

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

Venue: Hovingham Village Hall
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Date: 13 April 2017 at 10.00am

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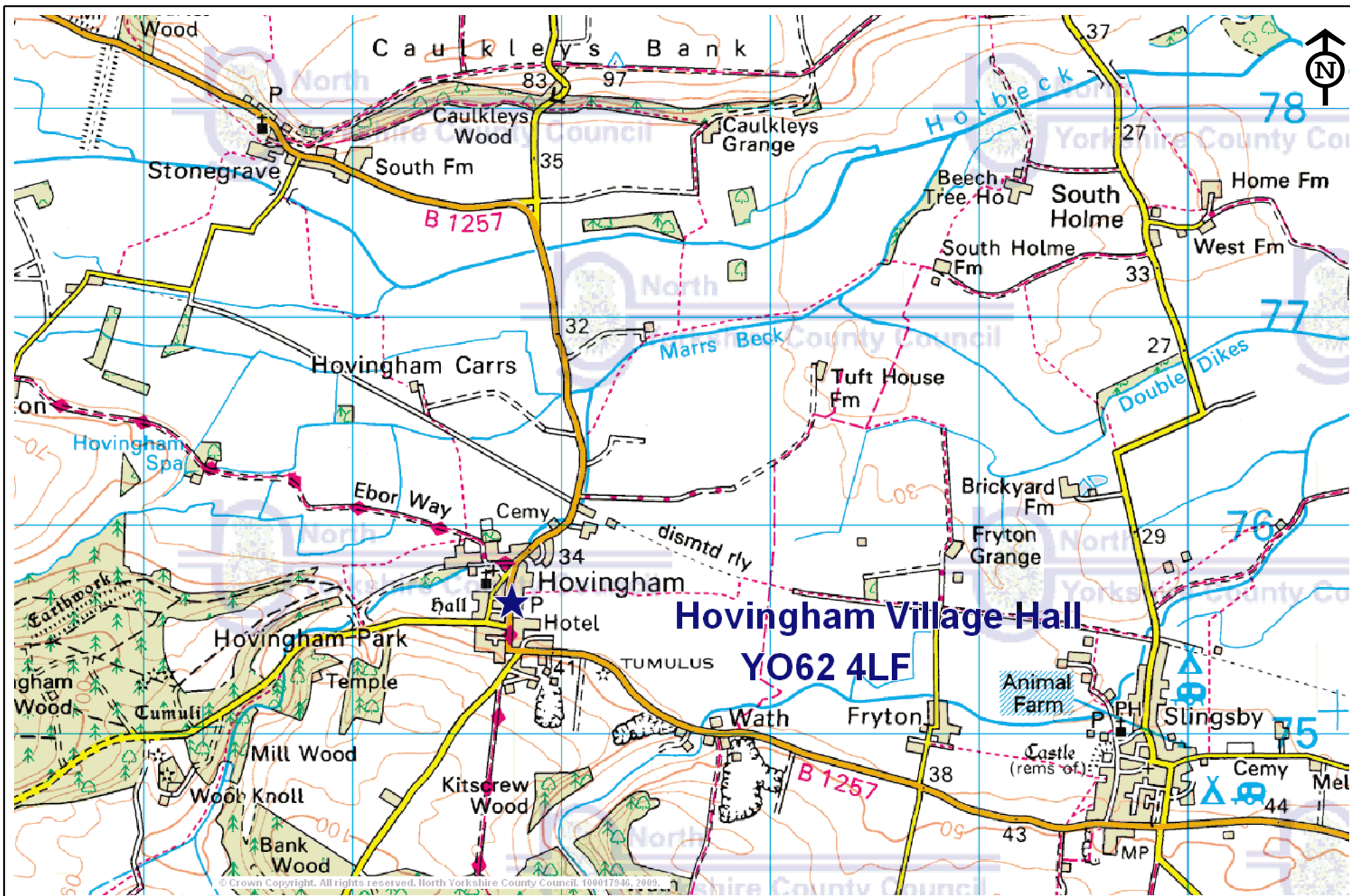
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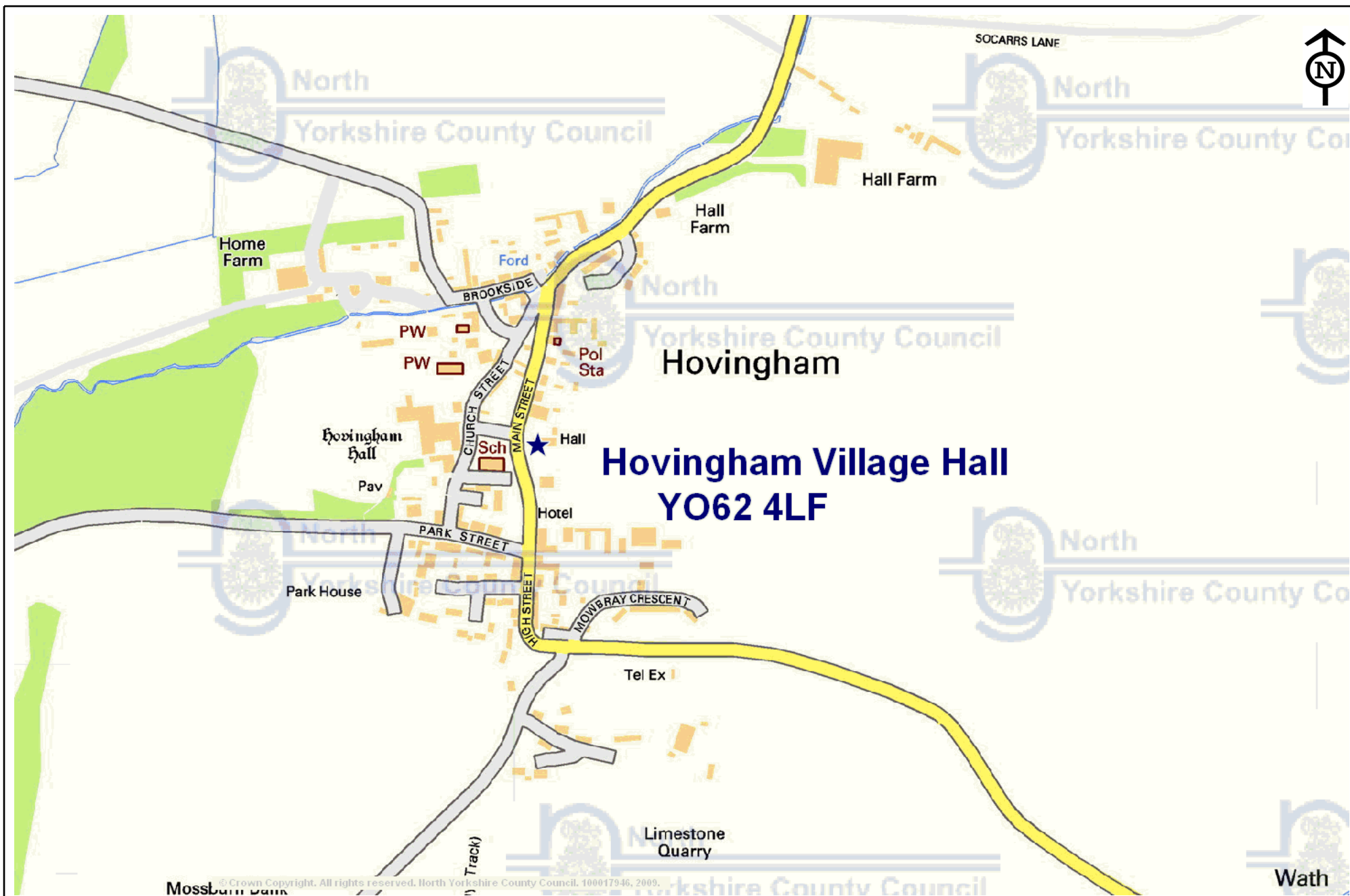
Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

Membership

North Yorkshire County Council (2)	
1	PATMORE, Caroline
2	WOOD, Clare
Ryedale District Council (2)	
3	FARNELL, Fiona
4	WAINWRIGHT, Robert
Hambleton District Council (2)	
5	COOKMAN, Christine
6	Vacancy
Parish Councils (2)	
7	BROWN, Sally (Ryedale)
8	STRATTON, Chris (Hambleton)
Country Land and Business Association (1)	
9	WORSLEY, Sir William
National Farmers Union (2)	
10	HESKETH, Rebecca
11	Vacancy
Forestry Commission (1)	
12	SMITH, Jim
Ramblers (1)	
13	CATTERALL, Philip
Natural England (2)	
14	KIRKUP, Ailsa
15	CRAVEN, Jenny

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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 14 April 2016, commencing at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman in the Chair
North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Caroline Patmore
Ryedale District Council: Councillors Fiona Farnell and Robert Wainwright
Parish Councils: Chris Stratton (Hambleton) and Sally Brown (Ryedale)
Country Land and Business Association: Sir William Worsley
The Ramblers: Philip Catterall
Natural England: Margaret Trigg

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)
Hambleton District Council: Peter Jones
Ryedale District Council: Paula Craddock

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

64 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Clare Wood, Jim Smith (Forestry Commission) and Justine Clark and Rosy Eaton (Natural England)

65 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 October 2015

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2015, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

66 Matters Arising

Minute 56 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager advised that action to tackle the problem of Himalayan Balsam had moved forward significantly in partnership with the North York Moors National Park, River Rye Partnership and others, and a bid was being made to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which would include public engagement.

Minute 60 – National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) – Activity Update

The AONB Manager confirmed that he would be liaising with The Ramblers regarding the offer to arrange events during Outstanding Week 2016.

Minute 61 – Reports from Partner Organisations

Liz Small, Heritage Services Manager, NYCC, reported that she had passed on to the Public Rights of Way team the comments made at the previous meeting and that it was hoped that a faster response could be provided in future due to improved communications and joint enabling work between NYCC Public Rights of Way and the AONB team.

She also reported that recruitment was underway for a 2 year joint post to support the North Yorkshire and York and the East Riding Local Nature Partnerships.

67 AONB Unit Activity

Members considered a detailed report of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee. This was accompanied by a slide presentation showcasing some of the work undertaken.

The Committee sought assurance regarding the effectiveness of action to control Rhododendron growth, and also to tackle Phytophthora in the AONB area. Members also queried whether forestry harvesting was likely to be impacted by the Drax power station increased use of biomass. It was explained that there were a range of reasons for felling, including disease control. However, much felling was likely to be related to the age of woodland rather than economic factors.

The Committee welcomed the support and opportunities being provided to people on the autistic spectrum.

Members queried the level of underspend during 2015/16, whilst recognising that there was an element of providing a buffer against the risk of future reduction in funding. The AONB Manager confirmed the strategy behind maintaining a reserve, but also reassured the Committee that appropriate projects would also be brought forward for funding.

Members thanked the AONB Manager for keeping the website up to date with regard to the progress of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan and associated fracking issues.

The Committee noted that this was Maggie Cochrane's last meeting, and thanked her very much for her work for the AONB over the last eight years.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

68 Development within the AONB

Members considered a report from the AONB Manager giving details of the number and type of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2015. It was reported that data this year was more accurate than had been possible previously as the data for Hambleton was now able to distinguish between parts of parishes that lie within or outside the AONB boundary.

The report outlined the main conclusions to be drawn from the 121 applications received during 2015/16, and members were made aware of the impact this level of applications had on the team's workload.

Peter Jones, Hambleton District Council, reported a 20% increase in applications this year to the authority. He also indicated that the new Local Plan currently being developed was likely to include a policy on tourism.

Members asked whether it was possible to differentiate between applications that had been refused and ones that had been withdrawn before a likely refusal and the AONB Manager undertook to check this.

The Committee also commented on the recent development of solar farms which are visible from the AONB area, and issues associated with glare which had not been anticipated from the initial applications. Peter Jones encouraged members to provide photographic evidence of any issues in order that the Council can build up a picture of the visual impact to influence future policy and decision making. Members asked the AONB Manager to gather photographic evidence where applicable.

The Committee noted the relevance of the colour of materials selected and their appearance in different weather conditions as a pertinent issue in relation to protecting the character of the AONB, an issue which the AONB Manager had highlighted in commenting on individual applications.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

69 AONB Action Programme 2015/16

Members considered details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2015/16. A detailed summary of progress against each objective was provided in an annex circulated separately to the agenda.

