (x 2 sites), Skewsby, Crambe. Work on other sites/features at Crayke; mileposts.</p> <p>~ Pond Farm, Crambe – volunteers completed work on gable end and privy. Guttering repairs supported with AONB grant.</p> <p>~ No progress. Letter sent by RDC to owners.</p> <p>~ Western hemlock regeneration cleared by volunteers on 1 task.</p> <p>~ As and when received.</p> <p>~ Conservation course at Pond Farm circulated to potential attendee.</p>

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Assist local communities with projects LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues. LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/ agency. LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms. LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans. LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects. LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding. LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.	~ As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations. ~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings. ~ Monitor proposals for further changes to the network of rural Post Office services. - ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Restore 4 village name signs. ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works. ~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages. ~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ No relevant consultations. ~ Attended meetings, every 6-8 weeks. ~ Hovingham believed to have been scoped for a mobile service. ~ RAY project developed for 13/14. ~ Good Life events held – Amotherby, Gilling, Village Hall projects at Appleton-le-Street (Amotherby); participated in Ryedale Rural Awards judging. ~ Scackleton village group steered to Ryedale LEADER SSES for 2013. ~ Good Life events in Amotherby, April '12; Gilling, May '12. Meet The Funder event – Nov '12. Shared a stand at Ryedale Show. ~ Passed Amotherby Church inquiry to RDC. ~ No events held. ~ Achieved, April '12.
Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB. AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.	~ As necessary, via NAAONB consultations. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals. ~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes. ~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.					~ Input via NAAONB to renewal of State Aids Notifications, CAP reform lobbying of MEPS. ~ CAN DO area initially included in LNP as a Priority Area.
Conservation advice and assistance AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB. AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate. ~ Assist 5 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. ~ Start 1 new major stone wall restoration project. - ~ Participate in any events arising from the Revitalising the River Rye project.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 2 HLS FEPs prepared; Advice provided to farmers at Gilling, Oswaldkirk, Yearsley. ~ Schemes completed at Cawton, Oulston, Brandsby (x 3), Stearsby, Oswaldkirk, Welburn. 700m of new hedge/gaps replanted. 40m of stone wall rebuilt; 280m of wall cleared of scrub. ~ Schemes completed at Brandsby, Oulston. Another scheme at Brandsby started. ~ See IM1.1.

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Sustainable alternative farm enterprises 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. -					~ No objection to 3 projects in planning consultation responses. ~ Initiatives being monitored.
New farm buildings and infrastructure 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		~ 26 cases. Comments submitted on 20 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 3 proposals. 10 schemes Approved; 12 schemes Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 4 Decisions pending. ~ NYMNP Design Guide used as a template. Discussed at Oct '12 JAC; amended version prepared for Apr '13 JAC approval.
Woodland management proposals 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.					~ 9 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received. ~ No relevant schemes.
Multi-objective approach to woodland management 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. -					~ No relevant schemes. ~ No relevant schemes.
Local provenance trees and shrubs 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	~ Will have been used as part of 9.2ha of PAWS restoration schemes. ~ Local provenance oak used for in-field and boundary tree planting schemes (see NE4.4). ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Not progressed – donor tree at Stonegrave needs pruning to make cuttings material more accessible.

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Alternative markets for timber products 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. – –					~ Sycamore included in 1 relevant replanting scheme, specifically for woodfuel.
New woodland 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.					~ No relevant schemes. ~ Input made to FC Woodland Uplift Calculator exercise. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice.
Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives 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	XXXXX XXXXX	~ No relevant schemes. ~ Work carried out Park Wood Fishponds SINC (x 2). ~ Achieved. Organisation and delivery of in-field/boundary tree planting projects; monitoring of FC Register on behalf of AONB Manager.
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– – –					

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New development D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ 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. ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary. ~ Input to NAAONB responses on the National Planning Policy Framework, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ 5 relevant consultations scrutinised and comments submitted where appropriate. ~ Modifications document scrutinised, Feb '13. ~ No further input required. ~ 124 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.
Design of new development/ management of existing buildings D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary (see D1.1). ~ ~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website (see HE4.7). ~ ~	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ See D1.1. ~ See HE4.7. ~ Supported HDC initiative to carry out new survey of Listed Buildings to identify those at Risk.
Mitigation of intrusive features D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	~ ~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. ~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Attended meeting in Sept '12. ~ Crayke completed; Bulmer at Wayleaves stage. ~ Discussions continuing over scheme at Dalby. ~ Joint project at Bulmer to be discussed. ~ Comments submitted in 4 relevant planning consultation responses. ~ Completed, ending Dec '12. ~ No incidents noted.
Small-scale quarrying for local uses D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					~ No relevant applications. ~ New farm building at Brandsby did not yield stone. ~ Minerals LPA approached to use stone from small quarry at Scackleton to repair Wiganthorpe Park Wall. Not ruled to be de minimis.

