

**Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** 

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## HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Venue:** Hovingham Village Hall

(see attached location plan)

Date: 14 April 2016 at 10.00am

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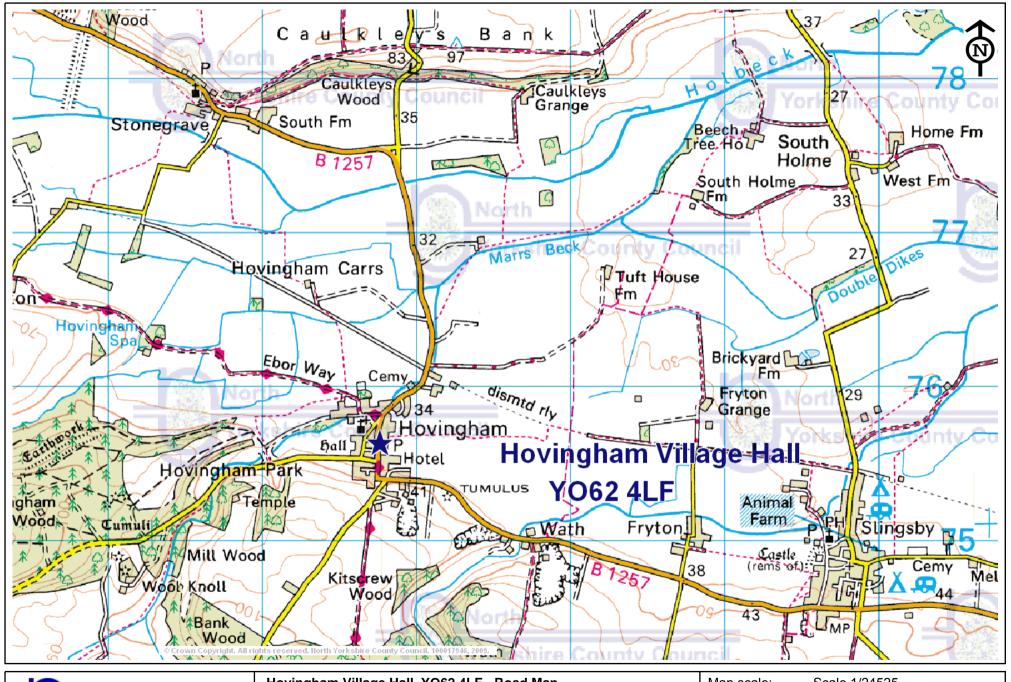
# Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

#### Membership

Nor	th Yorkshire County Councillors (2)						
1	PATMORE, Caroline						
2	WOOD, Clare						
Rye	Ryedale District Councillors (2)						
3	FARNELL, Fiona						
4	WAINWRIGHT, Robert (Vice-Chairman)						
Han	nbleton District Council (2)						
5	COOKMAN, Christine (Chairman)						
6	Vacancy						
Par	ish Councils (2)						
7	BROWN, Sally (Ryedale)						
8	STRATTON, Chris (Hambleton)						
Cou	untry Land and Business Association (1)						
9	WORSLEY, Sir William						
Nat	ional Farmers Union (2)						
10	HICKS, Robert						
11	Vacancy						
For	estry Commission (1)						
12	SMITH, Jim						
Ran	nblers Association (1)						
13	CATTERALL, Philip						
Nat	ural England (2)						
14	CLARK, Justine						
15	EATON, Rosy						

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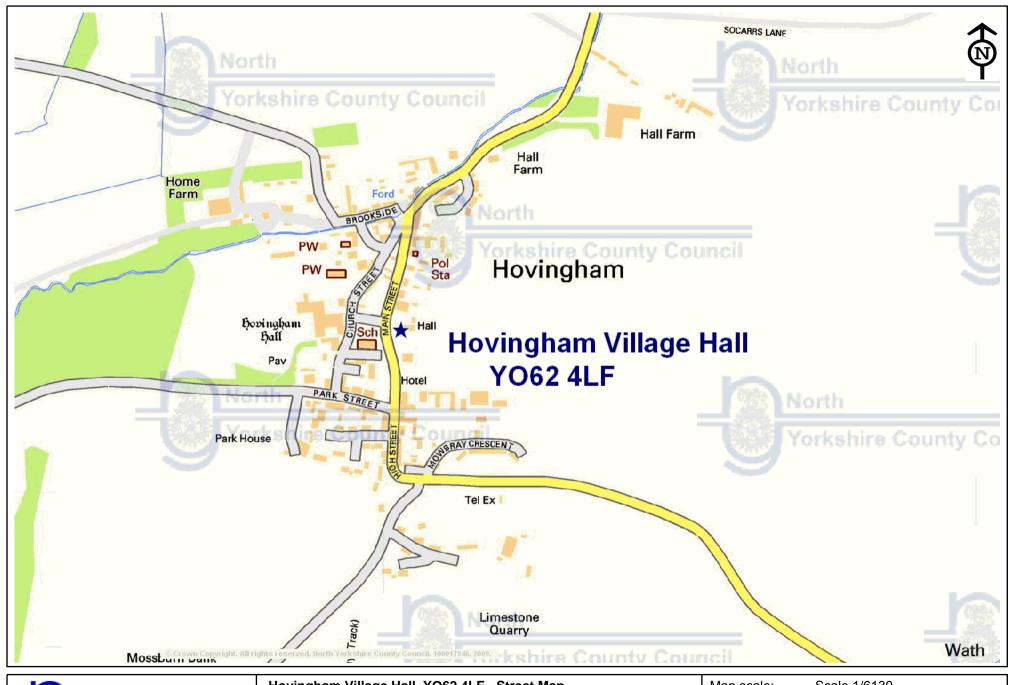
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## Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 29 October 2015, commencing at 10.00 am

#### **Present**

#### Members:

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman in the Chair

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

Ryedale District Council: Councillor Robert Wainwright and Councillor Eric Hope

Parish Councils: Chris Stratton (Hambleton) and Sally Brown (Ryedale)

Forestry Commission: Jim Smith The Ramblers: Philip Catterall Natural England: Rosy Eaton

#### Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB team: Paul Jackson, Liz Bassindale and Maggie Cochrane North Yorkshire County Council: Kate Arscott (Secretary) and Liz Small (Heritage Services Manager)

#### Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

#### 52 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Fiona Farnell and Paula Craddock (Ryedale District Council), Ian Fielding (North Yorkshire County Council), Caroline Skelly (Hambleton District Council), Sir William Worsley (Country Land and Business Association) and Justine Clark (Natural England).

#### 53 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 March 2015

#### Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 54 Matters Arising

#### Minute 31 – DEFRA report "Maximising Revenue for Protected Landscapes"

The AONB Manager advised that this report had still not been released. If it is published, a copy will be placed on the website and members would be provided with a link.

#### Minute 45 – Development within the AONB

The AONB Manager reported that he had responded to further consultation on the High Malton development, objecting on behalf of the AONB due to the impact on the AONB setting. The application had been refused.

#### Minute 46 AONB Action Programme 2014/15

The AONB Manager reported that due to the levels of current activity in relation to fracking, the Chair had agreed to an urgent item of business at the end of the agenda to circulate information notes on the current position in relation to the AONB. He apologised that it had not been possible to give earlier notice of the item.

The AONB Manager also reported on the work currently taking place to restore the Lime Avenue at Castle Howard.

#### 55 JAC Virtual Site Tour of 2014/15 Work

The AONB Manager reported that, in light of the number of sites that it might be possible to visit with Members and after consultation with the Chairman, it had been decided to give a slide presentation at this meeting as an alternative means of demonstrating the achievements of the past year to the Committee.

A slide presentation of work undertaken during 2014/15 was shown:

- Kirkham new hedge planting
- Firby, Howsham and Crambe traditional direction sign restoration
- Bulmer traditional direction sign and village name sign restoration; electricity line undergrounding
- Terrington enhancement of outdoor area for pre-school club
- Brandsby and East Newton wall restoration
- Oulston Scheduled Monument management
- Husthwaite and Scackleton hedge restoration
- Newburgh Park new fencing
- Oswaldkirk village name sign restoration

Members referred to problems with verges being left in a poor state following undergrounding work. The AONB Manager confirmed that this had been fed back to Northern Powergrid and the contractors.

Members particularly welcomed the positive approach by many landowners and farmers to the reinstatement and restoration of hedges. It was particularly encouraging where they were carrying out some of the works themselves.

#### Resolved -

That the presentation be welcomed and that the virtual tour format replaces the site visit for future annual reports.

#### 56 AONB Unit Activity

Members considered a detailed report of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the Joint Advisory Committee meeting in April 2015. This was accompanied by a slide presentation showcasing some of the work undertaken, which was well received by Members.

Members asked whether more could be done to raise public awareness of Himalayan Balsam and to encourage members of the public to pull it up where they see it. The AONB Manager reported on joint working with the National Park on this matter. Some Parish Councils are co-ordinating local action and the River Derwent Partnership is active on this issue. Liz Small also agreed to raise it through the Local Nature Partnership.

The Committee discussed the role of Parish Councils generally and the contribution many already undertake. The roles, training and potential of volunteers were also discussed.

Members noted that schemes had been submitted for a new period of funding for the undergrounding of overhead electricity lines.

It was reported that the relocation of the AONB Office to Helmsley was on track for December. The Committee commended the team for progressing this move.

#### Resolved -

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

#### 57 JAC Planning Consultations

Members noted the responses to planning consultations submitted by the AONB Manager since the last meeting.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

#### 58 AONB Indicators

Members considered a report detailing performance against selected indicators used to measure AONB performance annually.

The AONB Manager highlighted that there was no longer a requirement to report the indicators to Natural England. However it was felt that certain indicators still provided a useful tool for year on year comparisons and these would continue to be collected and reported.

#### Resolved -

That the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

#### 59 AONB Budget

Members considered a report detailing final income and expenditure during 2014/15; the current position on the 2015/16 budget; and anticipated budgetary requirement for 2016/17.

The AONB Manager reported that there had been a 4% underspend in 2014/15. He also highlighted that over the year volunteers had contributed at least 193 days of time, valued at £13,000.

He confirmed that it was anticipated that funding from North Yorkshire County Council and Defra would reduce in 2016/17 and this was indicated in the budget estimates at Appendix 3 of the report.

Members reflected that the financial future for local authorities was very uncertain at the present time, but that the work of the AONB team was valued, and confirmation of levels of funding for 2016/17 would follow in due course. Members acknowledged the contribution to savings that was being made by the office move.

#### Resolved -

- (a) That the details of AONB expenditure during 2014/15 be received for information;
- (b) Partner authorities be asked to consider making financial contributions towards the work of the AONB in 2016/17, in line with Appendix 3 and section 4 of the report

#### 60 National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) - Activity Update

The AONB Manager circulated a copy of the report of the Chief Executive of the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) to the organisation's AGM, regarding the NAAONB Business Plan. This report had not been available at the time of agenda despatch.

He stressed the joint working and lobbying that had been taking place nationally between AONBs and National Parks, including the joint production of the document 'So much more than the View'. A copy of this would be circulated to all members by email. Members welcomed the information on joint working.

The AONB had also taken part in 'Outstanding Week', designed to showcase the work of AONBs nationwide. Philip Catterall indicated that The Ramblers would be able to offer some organised walks for similar events in future, with sufficient advance notice.

The Chair asked whether the recent announcement of the extension of the Yorkshire Dales National Park area was likely to have any implications for the AONB. The AONB Manager confirmed that government funding for AONBs and National Parks came from the same source, so there may be some budgetary implications.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

#### 61 Reports from Partner Organisations

#### The Ramblers

Philip Catterall offered to circulate a recent article on the AONB from the organisation's magazine. He reported that the organisation had recently submitted a survey on the state of Ryedale's paths, which had taken two years to complete, to the County Council. It was a credit to local landowners and the AONB that no AONB parishes appeared in the bottom 10.

The AONB Manager reported that the team had recently met with the County Council's Countryside Access Service team following its restructure, and a more integrated approach to addressing issues was anticipated.

It was noted that any concerns about specific path matters should be taken up outside the meeting.

#### **Forestry Commission**

Jim Smith reported on a tree health event due to be held at Askham Bryan on 4 November. He also reported that support was being offered to forestry businesses to put together bids for capital projects under the LEADER scheme, which runs until 31 March 2016.

#### Ryedale District Council

On behalf of Ryedale District Council, the AONB Manager reported that the Site Allocation Plan consultation was currently taking place, with a closing date of 14 December. The consultation identified preferred sites in service villages including Hovingham and Ampleforth. The consultation was available at the Council offices and on the website.

#### Natural England

Rosy Eaton reported on the assessment of applications under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. One higher tier agreement was going ahead, with a further agreement deferred to next year. No figures were available yet for mid-tier agreements.

Natural England had been unable to fill the Catchment Sensitive Farming post and this work was currently being covered by the River Esk officer. The Catchment Partnership was taking on a facilitation officer, who would develop a forward plan and source funding. This would cover the River Derwent and tributaries.

#### North Yorkshire County Council

Liz Small reported that the County Council was looking to work with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in relation to the Local Nature Partnership.

The anticipated reduction in North Yorkshire County Council budgets was likely to result in funding being limited to the provision of materials for Public Rights of Way furniture repairs, where previously they may have also carried out work on behalf of landowners. It was noted that the AONB may be able to provide some assistance on priority routes.