The AONB Manager reported that a detailed red/amber/green system was used to monitor progress against annual targets. Analysis showed that 80% of specific targets were fully achieved; 5% were 25-75% achieved; 7% were less than 25% achieved; and 8% were not progressed at all, a similar performance to the previous year.

Progress was reported under the headings of:

- The ecosystem approach
- Natural environment
- Historic environment
- Local communities
- Agriculture
- Forestry and woodland
- Development and the rural economy
- Roads, transport and traffic management
- Recreation, access and tourism
- Awareness and promotion
- Implementation
- Monitoring
- National Association for AONBs

Members raised the issue of tourists and road safety, especially the increasing number of cyclists. Whilst very welcome, the Committee expressed concern that visitors can have a lack of awareness of how dangerous the roads can be within the AONB area, particularly in relation to narrow carriageways, blind spots and HGVs.

There was also concern about the condition of verges in some areas with encroachment and erosion, whilst kerbing was not always the ideal response. Members asked whether weight restrictions could be considered on some routes, although it was acknowledged that this may not be a practicable solution if it only shifted a problem to another area.

The Committee recommended that the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees be asked to give consideration to road safety issues in considering the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting.

Resolved

- a) That the achievements against targets for 2015/16 be noted.
- b) That the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees be asked to consider road safety issues in the AONB area when considering the minutes of the JAC meeting.

70 AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2016/17

Members considered details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2016/17. A detailed set of proposed targets against each objective was provided in an annex circulated separately to the agenda.

Resolved

That the targets for 2016/17 as contained in the Action Programme be agreed.

71 Business Planning for the Future

Members received details of the recent restructure of the Howardian Hills AONB team, and of potential future mechanisms for project delivery.

The Heritage Services Manager explained the process of the restructure and thanked staff for their engagement with the review process. She explained that it was planned to use the savings from the restructure to employ project staff for fixed term or specialist projects. The AONB Manager highlighted the potential for some staff sharing with the National Parks team following the relocation to the National Park Offices in December.

Members looked forward to hearing how the new more flexible arrangements worked out in practice. They also reiterated the Committee's thanks and best wishes to Maggie Cochrane as she left the team.

Resolved

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

72 National Association for AONBs Activity

The Committee received an update on activity by the National Association for AONBs. The AONB Manager particularly highlighted work around the theme of health and wellbeing, which would be the focus of the Landscapes for Life conference in June. It was hoped that there would be opportunities arising from this for the AONB to explore.

It was noted that Outstanding Week – the national celebration of AONBs - would take place from 17-25 September 2016. Philip Catterall confirmed that the Ramblers would input to the local programme this year.

Resolved

That the report be noted

73 Reports from Partner Organisations

Members of the Committee shared the following information:

Ryedale District Council

The Ryedale Local Plan Sites document is now expected to go out for consultation in the late summer. The Slingsby Design Statement will also be going out to consultation for a 6 week period, and will influence responses to future planning applications.

Hambleton District Council

The Hambleton Local Plan is moving forward. 462 responses had been received in response to the call for sites, and these were now being filtered for preferred options to go out to consultation.

Two new posts had been advertised in the planning service following a reorganisation. A recent recalculation of the housing land supply had shown the figure to be nine years now. The authority was also experiencing a significant pressure for housing, including a number of planning appeals.

North Yorkshire County Council

Following a small restructure, the AONB team now comes under Trading Standards and Planning Services.

Forestry Commission

On behalf of the Forestry Commission, the Secretary reported that the Countryside Stewardship Woodland Improvement Grant was currently open for applications. The Woodland Creation Grant had recently closed, with 48 applications being received for Yorkshire and the North East (the largest number of any Forestry Commission area in England).

Country Land and Business Association

Sir William Worsley reported that he had taken on the role of Chair of the National Forest Company. Over a 25 year period the planted area had risen from 6% to 21%, and tree planting had led to regeneration and increased tourism as well as helping to raise the aspirations of local people. It was interesting to consider the experience gained here might be relevant to the AONB area.

Hambleton Parishes

Chris Stratton reported that 3 local Parish Councils had formed a group which had done some very useful work to understand and assimilate information about shale gas extraction and potential implications for the AONB. He stressed that this was not a pressure group.

NYCC Area Committees

Members suggested that the AONB Manager be invited to attend a future meeting of each of the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees, to provide the Area Committees with a better understanding and appreciation of the work undertaken in the AONB area.

Resolved

That the Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees be asked to consider inviting the AONB Manager to a future meeting to brief Members on the work of the AONB team.

74 Date of next JAC Meeting

Resolved

That the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 10 November at 10am at the National Park Office, Helmsley.

The meeting concluded at 12.10pm

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Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

Notes of the informal meeting held at the National Park Office, Helmsley on 10 November 2016, commencing at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman
North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Clare Wood
Ryedale District Council: Councillor Robert Wainwright
Parish Councils: Sally Brown (Ryedale)
Ramblers: Philip Catterall

Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB team: Paul Jackson and Liz Bassindale
North Yorkshire County Council: Kate Arscott (Secretary) and Liz Small (Heritage Services Manager)
Ryedale District Council: Paula Craddock

1 Informal Meeting

As the Joint Advisory Committee meeting was inquorate, members present agreed to hold an informal meeting instead, using the same agenda. The election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the JAC was deferred until the next meeting. Councillor Christine Cookman chaired the informal meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Caroline Patmore, Ryedale District Councillor Fiona Farnell, Chris Stratton (Hambleton Parish Councils), Sir William Worsley (Country Land & Business Association), Jim Smith and Mick Hoban (Forestry Commission), Ailsa Kirkup and Jenny Craven (Natural England) and Caroline Skelly (Hambleton District Council)

3 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 April 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2016 were noted.

ACTION – Minutes of 14 April 2016 to be included on the agenda for the next meeting for formal approval.

4 Matters Arising

Minute 72 – National Association for AONBs Activity

County Councillor Clare Wood asked for an update regarding the NAAONB theme of health and wellbeing and the promotion of access for less able groups.

The AONB Manager reported that a number of case studies had been presented at the national conference in June 2016. Locally the AONB was working with the Moorswork social enterprise group and officers were due to meet in the near future with both the Alzheimer's Society and Sight Support Ryedale walking group to explore

opportunities for joint working. The team was also commissioning web based work through ifootpath.com to promote easy access routes.

County Councillor Clare Wood thanked Liz Bassindale for attending the recent Health and Wellbeing wider partnership event. She recommended that the AONB team contact the Council's new contractors Dementia Forward and Making Space.

Liz Small suggested that it would be possible to build in more public health outcomes to the successful River Ryevitalise bid.

Minute 68 – Development within the AONB

The AONB Manager confirmed that he would check whether it was possible to differentiate between applications that had been refused and ones that had been withdrawn before a likely refusal in time for the next meeting.

Minute 72 – National Association for AONBs Activity

Philip Catterall reported that the Ramblers' involvement with Outstanding Week had been successful and they would take part again in 2017.

Minute 73 – Reports from Partner Organisations

The AONB Manager confirmed that he was due to attend the Hambleton Area Committee on 12 December 2016 and the Ryedale Area Committee on 23 February 2017.

5 JAC Virtual Site Tour of 2015/16 work

Paul Jackson, AONB Manager, gave a slide presentation of examples of work undertaken in 2015/16, highlighting the following sites:

- Firby, Bulmer, Gilling and Brandsby – new hedge planting
- East Newton and Grimston – wall restoration
- Grimston – Toft Wood SINC restored to native broadleaves
- Crambeck and Brandsby – Himalayan Balsam control
- Yearsley – bracken management
- Appleton-le-Street – churchyard grassland management
- Nunnington – scrub management
- Grimston – rhododendron control
- Barton Hill, Low Hutton, Terrington and West Ness – traditional direction sign restoration
- Huttons Ambo – village name sign restoration
- Yearsley – brash removal from Scheduled Monuments
- Yorkshire Arboretum – composting toilets

Members particularly welcomed partnership work with the Autism Plus Centre at Gilling East.

In response to a comment about overhead cables, Paul Jackson confirmed that national funding for undergrounding was only available for power cables and not telecommunications lines. He was hopeful of BT improving the cabling at Nunnington, which was considered the highest priority. The need for underground cables to be suitable for the needs of a 21st century society was stressed.

Members welcomed the report and the visual presentation of the work being carried out.

6 AONB Unit Activity

Members noted a detailed report of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee.

Liz Bassindale, AONB Officer, gave a slide presentation of examples of work undertaken in the first half of 2016/17.

Liz also reported the following:

- the number of volunteers had increased and more tools were being bought as a result
- mole control and maintenance had taken place at the popular City of Troy maze
- Moorswork and the AONB Volunteers had carried out a day's work in Amotherby Churchyard
- Howsham Mill - post-flooding clear-up work had taken place and a Forest School area and picnic site had been created
- Reinvigorated popularity of the Junior Rangers activity days, which are now routinely full.

The AONB Manager reported that the River Rye Landscape Partnership funding bid had been successful and would result in £275k for development work, including 2 full-time officers, leading to a 5 year delivery plan. The contribution from the AONB JAC would be £1,500 per year in the development stage, and £5,000 per year in the delivery phase. The project covered about half of the AONB area.

Where possible the replacement of village signs was being linked to undergrounding. Members discussed the willingness of Parish Councils to contribute to projects, which in other parts of the county had to be fully funded by Parish Councils. It was noted that some small Parish Councils found the contribution difficult to raise, particularly where for example they also had to provide new poles for lighting following undergrounding of power cables.

The AONB Manager informed members of a Geology Trust lottery bid, more details of which would be available at the next meeting.

Members asked to see the new banners at the next meeting.

ACTION – Update on Geology Trust Lottery bid to be provided at next meeting
New banners to be displayed at next meeting

7 JAC Planning Consultations

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

The AONB Manager drew members' attention to the comments on the Ox Pasture Wood felling licence application on page 61-67 of the agenda. He indicated that larch disease made it likely that there would be more applications of this type in the local area, and highlighted the importance of defining 'Remnant Features' in this context, which would be a decision for the regional Forestry Commission officers. He reported on a divergence of opinion in relation to the appropriate balance to be struck between the AONB objectives of conservation and restoration, and the economic drivers which landowners had regard to, in responding to the spread of larch disease.

8 AONB Indicators

Members noted a report detailing performance against selected indicators used to measure AONB performance annually. In particular indicators 4 and 5 relating to financial resources, leverage and 'added value' were relevant with regards to the budget.

9 AONB Budget

Members noted a report detailing final income and expenditure during 2015/16 and considering the anticipated budgetary requirement for 2017/18.

The AONB Manager clarified that the majority of the £23k underspend in 2015/16 had now been allocated for projects. This funding had initially been retained in anticipation of financial cuts which had not materialised, and was therefore being spent in the current year.

He confirmed that the 2016/17 budget was on track, with plenty of projects coming forward. A similar budgetary position was projected for 2017/18, assuming no changes in the Chancellor's autumn statement later in the month. Management of the budget on a small business approach had been endorsed by the Directorate management team.

Members reflected their support for the approach adopted in managing the budget and the optimistic outlook with regard to the future, within the underlying context of ongoing budget pressures on all funders. The flexibility to move resources between budget areas was felt to be key. It was noted that some of the reserves would probably be allocated to meet the JAC contribution to the River Ryevitalise project. Members felt that it was helpful from a public perspective to see where reserves were being earmarked for specific purposes.

10 National Association for AONBs Update

The Committee noted an update on activity by the National Association for AONBs. The AONB Manager particularly highlighted the encouraging focus on raising the national profile of AONBs through engagement and participation in high level meetings as new policies emerge, and also the Association's commitment to taking advantage of opportunities that arise to promote AONB objectives at a national level.

Members noted that Lord Gardiner was now the minister with responsibility for AONBs.

11 Reports from Partner Organisations

Members of the Committee shared the following information:

Ramblers

Philip Catterall planned to contact the Estate Manager at Castle Howard to clarify the timescale and plans for reconstruction of the closed car park. Paul Jackson agreed to provide him with contact details.

Ryedale District Council

The Ryedale Local Plan preferred sites were due to be agreed by the Council on 8 December for public consultation in January.

North Yorkshire County Council

Consultation was currently taking place on the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, with a closing date of 21 December. There had been significant changes since the previous version, particularly regarding fracking.

The arm of the Directorate that included the AONB team had been renamed Growth, Trading Standards and Planning Services, with a new Assistant Director, Matt O'Neill, now in post. This recognised the potential of the natural landscape as a driver of growth and economic development

There may be some historic environment/archaeology projects coming out of the Ryevitalise project.