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Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDP, as necessary (see D1.1). ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Consider including case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2012.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Advice provided to farmers/residents/groups at Husthwaite, Gilling, Grimston. ~ See D1.1. ~ No objections to 1 relevant application. ~ Decided not to include it.
Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. ~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review (see RA2.2).					~ See RA2.2
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 3 relevant applications.
Modern communications technology 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 relevant applications. ~ Not pursued.
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - -					
Solutions to traffic routing problems 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 associated development proposals and input as necessary. - - ~ Scrutinise the Timber FQP consultation, inputting if appropriate.					~ No relevant new proposals. ~ Information on timber wagon access points provided to Timber Freight Quality Partnership consultation.

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Traffic and driver behaviour issues 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.	~ Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages. ~ Obtain data on police traffic speed checks carried out in AONB villages. -				XXXXX XXXXX	~ 1 temporary check carried out - Ampleforth; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). ~ Information awaited.
Sustainable modes of transport RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTs. 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 implementation of SCTs for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary. - - ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -					~ No action needed. ~ No relevant applications.
Maintain character of rural road network RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority. RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB. RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'. RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'. RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to on-going development of NYCC Construction Manual. ~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme. ~ Check that features have been recorded in National Street Gazetteer. ~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	~ 42 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). ~ Attended meeting April '12. HHAONB Appendix prepared & submitted Feb '13. ~ 2 cycleway signs removed from traditional direction signs, as part of restorations. ~ All assets, including historic signs, have been photographed and recorded by NYCC on the NSG. ~ Restored signs installed at Husthwaite, Newburgh, Oulston, Yearsley (2); see also 2011/12. ~ Enquiry from PC about sign restoration at Terrington.
A64 Trunk Road RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.					~ Comments submitted on 1 scheme at High Hutton.
Sustainable recreation activities RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB. RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	- ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ 7 cases. Comments submitted on 6 proposals; Objections or Serious Reservations with 0 proposals. 5 schemes Approved; 1 scheme Refused; 1 Decision pending.

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Promote AONB in a sustainable way						
RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.	~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer. ~ Conduct a follow-up Visitors and Users Survey (see AP1.6).	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Completed as part of Visitors & Users Survey contract. ~ See AP1.6.
RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.	~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Meetings held with RDC, Castle Howard, Welcome to Yorkshire, Green Traveller. ~ Contributed to LEADER area Local Distinctiveness project. ~ Photos and text provided for Green Traveller Guide to HHAONB. ~ Outdoor booklet being progressed with NYMNP, Welcome to Yorkshire and Castle Howard. ~ See RA2.2.
RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.	~ See RA2.2 above.					
RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull (see AP2.3).	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ See AP2.3 below.
RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	-					
Recreational management measures						
RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	-					~ No relevant schemes.
Management of the PRow network						
RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ On-going. ~ Comments submitted on path diversion scheme at Kirkham.
RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.	~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Trained volunteer fell ill, so no further survey work completed.
RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.	~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary.					~ Issues passed on, when received by AONB Unit.
RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.	~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ First cut poor, partially due to wet season and heavy growth.
RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train 2 more volunteers in path Condition surveying.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ NYCC volunteers not working regularly in AONB after October '12, following Ranger Service re-organisation. ~ Not achieved, due to volunteer illness and changed priorities after Ranger Service re-organisation.

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Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.					~ Landowner no longer interested in proceeding. ~ NYCC progressing one Agreement to deal with 10/15 route anomalies on the whole Estate.
Improvements to PRoW network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby & Hovingham.					~ See RA5.2 above. ~ Ampleforth scheme being progressed; see RA5.2 re. Slingsby and Hovingham.
Path usage issues 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.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					~ Comments submitted on 2 relevant Forestry Commission consultations.
Open Access in FC woodland 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.	– ~ Monitor, and input as appropriate, to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate. ~ As necessary.					~ Independent Panel on Forestry report and Government response scrutinised. ~ No current cases.