#### Hambleton District Council

The District Council is reviewing its Local Plan, looking to 2035. The call for sites closed in September and these were now being registered. Housing figures would come forward shortly, followed by options for consultation in the New Year.

#### 62 Date of next JAC Meeting

Members confirmed that they wished to continue meeting in local facilities within the AONB area. However, they agreed to hold their next meeting at the National Park Offices in Helmsley (subject to availability) in order to see the new location of the AONB team.

#### Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 10.00am at the National Park Offices, Helmsley.

#### 63 Urgent Business - Shale Gas Information Notes

The AONB Manager reported that due to the levels of current activity in relation to fracking, the Chair had agreed to an urgent item of business to circulate information notes on the current position in relation to the AONB, to keep members of the JAC updated. He reiterated his apology that it had not been possible to give earlier notice of the item. Two information notes on shale gas in the Howardian Hills AONB were

circulated. The AONB Manager indicated that they were also available on the AONB website.

County Councillor Clare Wood made colleagues aware that North Yorkshire County Council's Executive had agreed earlier in the week to proceed to public consultation on a Preferred Options draft Minerals and Waste Joint Plan, with a view to adoption of the Plan in 2017. The draft plan contained a number of policies aimed at ensuring that, wherever shale gas development is proposed, the impacts of any proposals for exploration, appraisal or development are managed and controlled in a robust way.

#### Resolved -

That the production of the information notes be welcomed, and that the Committee continue to receive updates at appropriate points in time.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm

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## HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2016

#### **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 work, meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB 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, with several significant wall and hedge restoration projects completed.
- 2.3 Volunteer activity on practical work during the last six months has focused on Monument Management Scheme tasks (see below), as well as completing rhododendron clearance work on Grimston Moor SINC and scrub management works on Nunnington Cutting & Quarries SSSI, Cawton Fen SINC and Terrington Carr SINC.
- 2.4 The RAY Community Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans and other initiatives. A full list of the work carried out by the RAY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.5 Work with Castle Howard, Sustrans, Made in York, Welcome to Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council has progressed on a variety of initiatives, including production of a series of 7 Travel Features for the Ryedale/HHAONB/York area and promotion of the wider Castle Howard Estate.
- 2.6 February and March Junior Ranger Clubs were delivered. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2015/16 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.7 Copies of the 15 planning/agri-environment scheme consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.
- 2.8 The Monument Management Scheme has progressed well, with the remaining Scheduled Monuments surveyed now that vegetation has died back. Volunteers carried out management work on 3 days, removing brash and scrub from 6 individual sites (4 Scheduled Monuments). Quarterly reports and Grant Claims have been submitted to Historic England in compliance with the Terms & Conditions of the grant.
- 2.9 The AONB Team office was successfully moved from Hovingham to Helmsley in December 2015, and a review of the staff structure of the Team has been completed.
- 2.10 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in on-line discussions and information-sharing, and attending the national Chairmen and Lead Officers seminar and AGM in November.

- 2.11 The Joint Advisory Committee's annual budget is projected to be significantly underspent this year. This was due to diverting projects to other sources of funding in the first three quarters of the year, in the expectation of a further 4-year cut in Defra funding, as well as the general lack of Sustainable Development projects this past year. The balance carried forward into 2016/17 is therefore predicted to be approximately £73,000. £10,700 of reserve has been allocated within the 2016/17 budget, for use on projects and delivery.
- 2.12 A grant allocation proposal for 2016/17 was submitted to Defra in February, following the formal Offer Letter confirming Protected Budgets (which include 1.7%pa inflation) for the next four years. The interim claim for payment of the 2015/16 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**

#### 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2015 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRII 2016

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Planning application consultation scrutiny and responses.
- Continuing delivery of the Monuments Management Scheme, monitoring the practical tasks programme, progressing site management works and checking all the survey forms before entry into the Historic England Heritage at Risk database.
- Finalising details of new office and storage space to be taken at The Old Vicarage in Helmsley.
- OFFICE MOVE.
- Establishing the new office following the move from Wath Court.
- Media responses to the House of Commons vote on regulations around fracking beneath AONBs and National Parks.
- Submitting the Interim grant claim and 2016/17 Grant Proposal forms to Defra.
- Submitting Quarterly and Advance claims to Historic England for the MMS project.
- Annual Leave.
- Preparation of March Core Partners Group papers.
- Preparation of April JAC reports and papers.

#### **MEETINGS**

- Scarborough & Ryedale PRoW Local Liaison Group, Helmsley
- PRoW update meeting and development of new systems of working
- · October JAC meeting
- Protected Landscapes Growth Programme prospectus meeting with LEP, Northallerton
- FC Plant Health event, Askham Bryan
- Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 conference calls x 2
- HR meeting re Team structure x 2
- Hambleton District Council Local Plan Review stakeholder meeting
- Annual Action Programme quarterly meeting
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, County Hall
- Wath Court x 2 collect keys from cleaners; hand keys back to Landlord
- HR meeting re Team structure
- Core Partners Group x 2
- Finance setting up Analysis Codes for AONB budget
- MMS data-cleanse sessions x 3
- Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 conference calls x 2
- Huttons Ambo PC rep River Derwent Lowering Trial
- NYCC Scrutiny Committee Unconventional Oil & Gas extraction

- NYMNP workshop on BD2020 Outcome 1C (Ecosystem Services Assessment toolkit)
- North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership, York
- Team re-structure consultation meeting
- River Rye Project HLF bid workshop, Malton
- Annual Action Programme quarterly meeting
- WACS Away-Day, Dishforth
- AONB/Countryside Access Service officers – discuss joint working to improve network issues resolution
- Heritage Services Team meeting, County Hall
- NYCC Modern Office demonstration, County Hall
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, County Hall
- March Core Partners Group
- MMS data-cleanse session February surveys
- Will Watts, geodiversity leaflet discussion

Project round-up meetings with Liz Monthly AONB Team meetings Monthly 1-1 meetings with Liz Small Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

#### **NAAONB**

- Chairmen's Conference & AGM, London
- Prepared NAAONB response to Government consultation on Surface Development restrictions in relation to fracking
- Lead Officers' Meeting, Birmingham

#### **MEETINGS (FUTURE)**

- April JAC meeting
- Scarborough & Ryedale ProW Local Liaison Group
- The Conservation Volunteers possible future joint working opportunities
- RIIO-ED1 (electricity line undergrounding) Steering Group, York
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, County Hall

Project update meetings with Liz Monthly AONB Team meetings? Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall Monthly 1-1 meetings with Liz Small

#### **NAAONB (FUTURE)**

- Northern Group AONB Lead Officers' meeting, Forest of Bowland AONB
- Northern Group AONBs meeting, Forest of Bowland AONB
- NAAONB Conference, Shropshire

#### SITE VISITS

- Planning application site visits –
   Hovingham x 3, Welburn, Barton-le-Street,
   Scackleton, Terrington, Bulmer
- Tour of woodland Scheduled Monuments on Castle Howard Estate, to discuss management works

#### SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

 Planning application site visits – Broughton, Crayke, Husthwaite

#### **CONSULTATIONS**

 SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

#### **PROJECTS**

- Preparation of October JAC papers
- PREPARE & DELIVER OFFICE MOVE TO HELMSLEY
- Organisation of office and storage following office move
- Submission of 2015/16 Interim grant claim to Defra
- Submission of 2016/17 Grant Proposal to Defra
- Preparation & submission of Monument Management Scheme Q3 2015/16 and advance claims for Q4 and 2016/17 to Historic England
- Preparation of March Core Partners Group reports
- Preparation of April JAC papers
- Volunteers –

#### **PROJECTS (FUTURE)**

- Financial Close-down of 2015/16, using new Oracle accounting system
- Implementing re-structure of AONB Team and development of new ways of working
- Volunteers –

#### **RECREATION/ACCESS**

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#### **RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)**

Further development of Easy Access routes

#### **COMMUNITIES**

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#### **COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)**

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## PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- AONB website re-fresh
- On-going promotion via Twitter
- Printing and distribution of 2015 AONB Newsletter
- Radio York interview Infrastructure Act Regulations in relation to fracking
- BBC Look North interview Infrastructure Act Regulations in relation to fracking

- Press release on NAAONB/NPE Joint Accord and HHAONB office move to Helmsley
- New programme of publicity via Visit York/Ryedale DC/HHAONB partnership

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- Presentation to North York Moors National Park Staff Meeting
- Official opening of AONB Office at Helmsley?

#### **TRAINING**

- NYCC Budget Managers, in use of new electronic financial system
- Equality & Diversity refresher
- Recruitment & Selection refresher
- Safer Recruitment refresher
- NYCC Budget Managers eForecasting

#### **TRAINING (FUTURE)**

Customer Care Essentials refresher

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Office tidying sessions x 2
- NYCC compulsory office Christmas shutdown
- Annual Leave days
- Annual Leave week
- Appraisal, County Hall
- Maggie Cochrane Appraisal
- Liz Bassindale Appraisal

#### **MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)**

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#### **AONB OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### 21st October 2015 - 1st April 2016

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers and checking completed work.
- MMS organising autumn and winter surveys, gathering in the survey results, data entry, practical task coordination and completing the quarterly work summaries for Historic England.
- Volunteers a combination of conservation tasks and MMS tasks undertaken fortnightly.
- Assisting with Junior Rangers.
- Moving office to Helmsley.
- Conservation initiatives River Rye Group and Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP. The River Rye Group has discussed outline plans with HLF and will be submitting a Stage 1 Application for a Landscape Partnership Scheme by the beginning of June.
- Organising and running (jointly with Ryedale DC and Scarborough BC) an event linking nature tourism providers, local groups and accommodation providers through social media training.
- Planning a grant funding advice session with HLF focussing on natural heritage projects.

#### **MEETINGS**

- Cycling in Protected Landscapes (Sustrans), Leeds
- Education and Volunteering, Education Officer, Howsham Mill
- Events and publicity update and Dark Skies planning, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- River Rye group (x3), Hovingham, Helmsley and Malton
- Flora of the Howardian Hills update with surveyor, Hovingham
- Cycling in Ryedale, Malton
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan, Scarborough
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan
- Work programme meeting
- JAC, Hovingham
- Heritage Service meeting (x2), Northallerton
- · Team restructure meeting
- Team restructure meeting (1:1)
- LEADER Support Group (x2)
- Planning HLF River Rye visit (x3)
- Core Partners Group (x2)
- SINC management
- Volunteering update with NYCC and Moorswork, Malton
- River Derwent Partnership (x2), Dalby Forest and York
- RAY Community Projects review and plan, Kirkbymoorside
- Work programme meeting
- Development Officers (x2), Kirkbymoorside and Malton
- WACS Away Day, Dishforth

- Appraisal (x2), Helmsley
- Monthly AONB Team meetings

#### **NAAONB**

• Comms Officers Tele-conference

#### **MEETINGS (FUTURE)**

- River Rye Landscape Partnership bid preparation meetings
- Conservation Volunteers update
- Core Partners Group
- Development Officers, Malton
- Monthly AONB Team meetings.
- Heritage Services Meetings
- AONB Work Programme meetings

#### NAAONB (FUTURE)

• Comms Officers Tele-conferences

#### SITE VISITS

- Four Acre Wood (x2) Monument management task with Land Agent then volunteer task leader
- Roman Plantation Monument management task with volunteer task leader

- Castle Howard Estate Historic Monuments with Historic England and the Estate Forester
- Willow clearance, Terrington Carr SINC (x2). Visits with forester then volunteer task leader.
- Rhododendron clearance planning with Forestry Commission, Coulton Moor
- Rhododendron clearance planning with Forestry Commission, Grimston Moor SINC
- Scrub management (volunteers) planning with landowner, Cawton Fen SINC
- Cawton Fen SINC volunteer task leader
- Hedge planting, Park House Farm, Gilling
- HLF River Rye site visits, from Helmsley
- Planning volunteer task with Moorswork, Grimston Moor SINC
- Venue check for HLF grants advice session, Kirkbymoorside Library
- Fencing repair planning with contractor, Bull Ings SINC, Coulton

#### **SITE VISITS (FUTURE)**

- Volunteer task and Thank You event planning, Howsham Mill
- MMS plotting location of round barrows with NYMNP MMS Officer, Newburgh

#### **CONSULTATIONS**

 SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

#### **PROJECTS**

- MMS reviewing survey responses
- MMS Identifying work programme on Newburgh Estate (MMS tasks for volunteers)
- Coppicing stakes and binders for hedge laying then volunteer training day, Coulton
- Rhododendron clearance, Grimston Moor SINC
- Willow management, Terrington Carr SINC
- Scrub management, Cawton Fen SINC
- Social media workshop planning and preparation (x3), Helmsley and Scarborough
- LBAP Social media/business/natural heritage training session, Ryedale House
- Data checking MMS surveys with PJ (x4)
- Preparing and issuing winter MMS survey packs
- Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust grazing plan for 2016

- Advice to Project Fund applicants application process and making grant offers.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

#### PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Rhododendron clearance, Coulton Moor and Grimston Moor SINC
- Willow clearance, Terrington Carr SINC
- Scrub management, Cawton Fen SINC
- · Volunteer task, Howsham Mill
- LBAP Social media/business training session, Cranedale Centre (?)
- Bracken control on bee orchid site, Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC

#### RECREATION/ACCESS

- Meeting with Countryside Officer and Field Officer re. new PROW Team structure and joint working (x2)
- Site visit to plan repairs to PROW steps with Field Officer and Moorswork Leader, Terrington