Liz Small congratulated Paul Jackson on 25 years of service with the County Council.

Hambleton District Council

The Hambleton Local Plan was out for consultation, with a number of public meetings scheduled. The consultation will close in December.

Other

Paul Jackson updated members with regard to work at Castle Howard. The bridge had been restored and work had been carried out on the avenue of trees. Historic England had now asked the estate to look at the North Avenue and potential restoration of the two obelisk panels.

Sally Brown reported that the North York Moors National Park Development Plan was now available on the website.

12 Date of next JAC Meeting

ACTION - The next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday 13 April 2017 at 10am at Hovingham Village Hall, or Coxwold if Hovingham is not available.

The meeting concluded at 11.40am

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**HOWARDIAN HILLS
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13 APRIL 2017**

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 and AONB Officers in the period 2nd November 2016 to 3rd April 2017. 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 The Team has been involved in a considerable number of new and existing conservation initiatives – the River Rye Group, River Derwent Catchment Partnership, the Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP, the North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, the NY & York Local Nature Partnership, the Cornfield Flowers Project and a Turtle Doves project. The RYEvitalise project has been successful in securing a Stage 1 pass for a HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme.
- 2.3 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund, with several significant hedge restoration projects completed. A programme of restoration and replacement of 16 village name signs in 9 villages has also been completed.
- 2.4 Volunteer activity on practical work during the last six months has principally focused on Monument Management Scheme tasks (see below), as well as carrying out scrub management works on Dalby Bush Fen SSSI and Terrington Carr SINCE. The volunteer team was out every 2 weeks during the winter months.
- 2.5 The Monument Management Scheme has progressed extremely well in its first full winter. Management Plans have been prepared for 7 Scheduled Monuments (SMs); bramble/brash/scrub has been cleared on 24 SMs; a water trough and feeder have been removed from 1 SM and 1 SM has been re-vegetated. Quarterly reports and Grant Claims have been submitted to Historic England in compliance with the Terms & Conditions of the grant
- 2.6 Liz Bassindale has been working with Rural Action Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council on development of the Amotherby Ward Plan and additional connected projects, particularly a conservation project in Amotherby Churchyard with Amotherby School. Part of this was delivered in March, with the second session due in summer.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 Work with Made in York, Welcome to Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council has progressed, with the promotion of the seven Travel Features for the Ryedale/HHAONB/York area. One of these achieved coverage in the Sunday Times Travel Supplement and a visit from journalists with a women's cycling magazine is scheduled for the summer.

- 2.9 The iFootpath company was contracted to scope 6 Easy Countryside Trail routes, with a view to describing and publishing four of them on their website and as PDF leaflets. Following the survey work in early March they published the additional 2 routes for the same price, as they really liked them all and they're relatively short.
- 2.10 Work has progressed on the preparation of a new set of display banners, although unfortunately due to other priorities this hasn't been finished by 31st March as originally hoped.
- 2.11 December and February Junior Ranger Clubs were delivered. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2016/17 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.12 Copies of the 31 planning/agri-environment scheme consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.
- 2.13 Following the Team re-structure in May 2016 and recruitment exercise over the summer, Francesca Pert is doing one day per week for the AONB Team, whilst Frances Standen worked for two days a week until Christmas 2016.
- 2.14 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in on-line discussions, information-sharing and promotional work. Staff also attended national NAAONB meetings including the national Chairmen and Lead Officers seminar and AGM in November, a Communications Officers' meeting and a Lead Officers' meeting.
- 2.15 The Joint Advisory Committee's budget for 2016/17 is projected to be quite significantly underspent this year. £23,350 of 'Reserve' was allocated to deliver on a number of major projects, and the budget was almost completely allocated by early March. The failure of a large wall restoration scheme to be started however, together with the rejection of a bid by the North East Yorkshire Geology Trust for a Heritage Lottery Fund project that we were match funding, resulted in £11,000 being returned. The balance carried forward into 2017/18 is therefore predicted to be approximately £68,600. None of the 'Reserve' has as yet been allocated within the 2017/18 budget, but it is likely that approximately £10,000 will be used to deliver some of the projects that didn't go ahead in 2016/17.
- 2.16 A grant allocation proposal for 2017/18 was submitted to Defra in January. The interim claim for payment of the 2016/17 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

3RD NOVEMBER 2016 – 4TH APRIL 2017

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Preparation of papers for the November JAC meeting.
- Analysis and scrutiny of Castle Howard 10-year Management Plan proposals.
- Planning application consultation scrutiny and responses.
- MMS – preparation for spring works (scrub control, bramble strimming)
- Preparation and submission of 2017/18 Defra Grant Allocation documentation
- Preparation and submission of Interim Defra grant claim
- Preparation and submission of Q3 MMS report and grant claim
- Delivery of restoration programme for 16 village name signs
- Development of 6 Easy Countryside Trails with iFootpath.
- Progressing of NYCC Countryside Access Service project to deliver PRoW at-road signposting improvements in the AONB
- Annual Leave days and 1 weeks' holiday

MEETINGS

- NE liaison meeting, Helmsley
- Castle Howard – new 10-year Woodland Management Plan
- Local Geological Sites Partnership, County Hall
- NYCC BES Assistant Director of Strategic Resources, County Hall
- November JAC
- Native Woodland Partnership, Pickering
- Tranquillity project update
- November Quarterly Annual Action Programme delivery update
- LNP Board, County Hall
- Hambleton Area Committee, County Hall
- December Core Partners Group
- Destination Partnerships Steering Group, Northallerton
- MMS site management plans report
- Countryside Access Service – signposting project
- Strategic Planning & Trading Standards Service Awayday, Northallerton
- NYCC BES Assistant Director of Highways Asset Management, County Hall – road verge management and consultation
- Campaign for the Farmed Environment event – Hedgerows for Birds, Sproxtton
- National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative scoping project Steering Group
- Ryedale Area Committee
- February Quarterly Annual Action Programme delivery update
- NEYGT – next steps for HLF project
- March Core Partners Group

- Natural England – focusing Catchment Sensitive Farming advice in the Malton area
- RIIIO-ED1 Stakeholder meeting, York
- Local Nature Partnership Board, County Hall

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small
Team meetings

NAAONB

- NAAONB Chairmen's Conference & AGM, London
- Developing new State Aids Notifications for the AONB Family
- Lead Officers' meeting, Birmingham
- Refining the Key Performance Indicators for the AONB Family

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- April JAC meeting, Hovingham
- RYEvitalise Project Steering Group
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, County Hall
- North East PRoW Liaison Group, County Hall
- Native Woodland Partnership Group
- June Core Partners Group
- Strategic Planning & Trading Standards Service Awayday, Northallerton

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

NAAONB (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Group Lead Officers' meeting, North Pennines AONB Northern Group meeting, North Pennines AONB NAAONB Conference, Winchester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and submission of Interim Defra grant claim Preparation of March Core Partners Group papers Preparation of April JAC papers
SITE VISITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application site visits – Howsham, Whitwell, Brandsby x4, Gilling x2, Ampleforth x3, Coulton x2, Terrington x3, Oswaldkirk, Grimston Miscellaneous – roads repairs /re-surfacing, new gate piers (Coulton), overhead line undergrounding (Cawton), Wiganthorpe Lake being drained? Discuss MMS scrub clearance works with contractor, Coneysthorpe Discuss MMS works to install new water supply pipe, Yearsley Round barrow surveys – Welburn, Baxtonhowe Public Rights of Way fingerpost signs recording – Nunnington, Terrington, Coulton, Grimston, Gilling, Sproxtun, Ampleforth, Oulston, Coxwold Check on MMS scrub clearance works with contractor, Oulston Check on MMS scrub clearance works with contractor, Coneysthorpe 	PROJECTS (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Closedown of 2016/17 Accounts Progressing of partnership project with NYCC Countryside Access Service to deliver PRow improvements in the AONB MMS – preparation for summer works (bracken spraying) Preparation and submission of Q4 MMS report and grant claim Preparation and submission of Final Defra grant claim
SITE VISITS (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application site visit - Terrington 	RECREATION/ACCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of Easy Access routes for iFootpath to develop. Agreeing style and content of route descriptions
CONSULTATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED 	RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of iFootpath Easy Access routes and uploading to AONB website
PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint study with North York Moors National Park to determine opportunities for using the National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative funding for works on the western fringe of the AONB Delivery of restoration programme for 16 village name signs Progressing of NYCC Countryside Access Service project to deliver PRow at-road signposting improvements in the AONB MMS – preparation for spring works (scrub control, bramble strimming) Preparation and submission of 2017/18 Defra Grant Allocation documentation Preparation and submission of Q3 MMS report and grant claim 	COMMUNITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">
	COMMUNITIES (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">
	PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tweets showcasing practical work undertaken by the AONB Team Assisting in production of new AONB display banners
	PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION (FUTURE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of production of new AONB display banners Ryedale Show Outstanding Week
	TRAINING <ul style="list-style-type: none">

TRAINING (FUTURE)
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MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frances Appraisal• Francesca Appraisal• Frances Appraisal final review• Annual Leave days• Annual Leave February 24th – March 6th• Francesca Appraisal final review• Liz Appraisal final review• Appraisal final review

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Leave April 25th – 28th• Liz Appraisal• Francesca Appraisal

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Liz Bassindale)

2nd NOVEMBER 2016 – 31st MARCH 2017

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Monument Management Scheme – organising volunteer tasks on monuments and completing elements of the report submitted to Historic England. Site visits with landowners and Historic England.
- Conservation initiatives - River Rye Group, River Derwent Partnership and Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP. The River Rye Group - project development and recruitment of Programme Manager.
- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers and checking completed work.
- Volunteers – planning and delivering winter tasks. Scrub and bramble clearance and monument management. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets. Starting to plan summer programme.
- Junior Rangers – planning and delivering activities for December and February and preparing to deliver Easter session.
- Communities – working with Rural Action Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council on development of the Amotherby Ward Plan and additional connected projects, particularly a conservation project in Amotherby Churchyard with Amotherby School to be delivered in March and summer 2017.
- Working with Francesca to support the elements of the AONB Work Programme that she is delivering.
- Dark Skies Event – promotion of the Dark Skies Event at The Yorkshire Arboretum which was attended by 78 people.
- Progressing the designing of a new set of information banners.
- Working with partners to try to secure a way forwards for the Cornfield Flowers Project.

MEETINGS

- NE liaison meeting, Helmsley
- November JAC, Helmsley
- York St John University, joint working and student placements, York
- Amotherby Ward Churchyard Conservation Project planning and grant bid, Kirkbymoorside (x1) and The Arboretum (x1)
- Amotherby Ward Parish Councils meeting, Kirby Misperton
- York Archaeological Trust, support for Ryedale Pottery Project, Helmsley
- River Derwent Delivery Group, York
- LBAP, Helmsley (x1) and Malton (x1)
- Cornfield Flowers Project review and wider group meeting, Hutton-le-Hole
- Cornfield Flowers Project, Northallerton (x1) and Malton (x1)
- Amotherby Ward Steering Group, Malton (x3)
- River Rye Steering Group, Helmsley
- Local Authority Biodiversity Update, Northallerton
- Sight Support Ryedale, Malton
- Ryedale Development Officers, Kirkbymoorside

- Photo competition update and promotion, The Arboretum
- Update and future survey work, Flora recorder (volunteer), Helmsley (x2)
- School wildlife area funding, Terrington C of E School
- Lunchtime meeting with River Rye Project Manager candidates, Helmsley
- Flexible working review, Helmsley
- Planning and Trading Standards Service Planning meeting, Northallerton
- Ryedale Cycle Forum, Malton
- Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust, update and 2017 grazing schedule, Thirsk
- NYCC Countryside Volunteers Officer, planning and reviewing, Sutton Bank
- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP (quarterly)
- Projects updates with PJ and FP

NAAONB

- Communication Officers teleconferences (x4)
- Communication Officers face-to-face meeting, Birmingham

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- North and East Yorkshire Geology Trust – next steps for HLF project
- Catchment Sensitive Farming, Natural England
- LEADER Support Group
- Development Officers, Kirkbymoorside
- Update meeting for NYCC Countryside Volunteers
- Appraisal
- March Core Partners Group
- April JAC, Hovingham
- 1 to 1 meetings with PJ
- Heritage Services Meetings