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Guided routes RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes. RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes. RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ See AP2.1 ~ Continue to develop circular off-road cycle route from Hovingham, in partnership with NYCC. - ~ Publish and distribute/upload Hovingham Ridges Ride cycle route leaflet. ~ Publish and distribute/upload 2 further cycle route leaflets. ~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank (see AP2.4).	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Leaflet completed and available on NYCC website. ~ See RA9.1 above. ~ PDFs of Sustrans cycling leaflet (3 routes) now uploaded to AONB website. ~ Outdoor booklet being progressed with NYMNP, Welcome to Yorkshire and Castle Howard. ~ Welburn routes being progressed in partnership with Castle Howard. ~ Completed.
Bus routes and other transport services RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	-					~ Routes within the AONB remain unaltered after the latest NYCC review.
Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. ~ Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. - (Completed) ~ Encourage Appleton-le-Street Village Hall to develop their ideas for walker/cyclist accommodation, as part of refurbishment works.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Completed. ~ Completed, ending Dec '12. ~ Usage of car parks monitored Aug '12 as part of Visitors & Users Survey (see RA2.1). ~ Agreed by Estate but not yet implemented. To be pursued in 2013/14 as part of Estate's aim to promote areas away from main house. ~ Not achieved. ~ Enquiry from Terrington VH for SDF funding for replacement external toilet.

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Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB 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	~ Alne Gardening Club talk (35), Easingwold Gardening Club (26), volunteers walk to Yearsley Mill after task. ~ April '12, June '12; November '12. (39 children). ~ 15 x Round 2 visits completed; Teachers workshop held; 8 x Round 3 visits completed ~ Completed.
Volunteering 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	~ Assisting at: Junior Ranger Club (April '12, June '12, Nov '12); Ryedale Show; rhododendron clearance at Park Wood Fishponds SINC x 2; Clearance of Gilling Castle park pale, PRoW maintenance with NYCC Ranger; Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project; Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor project. 9 projects or tasks, worth at least 139 days (£12,350 at SDF volunteering rates).

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Funding and partnership mechanisms						
IM1.1	Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Supported continuing development of liaison with Defra, via NAAONB. ~ Achieved. ~ Additional money put in for Yearsley Moor excavations, to draw-down HLF underspend (62% leverage). ~ On-going. Main fund fully allocated. £31,500 worth of schemes in the AONB supported by RDC LEADER Small-scale Enhancements Scheme, for a £2,500 contribution. ~ Worked in partnerships developing new projects that access funding: Revitalising the River Rye. ~ Accessed funding from HDC Natural Environment Grant Scheme for rhododendron clearance at Park Wood Fishponds SINC. ~ Some initial discussions held with English Heritage. ~ NYMNP bid for funding from Natural England failed. ~ Bids for Defra and EA funding failed. ~ Buglife's SITA bid successful; assisting with implementation by referring landowners to project officer. ~ See RA2.2. ~ Investigated April '12 – scope felt to be limited. ~ Monitoring roll-out of NY super-fast broadband. ~ 4-year Reserves strategy prepared. ~ Reserves committed to projects budgets, but not needed in this year. NYMNP secondee to maintain 1 FTE AONB Officer post. ~ Achieved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. ~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. ~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, EH, CAN DO, Ryedale LEADER SSES, etc for specific identified projects. ~ Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for Monuments at Risk. ~ Continue to develop a habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area, based on Alcatloe bat. ~ Implement Year 1 of the Revitalising the River Rye project, should Defra/EA funding bids be successful. ~ Participate in the B-Lines project, with or without SITA funding. ~ Participate in any new rural tourism initiative that may stem from the Rural Economy Growth Review. ~ Investigate the potential for Community Foundations to support AONB projects. ~ Monitor, and assist as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives. ~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Hold a meeting in April 2013. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
IM1.2	Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group.				XXXXX	
IM1.3	Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Achieved. NYMNP SDF scheme has changed, but 1 Officer Group held to assess schemes. ~ Achieved. ~ Partnership has been dormant for a while and is likely to be dis-banded as part of review of priority areas for the Local Nature Partnership.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to deliver the AONB SDF programme in partnership with the North York Moors National Park. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO Partnership. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Business development of AONB Partnership IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements. IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain/enhance AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2013.				XXXXX	~ See IM1.1. ~ Achieved, for JAC 4 th April '13.
Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2013. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers (see SF1.2). ~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved, for JAC 4 th April '13. ~ Paper files being rationalised as a separate exercise, which reduces shelf space and will assist subsequent digitisation. ~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC, Oct '12. ~ Achieved.
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites. ~ Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations. ~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators. ~ As necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2013/14. ~ Not achieved – see above. ~ Minimal further progress; scoping set still being compiled. ~ Not progressed. Transfer to 2013/14. ~ Comprehensive data sets received from Natural England, as part of monitoring environmental outcomes in Protected Areas exercise.