#### **RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)**

Repairs to set of steps near Terrington (volunteers)

#### COMMUNITIES

- October Junior Rangers, The Yorkshire Arboretum – preparation and delivery
- February Junior Rangers planning, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- AONB stand at Meet the Funder (also an opportunity to talk with funders), Malton
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meeting, Terrington Village Hall
- February Junior Rangers planning, preparation and delivery, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Easter Junior Rangers planning, preparation and delivery
- May half term Junior Rangers planning meeting, Howsham Mill
- RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch, Wath Court Nursery
- Planning HLF information session for late April in Kirkbymoorside
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meeting, Terrington

#### **COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)**

- May Junior Rangers preparation and delivery, Howsham Mill
- October Junior Rangers planning, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Deliver HLF grants information session, Kirkbymoorside

## PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Assisting with delivery of LEADER Local Action Group, Hutton-le-Hole
- Initial meeting wildlife interpretation at Castle Howard Estate
- Meeting to discuss potential geology leaflet for the AONB with Hidden Horizons
- Use of Twitter

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- Development of Castle Howard natural heritage interpretation
- Evening talk, Marton
- Continue to develop use of Twitter
- Continue to add content to website

#### **TRAINING**

- Induction to working at The Old Vicarage
- Farmland bird surveying/ID, Ampleforth and Sproxton

#### TRAINING (FUTURE)

 HLF Landscape Partnership briefing, Leeds

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Pack and move office early December
- Christmas leave 24<sup>th</sup> Dec to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

#### **MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)**

- On leave 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June
- On leave 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August

#### **AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT**

#### 21 October 2015 - 5 April 2016

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Continuing work on re-fresh of the HHAONB website.
- Office move to the Old Vicarage, Helmsley.
- Organisation of new office and storage facilities following office move.
- Updating the new website and Twitter account as necessary.
- Planning, promotion, preparation and assisting with delivery of Junior Rangers sessions in October, February and March.
- Planning and promotion of Junior Rangers session in March.
- Assisting with administration of Monument Management Scheme Volunteers Tasks and liaison with volunteers on other projects.
- Support for Connecting for Nature Social Media workshop.
- General admin and facilities management for the AONB Unit.
- Annual leave.

#### **MEETINGS**

- Oct JAC, Hovingham
- Junior Rangers planning x 2
- Quarterly Work Programme x 2
- Dec Team restructure 1:1 meeting with Liz Small, County Hall
- Dec NYMNPA Staff meeting
- Core Partners Group x 2
- Feb Team restructure consultation meeting
- Feb WACS Awayday, Dishforth
- Heritage Service meetings, County Hall x 2
- Monthly AONB Team meetings

#### **NAAONB**

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#### **MEETINGS (FUTURE)**

- April JAC, Hovingham
- April Heritage Services Team Meeting
- April Monthly AONB Team meeting

#### **NAAONB (FUTURE)**

 Northern Group AONB meeting, Forest of Bowland

#### SITE VISITS

- Old Vicarage, Helmsley office move
- Sawmill Lane Depot office move

#### SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

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#### **PROJECTS**

- Volunteers MMS Survey and Tasks
- Completing reorganisation of office/storage following move to Helmsley
- Further rationalisation of project files

#### **PROJECTS (FUTURE)**

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#### RECREATION/ACCESS

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#### **RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)**

 Start process for reprint of Nunnington Walks leaflet

#### **COMMUNITIES**

- October Junior Rangers preparation and delivery
- February Junior Rangers planning, promotion, preparation and delivery
- March Junior Rangers planning, promotion, preparation and delivery
- Promotion for May session of Junior Rangers
- Assisting with delivery of CfN Social Media Workshop at Ryedale House

#### **COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)**

- Preparation for May session of Junior Rangers
- Assisting with delivery of HLF information day at Kirkbymoorside

## PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- AONB website refresh liaison with website designers, continuation of inputting of information, images etc
- Distribution of AONB newsletter 2015 including Royal Mail door-drop
- On-going AONB website updates including newsfeed
- Occasional servicing of Twitter account
- Booking of Ryedale Show stand and 2016 Newsletter Door to Door Drop

#### PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

• On-going updating of website

#### **TRAINING**

Induction to working at The Old Vicarage

#### TRAINING (FUTURE)

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- · Office tidying sessions
- Office move and unpacking/sorting
- Annual Leave 26 Nov 1 Dec
- Office and storage organisation
- Annual Leave 23 Dec 5 Jan
- Appraisal
- Annual Leave 22 24 Mar

#### **MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)**

5 May – Last working day at HHAONB

## Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee 30 September 2015 to 1 April 2016

#### **Parish Plans**

Amotherby: Parish plan document should be published shortly.

**Slingsby:** Collation of data complete; meeting being arranged to complete parish plan report.

**Swinton:** Steering group formed; questionnaire in draft form should be distributed to all households in the parish very soon.

#### Other activity / contacts with HHAONB

- Continued to work with Sarah Robinson (NYCC Stronger Communities) to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support & funding. Slingsby May Day group and a Parent & Toddler group at Amotherby recently signposted to Stronger Communities.
- Slingsby May Day group and Coxwold VH have been supported through the Village SOS scheme. This scheme is run by Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) – it provides support for communities in a number of areas such as surveys, project planning, marketing and funding. Organised a visit to Slingsby VH for members of Coxwold VH committee to see the upgraded kitchen facilities and ask questions.
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meeting held on 24 March 2016, at Terrington Village Hall including Hovingham, Terrington and Slingsby Parish Councils. Cllr Robert Wainwright, Liz Bassindale and Clare Slater from RDC explained how RDC can help the parishes.
- Attended NYCC Wider Partnership Event at Harrogate on Oct 16 2015 and RDC Parish Liaison meeting on October 21 2015.
- Attended 'Meet the Funder' Event at Milton Rooms Malton; joint stall with HHAONB. A number of enquires from groups and information supplied.
- Attended an Emergency Plan event at Thornton-le-Clay on 9 December, Thornton-le-Clay & Foston PC looking to do an Emergency Plan and possibly a Good Neighbours Scheme.
- Attend and support Swinton Action Group meetings.
- Attended Community Resilience Event at Pickering 1 March 2016.
- Started HHAONB Intergenerational Project with Terrington School and older residents. A session with the School held on 18 March; attended Over 60's meeting at Terrington VH on 19 March and met with six older residents at Terrington Café on 22 March.

## **AONB PROJECTS 2015/2016**

1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

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
Lord St Oswald	East Newton Hall	Repair of 182m of field wall	-	AG2.2, HE2.5	£13,350	£1,696
J Pilling	Grimston	Repair of 60m of field wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£7,318	£3,370
J Pilling	Grimston	Repair of 50m of field wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£6,625	£3,375
Mrs Staples	Bulmer	Restoring 215m of field hedge	Zone 3B Landscape	AG2.2	£2,345	£1,300
Kirkham Estate	Firby/Westow	Restoring 200m of roadside hedge	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£950	£950
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Restoring 200m of roadside hedge	-	AG2.2	£1,750	£1,225
Autism Plus	Park House, Gilling	Planting 150m of new hedge	Zone 4B Landscape	AG2.2	£710	£370

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2)	Conservation grazing of 6 SINCs or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	£916	£551
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE6.2	£750	£750

(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.74	NE6.2	£596	£596
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Wath Beck	Survey of Himalayan balsam presence/abundance	Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65	NE6.2	£100	£0
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£470	£54
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£750	£750
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Fairy Dell SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.17	NE6.2	£470	£30
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (July)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£420	£120
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Terrington Moor SINC	Fence repairs before Exmoor pony grazing season	Site 1.66	NE3.1	£180	£180
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Appleton-le- Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£640	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE3.1	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Nunnington Cutting & Quarries SSSI	Scrub management	Site 1.42	NE3.1	£640	£0
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE5.1	£520	£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Raincliffe Woods, for Potter Hill Farm	Coppicing hazel binders for hedgelaying training course	-	AG2.2, D6.1	£570	£120

(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Potter Hill Farm	Hedgelaying training course	-	AG2.2, D6.1	£520	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Cawton Fens SINC	Scrub management	Site 1.47	NE3.1	£520	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Birch management	Site 1.67	NE3.1	£570	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Birch management	Site 1.67	NE3.1	£520	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.1	NE3.1	£520	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.1	NE3.1	£370	£120
P & A Gospel Landscapes	Cawton Fens SINC	Repair of gate and fencing, to enable continued grazing by Exmoor ponies	Site 1.47	NE3.1	£325	£325
M Marshall	Toft Wood SINC	Conversion of 3.5ha Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site to native broadleaves	Site 1.57	NE3.1	£9,526	£2,000
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	£1,390	£1,390
P & A Gospel Landscapes	Bull Ings SINC SINC	Repairs to fencing, to enable continued grazing by Exmoor ponies	Site 1.60	NE3.1	£315	£315
(AONB Unit – castle Howard Estate)	Wiganthorpe Park	Beat-up parkland treeplanting scheme	-	NE3.3, HE2.5	c.£100	c.£100
NY & Y Local Nature Partnership	NY&YLNP area	2 year contribution to co-ordinator post	-	NE9.1	£35,427 (2 years)	£1,000 (2 years)

## **AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment**

LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE2.5	£196	£196
Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	£168	£168
Barton Hill, Low Hutton, West Ness, Terrington	Restoration of 4 traditional direction signs	-	HE2.5, RT4.5	£6,656	£6,456
Huttons Ambo	Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs; fabrication of 2 modern replicas	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£2,500	£2,100
Hovingham	Cutting bracken on round barrows (June)	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.5	£50	-
Hovingham	Cutting bracken on round barrows (Aug)	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.5	£75	-
Four Acre Wood, Yearsley	Removing scrub and brash from Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.11	NE2.5	£470	£120
Roman Plantation, Oulston	Removing brash from Scheduled Monument	Site 2.12	NE2.5	£520	£120
Four Acre Wood, Yearsley	Removing scrub and brash from Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.11	NE2.5	£320	£120
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## **AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy**

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Yorkshire Arboretum	Arboretum	Installation of 3 composting toilets, to facilitate school visits	-	AP2.3	£6,860	£2,750
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning	-	LC1.2, LC1.3	£5,028	£2,528 (50%)
Connecting for Nature partnership	Ryedale/ Scarborough/ AONB	Social media workshop	-	LC2.1	£830	£230
Rural Action Yorkshire	Hovingham & Ampleforth	Inter-generational project	-	LC2.1	£2,450	£1,750 (70%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	RA4.5	£600	£600
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£644	£644
(AONB Unit)	Terrington	Production of pdfs of 4 guided route leaflets (walking)	-	RA5.3	£800	£800
(AONB Unit)	Howardian Hills/Ryedale	Promotional campaign with Visit York & Ryedale DC	-	RA2.1	c.£12,000	£2,500
	Misc	Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, office move/admin, etc	Various	Various	£2,650	-

### Young People's activities

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club x 3	-	AP2.3	£743	£140
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## **AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2015/2016**

### 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Grants & Licences Public Register	-	-	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions to agricultural buildings)	Yes	Minor – colours; extend sheeting lower	Permitted, amended as requested
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Demolition of 2 houses and erection of replacement dwellings – revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wiganthorpe	Planning application (Change of use of hatchery building to holiday cottage)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of stable - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Firby	Planning application (Demolition of extension and stables and erection of replacement wing)	Yes	Significant concerns about increased mass and visual appearance	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning application (Restoration of entrance drive)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of lean-to extension to agricultural building)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Sheriff Hutton	Planning application (Erection of solar farm)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of 2 rows of ground-mount solar panels)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of building over silage pit)	Yes	Minor – dark grey roof sheets	Permitted, with Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Installation of swing bridge)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning application (Formation of artist's studio and car parking)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Conversion of agricultural buildings to live/work units)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Erection of garden room)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of extensions to Doctors' Surgery)	Yes	None	-
Forestry Commission	Yearsley Moor	Felling proposals (FC Estate)	No	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of replacement farmhouse)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Agricultural Prior Notification (Formation of 650m forestry track)	Yes	Concerns about crossing possible former carriage drive	Site visit to agree sympathetic scheme
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; extend side sheeting to ground level on external elevations	Amendments agreed
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – revised plans)	No	Black anodised flues	No amendment
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Raising of roof height and installing dormers)	Yes	Concern about fussy design with multiple roof slopes	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Alterations to dwelling and raising height of attached barn)	Yes	Concerns that barn conversion will no longer be subservient to main house	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Sheriff Hutton	Planning application (Erection of solar farm – revised)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Firby	Planning application (Demolition of extension and stables and erection of replacement wing - revised)	Previously	Concerns – visual effect of large expanses of new brickwork	Permitted, after lowering of roof height
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of 500 dwellings; also employment, community and retail uses – revised LVIA)	Yes	Object – potential impact on setting of the AONB	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Change of use of outbuilding to holiday accommodation)	No	Wood burner flue to have black finish	Permitted, with Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Object – siting	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of new dwelling)	Yes (in passing)	Object – outside Development limits; visual impact	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Agricultural Prior Notification (Construction of new farm track)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of gates and section of wall)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of 3 polytunnels – revised)	No	Hedge specification inadequate	Permission not required