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Comms Officers teleconferences
- Northern Group AONBs meeting, North Pennines AONB

SITE VISITS

- MMS work planning with landowner and Moorswork, Wiganthorpe
- MMS site visit to assess volunteer team progress, Wiganthorpe
- MMS work planning with HE and Forestry Manager, Hovingham
- Hedge planting, Bulmer
- Visiting volunteers doing bramble clearance, Dalby Bush Fen SSSI
- Volunteer task planning with Forester, Castle Howard Estate (Terrington Carr SINC)
- Hedge planting and pond creation, Hovingham (x2)

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

- Grassland management, Kendrew Green, Huthwaite

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- MMS – planning volunteer work for winter and Historic England reporting
- MMS – visiting the volunteers when they are on site to start tasks or assess progress part way through a task
- MMS – two small-group volunteer tasks – planning and then meeting one group on site
- Continuing to develop Amotherby conservation projects with local schools and conservation group

- Delivery of the first conservation churchyard session with Amotherby Primary School, Amotherby Conservation Churchyard
- Assisting Francesca with the development of Project Fund applications
- Advice to Project Fund applicants – application process and making grant offers
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Continue to develop Amotherby conservation projects with local schools and conservation group
- Deliver the second churchyard conservation themed session, Amotherby Churchyard

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Contribution to iFootpaths work to develop Easy Access routes

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

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COMMUNITIES

- Coordination and delivery of HLF Natural Heritage Grants advice event, Kirkbymoorside
- RHS competition – Bug Hotel with Terrington Hall Prep and Terrington and Foston C of E Primary Schools alongside volunteers and Moorswork, Howsham Mill
- December Junior Rangers, The Yorkshire Arboretum – preparation, taking bookings and delivery
- February Junior Rangers activities – plan, prepare, take bookings and deliver
- Easter Junior Rangers – plan, taking bookings and starting preparation

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

- Easter Junior Rangers – complete preparation and deliver session
- May Junior Rangers activities – plan, take bookings, prepare and deliver
- Developing activity for Environment Week, Terrington Hall School
- Conservation Habitats Activity Day (flowers and minibeasts), Amotherby Churchyard

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotion of the Dark Skies Event at The Yorkshire Arboretum• Contributing to production of a new set of display banners for the AONB Partnership• Booking Ryedale Show stand• Promotion of AONB Photography Competition• Collation of Photography competition images, liaison with external judges and carrying out judging• AONB Photography competition launch/prize giving evening• Tweets showcasing various aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team |
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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take down photo exhibition (early April)• Evening talk to York Ornithological Club, York• Evening talk to Welburn Horticultural Society, Welburn• Schools Countryside Day, Duncombe Park• Ryedale Show• Tweets showcasing different aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team |
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TRAINING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skype for Business, Northallerton |
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TRAINING (FUTURE)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Aid at Work, Northallerton |
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MISCELLANEOUS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appraisal |
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MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday 29th May to 5th June |
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AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Francesca Pert)

2nd NOVEMBER 2016 – 31st March 2017

Work during this period has included:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, conducting site visits, making grant offers and checking completed work.
- Providing support to Liz and Paul where necessary with project work.
- Junior Rangers – planning and delivering activities for December and February and preparing to deliver Easter session.
- Training and preparation for updating the AONB website.

MEETINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 to 1 appraisals with PJ • December and March Quarterly Annual Action Programme delivery updates • Three-weekly team update meetings • River Derwent Partnership meeting • Boundaries for Birds CFE event, Sproxton

MEETINGS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Update Meetings • Appraisal with PJ

NAAONB
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NAAONB (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Group AONBs meeting, North Pennines AONB

SITE VISITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn Owl box replacement site visit – Littleddale, Terrington • Hedge planting grant application site visit - Bulmer • Hedge planting and pond creation grant application site visit - Hovingham • Individual tree planting project discussion with Newburgh Priory • Copse planting grant application visit - Huttons Ambo

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check of individual tree planting scheme beating-up • Post-claim site visits to projects at Crambe, Hovingham, Bulmer, Huttons Ambo, Castle Howard and Terrington

CONSULTATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going communications with landowners and Castle Howard Tree Nursery to complete survey and beating-up of individual trees planted in the last 5 years • Work with landowner and contractor at Littleddale to replace barn owl boxes • Hedge planting scheme at Castle Howard Estate • Hedge planting scheme at Kilburn House, Bulmer • Hedge planting scheme at Crambe • Copse at Low Farm, Huttons Ambo • Compiling a list of building companies for distribution of Farm Infrastructure Design Guidance • Exmoor Pony Grazing schedule 2017 distribution to landowners • HHAONB Website updates • SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

PROJECTS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on River Rye HLF project Development phase • Investigate a leaflet distribution system for HHAONB information • Farm Infrastructure Design Guidance distribution to building companies commonly contracted in the local area

RECREATION/ACCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to iFootpaths work to develop Easy Access routes

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload iFootpaths leaflets to AONB website

COMMUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help AONB Officer with December, February and Easter Junior Ranger Clubs' promotion, planning, prep and delivery at The Yorkshire Arboretum

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with Easter Junior Rangers – preparation and delivery• Assist with May Junior Rangers activities – planning, bookings, preparation and delivery

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updating of AONB website• Booking Ryedale Show Marquee

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with Website developer to refine AONB website to enable improved updating and formatting

TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

TRAINING (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Familiarisation with Wordpress website tools

MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Leave 28th Dec '16 & 18 Jan '17

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Rural Action Yorkshire
Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee
1 October 2016 to 31 March 2017

Parish Plans

Amotherby: Parish plan document complete.

Slingsby: Complete – report to go out shortly.

Swinton: Parish Plan report should be complete in next 2 months.

Amotherby Ward Pilot Project

A new one year pilot project covering the Amotherby Ward of Ryedale District Council commenced on 1 April. It covers the parishes of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-Le-Street, Habton and Kirby Misperton. This project is a partnership between RDC, HHAONB and RAY. A number of officers from RDC, Liz Bassindale and Cllr Fiona Farnell (Ward Cllr for Amotherby Ward) attend monthly steering group meetings.

The parishes meet four times per year to discuss common issues and ideas for future projects, and any help and support needed. Officers from other agencies attend to explain help/services available. These have included NYCC Highways, Stronger Communities and Emergency Planning.

Phase one of the project has been to identify and record all the assets, facilities, resources, community groups, etc in each parish. This information is then put on to a series of digital maps that will be available shortly via the web.

Phase two has looked at the way the parishes can work more closely together to share resources, expertise and what help and support they need to overcome reduction in some services, etc.

Phase Three is looking at projects and actions that can deliver this support and help. Swinton PC have produced an Emergency/Resilience plan for their parish with assistance from Grace Laws (NYCC) and are willing to assist other parishes in the Ward if they wish to do one.

Hovingham Ward, along with others in Ryedale, have expressed an interest in doing a Ward plan and a template for this will be produced at the end.

On 22 March Amotherby School Years 3 & 4 took part in doing a bird survey, nest box building and making bird feed at Amotherby Conservation Churchyard. The session was run by Kathryn Hardaker from the Yorkshire Arboretum and assisted by AONB volunteers and residents. This project is jointly funded by HHAONB and Ryedale District Council. A second session will be held on 5 July when the children will do a plant survey and make a bug hotel. Reception and Years 1 & 2 children are looking at the buildings and heritage in the area, and years 5 & 6 will be debating the problem of car parking around the school, hopefully in July.

It was planned to do an Inter-generational art-based project across the Ward with Rural Arts North Yorkshire in March 2017 but unfortunately a bid to Stronger Communities for funding for this was not successful.

From 3 April I will be working closely with the new RDC Community Officers team.

Howardian Hills AONB Photographic Competition 2016

This was successful with over 100 high quality entries covering a wide variety of subjects; the judging was held in January with Liz organising a panel of expert judges. The finalists were invited to a Presentation Evening on 1 March at the Arboretum, which was compered by John Grimshaw, and all but one of the finalists attended. The prizes, which were sponsored by local businesses and organisations, were awarded to the category winners and the overall winner. An additional prize was awarded for the best photo taken at the Arboretum, with the winner receiving free family membership for a year.

Other activity / contacts with the HHAONB

- Continued to work with Sarah Robinson (NYCC Stronger Communities) to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support and funding.
- Responded to e-mails/telephone calls from residents/PC's/community groups in AONB as required.
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meeting was not held as planned in November but another is planned for 26 April to discuss doing a Ward plan.
- Attended and supported Swinton Action Group meetings.
- Attended RDC Parish Liaison Meeting on 19 October 2016.
- Attended Broughton Parish meeting on 2 November 2016.
- Attended Ryedale Development Officer meetings.
- Attended Ryedale Village Hall Network meeting at Amotherby VH on 21 March.
- 21 March - Met with Helen Clarke from Next Steps who is running a new project to support residents in Ryedale who feel lonely or isolated. It is hoped to arrange social events and activities in village halls, with transport if needed.

AONB PROJECTS 2016/2017

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

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
Mrs Staples	Bulmer	Planting 285m of new field hedge and 4 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	AG2.2	£3,995	£1,998 (50%)
J Cook	Crambe	Planting 37m of new field hedge, restoring 54m of field hedge, planting 5 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 7 Landscape	AG2.2	£932	£466 (50%)
Ryevitalise Partnership	Ryevitalise HLF bid area	Contribution to Project Development phase	-	NE9.1	£137,500 (Year 1)	£1,500 (Year 1)
B Quarton	Hovingham	Planting 500m of new field hedge and 5 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,260	£1,130 (50%)
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Coneysthorpe	Planting c.1,000m of new field hedge	Zone 5 Landscape	AG2.2, NE8.2	£4,495	£2,248 (50%)
S Hide	Low Hutton	Planting a small copse (33 shrubs)	Zone 7 Landscape	AG2.2, NE3.4	£400	£200 (50%)

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, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	£902	£514
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE6.2	£750	£750

(AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.74	NE6.2	£1,750	£1,750
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) + village volunteers	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£1,930	£480
(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	£620	£120
(AONB Unit – Don Davies)	Wath Beck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65	NE6.2	£675	£675
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (July & August)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£540	£240
(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
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE5.1	£420	£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Birch management (2 days)	Site 1.67	NE3.1	£940	£240
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Bramble cutting (2 days)	Site 1.56	NE3.1	£1,190	£240
The Yorkshire Arboretum	Arboretum/ Visitor Centre	Bird, owl & bat boxes; camera system	-	LC2.1, AP2.3	£1,180	£670
Moorswork	AONB	Strimmer training for 3 of Moorswork team	-	D6.1	£576	£80
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Various	Beat-up failed trees and repair tree guards	-	NE8.2	c.£1,000	c.£1,000
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	c.£1,400	c.£1,400

(J Gibson – Don Davies)	Terrington	Replacement of 7 barn owl & kestrel boxes	-	NE4.2	£1,150	£1,100
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Grimston Moor SINC	Mechanical rhododendron control	Site 1.1	NE3.1	c.4,000	£1,000
(AONB Unit – P&A Gospel Landscapes)	Coulton, Cawton, Terrington	Fence and gate repairs on Exmoor pony grazing sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.47, 1.66	NE3.1	£400	£400
Turtle Doves project	Turtle Dove Project area	Contribution to Project	-	NE3.5, NE4.3	£5,000 (Year 1)	£1,000 (Year 1)

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE2.5	£196	£196
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	£268	£268
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Re-cutting & re-gravelling	Site 2.25	HE2.5	£339	£339
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Oswaldkirk	Fabrication of 1 modern replica village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,150	£1,150
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Crayke	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign; fabrication of 3 modern replicas	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£3,800	£3,400
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Ganthorpe	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£800	£700
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Terrington	Fabrication of 2 replica village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£2,100	£1,900
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Crambe	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£800	£800

(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Cawton	Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,600	£1,600
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Yearsley	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign; fabrication of 1 modern replica	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,850	£1,850
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Oulston	Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,600	£1,600
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Kirkham	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£800	£800
York Archaeological Trust	AONB	Community history pottery project	-	HE1.5, LC2.1	£1,893	£393
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Firby	Repair of damaged traditional direction sign	-	HE2.5, RT4.5	£800	£700
MONUMENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME						
<u>Historic England funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Fryton/ Coneysthorpe	Surveying 2 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.34 & 2.38	HE2.3	£450	£0
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + AONB staff)	Yearsley	Brash and seedling clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.13	HE2.3	£50	£0
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Grimston	Brash and scrub clearance on 5 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.4	HE2.3	£1,960	£360
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Scackleton	Brash & scrub clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.84	HE2.3	£1,290	£220
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Hovingham	Brash clearance on 4 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.3	£1,390	£240
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Welburn	Brash and scrub clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.68	HE2.3	c.£270	c.£170
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Brandsby	Brash clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.3	HE2.3	£150	£0