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<p>National Association for AONBs 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"> ~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. ~ Co-host NAAONB Conference 2012, in York. ~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate. 	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Attended NAAONB AGM; Northern Chairmen's meeting; Future Landscapes Collaboration project workshops. ~ Completed. ~ Attended National Conference (York); May '12 Northern Group meeting (Solway Coast); October '12 Northern Group meeting (Lincolnshire Wolds); Management Plan Review workshop; Future Landscapes Collaboration project workshops x 3.
<p>AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Agree scope of review needed, with AONB Partnership. ~ Hold Topic Groups for individual subjects. ~ Revise Plan text and consult back with Topic Groups and AONB Partnership. 			<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX XXXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Discussed and agreed with Core Partners Group. ~ Topic Group membership list revised, invites sent out and meeting dates set for April & May. ~ Timetable revised – move to 2013/14.

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AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2013/14

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2013/14.

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 2013/14 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 2013/14, 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 £22,200. Five projects have already been allocated a total of £16,400.
 - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £16,500, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Continuing restoration of roadside dry-stone walls in the Brandsby/Grimstone area.
 - 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.
 - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.
 - Continuing to develop 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 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers if requested, 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 £15,000, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Restoring traditional direction signs in the Ryedale area of the AONB.
- Installing kerbing to protect the Scheduled long barrow near Grimston.
- Renovation works to a Listed field barn at Newburgh.
- Assessing options for capping the last section of the Wiganthorpe Park wall at Scackleton.

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.
- Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, as part of the review of the AONB Management Plan.
- Promoting Ryedale and Hambleton SSES LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in villages.
- Using volunteers to re-cut and gravel the City of Troy Maze.
- Exploring options for using the Yearsley Moor volunteers for Scheduled Monument survey and management work.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 The proposed budget for small-scale works in local villages is £900.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme, including participating in development of a new Local Development Strategy as necessary in order to access further funds after January 2015.
- 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 £16,500, although there would also be additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. 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.
- Circulating the New Agricultural Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance to farmers, agents and construction companies.
- Completing Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers if requested, 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.
- Monitoring the incidence of Ash Dieback Disease.

- 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:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB.
- 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, but this is an important area of work and is a high priority. 2012/13 saw a significant increase in the number of applications needing scrutiny by the AONB Manager.
- Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale Local Plan, as applicable.
- Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, particularly in Bulmer as the next scheme for implementation. Also pushing for the start of design 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.
- The repair and restoration of at least 5 traditional direction signs.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,200.

11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing input into the LEADER 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and the development of the Green Traveller Guide to the Howardian Hills AONB.
- Further developing circular routes for off-road cyclists, particularly in partnership with the Castle Howard Estate.
- Continuing to control litter at 'hot-spots'.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work (excluding the Rural:Urban Schools Twinning project) is £9,200.

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 2012/13 Annual Report and AONB News 2013.
- Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
- Starting preparation of a leaflet on the geodiversity interest of the AONB.
- Holding 3 Junior Ranger Club days, taking the project around the AONB where possible.
- Assisting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in delivering a successful third year of the 4-year Rural:Urban schools twinning project.
- Installing the remaining log seats to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the designation of the AONB.
- 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, with a contribution of £2,500.
- Continuing to support the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project in its final part-year.
- Participating in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER partnership.
- Directing projects to the Ryedale and Hambleton LEADER Small Scale Enhancements Schemes, where appropriate.
- Investigating the potential for accessing EH funding for work on Monuments at Risk.
- Continuing to develop the Revitalising the River Rye project, supporting appropriate applications for funding.
- Continuing input into the LEADER 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and the development of the Green Traveller Guide to the Howardian Hills AONB.
- 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.
- Completing 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:

- Continuing to participate in the Future Landscapes Collaboration project.
- Attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

16.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Holding 8 Topic Groups to discuss the individual chapters.
- Revising the Plan text and consulting back with the Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.
- Carrying out wider stakeholder and public consultation.
- Revising the draft Plan in line with feedback.
- Producing the final revised version for adoption by the constituent local authorities.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2013/14, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.