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Amended layout of farm buildings at new farmstead)	No	Minor – external lighting	Permitted, with Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Erection of covered swimming pool)	Yes	None	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Easingwold	Planning application (Erection of 88ha solar farm)	Yes	Delete panels in small field; Landscaping	Amendments made; Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning application (Installation of Archimedes Screw)	No	Minor – walls of chamber building to be painted	(Awaiting EIA)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth College	Planning application (Formation of all-weather floodlit games area)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Formation of new access track and entrance)	Yes (in passing)	Minor - Conservation kerbing to be used; no lighting	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Erection of new garage - revised)	No	Minor – colour of roller shutter door	Permitted, with Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling - revised)	Yes	Object – size and design of house	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings - revised)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of garage and creation of driveway)	No	Significant concerns – visual impact	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Conversion of workshop to dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Retention of temporary building)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Demolition of shed and erection of replacement stables)	Yes (in passing)	Colour of wall and roof finishes	Permitted, with Condition re roof colour
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of replacement extension and garage/office)	Yes	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Spaunton	Planning application (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of biomass boiler building)	No	Colour of proposed building	Permitted, following clarification of colour
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension to barn conversion)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of straw storage building)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Formation of manege)	No	No lighting	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extensions to pub)	No	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Levisham	Planning application (Erection of 28m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Formation of manege and access track)	Yes	Minor – no lighting; gap up roadside hedge	Permitted, with lighting Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Construction of new farm track)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of log cabin as summerhouse)	Yes	Minor – walls to be stained a dark colour	Permitted, with Condition

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning application (Erection of garage)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	Concerns – gable-end glazing not to be full height	Permitted, with tinted glass
Hambleton District Council	Sand Hutton (Thirsk)	Planning application (Erection of 18ha solar farm)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Demolition of bungalow and erection of 2-storey dwelling)	Yes	Object – delete bay windows	Amended – see below
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of replacement agricultural building)	Yes	Object – colours of proposed materials; lack of landscaping	Revised. Permitted, with Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Minor – roof sheets to be dark grey	Permitted, with darker sheets
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extensions and conversion of outbuilding)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Alterations to dwelling and raising height of attached barn - revised)	No (previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	Minor	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirby Misperton	Planning Application (Hydraulically stimulate and test geological formations, produce gas and restore wellsite)	Yes	None	(see below)
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of garage)	No	Significant concerns – siting, materials	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	Object – outside Development limits; visual impact	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Erection of solar PV array)	Yes	Fencing & CCTV proposed?	Withdrawn

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Erection of solar PV array)	Yes	Object – impact on Conservation Area and Historic Environment Priority Site	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of new field barn)	Yes	Specify roof and wall colour	Permitted, with Condition attached
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of farm outbuildings to 2 holiday cottages)	Yes	Flues to be black; hedge screening needed	Permitted, with Conditions attached
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Extension of approved uses)	No	Minor – restrictions on number of events	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of extension and installation of roof solar PV panels)	Yes	Object to PV panels	Permitted (PV panels are PD)
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Minimise light pollution	Permitted, with Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land to garden)	(In passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension)	(In passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Works to trees in Conservation Area)	Yes	None	TPO issued
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA (Drainage investigation works)	No	None	
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Grimston	NRSWA (Kerbing & inlay patching)	No	Special Interest Road Verges to be protected	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA (Inlay patching)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA (Kerbing & inlay patching)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton to Hovingham	NRSWA (Kerbing & inlay patching)	No	Special Interest Road Verges to be protected	?
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	Insufficient details	(see below)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of replacement conservatory)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Alterations to dwelling and construction of annex/garages)	No	Significant concerns (windows; height of garage)	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Demolition of disused reservoir)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Raising of roof height and installing dormers - revised)	(Previously)	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling)	Yes	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Felling proposals	No	Minor	-
Forestry Commission	Ampleforth (National Park)	Felling proposals	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of two storey extension)	Yes	Concerns at design/materials	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Widening of road and installation of retaining paving slabs)	Yes	Retaining flagstones to be appropriate colour	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Extension to dwelling)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirby Misperton	Planning Application (Hydraulically stimulate and test geological formations, produce gas and restore wellsite – additional information)	No	Traffic routing to use A64, not B1257	?
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Erection of 20m mobile phone mast - minor amendment)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension - revised)	No	Insufficient details	Permitted, after revisions
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Erection of replacement conservatory)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of gardeners' equipment store)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of industrial units)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings – re-revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Slingsby	Planning application (Erection of 18 dwellings)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Re-instatement of chapel spire)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Erection of pergola and swimming pool - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Roof sheets to be dark grey	Permitted, with Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Barton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of stables and construction of manege)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Construction of gate and verge crossing)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of grain drier building – amended Condition)	No	Unrestricted commercial use should not be permitted	?
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of garage - revised)	No	Minor	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Construction of a farm owner's dwelling – re-revised)	No	Significant concerns – inaccurate photomontage	Withdrawn

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Pickering	Planning Application (Drilling of water re-injection wells)	No	None	-
Natural England	Yearsley	Public land disposal (Yearsley Service Reservoir (pt))	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Barton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of stable lads accommodation)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Demolition of house and erection of 2 new houses – re-revised)	No	Minor – hedge mix, type of stone	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of new dwelling)	No	Concern at impact on setting of Conservation Area and strip field system	?
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Alterations & change of use of barns)	No	None	-
Landowner	Howsham Wood SINC	10-year Woodland Management Plan	No	Minor – limit enrichment planting with conifers	?
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Alterations to dwelling and formation of new access - revised)	No	Object – new fencing, not cattle grid as proposed	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Discharge of Conditions – erection of replacement farmhouse)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirby Misperton	Planning Application (Hydraulically stimulate and test geological formations, produce gas and restore wellsite – additional information)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Alterations to dwelling and raising height of attached barn – rerevised)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Brandsby	Woodland management proposals (1.38ha conifer PAWS to conifer PAWS; 1.47ha conifer & broadleaved PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA (Erection of signpost)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME	
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Demolition of bungalow and erection of 2-storey dwelling - revised)	Previously	None (bay windows deleted)	?	
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of extension – revised)	No	None	-	
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension to free-range egg building)	Yes	None	-	
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA (Haunching works)	No	Special Interest Road Verges to be protected	?	
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of stables and tractor shed - revised)	No	Walls to be stained a dark colour	?	
Hambleton District Council	Easingwold	Planning application (Erection of dwellings)	No	None	-	
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extension and outbuilding)	No	None	-	
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Demolition of agricultural building and erection of replacement)	Yes	Object – doesn't comply with Design Guide principles on siting or design	?	
Hambleton District Council	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Retention of log cabin as agricultural workers dwelling)	No	Minor	?	
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Retention of stables, buildings, etc for agricultural use)	No	Any unauthorised development must be removed following Determination of this application	?	

# **AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2015/2016**

### 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule (revised)	None	
North York Moors National Park Authority/Ryedale DC	Helmsley	Helmsley Plan Proposed Further Changes	None	
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton	SPD – House sizes, tenures, etc	Minor	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Local Transport Plan 4 call for evidence 1	None	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Local Transport Plan 4 call for evidence 2	None	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Draft Local Transport Plan 4	Include an Area Profile for each Protected Landscape	
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale	Local Plan Sites Allocation consultation	?	
Dept for Energy & Climate Change	England	Surface Development Restrictions for Hydraulic Fracturing	AONBs need to be protected by legislation not planning policy; extend to include setting of AONB as well as designated area	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Draft Minerals & Waste Joint Plan	Support protection for AONB and its setting	
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton	Local Plan Issues & Options	Relating to housing dispersal across settlement sizes	

From: Paul Jackson

Sent: 28 October 2015 16:45

To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 15/02250/CAT: Proposed works to trees, Crayke Castle

I have the following comments to make in relation to this specific proposal:

- 1. To some extent this application is somewhat superfluous As far as I can tell, only one or two of the remaining trees in the group next to the Church still remain, with the others already felled.
- 2. It seems quite clear that the original intention was to fell all the trees and restore the Castle to a point in time when it was much more prominent on an open hill top. Whilst that might be a laudable aim, the lack of any information as regards the proposed future landscaping has inevitably meant that it isn't possible to set the felling operation in any context.
- 3. Given that the majority of the trees adjacent to the remaining western group of trees covered by this application have already been removed, and that the trees themselves are likely to be natural regeneration rather than formally planted, the question of wind-firmness must now be considered. Without the protection of adjacent 'edge' trees these ones are potentially more vulnerable to wind-throw.
- 4. Given the above, I don't feel that I can sustain an objection to the removal of the remaining trees. However, if this application is approved this will have resulted in the removal of almost every tree around Crayke Castle and that cannot have been the LPA's intention when it Permitted application 15/00278/CAT. As such I therefore feel that, if this application is permitted, an indication of what treatment is planned for this area must be provided by the applicant. Does this constitute 'woodland removal' under UK forestry regulations, and what is the planning status of the land 'agricultural' or 'garden'?

Although application 15/00278/CAT has been Determined, I believe that the work carried out is in excess of what was permitted. It is hard to think of what remedial action might be taken, given that the whole site is a Scheduled Monument and therefore that replanting an appropriate number of trees might cause even more damage to buried archaeology. Again however it would at least set the tree removal work in context if a detailed design of proposed work was submitted.

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From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 30 October 2015 12:23

**To:** Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/01105/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 12:41 PM on 30 Oct 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 15/01105/FUL

Address: Valley Farm Yearsley To Coulton Road

Grimston Helmsley YO62 4HS

Demolition of existing farm house and detached outbuildings and erection of a four bedroom replacement dwelling with additional guest room and detached garaging/workshop/office building,

**Proposal:** formation of upper and lower pond areas,

refurbishment of existing two bedroom guest house to include alterations, extension and reroofing with flat sedum roof and erection of detached open fronted

log store together with associated

landscaping and alteration to watercourse

Case Officer: Rachel Smith Click for further information

#### **Comments Details**

I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal: 1) Although the proposed building is of very modern design I do not feel that it would in itself have an adverse impact on the AONB landscape. The location is hidden and, if the building were to become visible in the future due to woodland management works on adjoining land, the resultant views would I believe be minimal and long-distance. 2) Although not visible during the day I have some concerns

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minimal and long-distance. 2) Although not visible during the day I have some concerns that the large expanse of glass could potentially create a sky-glow effect that would be visible from surrounding areas. This area of the AONB is very sparsely populated, with well-separated dwellings of more conventional design; it therefore has high dark-sky qualities. Significant quantities of light emitted to the south could potentially be 'projected onto' the enclosing

woodlands of the Valley Farm beck, thus 'illuminating' the landscape at night in a way that would cause an impact on the AONB. I wasn't able to find any significant detail in the supporting documentation to indicate how the potential issue of light pollution emanating from the large areas of glass had been addressed in the design. Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson

Sent:30 October 2015 15:42To:Area4 KirbyMispertonSubject:RE: NRSWA ENQUIRY 256

**Attachments:** V60, Coulton.pdf

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1. Please see attached map for Special Interest Road Verges within the search area.
- 2. V60 will potentially be directly impacted by the proposed kerbing works. The work must ensure that a minimum of remaining verge is removed during excavation works. Any backfill required behind the new kerbing should involve the re-profiling of the existing verge, NOT the importation of foreign soil material. This operation will clearly remove the surface vegetation from the existing verge, but bare ground will recolonise from native seed within the seedbank and the backfilled areas will re-vegetate more quickly. A site visit during the implementation of the kerbing works can be arranged to discuss the practicalities of this if required.
- 3. For areas of Special Interest Road Verge not directly affected by the works, these should not have any vehicles or materials parked/stored on them, nor should they be used for the disposal of any subsoil material excavated during the kerbing works.

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From: Kieren Kemp [mailto:Kieren.Kemp@northyorks.gov.uk] On Behalf Of Area4 KirbyMisperton

**Sent:** 20 October 2015 11:06

To: Streetworks; Development Control; cameron.swift@ryedale.gov.uk; paul.jackson@howardianhills.org.uk

Subject: FW: NRSWA ENQUIRY 256

# Memorandum

Your Ref: From: Highways and Transportation Area 4

Our Ref: 256/AF Contact: Allan Forsyth

Telephone:01609 780780 Date: 20 October 2015

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Streetworks, County Hall
Forward Planning, Development Control
Cameron Swift, Ryedale District Council
Paul Jackson, AONB Howardian Hills

NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT 1991 INTERNAL APPARATUS ENQUIRY FORM

I enclose an enquiry from Area 4 regarding KERBING AND RESURFACING INLAY works at:

Location: COULTON TO HOVINGHAM ROAD, COULTON

Coordinates: 463545,474500 to 464330,474645

Please check your records and future works proposals to identify any potential problem areas. Pass your response (Nil responses are required) to this office no later than 3 November 2015 so that a consolidated response can be despatched.

It should be noted that responding is a statutory obligation, and failure to do so may render the Highway Authority liable in law.

Yours faithfully

P M Wilson Maintenance Manager

#### A RESPONSE TO THIS ENQUIRY IS REQUIRED WITHOUT DELAY

This department/section's\* apparatus/structure\* or future schemes are not affected by this proposal. (a) (b) This department/section's\* apparatus/structure\* is affected by this proposal and plans showing the location of recorded apparatus are attached. This department/section's\* apparatus/structure\* is affected by this proposal and plans showing the (c) location of recorded apparatus are available, the enquirer is to contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to discuss the plans and gain approval for the proposed works. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (d) This department/section's\* apparatus/structure\* is likely to be affected by this proposal but no plans exist, the enquirer is to contact this office to arrange a joint on site meeting at which \_\_\_\_\_ will locate and mark the position of the apparatus. Telephone Number This department has a scheme planned for this area which may be affected by or may affect this proposal. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the possible difficulties and their The enquirer is to contact \_\_\_\_\_ resolution. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (f) Other comments. See attached note.