(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Oulston, Coneysthorpe, Yearsley, Hovingham	Management plans for scrub clearance and re-vegetation options on 7 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.12, 2.20, 2.40, 2.5, 2.36	HE2.3	£1,000	£1,000
<u>AONB funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Reeves Forestry & Fencing)	Various	Spraying bracken on 20 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.11, 2.12, 2.24, 2.34, 2.36, 2.37, 2.39, 2.40, 2.68, 2.69	HE2.3	£1,364	£1,364
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Oulston, Grimston	Spraying bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.12, 2.20	HE2.3	c.£250	£0
(AONB Unit – Reeves Forestry & Fencing)	Dalby, Hovingham	Strimming bramble on 2 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.24, 2.35	HE2.3	£180	£180
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Hovingham	Raking bramble brash on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.35	HE2.3	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – Reeves Forestry & Fencing)	Hovingham	Strimming bramble on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.37	HE2.3	c.£120	c.£120
(AONB Unit – Reeves Forestry & Fencing)	Fryton	Strimming bramble on 4 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.39	HE2.3	c.£240	c.£240
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Welburn, Coneysthorpe	Strimming bramble on 2 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.34, 2.69	HE2.3	c.£720	c.£360
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Oulston	Scrub clearance from 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.12	HE2.3	£2,580	£2,580
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Oulston	Scrub clearance from 2 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.20	HE2.3	£300	£300
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Maidensworth	Scrub clearance from 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.4	HE2.3	£150	£150
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Scackleton	Stump treatment on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.84	HE2.3	£75	£75
(AONB Unit – Nick Milner)	Coneysthorpe	Scrub clearance from 2 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.40	HE2.3	£6,320	£4,520
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Hovingham	Re-seeding on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.35	HE2.3	c.£225	c.£225

(AONB Unit – A Johnson)	Yearsley	New water pipe connection and stoning to move water trough and feeder off 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.2	HE2.3	£3,100	£1,800
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Hovingham	Stump treatment on 4 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.36, 2.37	HE2.3	£290	£290

AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	Amotherby Ward & AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning; also work on Amotherby Ward plan	-	LC1.2, LC1.3	£11,000	£5,750 (52%)
Slingsby May Day Committee	Slingsby	May Day and community events resources	-	LC1.4	£2,750	£1,000
Howsham Mill	Howsham Mill	Environmental/sustainable power educational resources	-	LC2.1	£288	£288
Howsham Mill	Howsham Mill	Creating Forest Schools and recreation areas	-	LC2.1	£720	£120
Rural Action Yorkshire	Hovingham & Ampleforth	Inter-generational project	-	LC2.1	£1,265	£911 (70%)
Howsham Mill	Howsham Mill	Creating a minibeast hotel	-	LC2.1	£620	£120
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby	Plant & bird surveys; bird boxes & feeders; minibeast hotel; display panel (phase 1)	-	NE5.1	£400	£200 (50%)
<u>Recreation</u>						
(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	£630	£630
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington	Repairs to 2 sets of steps	-	RA3.1, IM1.3	£470	£120

(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project across 5 parishes, delivered by NYMNPA Modern Apprentices	-	RA3.1	£1,634	£546
<u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u>						
(AONB Unit)	Howardian Hills/Ryedale	Promotional campaign with Visit York & Ryedale DC	-	RA2.1	c.£10,500	£1,500
(AONB Unit - iFootpath)	Howardian Hills	Development of 6 Easy Access routes (phone app-based and PDF for AONB website)	-	RA2.2, RA5.2	£1,640	£1,640
(AONB Unit – Red Bonsai & NYCC)	Howardian Hills	Re-print of Nunnington circular walks leaflet	-	RA5.3	£728	£728
(AONB Unit – Ryedale DC)	Howardian Hills/Ryedale	Re-design and reprint of ‘The Great Outdoors’ leaflet	-	RA2.1	£4,986	£1,000
<u>Volunteering</u>						
	Misc	Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc	Various	Various	£2,200	-

Young People’s activities

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club x 4	-	AP2.3	£1,410	£585

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2016/2017

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

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	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural storage building)	Yes	Object – inappropriate siting in a garden	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of replacement glazing)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Amotherby	Planning application (Erection of 17 dwellings)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Felling proposals (0.65ha larch to NS/SS/DF)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Certificate of Lawfulness (Retention of timber barn)	Yes	Does existing stables block have Consent?	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Temporary storage of log cabins and mobile homes, for repairs)	Yes	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of extension to Village Hall)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (House alterations)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Conversion of farm buildings to residential units)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings to form additional accommodation)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (House alterations and erection of timber fence)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of car port link)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Variation of design of new barn)	No	Roof colour to be darker shade than proposed	Permitted, with revised colour
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building for sheep)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 12.5m mobile phone mast)	Yes	Antennae to be a dark colour	Permitted, with Condition on colour
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (House alterations)	Yes (in passing)	Prefer windows in blank gable wall	Permitted, with revised design
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSA (Drainage investigation works)	No	Species-rich hedge on western side	?
Forestry Commission	Brandsby	Woodland management proposals (0.4ha mixed woodland to broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Demolition of barns and erection of extensions)	Yes	Significant concerns about gate & piers	Plans revised
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of barn and sheep building)	Yes	Agricultural justification?	Plans revised
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of business units)	No	Roof colour to be dark grey	Permitted, with Condition

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Certificate of Lawfulness (Retention of a stable block and barn - revised)	Previously	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (House alterations and extension)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Forestry Commission	Terrington	Woodland management proposals (Fell 3.5ha larch PAWS and replant with evergreen conifers)	Yes	Objection - landscape and biodiversity impact. UKFS compliant?	Species mix amended to 100% broadleaves
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Minor – design details	Permitted, no changes
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth Abbey	Planning application (Erection of lobby and link bridge)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	Concerns about size and scale	Plans revised
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building extensions/links)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Demolition of barns and erection of extensions - revised)	Previously	Continuing concerns about gate & piers	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Roof colour to be dark grey; requires full planning application?	Full planning application required
Forestry Commission	Coneysthorpe	Woodland management proposals (Fell 3.3ha larch PAWS and replant with 100% broadleaves)	No	Support	-
Forestry Commission	Coneysthorpe	Woodland management proposals (Thin 4ha larch PAWS to encourage natural regeneration of broadleaves)	No	No brash to be deposited on Scheduled Monument	-
Forestry Commission	Coneysthorpe	Woodland management proposals (Thin 4ha larch PAWS to encourage natural regeneration of broadleaves)	No	No brash to be deposited on Scheduled Monument	-
Forestry Commission	Coneysthorpe	Woodland management proposals (Thin 4ha larch PAWS to encourage natural regeneration of broadleaves)	No	No brash to be deposited on Scheduled Monument	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Forestry Commission	Terrington	Woodland management proposals (Thin 10ha larch to remove nurse crop and encourage broadleaves)	No	Avoid damage to ancient/veteran trees	-
Forestry Commission	Terrington	Woodland management proposals (Thin 5ha broadleaved PAWS to encourage natural regeneration)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Barton-le-Willows	Woodland management proposals (Fell 1.2ha conifers and replant with 100% broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Minor – design details	Permitted, Informative re non-reflective glass
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of barn and sheep building - revised)	Previously	Change in size and roof colour noted	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of stable block and gate)	Yes	Colour of roof; details of gateway	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Object – incongruous design features	Amended (see below)
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Previously	Reduction in size noted	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of livestock building)	Yes	Colours, cladding, landscaping	Permitted, with amendments & Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Landscaping needed	Withdrawn
Forestry Commission	Stittenham	Woodland management proposals (Convert 1.2ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves; Thin 27ha of mixed conifer/broadleaved PAWS)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Tilhill Forestry	Oswaldkirk & Stittenham	Woodland Management Plan	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Bulmer	Woodland management proposals (Thin 12.5ha of broadleaved PAWS)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Previously	Roof colour to be dark grey	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings to holiday accommodation)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	Query current domestic use of agricultural land	Amended (see below)
Environment Agency	Howsham	Fish passage proposals for Howsham Weir	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of double garage)	Yes	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Insertion of new windows in Village Hall)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of extension - revised)	Yes	None	Permitted
Forestry Commission	Howsham	Woodland management proposals (Thin 48ha of broadleaved & mixed PAWS)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling - revised)	Previously	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	No garage facility	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of new buildings to create racing yard - retrospective)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Temporary storage of log cabins and mobile homes, for repairs - revised)	Previously	Suggested improvements to landscaping scheme	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling - revised)	Yes	Concerns over asymmetrical roof to garage/store	Amended (see below)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Alterations, conversion & erection of extension to form function suite and accommodation)	Yes	Colour of roof on extension	Amended (see below)
Castle Howard Estate	Castle Howard	10-year Woodland Management Plan	Yes	Concerns about proportions of conifer/broadleaves proposed	Amendments made
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings)	Yes	Object – contrary to national and local planning policy	?
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural workers dwelling – re-submission)	Previously	Landscaping needed	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of 2 storey barn/garage)	Yes	Object – excessive size and scale	Amended (see below)
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	Yes	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling – revised 2)	Previously	Roof to garage/store now more in keeping with local vernacular	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of porch)	Yes	Minor – scale in relation to single storey building	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of 2 storey barn/garage - revised)	Previously	More appropriate size, scale and siting	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSA (Haunching works)	Yes	Species-rich hedge and verges present	?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Erection of 2 dwellings)	Yes	None	-
Farming & Wildlife North Yorkshire	Skewsby	10-year Woodland Management Plan	No	Minor	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of extension & garden wall)	Yes	Concerns about proportions in relation to double gable end wall	Permitted
Forestry Commission	Sproxton	Woodland management proposals (Thin 18ha of ASNW, 1ha of ASNW to Native Broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Conversion of greenhouse to dwelling)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling)	Yes	Concerns over visual impact of garden area	(See below)
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extension - revised)	Yes	Minor	Permitted
North York Moors National Park Authority	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Some concerns at visual impact, if garden landscaping removed	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Installation of dormer windows)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Alterations, conversion & erection of extension to form function suite and accommodation - revised)	Yes	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Conversion of barns to holiday cottage and dwelling)	Yes	Significant concerns about 2-storey glass porch extension	(See below)
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Formation of replacement access)	Yes	Tarmac to be used for verge crossing, instead of concrete	Permitted, with Condition
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Object – significant adverse visual impact next to main road	(See below)
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Extension to an agricultural building)	Yes	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of replacement porch)	Yes	Concerns at increased size and impact on Conservation Area	(See below)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	Previously	(Colours as recommended previously)	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Revision of Conditions re stabilising roadside wall)	Previously	Support	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of orangery)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extensions - revised)	Previously	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sheriff Hutton	Planning application (Erection of 17.6m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – further information)	Previously	Object – significant adverse visual impact next to main road	(See below)
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling - revised)	Yes	Continued concerns about impact of new garden boundary	(See below)
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets and external wall faces	?
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Surfacing of forest road)	Yes	Avoid Scheduled Monuments close to/under track	Prior Approval required
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	10-year Woodland Management Plan (40.1ha larch PAWS to Native Broadleaves; 36.4ha larch PAWS to 70% evergreen conifer/30% NBL PAWS; 6.6ha conifers to NBL; 12ha larch to 75% evergreen conifer/25% NBL)	Previously	Query over species mix in two compartments	Changes may have been made
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions - revised)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of replacement porch - revised)	Previously	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling)	No	Minor – colour of window frames	?
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Conversion of barn to dwelling – re-revised)	Previously	None – previous concerns addressed	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	Yes	Colour of mast; road material; underground power supply	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – further information)	Yes	Concerns - Non-reflective glass, light pollution issues	?
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 11m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Pegasus Group	Terrington	Planning consultation (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Conversion of barns to holiday cottage and dwelling - revised)	Previously	Significant concerns about 2-storey porch extension	?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings - revised)	Previously	Minor – colour of window frames	?
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Dark green wall sheets to extend to ground level on southern elevation	?
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Change to approved fenestration in building renovation/extension)	No	Support	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of outbuilding to garden room)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Scackleton	Woodland management proposals (4.84ha conifer PAWS to 90% conifer PAWS)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of grain silo)	Yes	None	-

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2016/2017

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton Parishes	Draft Village Design Statement	Query description of limestone as 'Magnesian'	?
DCLG (via NAAONB)	England	Rural Planning Review call for evidence	Support retention of current planning safeguards for Protected Areas	?
North York Moors National Park Authority	North York Moors National Park	Management Plan 2012 - 2027	Minor, re landscape connectivity	-
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale District	Amendments to Visually Important Undeveloped Areas	Support for proposals in/affecting the AONB	?
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	East Riding of Yorkshire	Landscape Character Assessment update	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	North York Moors National Park	Local Plan	Minor	?
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Preferred Options (informal pre-publication)	Spatial policy needs to protect the setting of the AONB as well as the AONB itself	?
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Preferred Options	Would like to see the retention of Settlement Boundaries, at least within the AONB	?
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Easingwold Area Plan	Support rejection of four suggested Allocation sites put forward for Crayke	?
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale District	Local List for validation of planning applications	Existing and Proposed Elevation drawings need to use comparable scales, styles and perspectives	?