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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.

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AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change						
SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.	–					
SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.	~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	–					
Promote sustainability, and support projects						
SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	–					
SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.	~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.					
SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.						
SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).	~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	–					

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Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. ~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2012/13 into BARS. - -	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Support survey of Newburgh Park. - ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINCS.		XXXXX		XXXXX	

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats 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 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	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats 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 SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats 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.	- ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. - ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.					

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<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</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"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Send location points of knapweed broomrape colonies to N & E Yorkshire Ecological Datacentre. ~ Carry out formative pruning of black poplar at Stonegrave, to develop a tree form and also cuttings material. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species. 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Survey Wath Beck main channel, to monitor efficiency of 4 years' work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole catchment (see IM1.1). ~ Monitor condition of Park Wood Fishponds SINC, following work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that has been cut since 2009 (Himalayan balsam). ~ Participate in the Revitalising the River Rye project, to survey and control Himalayan balsam in whole Rye catchment (see IM1.1). ~ See FW6.4 for actions to control rhododendron and Western hemlock. 	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		

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More sympathetic management of farmland NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.	~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate. ~ Complete FEPs for land in the AONB (subject to landowner requests). ~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.	–					
Important geodiversity sites NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS. NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS. NE11.3 Resist development proposals.	~ Discuss a potential survey programme with NEYGT. – ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
Assistance to farmers and land managers NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes. NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance. NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.	~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. – –					
Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB 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.	– ~ Revise the relevant sections in the AONB Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. ~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process. ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2012/13 projects to HER Officer. –	XXXXX	XXXXX			
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Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ Monitor legislative developments and respond as necessary.					

Local participation in cultural heritage sites						
HE3.1	Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	~ Explore/develop options to utilise YMAP volunteers for survey of Scheduled Monuments at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX
HE3.2	CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.	XXXXX			
		~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX			
Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1	Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate.				
HE4.2	Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ See NE9 above.				
HE4.3	Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow at Grimstone (subject to funding).	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
HE4.4	Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Participate in preparation of Newburgh Priory Estate Plan, as required.				
HE4.5	Flexible package of assistance.	~ Utilise RDC and HDC LEADER schemes for works in AONB villages.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		~ Carry out management or repair works on 5 Local Priority Sites or historic features.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Commence conservation works on the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall.			XXXXX	XXXXX
		~ Carry out management works to conserve former deer park pale at Gilling Castle.				
HE4.6	Demonstrate 'best practice'.	-				
HE4.7	Skills training initiatives.	-				

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

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Sustainable alternative farm enterprises 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. -					
New farm buildings and infrastructure AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures. AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Finalise guidance and circulate to District Councils, farmers, landowners, agents and companies.	XXXXX				
Woodland management proposals 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.					
Multi-objective approach to woodland management 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. -					
Local provenance trees and shrubs 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.	~ Monitor ash dieback disease situation and take appropriate action as necessary. ~ 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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Alternative markets for timber products 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. – –					
New woodland 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.					
Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives 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	XXXXX XXXXX	
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– – –					

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New development D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ 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. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					
Design of new development/ management of existing buildings D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	- - - - -					
Mitigation of intrusive features D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	- ~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB - Bulmer. ~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes - Bulmer. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Small-scale quarrying for local uses D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					

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Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -					
Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. ~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project (see RA2.2).					
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
Modern communications technology 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		
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - -					
Solutions to traffic routing problems 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 associated development proposals and input as necessary. - - -					
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Traffic and driver behaviour issues						
RT2.1	Gather information on traffic speeds.	~ Obtain data on traffic speed monitoring carried out in AONB villages.				XXXXX
RT2.2	Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations.	~ Obtain data on police traffic speed checks carried out in AONB villages.				XXXXX
RT2.3	Local events to examine and address issues.	-				
Sustainable modes of transport						
RT3.1	Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.	-				
RT3.2	Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs.	~ Monitor implementation of SCTSs for Malton and Easingwold and input as necessary.				
RT3.3	Promote the availability of alternative transport services.	-				
RT3.4	Workplace Travel Plans.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.				
RT3.5	Development of next Local Transport Plan.	-				
Maintain character of rural road network						
RT4.1	Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.				
RT4.2	Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.	-				
RT4.3	Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.	~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT4.4	Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Check that features have been recorded in National Street Gazetteer.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT4.5	Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
A64 Trunk Road						
RT5.1	Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.				
Sustainable recreation activities						
RA1.1	Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.	~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process.	XXXXX	XXXXX		
RA1.2	Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.				