Print Name ...... Signed ......

Please reply to Area4.KirbyMisperton@northyorks.gov.uk

Dated: .....

From: Paul Jackson

Sent: 12 November 2015 11:47

To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 15/02300/FUI: Alterations to dwelling, etc, Lists House, Husthwaite

I have the following comments to make in respect of these proposals:

- 1) In principle I don't have any objections to many of the alterations proposed.
- 2) I do however have significant concerns about the proposed fenestration on the north west elevation, which is adjacent to the Public Bridleway and presents the most publically visible elevation of the building. The heritage of the building as the former coach house to a substantial adjacent dwelling dictates that alterations should respect the vernacular character of the building. I don't feel that the proposed fenestration respects the vernacular character and, since 'country houses and their designed landscapes' (of all sizes) are one of the Special Qualities for which the Howardian Hills AONB was designated, I feel that this element of the proposal is contrary to the purposes of AONB designation. The proposed fenestration is significantly out of scale to the existing openings and rides rough-shod over the vernacular characteristics of the building. I wouldn't in principle object to a sympathetic re-design of the fenestration on this elevation, but I don't consider this to be sympathetic to the character of this heritage asset.
- 3) I also have significant concerns about the proposed ridge height of the caravan garage element of the annex/garaging. The cross section of the proposed south east elevation indicates that this will be above the eaves height of Lists House, which itself is not an insubstantial building. Again, I don't have any objection to the principle of an annex/garaging but the subsidiarity of 'outbuildings' to 'main house' should be of an appropriate proportion and I don't feel that the current proposal is.
- 4) Any Consent for an annex/garaging should contain a Condition restricting the use of the building to the occupants of List House only, to ensure that sufficient planning control is in place should any Change of Use application be submitted in the future.

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dm@ryedale.gov.uk From: Sent: 13 November 2015 15:41

To: Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/01189/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 3:59 PM on 13 Nov 2015 from <a href="mailto:paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk">paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 15/01189/HOUSE

Address: Welgarth Welburn Malton YO60 7EP

> Raising the roof height to include 2 no. dormer windows to allow formation of first

Proposal: floor domestic accommodation (revised

details to refusal 15/00651/HOUSE dated

17.07.2015)

Case Officer: Alan Hunter Click for further information

#### **Comments Details**

I have the following comments to make on the revised proposals: 1) Although the roof height will be considerably higher than that of the current dwelling, the revised design with simpler fenestration and detailing should mean that this can be incorporated into the AONB landscape without any adverse visual impact. 2) The choice of

Comments: materials will also assist with this, with slate roofing and weatherboarding on one elevation. 3) I feel that the issues raised in

my response to the previous proposals have been addressed well and, if the application is

Approved, I look forward to seeing a property of higher visual quality than the one currently occupying the site. Paul

Jackson

From: Paul Jackson

**Sent:** 13 November 2015 10:45

**To:** 'Clare Davies'

**Subject:** RE: 15/01778/FUL Manor farm and Field Barn

#### Clare

Please see comments below on the revised proposals:

- 1. Barn materials/finishes. I note the full-height and stained Yorkshire boarding walls and doors, together with the specified colour for the roof sheets. The amendments fully address my original concerns in relation to the materials/colour finishes.
- 2. My preferred landscaping would have been the full-length hedge along the eastern field boundary, as this would have been sympathetically aligned with the historic field boundary pattern. There is however a significant issue with existing mature trees, not within the applicant's ownership, which would have been likely to compromise the successful establishment of a new hedge (particularly closest to the car park and new field barn where the need is greatest). I therefore feel that the landscaping as proposed is probably the best compromise achievable the proposed hedge will screen the car parking and field barn from the most direct views, whilst the orchard area will soften/provide a backdrop for both the field barn and the parking area.
- 3. My only other rather oblique comment relates to usage of the remaining area of agricultural field, particularly as the development of the old farm buildings includes conversion to holiday cottages. The field is classified as Agricultural in planning terms and any move to convert this into a Domestic 'garden' would require a separate Planning Application for Change of Use. There are a number of instances from the past where former Agricultural fields have, over time and by default, been slowly converted into 'gardens'.

#### Paul

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From: Clare Davies [mailto:Clare.Davies@hambleton.gov.uk]

Sent: 11 November 2015 15:59

To: Paul Jackson

Subject: FW: 15/01778/FUL Manor farm and Field Barn

Importance: High

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From: Paul Jackson

**Sent:** 18 November 2015 17:29 **To:** 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 15/01187/FUL: Removal of strip of banking and widening of road, Alms Houses,

Hovingham

I have the following comment to make on this proposal:

1. As the land is within the Hovingham Conservation Area the pre-cast concrete flags to be used should be the subject of a Condition to ensure that their quality and appearance is appropriate to the setting. Simple, grey concrete flags would not be appropriate for the setting and a more textured flag, in an appropriate colour, should be used.

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**From:** dm@ryedale.gov.uk **Sent:** 25 November 2015 16:21

**To:** Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/01262/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:21 PM on 25 Nov 2015 from <a href="mailto:paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk">paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 15/01262/HOUSE

Address: Cragg Cottage Castle Howard Station Road

Welburn Malton YO60 7EW

Erection of a two storey side extension together with replacement of porch roof

following demolition of existing attached

storage building

Case Officer: Tim Goodall
Click for further information

#### **Comments Details**

Proposal:

I have the following comments to make on the proposals: 1) I don't have an objection to the principle of creating a 2-storey extension to the existing dwelling. 2) I do however have some significant concerns about the proposed design and materials, because the proposal appears to be attempting to marry together two different design concepts and I'm not convinced that it works. 3) As indicated in the Design & Access Statement, the (much modified) row of cottages is of a vernacular heritage and style. 4) If larch cladding is to be used for the walls of the proposed extension, then

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the walls of the proposed extension, then the fenestration should more closely resemble that of an attached 'timber barn'. The vertical slit glazing on the south elevation, and particularly the wide door/window and glazed Juliet balcony on the 2nd storey of the east (sic) elevation, are incongruous features that are not compatible with the design concept of a 'timber barn'. The slit glazing would be better replaced by square 'slatted' glazed windows, whilst the second storey door/window should more closely resemble a 'hay barn' door. 5) A stone-faced extension would not be an unreasonable addition to a

property such as this, with the subservient dimensions as proposed. That would then allow more conventional fenestration to be used, including perhaps even the wide door/window in the east (sic) elevation. Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson

**Sent:** 14 January 2016 17:22

**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 15/00469/MRC: Variation of Condition 3, Rose Cottage, Crayke

I have the following further comments to make, following the submission of the Transport Information document:

- 1. The full portfolio of documents relating to this application now presents a very confused picture. The Planning Statement indicates that the wording of the first sentence of Condition 3 is not correct, applicable or enforceable and does not reflect the reality of the situation in terms of how the applicant 'occupies' Rose Cottage and Mount Pleasant Farm. It also asserts that the wording does not technically allow for the drier to be used in connection with any land farmed under contract arrangements.
- 2. On the face of it the request to alter the wording is perfectly reasonable, and the justification given is that this would merely bring the Condition into line with the reality, in that it would regularise the use of the drier for any produce derived from land farmed (in any sense of the term) by the applicant.
- 3. The application however is not for a substitution of wording in the sentence in question, but for its entire removal. If this were to be permitted this would clearly present the opportunity for a commercial drying operation with no restriction on traffic movements. The statement in paragraph 16 of the Planning Statement that the consultants are unable to suggest a suitable alternative form of words for this sentence strikes me as being somewhat lazy. If the true intention is to create a Condition that continues to restrict use to the applicant's own operations, and which doesn't at the same time create the opportunity for a commercial drying enterprise, then they should have been able to put forward a suggested form of alternative wording rather than applying for complete de-restriction.
- 4. The new Transport Information presented gives precise details of the tonnages, vehicles and movements that are associated with the applicant's land that supplies the drier. In one sense these statistics could appear to paint a very stark picture. I'm sure that somewhere in the application documentation for the drier building there are figures for the vehicle movements that occurred when Rose Cottage only had a mobile drier and limited storage facilities. Prior to the construction of the grain stores and drier buildings I suspect that most of the movements from the fields at harvest time were by tractor and trailer, with batch-drying and almost immediate sale off-farm via 25t HGVs. Because these numbers of vehicle movements were unlikely to have been recorded it is very difficult to put the new figures into context.
- 5. On the face of it the current situation may not be substantially different from that which was occurring prior to the construction of the stores and drier buildings, dependent upon whether significant areas of new land have been taken on under some form of 'contract farming' arrangement since their construction. It could be argued that it is legitimate business growth for the applicant to take on more land and expand say a contract harvesting operation, utilising the new drying and storage capacity at Rose Cottage. The key question however is whether the facilities are in a location that allows this to be done sustainably.
- 6. Notwithstanding all the above, there is still however in my view a fundamental flaw in the applicant's case for varying this Condition. No alternative wording has been proposed to recognise the legitimate concerns of either local residents or the LPA, i.e. that operations are restricted to grain produced by the applicant's own activities. The Transport Information relates solely to their own activities, but many of the comments from the local farming community in support of the Variation specifically mention the advantage of having a commercial grain-drying facility nearby. Clearly this cannot work both ways, and the supporters must have had some basis for believing that this is what is proposed. Complete removal of any restrictive wording whatsoever is in my view a disproportionately excessive approach to the issue.

7. For this reason I would therefore wish to register **SERIOUS RESERVATIONS** with the application as it stands. A commercial grain-drying operation could potentially suck-in large quantities of grain from the surrounding area, with the attendant HGV and tractor/trailer movements. The Variation as proposed would impose no limit on the number of vehicle movements, a significant proportion of which could potentially come from the east through the Howardian Hills AONB. Whilst a commercial grain-drying operation *might* be a legitimate business development opportunity, any proposal for complete de-regulation must be subject to full and rigorous examination and cannot be permitted in an entirely unregulated manner via this application.

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Development Management Hambleton District Council Civic Centre Stone Cross Northallerton DL6 2UU Contact: Paul Jackson

My Reference:

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Dear Sirs** 

#### 15/02754/FUL: Construction of farm owners dwelling; The Baggins, Thornton on the Hill

I have the following observations to make on this application:

- 1. The proposed dwelling is much better proportioned than previous designs, following the local vernacular of a rectangular building with a rearward extension. I note however that no garaging is proposed with the current application.
- 2. I note that the current agricultural worker's dwelling is to be removed, thereby leaving the house that is the subject of this application as the only dwelling on the property (should this application be approved).
- 3. I am however unclear as to the difference between an 'agricultural worker's dwelling' and a 'farm owner's dwelling'. Any dwelling permitted on this site should be linked to the farmland by way of an appropriate Condition, so that it cannot be separated from the farmland that it serves.
- 4. Despite the better proportions of the house in comparison to previous applications, I have significant misgivings about the accuracy of the photomontage on p5 of the Visual Impact Assessment document. This photomontage struck me as being wrong as soon as I saw it, bearing in mind that the approved straw storage building is of a relatively modest size. A few calculations show that the photomontage appears to be somewhat misleading.
  - The roofline of the proposed dwelling is not clearly shown. There is some sort of fuzzy backdrop which makes comparison of the ridge heights more difficult.
  - The Block Plan shows that the straw barn and proposed dwelling are situated almost the same distance from the back hedge when viewed from this perspective, yet the photomontage gives the impression that the house is set quite a way further back than the straw barn.
  - The ground level at the straw barn site, taken from the levels survey, is approximately 128m. The height of the barn is given in the Notes as 8.2m to the ridge (noted that a height of 8m was specified and Approved in the Agricultural Prior Notification form). This gives a total height AOD of 136.2m.

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- The proposed dwelling is situated on land that is approximately 129m AOD. With a ridge height of 8.35m, that gives a total height of 137.35m AOD.
- o Given all the above, the photomontage should therefore show the house as being taller than the straw barn by some 1.1m, presenting a much less 'subservient' appearance from this viewpoint. In my view the photomontage is not accurate and, if permitted, the final development would not exhibit the 'sight picture' conveyed here.
- Whether a dwelling of that height would be acceptable or not cannot be judged without having accurate documentation on which to base the planning decision. Local people, particularly given the history of this site, have formed an opinion based on the impression given by this latest photomontage. If the application was to be approved on the basis of this, I fear that the resulting house would appear considerably larger than is shown.

In conclusion I still have **significant concerns** about the proposed dwelling and its potential to have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape. These are largely due to the fact that I don't believe that the photomontage is accurate, and therefore that if the dwelling were to be Approved based on current documentation then it would appear considerably larger than shown.