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire, North York Moors National Park, City of York	Joint Minerals & Waste Plan	Updating needed in relation to Surface Development Restriction regulations. Include AONB Purposes of designation, to match paragraph detailing the National Park Purposes	?
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Economic Growth Plan	Need to include Indicators to measure the state of the environment, which is identified as a key Enabler	?
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Revised prioritisation scheme for Public Rights of Way routes	Routes within the AONB should be graded higher than proposed	?

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 07 November 2016 11:24
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02163/FUL: Revised application for change of use to temporary mixed use; Sunley Woods Farm, Husthwaite

I have the following comments to make in relation to the revised proposals:

1. A proposed limit on the number of caravans + chalets on site at any one time is welcomed, although one consultee has pointed out that chalets may consist of a number of separate units so some clarification/amendment may be needed on the defined number. As some of the repair work takes place under cover in the agricultural building, this should also mean that fewer than (8) units will be stored on the outdoor area at times.
2. Whilst I can appreciate the Parish Council wishing to see faster-growing species used in the screening hedge, and the applicant's willingness to accommodate this, I don't feel that the proposed hedge will meet the PC's wishes, provide a suitably dense screen or be easy for the applicant to manage. I feel that the PC may have wanted to see willow and poplar planted as trees (rather than incorporated within the hedge), but again this would create an unsatisfactory landscaping scheme.
Poplar and willow are quicker growing than hawthorn, blackthorn or other more commonly used hedgerow species. Including willow and poplar will make the hedge grow at an uneven rate, with the risk that species such as hawthorn may be suppressed. Furthermore, at the proposed 2.8m tall the willow and poplar within the hedge will not be as dense as hawthorn or blackthorn, creating an open 'gappy' appearance (particularly in winter). A dense long-lasting hedge would have been sacrificed for short-term gain in terms of speed of growth. Planting willow and poplar and allowing them to grow into trees would also be an unsustainable option. These species are notoriously brittle and hence potential damage to caravans from falling limbs would make them a poor choice. In addition, a screen of willow and poplar trees would be contrary to landscape character in this situation within the AONB, making the landscaping scheme potentially stand out as much as the development it was attempting to screen.
3. Whilst I don't have any objections to the scheme overall in principle, this would be dependent upon a more appropriate and effective screening hedge + trees proposal being developed. Having considered the scheme, its location and the comments of other consultees, I feel that the most appropriate scheme would comprise a 2.8m tall hedge of species including hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple and dogwood. In addition smaller tree species such as rowan, bird cherry and crab apple should be planted at irregular intervals within the hedge, as 3m standard trees. This scheme would provide an immediate taller element to the planting, of appropriate but smaller tree species, with a dense and locally appropriate hedge developing in parallel.

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Sent: 08 November 2016 11:05
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01595/73A

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 11:05 AM on 08 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01595/73A
Address: Springhill Barn Brookside Hovingham YO62 4LG
Proposal: Variation of Condition 10 of approval 15/01214/FUL dated 29.02.2016 to replace drawings Sketch Design 2 H117.06.02 rev B and Block Plan with drawings numbers H2, H3, H4 and H5 - revisions relating to extension

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

Comments: No comments to make in relation to changing the layout of the dwelling. I have some concerns about the asymmetrical garage/store roof however. Asymmetrical roofs are not vernacular in the locality and the South elevation adjacent to the Public Bridleway will present a large expanse of clay pantile in a relatively prominent location. I would prefer a more orthodox design, as currently permitted, with ancillary Store and log store as supplementary lean-tos or linked structures. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 09 November 2016 13:18
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01664/OUT

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Comments were submitted at 1:17 PM on 09 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01664/OUT
Address: Land Off Malton Road Swinton Malton
North Yorkshire
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling
(site area 0.063ha)
Case Officer: Tim Goodall
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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal: 1) With the existing grain store on the site, and the recently Approved application 16/01277/FUL for a new livestock building, re-consideration of this proposal for an agricultural workers dwelling needs to take into account some element of cumulative impact. 2) The proposed dwelling would be seen most significantly in short-distance views from the north on Swinton Lane, and in longer-distance views from the Public Right of Way between Broughton Lane and Close Farm to the south east. 3) It is unclear whether the proposed dwelling would sit at the current ground level or at the level of the existing grain store, which is some 2m lower. This could make a significant difference to the visual perception of a new dwelling in this location. 4) The eastern end of the northern limestone ridge of the Howardian Hills is characterised by scattered farmsteads or other groups of buildings, with attendant copses of trees. Examples include Swinton Grange, Home Farm, Close Farm and the houses on Laundry Lane. Any new farmstead should therefore look to emulate this character and a comprehensive landscaping scheme would therefore be needed. Because of the nature of the landform and existing hedges and

trees, some of the landscaping needed could be achieved by changing the management of existing assets, e.g hedges. 5) Suggested landscaping measures needed therefore would include: allowing the roadside hedge on Swinton Lane to grow to a minimum height of 2.5m, between the farm entrance and the informal parking area to the north; allowing the hedge on the southern side of the site (if it is in the applicant's control) to grow to a minimum height of 2m and also planting some individual trees; allowing the hedge on the eastern side of the site to grow to a minimum height of 2m and also planting some individual trees; planting a landscape strip of trees and shrubs along the northern boundary of the site, to link with landscaping Conditioned as mitigation for the new livestock building (16/01277/FUL). 6) I would be happy to participate in further discussions on a suitable landscape scheme, should the LPA be minded to Approve the application. 7) Matters relating to the need for an Agricultural Workers Dwelling at this location have not been scrutinised, as they are outside the remit of our response. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 10 November 2016 16:33
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01689/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:33 PM on 10 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01689/HOUSE
Address: Grange Cottage Grange Lane Scackleton
YO62 4NB
Proposal: Erection of a detached two storey
outbuilding comprising of garage, tack
room and first floor hobbies room
Case Officer: Rachel Smith
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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal: 1) If it hadn't been specified as a 'Garage, tack room and first floor hobbies room' I would have said that the proposed 'outbuilding' has the size, scale and design of a new dwelling... 2) I have no objection to the principle of creating outbuilding space to service the main dwelling, but there are disused vernacular outbuildings already on the plot and the renovation/minor extension of these should be the first option. Such a course of action would re-use existing assets and remove the need to construct a new building in an 'open countryside' location within the nationally protected landscape of the AONB. If done sympathetically it could also enhance both the dwelling and the wider AONB landscape. 3) The size, scale and design of the proposed outbuilding is excessive and inappropriate in the extreme, particularly in relation to the existing dwelling. According to the scale plan, the outbuilding is only slightly shorter than the main dwelling and, at two storeys in height, there would be very little sense of a subservient relationship between dwelling and ancillary outbuilding. 4) The incongruous relationship between dwelling and outbuilding (and its excessive

Comments:

size, scale and design) would be clearly visible from the Public Footpath to the north of Scackleton Grange, particularly given that it is proposed to use clay pantiles on the roof. The significant roof expanse would contrast sharply with the dark backdrop of the woodland behind it, increasing the visual intrusiveness of the building. 5) I don't believe that the design is fit for the purpose for which the building is purportedly being built. The need for the two-storey western 'lobby' extension is unclear, whilst no indication has been given of the requirement for such a large 'barn' space. A more conventional arrangement of single storey garaging, ancillary stores and hobbies rooms should be adopted, utilising (and extending if necessary) the existing disused vernacular outbuildings as indicated above. 6) In conclusion, I feel that the proposed outbuilding is of an excessive scale and size, as well as being of a wholly inappropriate design, and as such would have a significant detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape. I therefore wish to lodge an OBJECTION to the proposal. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 22 November 2016 13:25
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01689/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 1:25 PM on 22 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01689/HOUSE
Address: Grange Cottage Grange Lane Scackleton
YO62 4NB
Proposal: Erection of a detached two storey
outbuilding comprising of garage, tack
room and first floor hobbies room
Case Officer: Rachel Smith
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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make in respect of the revised design: 1) The reduced size and scale of the proposed garage, together with the amended layout, are a significant improvement. The proposed building is now of an appropriate size and in an appropriate location relative to the main dwelling. 2) The choice of materials follows the local vernacular closely enough to be fully acceptable, with the reduced height and amended layout significantly reducing the adverse visual impact that would have been presented by the previous design. 3) The amendments to the design and layout mean that I'm pleased to be able to withdraw my previous Objection. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 14 November 2016 15:13
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Cc: Cookman, Christine
Subject: 16/02213/OUT: Outline application for the construction of 3 dwellings, Brandsby
Importance: High

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. In my view this proposal is contrary to Core Strategy Policies CP4, CP6 (paragraph 4) and CP16 of the Hambleton District Local Plan, in relation to distribution of new housing and protection of the nationally designated AONB landscape. I also believe that it is contrary to policies DP9 and DP30 of the Development Policies DPD. It is of note that the Local Plan Policies that the Agent believes are relevant to the application only includes one of the above, with no mention being made of either CP4 or CP6 relating to settlement hierarchy or the distribution of new housing...
2. I don't believe that the proposal conforms to the National Planning Policy Framework either. I fail to see how 4-bedroom+ houses with 4 parking spaces each, located in an 'open countryside' location outside any settlement and in a nationally designated and protected landscape, can be considered 'sustainable' in any way. Paragraph 14 of the NPPF (Presumption in favour of sustainable development) makes it clear that the Presumption does NOT apply in areas where specific policies in the Framework indicate that development should be restricted. Footnote 9 stipulates that this includes AONBs.
3. The proposed access to the site is totally unsuitable and situated close to a blind corner. Although this is a matter for the Highway Authority to advise the LPA on, any works to create a satisfactory visibility splay would require significant hedgerow removal and earthmoving works, which in themselves would have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape due to the scale and extent needed.
4. I would refute the suggestion that creating an upmarket housing estate of three executive homes at this location would 'tidy up' the site and enhance the landscape of the AONB. Notwithstanding the fact that the owners could remove existing landscaping without any need for planning consent, the disused nursery site would still have a significantly lower impact on the AONB landscape than the proposed housing scheme. No other work (e.g. demolition of old sheds, etc; erection of new structures) could be undertaken without obtaining planning consent.
5. In conclusion I wish to lodge an Objection to this proposal. I believe that it is contrary to the relevant policies within the NPPF, Hambleton Local Plan and AONB Management Plan.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 17 November 2016 15:44
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01708/TELN56

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 3:43 PM on 17 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01708/TELN56
Address: Land At Hall Farm Station Road Gilling East
Helmsley
Proposal: Erection of a 15m high telecommunication mast and associated equipment cabinets within a 1.2m high fenced compound together with a 3m wide contractors access and maintenance track