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<p>Promote AONB in a sustainable way</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>	<p>~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.</p> <p>~ Seek updated information as necessary, as part of Management Plan review process.</p> <p>~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project.</p> <p>~ See RA2.2 above.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/Hull (see AP2.3).</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>Recreational management measures</p> <p>RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.</p>	<p>–</p>					
<p>Management of the PRow network</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>	<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>–</p> <p>~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Area Ranger as necessary.</p> <p>~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues.</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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Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Complete work on bridleway route issues at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.					
Improvements to ProW network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby & Hovingham.					
Path usage issues 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.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					
Open Access in FC woodland 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.	– ~ Monitor any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate, and input as appropriate. ~ As necessary.					
Guided routes RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes. RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes. RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ Progress development of a 15ml circular off-road cycle route around the eastern part of the AONB. – ~ Publish and distribute/upload 1 further short cycle route leaflet.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Bus routes and other transport services RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	– –					
Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB (see D3.5). ~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. ~ Ensure refurbished Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. – (Completed) –	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		
Water recreation on the Derwent 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.					
Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary. RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.	~ Use Management Plan Topic Group meetings to get feedback on current issues. –					

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<p>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</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>AP1.5 Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct. 2012).</p> <p>AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.</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>~ Start preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p>~ Publish 2012/13 Annual Report.</p> <p>~ Publish AONB News 2013.</p> <p>~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p>~ Monitor extent and value of media mentions.</p> <p>~ Attend Ryedale Show.</p> <p>~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>~ Identify suitable sites, obtain permissions and install remaining log seats.</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>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>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</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>–</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project between schools in the AONB and York/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>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	
<p>Volunteering</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>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	

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Funding and partnership mechanisms IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives. IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group. IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. ~ Assist with implementation of final year of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. ~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, EH, Ryedale & Hambleton LEADER SSES, etc for specific identified projects. ~ Investigate the potential for accessing EH funding for Monuments at Risk. ~ Continue to develop a major habitat enhancement project for the CAN DO area – Revitalising the River Rye project. ~ Assist as necessary with Buglife's SITA-funded B-Lines project. ~ Continue input to the Green Traveller website and LEADER Local Distinctiveness project. ~ Monitor, and assist as appropriate, with new community Rural Broadband initiatives. ~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Hold a meeting in April 2014. ~ Continue to deliver the AONB SDF programme in partnership with the North York Moors National Park. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO Partnership. 	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	

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Business development of AONB Partnership IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements. IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	~ Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and to maintain AONB Officer staff resource. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2014.				XXXXX	
Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2014. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers (see SF1.2). ~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites. ~ Establish baseline photos for chosen set of locations. ~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators. ~ Incorporate into revision of Management Plan. ~ As necessary.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX			

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<p>National Association for AONBs 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>~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives.</p> <p>~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>~ Seek updated information as necessary, to inform Management Plan review process.</p> <p>~ Hold Topic Groups for individual subjects.</p> <p>~ Revise Plan text and consult back with Topic Groups and AONB Partnership.</p> <p>~ Hold formal consultation on draft revised Management Plan.</p> <p>~ Catalogue responses and amend draft Plan as appropriate.</p> <p>~ Prepare final text of Plan and submit to Local Authorities for adoption.</p> <p>~ Send final Plan to Defra.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			
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4 APRIL 2013**

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the progress of the AONB Management Plan review and next steps.