Yours sincerely

P B JACKSON AONB MANAGER

From: Paul Jackson

Sent: 01 February 2016 11:53

To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 15/02860/OUT: Outline application for construction of a dwelling, White House,

Crayke

I have the following observations to make on this proposal:

1. The application site is within both the Crayke Conservation Area and the AONB.

- 2. As such, I have significant concerns about the extension of 'ribbon development' southwards from the village (particularly the closing of the open road frontage between the traditional buildings and the more modern dwellings to the south), as well as the potential impact on the views of the Conservation Area and its setting from the south. Although these views consist of the rear elevations of houses, together with ancillary and agricultural buildings, this development would detract from viewing the Conservation Area in its setting of small pasture 'closes' behind the main village frontage. The small fields around Crayke are one of the few surviving examples of extensive strip field systems in the AONB, and as such the conservation of this landscape type in this location is specifically mentioned as a Landscape Management Priority in the AONB Management Plan 2014-19.
- 3. The proposed dwelling is outside the village Development Limit and must therefore be considered to be in Open Countryside. This, together with the potential impact on the setting of both the Conservation Area and the non-designated heritage asset of the strip field system as described above, means that I feel that it would have a negative visual impact on the Special Qualities of the AONB.

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From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk 05 February 2016 13:58 Sent:

To: Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/01482/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 1:57 PM on 05 Feb 2016 from <a href="mailto:paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk">paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 15/01482/FUL

Grange Cottage Grange Lane Scackleton Address:

YO62 4NB

Extension and alteration of existing dwelling to form a five bedroom dwelling to include incorporation of unused adjacent

dwelling as additional domestic

accommodation, erection of two storey rear extension, removal of detached

outbuilding and remains of other Proposal:

outbuildings and change of use of agricultural land to form extension to domestic curtilage and formation of vehicular access track to Grange Lane part retrospective application (revised details to approval 13/01402/FUL dated

06.03.2014)

Case Officer: Tim Goodall Click for further information

#### **Comments Details**

I have the following comments to make on the revised proposals: 1) In my response to application 13/01402/FUL my principal comments related to the route and surface materials to be used for the access track, as I felt that it was this element of the scheme that would potentially have the most significant detrimental visual impact on the

Comments: AONB landscape. 2) I don't have any objections in principle to the change of route of the access track, and now that it is constructed it should (in time) blend into the AONB landscape. 3) The element however that I have significant concerns about is the new fencing that has been erected along both sides of the new access track. Drawing 1315.1 and Paragraph 4.2 of the Planning Support Statement for application 13/01402

specify that there will be a cattle grid and that the track will wind across two fields. Although the cattle grid base has been installed it has been filled-in with stone and the fencing erected instead. I note that the revised plan shows a boundary fence instead of the cattle grid. I feel that this fencing has a significant detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape and, had it been proposed originally, I would have Objected to it then as well. 4) Paragraph 2.3 of the Revised Planning Support Statement indicates that, amongst other things, the landscaping provisions remain as per the original Planning Support Statement. This is not correct. The change from 'cattle grid and unfenced track' to 'fenced track' is significant and has a detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape. Now that the track is fenced it will also undoubtedly be mown like a lawn and have daffodils planted along its entire length - this suburbanisation would be completely inappropriate in this open countryside setting in the AONB. 5) I noted that plastic conduits had been installed near the railed entrance to the access track. A Condition prohibiting any lighting along the new access track was not imposed on the original Consent and I believe that this was an omission. Should this application subsequently be Approved then a Condition prohibiting any lighting must be imposed, as it routinely is with all other developments of this nature in the AONB, so as to prevent unacceptable light pollution. In conclusion, the apparently minor alteration of fencing the access track is not picked up in the revised Planning Support Statement but is in my view a significant change that has an equally significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape. I therefore OBJECT to the application. Paul Jackson

dm@ryedale.gov.uk From: Sent: 23 February 2016 13:38

To: Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/00002/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 1:37 PM on 23 Feb 2016 from <a href="mailto:paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk">paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 16/00002/FUL

Gayle House Broughton Road Broughton Address:

Malton YO17 6QG

Erection of detached block of 2 no. stables,

Proposal: tractor store, hay store and general

storage area for private domestic use.

Case Officer: Niamh Bonner Click for further information

#### **Comments Details**

I have the following comments to make on this application: 1) The walls and (if appropriate) the roof shingles should be stained in a dark brown colour. 2) The Support Statement indicates that new hedging will be planted on the southern and western boundaries of the application site. I'm assuming that it should read "eastern boundary", as that is where new hedging is shown on the block plan and clearly where it is most applicable in screening terms. The hedge should consist of mixed native species, although from the photographs it

**Comments:** appears that the ground has been cut away very close to the fence and it's difficult to tell whether there will be sufficient space remaining to plant the required hedge (given that horses will reach over and browse it). A separation distance of 1m is normally recommended, and if this cannot be provided because of over-enthusiastic excavation then an electric wire or similar will need to be added to the post and rail fence. Clearly planting the new hedge into bedrock at the excavated site level will serve no useful purpose as screening, even if it were to grow. Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 18 March 2016 16:21

**To:** Paul Jackson

**Subject:** Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/00262/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 4:19 PM on 18 Mar 2016 from <a href="mailto:paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk">paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

#### **Application Summary**

Reference: 16/00262/FUL

Address: Land Adjacent Wandales Lane Bulmer

Demolition of building used as workshop for agricultural machinery repair business and erection of a replacement agricultural machinery repair business workshop on an

alternative site to include formation of vehicular access, staff and customer

parking and external equipment storage

area

Case Officer: Alan Hunter Click for further information

#### Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to this application: 1) As pointed out by local residents and the Parish Council, the agricultural engineering workshop should have been demolished as part of the implementation of Application Number 09/01367/FUL. Although the demolition wasn't subject to a Condition, it is clearly shown on the approved Drawing as scheduled for removal. This was one of the major gains for the AONB landscape from the original application and, regardless of

Comments: the outcome of this application, the

workshop building should be demolished. 2) The construction of a new workshop building is in that sense therefore a separate matter. The proposed building doesn't however conform in any way to the AONB New Agricultural Buildings Design Guidance, which has been adopted by the District Council as a Material Consideration in the development management process. The proposed colours of the materials would be unacceptable, as none of them are dark shades, but the proposal fails the first

criteria of being sited near existing buildings in order to minimise impact on the AONB landscape. The proposal is for a stand-alone building in open countryside, which would be clearly visible from not only Wandales Lane but also from the extensive network of Public Footpaths on the south side of Bulmer. These would give extended views over the proposed new building which, due to the topography, could not be mitigated adequately by any screening planting. 3) In summary, the building is in open countryside and doesn't conform to the adopted design guidance for new agricultural buildings in the AONB. I believe that it would have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape and I therefore wish to OBJECT to the planning application. Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson

**Sent:** 23 March 2016 17:21

**To:** 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'

**Subject:** 16/00471/CLE: Siting of haystore, etc, Crayke Lane, Crayke

I have the following observations to make in relation to this application:

- 1) The site has been subject to unauthorised Change of Use and erection of structures for a number of years. The last attempt to regularise the situation was in 2012, under application ref: 12/01154/FUL. This was for a Change of Use from Agricultural to Equestrian, together with erection of stables, ménage and ancillary buildings. This application was Withdrawn so all development on the land is currently unauthorised.
- 2) I note that the application stipulates that the buildings will all be for Agricultural use, hence no equestrian activities will be involved. As the ménage is not mentioned in the application for retention, and indeed it doesn't have an Agricultural purpose, then it must be removed. I have suspicions that, should the buildings be Certified as Lawful then an application for Change of Use to Equestrian will shortly follow this will be vigorously opposed as was the previous application in 2012.
- 3) Should the application be approved then all development not covered by the Application should be Conditioned for removal so as to ensure that the site cannot again be used surreptitiously for Equestrian activities. I will also check whenever passing to ensure that the use is following only approved purposes.
- 4) Although not on the Application Site itself, a local Parish Clerk alerted me last year to other possible Unauthorised Development in the vicinity of this site. To the east of the hedge on the eastern boundary of the application site, i.e. one field inland from it, a substantial row of stables has been erected. I'm unaware of any planning application having been submitted for this development, nor was the Parish Clerk. The link with the Application Site is that the field and development in question is accessed via the Application Site, along the track on the southern boundary annotated 'Road to rear fields'. This land may have nothing to do with the applicant, but the situation should nonetheless be investigated and appropriate action taken if that development is also found to be Unauthorised.

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### 2015/16 Junior Ranger Club

The Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard.

#### Easter 2015:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April The Yorkshire Arboretum	<ul> <li>Springtime fun</li> <li>Shoe box ponds containing frog lifecycle</li> <li>Spring fridge magnets</li> <li>Chocolate nests</li> <li>Bird nest building game</li> <li>Collage spring trees</li> <li>Pond dipping</li> </ul>	13

#### **October 2015:**

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October The Yorkshire Arboretum	Amazing Autumn  Minibeast homes Bulb planting Hedgehog crafts Mammal masks Minibeast hunt Bat kites Bat map quiz Bat tree collages	18

### February 2016:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Wonderful Winter – winter birds and winter landscapes	17
The Yorkshire Arboretum	<ul><li>Birdwatching</li><li>Winter tree silhouettes</li><li>Castle Howard winter skies</li></ul>	

### March 2016:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring has sprung – insects and new plant growth	20
The Yorkshire Arboretum	How plants take up water – celery with dye Planting bee friendly seeds in decorated pots Pebble insects Butterfly symmetry pictures Spring trees Spring natural material art Growing cress and beans – roots and water Nest building challenge	

# HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2016

#### **DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2015.

#### 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 2015

- 3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2015 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 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, certainly when compared to many other AONBs. The number of applications in 2015 was an increase on the previous year, and would have been even more if some refinements to the data had not been available this year. The data for the Hambleton District has previously included all applications Registered in 'split' parishes. For 2015 the data for applications outside the AONB boundary has been excluded, thereby giving a more accurate dataset.
  - 90% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is consistent with the 5-year average of 91%. Planning control in the AONB is still allowing the vast majority of applications to proceed, whilst also preventing those that are not of the highest quality necessary to be permitted within an AONB.
  - 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 in 2015 has been fairly consistent with the 5-year average, although Gilling and Sproxton experienced slightly above average levels of activity.
  - Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. No categories of development showed any significant variation from the 5-year average.
  - The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourism and recreational development pressure, with the number of applications in 2015 being lower than the 5-year average.

- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year major extensions to Firby Hall, raising the roof height of a bungalow in open countryside near Welburn, construction of 500 dwellings on the western edge of Malton, erection of new houses at Appleton-le-Street and Musley Bank, development of an 88ha solar farm near Easingwold, erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Husthwaite (2 attempts), new agricultural buildings at Yearsley and Bulmer, a solar farm at Oulston, a house extension at Crambeck, a new house on the outskirts of Crayke and the conversion of a bungalow into a house in Crayke.
- In the financial year 2015/16, which does not quite overlap with the calendar year 2015, 121 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 55 of these consultations.
  - Objections/strong reservations were lodged in 23 of those responses.
  - The District Council followed the JAC's recommendations of refusal, or the applicants Withdrew the plans, in 13 out of the cases where a decision was required (3 cases still pending a Decision).
  - 2 schemes were approved following re-submission/amendment in line with the AONB Manager's comments.
  - In the 2014/15 year the AONB Manager scrutinised 87 applications. In the 2015/16 year 121 applications were scrutinised, which explains the significant workload on planning application scrutiny during this past year.

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 Pa	arish					
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						5yr Average
Ryedale Parishes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2010-2015
Ampleforth	10	7	12	5	9	9
Bulmer	3	0	2	2	0	1
Cawton	3	3	4	4	3	3
Coneysthorpe	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coulton	3	5	3	1	3	3
Crambe	0	2	4	3	2	2
Gilling East	9	10	8	6	12	9
Grimstone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henderskelfe	0	1	0	2	1	1
Hovingham	9	10	9	4	6	8
Howsham	2	0	3	1	2	2
Huttons Ambo	1	6	7	3	5	4
Nunnington	4	3	5	4	4	4
Oswaldkirk	9	2	10	3	6	6
Scackleton	0	2	1	3	1	1
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sproxton	1	4	4	3	4	3
Stonegrave	2	6	1	0	2	2
Terrington	5	10	4	1	6	5
Welburn	11	6	14	7	10	10
Whitwell-on-the Hill	1	2	0	2	0	1
Total Ryedale	73	80	92	54	77	75
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Hambleton Parishes						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	7	12	14	7	4	9
Coxwold	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crayke	17	8	12	6	4	9
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	2	3	3	2	4	3
Husthwaite	5	14	5	7	1	6
Newburgh	1	2	0	1	0	1
Oulston	3	1	1	0	0	1
Thornton-on-the-Hill	0	0	0	1	2	1
Whenby	1	0	3	2	0	1
Yearsley	1	6	1	5	9	4
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Total Hambleton	37	46	39	31	25	36
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	110	126	131	85	102	111

Howardian Hills AONB												
Applications Determined by												
Type of Development												
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Ryedale Parishes	20	011	20	12	20	13	20	14	20	15	5yr Average 2011-2015	
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Residential - Conversions	3	100%	9	100%	2	0%	0	~	3	100%	3	
Holiday - Conversions	0	100 /6	1		0		0	~	1		0	
Householder	34	~	43	100%	42	~	21	~	44	100%	37	
Retail	0	88%	0	98%	0	93%	0	90%	0	86%	0	
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Business & Commercial	1	0%	1	100%	6	100%	1	0%	2	100%	2	
Minerals & Waste	0	0 /6	0	100 /6	0	100 /6	0	0 /6	0	100 /6	0	
Tourism & Recreation	1	~	2	~	3	~	1	~	1	~	2	
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Community Facilities	1		1		0		1		0		1	
Agriculture	4	0%	8	100%	7	~	3	100%	7	~	6	
		75%		87%		100%		66%		100%		
Agricultural Prior Notifications	3		3		2		5		4		3	
Other	20	1000/	12	1000/	24	2001	18	2221	12	2001	17	
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Tourism & Recreation	4	75%	1	100%	1	100%	2	100%	0	~	2	
Community Facilities	0		1		0		0		0		0	
Agriculture	8	~	3	100%	10	~	4	~	4	~	6	
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TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	108		129		133		91	0000	108	0000	114	
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# HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2016

#### **AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2015/16**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2015/16. The Action Programme for 2016/17, 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 2015/16 targets has been circulated to Members by email.
- 2.2 A detailed Red/Amber/Green system is used to monitor progress against annual targets, and analysis shows that 80% of the specific targets were fully achieved, 5% were 25-75% achieved, 7% were less than 25% achieved and 8% were not progressed at all.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a very similar performance than the previous year. 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 during the year.
- 2.4 Targets that we had hoped to achieve better progress on included entering details of hedges planted, etc onto a GIS database; geodiversity management and a Condition Assessment mechanism for non-statutory Natural and Historic Environment Priority Sites.