Case Officer: Alan Hunter

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal: 1) The Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan seeks to support the roll-out of mobile telecommunications infrastructure, where this can be achieved without impacting on the defined Special Qualities of the AONB. 2) The existing wind turbine in the adjacent field has an 18m mast and this provides some context for assessing the height and therefore visibility of the proposed mobile phone mast. 3) As I worked closely with the owner of the wind turbine to identify a suitable site, I'm satisfied that the proposed mobile phone mast will benefit from the same characteristics of only really being visible in long distance views. I don't therefore feel that it would have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape. The track and ancillary buildings are low in height and situated on top of a hill that isn't overlooked, so they won't have any visual impact. 4) I'm unclear as to how the mast will be supplied with power. The plan indicates a concrete base for a permanent generator, but no generator 'box' is shown on the elevation drawings. It is also

mentioned that overhead 11KV powerlines run to the west of the site. If it is proposed to run a new cable from these then this should ideally be placed underground. 5) Normally I would stipulate that masts should be in dark colours, as more often than not they are observed against a backdrop of woods and fields rather than sky. As indicated above however, this is one of the rare locations where there are unlikely to be any significant backdropped views and I'm therefore content that grey is the most appropriate colour. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 21 November 2016 16:31
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01784/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 4:30 PM on 21 Nov 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01784/FUL
Address: Flat Top Farm Terrington South Bank
Terrington YO60 6PB
Proposal: Erection of agricultural building for storage
of farm produce and housing of livestock
Case Officer: Joshua Murphy
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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comment to make in relation to this proposal: 1) The roof colour is proposed to be dark grey. Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, then in order to avoid confusion the roof colour should be Conditioned as a dark grey, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 28 November 2016 15:11
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02355/FUL: Proposed new entrance porch; Warren House, Brandsby

I have the following observations to make on this proposal:

1. Due to intervening vegetation and the layout of the site the proposed porch doesn't appear to be visible from the road.
2. As regards the design of the porch in relation to a single storey former agricultural building, I would prefer to see a less substantial structure. I feel that the current design is rather too big for the host building, which has a very simple form, as well as extending quite significantly beyond the frontage of the two storey element of The Granary.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 08 December 2016 15:25
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01773/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 3:24 PM on 08 Dec 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01773/FUL

Address: Abattoir Rectory Lane Nunnington Helmsley
YO62 5UU

Proposal: Erection of 3no. two bedroom dwellings with
parking and amenity areas following demolition
of existing abattoir buildings

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

I have the following observations to make in relation to this proposal: 1) The site is a brownfield area within the Nunnington Conservation Area. It is also within the Development Limits. 2) Planning consent was given a number of years ago for a terrace of three dwellings on a brownfield site on Low Street, but to date construction work has not yet commenced. This site would provide dwellings of a similar type, diversifying the housing stock within the village and potentially providing starter homes for local young people. 3) The design is an interesting mix of traditional stone and vertical timber boarding, underneath a clay pantile roof.

Comments: As such I'm happy that these materials mirror those found in similar ranges of traditional buildings within the village. 4) The principal viewpoints onto the site are from Rectory Lane and also the Public Right of Way which runs north/south some 50m west of the application site. This gives views over the site from the higher ground to the south. I do not feel that the buildings as proposed would have a significant adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape or the Nunnington Conservation Area. 5) I note that the Highway Authority has recommended Refusal based on the lack of parking space provision, and other comments indicate a preference for just one, larger, dwelling. I would wish to be

consulted on any revised proposals that may come forward before the application is Determined, as the comments above relate only to the currently proposed site layout and dwelling design. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 21 February 2017 10:29
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01773/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 10:28 AM on 21 Feb 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01773/FUL

Address: Abattoir Rectory Lane Nunnington Helmsley
YO62 5UU

Proposal: Erection of 2no. two bedroom dwellings with
parking and amenity areas following demolition
of existing abattoir buildings

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

I have the following observations to make in relation to the revised proposals: 1) The principal public viewpoints of the site will be from the Public Footpath in the pasture field to the south and from Rectory Lane to the east. Both of these have a moderate level of usage by pedestrians. 2) I have some concerns about the higher ridgeline and steeper roof pitch, necessitated by making each dwelling narrower, and the consequent visual impression of the height/width ratio. The elevations presented to the public viewpoints on the southern and eastern sides are however of a much lesser mass than that proposed previously. The southern elevation will present as a blank

Comments: 'stone barn' wall, whilst the eastern elevation as seen from the road should likewise appear as being akin to two converted agricultural buildings. On balance therefore I feel that the revised layout and design will be better in terms of fit within the AONB and Conservation Area. 3) As the intention is to create the feel of 'converted agricultural buildings' I feel that a more appropriate window colour than white should be used. The converted farm buildings near Nunnington Church use a sage colour, whilst the traditional Nunnington Estate colour scheme is green and cream. I feel that a more local vernacular feel would be created by using a different colour scheme that better reflected the impression that is trying to be

created. 4) The existing hedge and trees to the west are important features that frame the site and mask views from the Public Footpath on this side. Damage to these features and their root zones should be avoided during construction works. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 19 December 2016 16:26
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01880/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 4:26 PM on 19 Dec 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01880/HOUSE
Address: Grimston Grange Yearsley To Coulton Road
Gilling East YO62 4HX
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension and garden wall to west elevation.
Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth
[Click for further information](#)

Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal: 1) The existing dwelling has a very strongly defined western elevation to the B1363, consisting of the twin gable ends aligning with the garden hedge, all bounded by lawn. 2) Whilst the proposed garden wall would to some extent mitigate the sense of a perhaps rather disproportionate extension, I have concerns that the very strong western elevation and setting of the vernacular farmhouse would be compromised by the proposed works. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 23 December 2016 15:37
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01906/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:37 PM on 23 Dec 2016 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01906/FUL

Address: Barns At Coulton Grange Coulton Lane Coulton
Helmsley

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to two storey
section of existing barn to form a 3no. bedroom
dwelling together with formation of parking and
turning areas

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make in relation to these proposals: 1) No objection to the principle of converting the barn to a dwelling. The existing windows and doors give the visual impression that the barn has been 'semi-converted' anyway, and hence full conversion would not cause an adverse visual impact. 2) I am however concerned about the proposed garden area and the impact that this could have on the street view of Coulton village, particularly in relation to domestic paraphernalia such as washing lines, etc. The fields to the north of the farmstead are open and give a typically rural aspect to the barn and other farm buildings. The installation of a fence and beech hedging to create the garden area, particularly as this is in a prominent elevated position in relation to the adjacent road, would I feel adversely impact on the setting of the vernacular barn. The other barn conversions in this complex don't have similar outward-facing amenity areas and therefore the issue hasn't arisen before, but I feel that the garden area would create a prominent 'suburban' feature that would detract from the traditional building and the AONB landscape. It may be that the impact could be mitigated to some extent by using different boundary treatments (e.g. a stone wall), or by carrying out other landscaping works

on the other side of the farm access track,
outside the red line boundary. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 09 February 2017 15:35
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01906/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:34 PM on 09 Feb 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01906/FUL

Address: Barns At Coulton Grange Coulton Lane Coulton
Helmsley

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to two storey
section of existing barn to form a 3no. bedroom
dwelling together with formation of parking and
turning areas

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on the revised plans: 1) Whilst the replacement of the proposed hedge and fence with a stone wall along the roadside frontage is to be welcomed, my significant concerns relating to the beech hedging along the farm access drive still remain. 2) The farm drive is cut into the existing topography and as such is below the natural ground level. It appears from the plans that the proposed garden boundary fence and hedge are to be sited on the lip of the embankment, which would make the boundary appear particularly prominent. 3) If the proposed fence and hedge were to be located immediately adjacent to the farm access drive then they would be far less visible, creating a type of ha-ha effect, and would as a consequence have less of an impact on the setting of the vernacular farm building. 4) A potential solution could be for the ground level to the immediate south of the farm access drive to be re-profiled to a more gradual slope. This would then allow the new boundary hedge and fence to sit at a more comparable level with the farm access drive, whilst still retaining an adequate verge for the passage of farm vehicles. It would also create a more uniform garden area, whilst improving the views from the north of the property by sinking the boundary lower in the landscape. Paul

Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 22 February 2017 16:01
To: 'Joshua Murphy'
Subject: RE: Coulton Grange Barn 16/01906/FUL

Josh

Many thanks for negotiating these changes.

The main suggestion in my last response was that the boundary fence and hedge would be less imposing on the vernacular farm building if they were at the same level as the farm access track, and the plans have been amended to show that.

My first response raised concerns about 'garden paraphernalia' in what I felt was an open and prominent location in the village. Clearly the garden area won't be screened as much if the hedge is set at the lower level, but it doesn't work both ways and on balance I feel that having the boundary next to the track is the preferable way to go.

With the change to a stone wall along the road frontage, and the setting of the hedge boundary at a lower level, I feel that the proposal now reaches a good compromise from my perspective.

Paul

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From: Joshua Murphy
Sent: 22 February 2017 12:54
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: FW: Coulton Grange Barn 16/01906/FUL

Dear Paul

I have been contact with the applicant of Coulton Grange Barn (16/01906/FUL) in relation to your comments. He has supplied a revised drawing showing the levels of the boundary treatment, which I have attached.

Rather than reconsult, I was wondering if you had any further comments on the revised plan? My understanding is the agent was very willing to take your comments on board and I think has answered some of your concerns.

Look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

Josh Murphy | Development Management

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From: 
Sent: 22 February 2017, 11:35
To: Joshua Murphy
Subject: Coulton Grange Barn 16/01906/FUL

Josh,

Further to our telephone conversation regarding Paul Jackson's comments about the level of the fence/hedge to the North Boundary, I attach a copy of my revised drawing no. 2073/02B. I have amended the drawing to indicate the hedge/fence being set down at the farm access track level (see section & levels added to drawing) as suggested and the grading of the land adjacent the fence adjusted to suit.

I hope this is acceptable and look forward to receiving your approval.

Any queries please ring or mail.

Kind Regards,

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 23 December 2016 15:55
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: Erection of a two storey side extension; Cragg Cottage, Welburn

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

- 1) Following Refusal of the previous application, I feel that this proposal provides an improved scheme.
- 2) I note that the windows are proposed to be a more orthodox shape than the narrow slits proposed previously.
- 3) On balance I'm happy with the horizontal timber cladding proposed, although I don't feel that it's a valid argument to support this via reference to the modern timber structures of the nearby farmworkers dwelling or caravan park. The host building is clearly of a vernacular design and materials and any proposed extension should be sympathetic to this rather than trying to copy any modern non-vernacular structures that happen to be in the vicinity.
- 4) The extensive area of glass on the northern gable wall will be seen full-on when approached on the adjacent public road. It is however north-facing, so won't cause significant reflections, but the depth of the proposed reveal will be important to ensure that it doesn't present too prominent a feature.

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- **Application Number:** NYM/2016/0826/FL
- **Site Address:** The Annet, Bank Top, Oswaldkirk, York, YO62 5YL
- **Description:** construction of extension with basement level below following demolition of existing garage/study/utility together with construction of detached double garage

Due to the topography in this location, any adverse visual impact of the proposed development will principally be experienced from the south, within the Howardian Hills AONB. In particular, the application site faces straight down the B1363 south of Oswaldkirk, which means potentially prominent views for motorists travelling northwards.

The existing dwelling is visible on the crest of the wooded scarp on which Oswaldkirk village sits, but due to its single storey construction and dark coloured materials it blends into the surrounding woodland.

I don't have any concerns about the proposed garage or new windows and cladding proposed for the main dwelling. I do however have significant concerns about the extension and particularly the substantial stone-faced retaining wall to the basement. As the site lies at the minute, the extension and retaining wall are likely to be screened by tall tree and shrub vegetation along the southern boundary of the property. I am concerned however that should this be substantially removed, then the prominent feature of the retaining wall would be significantly visible from the AONB and would present a visually intrusive element in the landscape.

I think it unlikely that a development of this nature would be proposed unless there was an intention to open up views of the AONB landscape by removing trees and shrubs from in front of the extension. Unless this could be controlled or prevented by way of Condition or other means, then I feel that the development is likely to present an adverse visual impact on both the National Park and the AONB, within the context of the heavily wooded scarp slope.

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 12 January 2017 16:47
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02488/FUL: Removal of vehicle access and construction of new access;
Bonnygate Farm, Brandsby

I have the following observations to make on this proposal:

1. No objection to the principle of closing the existing access and creating a new one.
2. No drawings or details of the proposed gate pillars have been presented, to give an indication of size, height or construction materials, nor of the proposed gate design. Full details should be made available so that the proposal can be fully assessed prior to Determination, and I would wish to be consulted again once these are presented.
3. The existing driveway is constructed in tarmac, which presents an unobtrusive-coloured surface. Concrete is a very industrial material and can retain its bright white appearance for a significant length of time. Given that the property is on the National Byway and a popular route for cyclists, as well as being a route that gives extensive views over the AONB landscape, concrete is not in my view an acceptable material for the roadside crossing.
4. I have no objection to concrete being used on the access track from the new gate pillars inland, but the verge crossing should be constructed in black tarmac.