2.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2.1 The formal notification of the intention to review the Management Plan was sent to the constituent local authorities and relevant organisations, as required by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act, on 25th January.
- 2.2 Dates have been arranged for the 8 Topic Groups to discuss the relevant chapter issues, with 75 potential participants contacted. The meetings run from 25th April to 23rd May.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 If time permits, some initial work may be done on revising the text of the individual chapters before the Topic Group meetings are held. This is principally likely to involve moving more 'evidence' and 'discussion' to the existing Supplementary Technical Information document, which is likely to be re-named as The Evidence Base. This would allow the main Plan document to be much slimmer, hence reducing production costs. It would also more closely follow the format used by other AONBs at the previous review, of having a slim Plan consisting of the Objectives and an Action Plan, with Evidence contained in a separate document.
- 3.2 The Topic Group meetings will discuss the most recent evidence available for each subject, relevant new strategy documents from other organisations, threats and opportunities. Each section will then be revised to incorporate new evidence and policy, resulting in revised Objectives and new Actions for the 2014-2019 Plan period.
- 3.3 The revised chapters will be sent back to the Topic Group members, to ensure that their input has been accurately represented and that nothing has been missed. These revised chapters will also be circulated to JAC members. It is planned to do this by 12th July.
- 3.4 Following any further comments, the chapters and supporting information (Local Priority Sites section, Action Plan, etc) will be further revised and the document prepared for public and stakeholder consultation. At the same time the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment of the new Plan will be prepared/updated.
- 3.5 The formal consultation period is proposed as 1st October to 15th November. In previous years special consultation events have been held but their attendance has at times been disappointing. It is not currently the intention to hold any events for this review of the Plan, but if a demand and suitable mechanism emerges as the Plan review process proceeds, then events will be arranged. It is hoped that the slimmed-down and dis-aggregated Plan will be much easier for consultees to read, and hence comment on.

- 3.6 Following the end of the consultation period all the comments received will be compiled into a table, showing the comment and the amendments proposed to the Plan (if applicable). This table will be circulated to the JAC and Core Partners Group in January 2014, for their comments.
- 3.7 Following any comments received from this final consultation, the final revisions will be made to the Plan. These will be discussed with the JAC Chairman, who will provide the final sign-off of the revised Plan.
- 3.8 The Plan will then be sent to the three constituent Local Authorities in time for formal adoption by 31st March 2013, and to Defra.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the progress and next steps detailed above be noted for information.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs (NAAONB) ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of the work currently being carried out by the NAAONB.

2.0 KEY MESSAGES

2.1 The AONB Manager attended the northern Chairmen's Meeting in York on 20th February, which also had representatives from the other northern AONBs. The principal messages coming from the meeting are listed below:

2.2 The NAAONB Business Plan is due for review and will be sent round to Lead Officers electronically. The current Business Plan has a fundamental issue in that no time has been allocated to service:

- The demands of Defra, and particularly Natural England, in relation to national strategic AONB issues.
- The development of Accords with other relevant organisations with whom we should be partnering.
- The time needed to just 'run the business'.

2.3 The National Growth Strategy (Heseltine Report) contains a number of recommendations that are of relevance to AONBs:

- Wealth creation needs to be part of the plans of all Government bodies.
- Public services ought to be devolved to the private/local sectors.
- Leadership and management skills need to be developed.
- A Duty of Regard in relation to economic growth should be placed on Local Authorities.

2.4 The next 3-year Comprehensive Spending Review (to April 2017) could potentially see another 23% reduction for Defra, based on current figures (February 2013) and assuming the safeguarding of currently protected budgets.

2.5 The NAAONB has been involved in a variety of pieces of work to address these potential issues:

- A national policy group has been established.
- Non-Exchequer funding sources are being explored.
- Defra is preparing a Vision for AONBs.
- Comments have been submitted to the consultation on the Growth & Infrastructure Bill.
- The Defra Minister Richard Benyon MP has written a Foreword for use in all the revised AONB Management Plans.

2.6 The key messages coming out of Defra in relation to the next CSR period are:

- There will be further cuts in funding.
- The next round of Memoranda of Agreement will not contain a clause allowing Defra funding to be used for any redundancy costs.

2.7 The priorities for the next Management Plan period are principally Biodiversity (as articulated by the Natural Environment White Paper and Biodiversity 2020 Strategy), Sustainable Development (in the form of ecosystem services) and Environmental Education. Access & Recreation is slipping down the agenda, but rising particularly quickly are Rural Economic Development and Food & Farming. It is likely to be these latter two areas that Defra will want to see addressed in the forthcoming review of Management Plans.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the progress and issues detailed above be noted for information.