#### 3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
  - Starting compilation of a matrix plotting the Special Qualities of the AONB against the ecosystem services they provide.
  - Learning more about the ecosystem approach via a North York Moors National Park workshop.
  - Monitoring information on climate change and possible impacts.

#### 4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 Achievements this year included:
  - Continuing to participate in the Biodiversity Action Partnership for Ryedale, Scarborough and the AONB.
  - Carrying out 11 workdays with volunteers on 9 SINCs.
  - Managing a total of 13 grassland sites (all SINCs bar one).
  - Managing 45 Special Interest Road Verges.
  - Completing clearance of rhododendron in Park Wood adjacent to Yearsley
    Moor Woodlands SINC. Significant clearance was carried out by the FC and
    landowner under a Plant Health Notice, to remove rhododendron inflected with
    Phytopthora ramorum.
  - Surveying Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck and carrying out control works at Jeffry Bog SINC, Fairy Dell SINC, Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC and River Derwent SSSI.

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- Carrying out scrub management at Nunnington Cutting & Quarries SSSI, Cawton Fens SINC and Terrington Carr SINC.
- Continuing to participate in the partnership focussing on the River Rye, to develop a project to tackle Himalayan balsam, river quality and sedimentation on a catchment scale. This has now turned into an application for Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership funding.
- Continuing involvement with the North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, encouraging progress to map the AONB's most important geodiversity sites.
- Entering work carried out in the AONB in 2013/14 and 2014/15 into the Government's Biodiversity Action Recording System.
- Assessing the management options and payments becoming available under the new Countryside Stewardship scheme.

#### 5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

#### 5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Starting a targeted programme of survey and management work for Scheduled Monuments, particularly those which are At Risk, utilising volunteers wherever possible. Funding approval received from Historic England and survey work started in May.
- Carrying out bracken and scrub control works on 8 Scheduled round barrows at Hovingham, Yearsley and Oulston (6 separate SMs).
- Completing work on 13 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were the works on Scheduled Monuments described above and restoration of 4 traditional direction signs.
- Restoring the traditional village name signs in Huttons Ambo, with the refurbishment of 2 old signs and the casting of 2 replicas.

#### 6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

#### 6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER
  Transition phase, awaiting approval of the launch of the new Local
  Development Strategy.
- Community projects funded in 2 villages.
- Rural Action Yorkshire project supported with an SDF grant (see separate report for work achieved by project officer).
- 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 Achievements this year included:

- Completing 7 landscape enhancement schemes involving 765m of hedge planting/gapping-up and 242m of field wall restoration.
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 24 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

#### 8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

#### 8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 4 Forestry Commission Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and 1 Woodland Management Plan consultation.
- Monitoring the situation with tree diseases.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

#### 9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY

#### 9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB, and taking the lead on a national response to proposed regulations covering hydraulic fracturing (fracking).
- Scrutinising a total of 134 development control consultations across all categories – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2015 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Scrutinising 13 planning consultations related to small business development in the AONB.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, with the surveying and submission of 11 potential schemes for funding under the next 8-year programme. Seven of these schemes have been taken forward, which will use the full allowance for the RIIO-ED1 period.
- Continuing to explore options to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Participating in the partnership set up to run the Dales & Moors Farmer Innovation Project, with at least 1 farmer from the AONB participating.

#### 10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

#### 10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Input made to the preparation of NYCC's Local Transport Plan 4.
- Scrutinising 7 development control consultations.
- Renovating 4 traditional direction signs in the East Ness, Low Hutton, Terrington and Barton Hill areas.

#### 11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

#### 11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 5 development control consultations.
- Developing a new mechanism to assist NYCC with resolving Public Rights of Way issues in the AONB.
- Developing phase two of an initiative with Visit York, via Ryedale DC and Welcome to Yorkshire.
- Finalising negotiations on a package of improvements in PRoW routing on the Castle Howard Estate, to be implemented in summer 2016.
- Continuing input into the 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and other similar tourism business initiatives with Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire and Visit York.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.
- Preparing an off-road cycling route leaflet for the Coneysthorpe area in pdf format.
- Digitising the remaining 3 walks routes around Terrington, to make a uniform package of 12 electronic leaflets for the whole AONB, now hosted on the AONB website.
- Beginning preparation of some Easy Access walks, for less able users.

#### 12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

#### 12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2014/15.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Distributing AONB literature to outlets in the AONB.
- Maintaining the AONB website 25,694 Page Views by 7,947 Users.

- Delivering a new low-cost refresh of the AONB website, focussed on providing information to visitors, residents, etc, as well as a platform for guided route leaflets, grant application forms, Information Notes, etc.
- Maintaining a presence on Twitter, issuing information and re-Tweeting as appropriate.
- Holding 4 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 68 children attending.

#### 13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 13.1 Achievements this year included:
  - Utilising the Defra Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
  - Continuing involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER
    Transition phase, awaiting approval of the launch of the new Local
    Development Strategy.
  - Starting a targeted programme of survey and management work for Scheduled Monuments, particularly those which are At Risk, utilising volunteers wherever possible. Funding approval received from Historic England and survey work started in May.
  - Continuing to participate in the partnership focussing on the River Rye, to develop a project to tackle Himalayan balsam, river quality and sedimentation on a catchment scale. This has now turned into an application for Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership funding.
  - Continuing to balance our Reserves position against new information being received on likely future levels of Government and local authority funding, so as to utilise our resources most efficiently in delivering Management Plan Objectives and practical conservation projects.
  - Reviewing the AONB grant processes in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency.
  - Continuing to explore options to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership. Dales & Moors Farmer Innovation Project established.
  - Achieving volunteer assistance for 25 tasks or projects, worth at least 136 days or £8,425.

#### 14.0 MONITORING

- 14.1 Achievements this year included:
  - Completing the fixed-point photography monitoring project by compiling a map of the sampling points.

#### 15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBS

- 15.1 Achievements this year included:
  - Attending the national AONB Forum in Winchester.
  - Attending 1 x Northern AONBs Group meetings.
  - Attending the NAAONB Chairmens' seminar and AGM event.
  - Participating in peer-to-peer and on-line collaborative working initiatives, to share and receive knowledge around the AONB Family.

#### 16.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the achievements against Targets for 2015/16 be noted.

# HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2016

#### **AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2016/17**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2016/17.

#### 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 2016/17 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 The Action Programme and Targets for 2016/17, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks, has been circulated to Members by email.

#### 3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Refining a matrix of the habitats and/or Special Qualities of the AONB, plotted against the ecosystem services that they provide.
  - Compiling a matrix of generic types of 'project', plotted against the ecosystem services that the AONB provides.
  - Starting to utilise the matrix of 'projects' when assessing grant requests, planning applications, etc.
  - Completing a Defra Ecosystem Approach Score Card for BD2020 Outcome 1C (in-house assessment).
  - Completing a Defra Ecosystem Approach Score Card for BD2020 Outcome 1C (external assessment).

#### 4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £24,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
  - Continuing restoration of roadside drystone walls in the Yearsley/Grimstone area (subject to integration with grants available from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme).
  - Hedge restoration schemes (subject to integration with grants available from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme).
  - Planting of new in-field and boundary trees.
  - Continuing control of Himalayan balsam along Wath Beck and at Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINCs. This is a particularly suitable task for the AONB Volunteers.

- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
  - Inputting our 2015/16 habitat management activities into BARS2.
  - Engaging with the stakeholder group assisting the North & East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre with biological records management.
  - Continuing to work with Ryedale DC, Scarborough BC and Hambleton DC in a Biodiversity Action Partnership for the joint area.
  - Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and Special Interest Road Verge management.
  - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees.
  - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock, rhododendron and bracken on various SINC and other sites.
  - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
  - Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships, inputting to the Phase 1 Heritage Lottery Fund bid and any subsequent work on Phase 2 should the bid be successful.
  - Progressing work to identify, survey, map and conserve features of geodiversity interest in the AONB.
  - Continuing to participate in the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership (LNP), which should see more activity now with the appointment of a part-time Co-ordinator.
  - Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important wildlife sites, as appropriate.

#### 5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £20,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
  - Restoring traditional direction and village name signs.
  - Carrying out management works on Scheduled Monuments. This may take more
    or less of the budget, which may also be increased from its current proposed
    level dependent upon the amount of work proposed for this year of the Monument
    Management Scheme.
- 5.2 Other activities for the year include:
  - Delivering the second year of the Monument Management Scheme, funded by Historic England, utilising volunteers wherever possible but also engaging contractors and external assistance in order to maximise draw-down of Historic England grant.
  - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
  - Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important heritage sites, as appropriate.

#### 6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- 6.1 The budget for small-scale works in local villages is included within the £25,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.
- 6.2 Other activities for the year include:
  - Participation in the now-launched North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme, to promote and develop activities within the AONB.
  - 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 £24,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. See paragraph 4.1 above for current project ideas.
- 7.2 Other activities for the year include:
  - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
  - Distributing the New Agricultural Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance to local farm building construction companies/agents
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

#### 8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

- 8.1 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
  - Monitoring the incidence of Ash Dieback Disease and other plant health issues.
  - Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.
  - Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers.
  - Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

#### 9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY

- 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 and other bodies 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.
  - Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plans, as applicable.
  - Inputting to the continuing development of the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, as applicable.
  - Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, to ensure a swift start to projects in the new RIIO-ED1 period.
     Villages where work should start in 2016/17 include Crambe and Nunnington.
  - Considering development of projects to utilise the landscape mitigation funds provided by National Grid to minimise the visual impact of high voltage overhead powerlines, using experience emerging from the wider national AONB Family.
  - Exploring options to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership.

#### 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 2 traditional direction signs.

 Monitoring progress of initiatives to dual the remaining section of the A64 within the AONB.

#### 11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

- 11.1 The budget for recreation and access works is included within the £25,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.
- 11.2 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Continuing to work in partnership with the other Protected Landscapes in North Yorkshire to develop and progress projects that access Local Enterprise Partnership funding for recreational/tourism projects.
  - Progressing the development of 'Easy Access' self-guided route leaflets to enable less-able users to enjoy the AONB.
  - Continuing development of a mechanism to assist NYCC Countryside Access Service staff with resolving Issues with paths in the AONB more quickly and efficiently.
  - Implementation of Public Rights of Way route creation/diversion packages at Castle Howard and Howsham.
  - Continuing input into the 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and other tourism business initiatives with Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire and Visit York
  - Continuing to control litter at 'hot-spots' and reporting fly-tipping incidents.

#### 12.0 AWARENESS & PROMOTION

- 12.1 The budget for awareness and promotion work is included within the £25,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.
- 12.2 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Further developing circular routes and interpretation, particularly in partnership with the Castle Howard Estate.
  - Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets are supplied with copies of our leaflets when requested. Potential new mechanisms for delivering leaflets will be explored, to improve efficiency and timeliness.
  - Continuing to progress the installation of Gateway Signs on the A64, as opportunities permit.
  - Publishing our 2015/16 Annual Report and AONB News 2016.
  - Maintaining our website, attending Ryedale Show and distributing information/ promoting the AONB via Twitter.
  - Producing a leaflet showcasing the geodiversity of the AONB.
  - Updating the AONB information banners, to enable more frequent use.
  - Holding at least 3 Junior Ranger Club days, including developing new mechanisms for delivery that maintain standards but reduce the input required from AONB Unit staff.

#### 13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:
  - Participating in any work needed to promote the importance of AONB management and ensure the continuation/maximisation of grant support from Defra.
  - Participating in the new North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme, to promote and develop activities within the AONB.
  - Taking in-year opportunities where appropriate to obtain small amounts of grant support for specific projects.
  - Delivering the second year of the Monument Management Scheme, funded by Historic England.

- Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships, inputting to the Phase 1 Heritage Lottery Fund bid and any subsequent work on Phase 2 should the bid be successful.
- Continuing input into the 'Moors and More' local distinctiveness project and other tourism business initiatives with Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire and Visit York.
- Utilising Reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit resource commensurate with future work priorities and income.
- Exploring options to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership, to make best use of new opportunities presented in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, LEADER Local Development Strategy, etc.
- Using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.
- Completing the re-structure of AONB Staff Unit resources, including engaging new administrative and project delivery support as appropriate.

#### 14.0 MONITORING

- 14.1 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.

#### 15.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

15.1 No activity planned for this year.

#### 16.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBS

- 16.1 Principal activities for the year include:
  - Continuing to participate in lobbying, peer-to-peer learning projects, sharing of information, etc.
  - Attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, AONB technical events, etc.

#### 17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Targets for 2016/17, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.

# HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2016

#### **BUSINESS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of the recent re-structure of the Howardian Hills AONB Team and potential future mechanisms for project delivery.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the JAC in April 2015, the Joint Advisory Committee considered a Report outlining possible alternative locations for the AONB Unit office. The JAC resolved to support the move of the AONB Team to the offices of the North York Moors National Park Authority in Helmsley.
- 2.2 One of the factors outlined in the April 2015 Report was the potential to share staff resources with a co-location host organisation. The possible options weren't quantified, but the factor was felt to be important in the choice of co-location organisation.
- 2.3 A comprehensive re-structure of the County Council's Waste & Countryside Service, within whose Heritage Services team the AONB Unit is located, was delivered in April 2015. This was as a result of the budget-saving measures put in place by the County Council to meet its NY2020 budget plans.
- 2.4 The Howardian Hills AONB Team was excluded from the re-structure, due to its nature as an 'externally funded partnership'. Budget savings to such partnerships were agreed as a separate line in the County Council's budget-saving strategy. This has subsequently resulted in a reduction of £6,800 in the County Council's cash contribution to the Howardian Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee budget from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 onwards, as well as reductions to other partnerships in North Yorkshire.
- 2.5 The operational changes stemming from the move to Helmsley and changes in NYCC future processes, as well as the need to adapt the team to engage in collaborative partnership working, increase business resilience and have flexibility to respond quickly to changes in circumstances, were felt to be significant enough to trigger a service review of the AONB team.

#### 3.0 AONB TEAM RE-STRUCTURE

- 3.1 Recent national public spending cut backs have threatened the level of funding for the AONB Team. Whilst the latest four-year DEFRA settlement was recently confirmed on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016, the on-going impact of public cuts continues to create an uncertain funding and operational environment, emphasising the need for continuous review to achieve efficiencies and flexibility.
- 3.2 With this in mind, the Team reduced its overheads costs by moving to Helmsley in December 2015 and sub-letting office premises from the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNPA). In addition to reducing rent, the property services tasks are now solely the responsibility of NYMNPA, meaning that the Team have fewer office administration and overheads to manage, thereby freeing up time and resources for the delivery of AONB enhancement projects. NYCC additionally has been updating its office processes to allow managers and staff to undertake direct, 'self- serve' tasks previously done by business support staff.

- 3.3 To maximise the outcomes of the AONB Team, it was felt necessary to optimise the work at project officer level (Band 11). At this level or above, officers can create and develop, as well as project manage and deliver, improvement projects and strategies independently to conserve and enhance the AONB. The move to the NYMNPA offices has assisted this 'working in partnership' approach.
- 3.4 The trend in external funding, which delivers significant benefits to the AONB, is towards working on larger highly complex, collaborative projects with partners and this requires skilled, knowledgeable staff who have a remit to, and can work independently, to engage at this level and respond to opportunities appropriately.
- 3.5 At the same time, there has been a reduction in the general support and assistance needed as the office administration is less complex due to the move, NYCC processes are more streamlined needing less office assistance, office reception is covered by the NYMNPA and the trend for project delivery is away from smaller projects to the larger complex projects requiring different skills.
- 3.6 The proposed change in the AONB Team was therefore to delete the 0.5fte Howardian Hills AONB Assistant's post. The move towards NYCC staff undertaking their own administration removed the need for continuous business support, although there will be times when there is a need for additional pieces of discrete support such as handling bookings for AONB events or minute-taking for the four Core Partners Group meetings each year. After consultations with the NYCC Business Support Service and NYMNPA, it appeared feasible that this temporary support could be bought in, when needed, from the existing NYMNPA office service. The NYCC Business Support Service has also indicated that it can give assistance with discrete pieces of work.
- 3.7 The savings generated from the deletion of the 0.5fte AONB Assistant's post were proposed to contribute to funding increased project officer time at a Band 11 level on a part-time and/or relief basis. This supplementary officer resource would mean that the team would have additional capacity to optimise and deliver partner and external funding work. It would also provide more organisational resilience at this level, which was identified as a risk in such a small team. There had been a loss of capacity in the team when the existing project officer post-holder dropped hours from full time to 0.8fte and it was therefore suggested that this capacity be re-instated on a flexible basis. The back-filling of this post in the past for a specific project development purpose had been useful and had benefited the output of the AONB Team. It was proposed that relief posts could be recruited based on the Band 11 Job Description and Person Specification so that the team could respond to business opportunities quickly with suitable staff, or more resiliently cope with challenges such as work pressures or long term sickness.
- 3.8 It was proposed that the existing Howardian Hills AONB Manager and Howardian Hills AONB Officer posts remained and that these staff would be slotted-in to the new structure. The Job Descriptions and Person Specifications for these posts would be refreshed with minor changes to reflect current circumstances and duties.
- 3.9 A 30 days period of staff consultation was held between 16th February and 17th March 2016, with a view to implementation starting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. All necessary consultations with bodies such as Unison were also carried out.
- 3.10 Responses received during the consultation period were considered and minor adjustments made to the structure. These principally related to the need to retain the AONB Officer post at 1.0fte, even though it is only occupied currently by Liz Bassindale at 0.8fte. This was so that any future recruitment exercise would not be unduly hampered, as the post would normally be offered as 1.0fte.
- 3.11 The AONB Team structure from 1<sup>st</sup> May will therefore be as shown in the diagram in Appendix 1.

#### 4.0 FUTURE PROJECT DELIVERY/SUPPORT MECHANISMS 2016/17

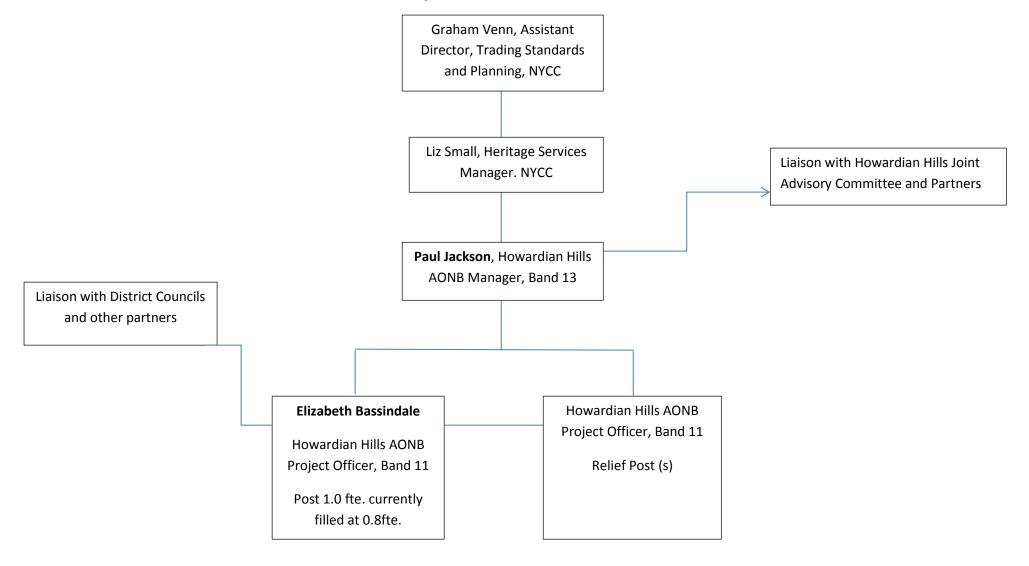
- 4.1 As indicated above, the implementation of a new staff structure on 1<sup>st</sup> May will bring some significant changes for the AONB Team staff in terms of how tasks and projects are delivered.
- 4.2 In terms of 'administrative' tasks, many things are already carried out by the AONB Manager and AONB Officer themselves rather than passing them to the AONB Assistant. Some tasks, for example minute-taking at certain meetings, will still require a third person and it is intended to begin discussions with the NYMNPA as to how an 'administrative' staff resource can be provided to the AONB Team and at what cost.
- 4.3 It is also intended to use the new AONB Officer (Relief) facility to increase the AONB Officer staff resource by at least 0.2fte. Current thinking is that this will be an arrangement covering the period May 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (i.e. the currently vacant 1 day per week, for the rest of the financial year).
- There has however also been a significant underspend on projects in 2015/16 which, when coupled with the favourable Government settlement and our healthy 'Reserves' position, gives the potential to address some long-running project ideas and also re-think the way that projects are delivered. Instead of relying on only delivering projects via the AONB Manager and AONB Officer, which can sometimes result in significant delays when we try to juggle multiple projects, we may be able to contract-in NYMNPA specialist staff to work a certain number of days to deliver a specific and tightly-defined project. Examples of such projects might be multi-owner programmes of drystone wall restoration, tradition direction sign and village name sign restoration or programmes of individual & in-field tree planting.
- The changing nature of project delivery means that AONB Team staff are also likely to need to concentrate on larger programmes of work, and commissioning other organisations or specialists to deliver things on our behalf. Increasingly we are likely to be doing fewer small projects that take up disproportionately large amounts of staff time, and replacing these either with bigger projects or by out-sourcing where this offers best value. The roles of the AONB Manager and AONB Officer as 'facilitators' rather than 'doers' is likely to increase, because the demands of the core work of the Unit (e.g. planning consultations, development of partner projects/grant bids) are likely to make that a more efficient way of working. Examples of projects where delivery could potentially be out-sourced in some way include the Junior Ranger Club, leaflet writing and preparation (e.g. Geodiversity, Easy Access routes), Monument Management Scheme practical site management tasks (to utilise unspent Historic England funding), assessment of opportunities for using the National Grid Visual Impact Provision funding and commercial leaflet distribution mechanisms.
- 4.6 Members will appreciate that the ideas outlined above represent somewhat of a sea-change for the way the AONB Team delivers projects. Up until now external costs have been minimised and as much work as possible has been done in-house. This has sometimes resulted in projects not being delivered in a timely manner, because of the competing demands on AONB Staff Team time. With an overall decrease in permanent AONB Staff Team resources then things will need to be done differently, and fortunately the Committee's financial prudence over the years has put it in a good position to do this.
  In 2016/17 therefore, and in consultation with the NYCC Heritage Services Manager, new ways of partnership working and out-sourcing will be trialled and the results will be reported to the JAC in April 2017.

#### 5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Report be noted.
- b) An evaluation of the types and efficiency of new project delivery/support mechanisms be reported to the Joint Advisory Committee in April 2017.

### **New Staff Structure Howardian Hills AONB 1st May 2016**



# NAAONB Update February 2016



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#### VisitBritain Discover England Fund

VisitBritain's recent announcement of an additional £40m for the Discover England Fund and an uplift in GREAT monies, sets an unprecedented opportunity to drive additional visits and spend across the regions of England in the months and years ahead.

Sally Balcombe, British Tourist Authority Chief Executive, held a series of sessions throughout February across England providing a key opportunity to hear more on

- The spending review settlement for Tourism,
- VB's future organisational priorities and delivery structure, and
- Government aspirations for delivering world class product through the new £40m <u>Discover England</u>

Richard Clarke attended the London meeting on behalf of the AONB Family where he heard that the three objectives are

- To grow tourism,
- To increase competitiveness, and
- Develop bookable products.

The fund will be available over three years with the first year being preparation, research, seed corn funding and making formal EOIs. Successful proposals will be announced in announced April 2017 and Year 2 and 3 will be about delivery. For more details contact <a href="mailto:richard.clarke@surreycc.gov.uk">richard.clarke@surreycc.gov.uk</a>

#### **Great Outdoors: How Our Natural Health Service Uses Green Space To Improve Wellbeing**

There is mounting evidence demonstrating the contribution green spaces can make to mental and physical health and wellbeing. The Faculty of Public Health in association with Natural England recently published a statement giving examples of good practice and advice on how to work in partnership to develop and make best use of green spaces for health and wellbeing. See

http://www.fph.org.uk/uploads/bs great outdoors.pdf

NB: We will learn more about this at Landscapes for Life Conference 2016 – see below for details.

#### Industrial Heritage Conference – 10 key lessons

Historic England recently noted in their Twitterfeed, the findings of the Industrial Heritage Conference http://brick-work.org/10-key-lessons-we-learned-at-the-industrial-heritage-conference-2015/

#### Planning changes will do nothing to address housing need in AONBs

The NAAONB responded to the recent Government consultation on proposed changes to national planning policy. The AONB Family supported the delivery of the kind of housing that is needed locally but felt the proposed changes would restrict their ability to do this in the future. For the full response, click here.

#### Comparison of the planning systems in the four UK countries: 2016 update

This link is to a Research Briefing published by the House of Commons Library: <a href="http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7459">http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7459</a>

#### Landscapes for Life Conference (L4L2016) - 28-30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

L4L2016 will take place at Lilleshall National Sports & Conferencing Centre, Newport, Shropshire and will make the case for natural beauty in relationship to the health and wellbeing of society.

#### **Outstanding Week - 17-25<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Plans are underway for this year. If you would like to be involved, contact <u>Jill.Smith@landscapesforlife.org.uk</u> For more information on what went on last year see <u>www.landscapesforlifeevents.org.uk</u>

Articles/snippets/links for inclusion in the next edition of NAAONB Update by 22nd March please.