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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 12 January 2017 16:28
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02607/FUL; Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling, Redwood, Brandsby

I have the following observations to make on this proposal:

1. Whilst not opposed in principle to the demolition of the modern dwelling and the construction of a replacement, I don't feel that the very modern building style proposed is appropriate in this location, next to one of the principal entry roads into the AONB from York.
2. In addition to concerns about the design, the increase in massing and bulk presented by the proposed design is in my view too excessive for this particular location. The main dwelling block would be well over twice the size of the existing dwelling, particularly taking into account the change from a pitched roof structure to a vertical-faced one with a flat roof. The increase in both height and bulk will be very visually significant.
3. Whilst views of the current dwelling are relatively limited at this moment in time, due to surrounding hedges, such screening can be very ephemeral. Google Streetview shows the potential visibility of the site when the roadside hedge is trimmed back, even allowing for the high elevation of the camera on the van. Much of the existing on-site vegetation is also likely to be removed during construction works.
4. The southern elevation in particular, facing directly down the B1363 after the extensive earth removal works, will be significantly intrusive in the landscape. The area of felled woodland will take 10-15 years for the replanted trees to grow to a height that would be sufficient to screen the proposed dwelling. I don't consider that it's acceptable to impose such a significant adverse visual impact on the AONB.
5. The drawings refer to the 'Barnes Associates Landscape Layouts and Reports' but these don't appear to be available on the website. I'm unable therefore to appraise any proposals that may have been put forward for landscape mitigation.
6. I also note that a Design & Access Statement doesn't appear to have been submitted, detailing how the proposal accords with Local Plan Strategy policies, particularly those relating to development within the AONB and design matters.
7. In conclusion I have significant concerns about the design, size and scale of the new dwelling proposed and it's resultant adverse visual impact, particularly given the very prominent position on one of the main access roads leading into the AONB. My concerns are significant enough at this point to warrant an **Objection** to the proposal.

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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 06 February 2017 16:44
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02607/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement, Redwood, Brandsby

Importance: High

Following the posting of additional information in relation to this application, I have the following further comments to make:

1. For the sake of clarity, my principal concerns relate to the southern (side) elevation and the significant views of a square 3-storey structure built of non-vernacular materials that will be prominently seen by users of the B1363 for a significant number of years before any replanted woodland or landscaping grows to a sufficient height to screen it.
2. In order to accommodate the construction of the current dwelling and garden area at Redwood, a relatively flat platform was created by cutting into the natural slope of the land. As the topography here is in effect a small spur, the land slopes down both to the west (front elevation) and the south (side elevation). The result is that there is a significant 'lip' on the southern side of the garden, along which is positioned the current garden fence and some evergreen shrubs.
3. In order to construct the proposed dwelling, a significant amount of cutting into the topography will be required. The Landscape Visual Impact Assessment states, in para. 4.14, that *"Except for some minor ground works for the proposed patio and path areas only, the topography across the site would remain mainly largely unchanged."* This is clearly incorrect. The Levels Survey (Plan 7207/1), and Plans 53D, 54D and 55D, clearly show the significant amount of excavation work that will be required to make the proposed structure and new entrance driveway fit on the site. At the rear of the building, the current ground level is approximately 1.7m above proposed Ground Floor level (see Plan 55D), whilst the construction of the new driveway and Lower Ground Floor garage will necessitate the cutting of an approximately 4.19m deep slice out of the southern lip of the platform of the current plot. This cut would extend from the rear retaining wall to the roadside boundary, declining in severity with the natural fall of the land. The result would however present a significant 3-storey high elevation to passing traffic on the B1363.
4. The current dwelling is set some way back from the lip of the platform with the result that, even now with the woodland to the south felled, the gable end of the house is not particularly visible. The proposed new dwelling is square (not ridged like the current one), higher than the ridge of the current dwelling and (crucially) it extends right to the edge of the current platform of the plot. The mass and visual impact of a taller, square structure, built of modern non-vernacular materials, will be much more significant than the current smaller dwelling and would I believe create an unacceptably overpowering structure in this location.
5. The combination of points 3 and 4 above has been completely ignored in the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment's photo from Viewpoint F. Not only has the 3-4m high roadside hedge now been laid, but all the trees currently screening the existing dwelling will be removed (with the exception of one ash tree on the roadside). The outline of the proposed dwelling has not been superimposed on the photo from Viewpoint F, as it has been for other viewpoints, and the significant earth removal operations on the southern flank of the plot have not been factored-in either. Overall I find the assessment from this Viewpoint to be so flawed and out-of-date as to be completely unsound and of no use whatsoever in determining the potential visual impact of the development. An accurate photo, with the hedge shown as laid and a 3D representation of the side elevation superimposed, would I believe show a very contrasting picture to that currently presented.
6. In my view, taking into account the serious issues outlined above, the size of the proposed dwelling and the alignment of the proposed driveway are excessive for the plot. Notwithstanding that the replanted woodland, laid hedge and landscaping will grow up in due course, the sheer size and bulk of the proposed dwelling, and it's spilling out from the current plot platform, will have an unacceptably detrimental impact on the AONB landscape for a significant number of years. A house of similar design is currently being constructed in a small valley location within the AONB. Whilst very modern new houses within the AONB do

not necessarily need to be completely hidden, they do need to respect their situation and the nationally protected status of the AONB. I feel that this proposal does neither.

7. For the reasons outlined above, I maintain a strong **OBJECTION** to this proposal.

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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 24 February 2017 12:54
To: 'Caroline Strudwick'
Subject: RE: 16/02607/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement, Redwood, Brandsby

Caroline

Having looked at the revised plans, and made another site visit, I have the following comments to make (in the order in which they fall in the letter from Brenden Harrison dated 16th February):

1. Policy context. I accept the analysis of the policy context but would also draw attention to Para 14 of the NPPF, together with its associated Footnote 9. This advises that, where a development plan is out of date (which the Agent may be intimating) planning permission should be granted “unless specific policies in the Framework indicate development should be restricted”. Footnote 9 includes AONBs as one of those areas covered by restrictive policies, which in theory may therefore carry greater weight in the planning balance than other policies combined.
2. Architectural style. As quoted, NPPF 60 says that “it is proper to seek to promote or reinforce local distinctiveness”. Given that the nearest properties are two substantial terraces of vernacular cottages built of local stone, and the streetscape of Brandsby overwhelmingly consists of traditional or traditionally-styled dwellings, then it is relevant for me to raise the issue of architectural style in relation to the AONB vernacular. Notwithstanding that, the recent rear extension to a house lower down the main street shows how modern architectural styles and materials can successfully complement vernacular buildings.
3. Retention of existing conifer garden shrubs. Although I can see how my wording can be interpreted as being critical that the existing garden shrubs are planned for removal, it was actually meant more as a statement of fact. When significant works are involved on a relatively small site, it's likely that the majority of the existing garden shrubs will need to be removed in order to make sufficient space for the works to be completed. Whilst the offer to retain as many of the shrubs as possible during the construction phase is accepted, I would not necessarily expect this to be a permanent measure. If it is adopted as an interim screening strategy, and new garden shrubs and trees are to be planted in due course, the species and planting stock size of these might be controlled by way of a Condition if consent is granted.
4. I'm afraid that if I've been misled by the “true orthographic” elevations presented, then it indicates that these on their own were not sufficient to enable either myself or potentially the LPA to gain a true understanding of what the proposal would finally look like in ‘everyday’ views. If some of the 3D graphics now produced had been part of the initial suite of application documents, or indeed presented in response to my initial concerns dated 12th January, then it might have saved the client, the LPA and myself some time and money...

In response to the suggested amendments, which I welcome:

- i. Retention of existing garden vegetation. Please see comments above.
- ii. Remodelling of the topography to the south of the dwelling plot. If carried out sensitively to integrate with the local topography (a Y-Y cross section at right angles to X-X would help visualise this), the proposal could substantially mitigate some of the impacts about which I was concerned previously. My understanding is that the raised area would form part of the woodland replanting scheme covered by the Forestry Commission Felling Licence, and hence new growth on the top of this would quickly begin to screen the new dwelling. My previous comments have been clear that my concerns relate to the views experienced by passing motorists during the 10-15 years that it would take for the replanted woodland area to reach a sufficient height to provide screening. Clearly in 25 years' time the new structure would be almost invisible due to the woodland regrowth. Should consent be granted, the re-modelling of the topography and replanting of the woodland area with the mix approved under FC Felling Licence 012/160/15-16 should be completed as early in the construction phase as possible, to allow the new woodland to start establishing. The re-modelling work would also need to follow best practice in terms of topsoil stripping, ground raising and topsoil replacement, given that subsoil from the house plot is the obvious material to use. Although the

woodland is not classified as Ancient Woodland its soils will have some woodland characteristics and it would not be acceptable to re-model the topography without reinstating the correct woodland soil horizons as the finished ground surface. If this is not completely properly then it risks the tree growth being adversely impacted, which would defeat the object of the exercise.

Given that I have now moved to a position where I feel that the proposed amendments would enable me to withdraw my previous Objection, there are several issues pertinent to light pollution and reflection that need to be raised for consideration. The visual impact of a dwelling at night is as important as that during the day, given that the proposal is on the periphery of a village without any streetlights and includes significant areas of glass from which there may be light spillage:

1. The southern elevations should use non-reflective glass. This has been used successfully in other south-facing schemes and reduces reflective glare that may potentially be visible from longer distances than just the B1363.
2. Interior measures to reduce light spillage from the extensive glass areas during darkness hours should be controlled by way of a Condition.
3. All external lighting should be PIR controlled and shrouded to minimise light-spill.
4. There should be no lighting along the driveway. I note that the driveway doesn't include gate piers, with electric gates or lighting, at its southern extent. These features would be incongruous at such a distance from the main dwelling.

I apologise if some of these comments seem excessively nit-picky, but the experience some years ago at the neighbouring property (now known as Newburgh House) was a graphic illustration of how difficult it can be to carry out building works sensitively in this specific vicinity, where extensive groundworks are often needed.

Paul

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From: Caroline Strudwick

Sent: 20 February 2017 15:37

To: Paul Jackson

Subject: RE: 16/02607/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement, Redwood, Brandsby

Paul,

I have received additional information from the agent regarding the impact of the scheme and landscaping. These are available on the public access portal.

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 16 January 2017 16:28
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01975/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 4:27 PM on 16 Jan 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01975/FUL

Address: West Moor Farm Terrington Bank Terrington
YO60 6PD

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to agricultural buildings to form 1no. four-bedroom permanent residential dwelling and 1no. three-bedroom holiday cottage together with the erection of single storey extension to north elevation, porch to west elevation and detached triple garage/workshop to replace existing pole barn

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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I have the following comments to make in respect of these proposals: 1) No objection to the principle of converting part of the former farm buildings to a holiday cottage. 2) No objection to the principle of converting the remaining part of the former farm buildings to residential use, although the Local Occupancy Restriction imposed on the dwelling should be monitored closely. A 4-bed dwelling of this size and in this location would be extremely attractive as open-market housing but may be less so with the restricted occupancy clause. 3) In general the conversion is sympathetic and involves the removal of unsightly modern farm buildings to reveal the traditional buildings. For farm building conversions it is often appropriate to choose a window and door frame colour other than white, and there may be an existing farm colour scheme that could be followed. 4) I wasn't able to find mention of the materials for the proposed triple garage, but assume that this will be built of stone and pantile to match the existing buildings. 5) I have significant concerns about the proposed 2-storey porch extension on the western elevation. The size and scale of this, particularly with what I

assume will be glass walls, would in my view overpower the simplicity of the vernacular farm buildings. It would also be significantly visible in views from the adjacent public road and Public Bridleway, and would I believe create a negative visual impact. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 17 January 2017 16:38
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01975/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:38 PM on 17 Jan 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01975/FUL

Address: West Moor Farm Terrington Bank Terrington
YO60 6PD

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to agricultural buildings to form 1no. four-bedroom permanent residential dwelling and 1no. three-bedroom holiday cottage together with the erection of single storey extension to north elevation, porch to west elevation and detached triple garage/workshop to replace existing pole barn

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

Comments: Further to my comments of 15th January I would wish to record a further significant concern in relation to the proposed western 'porch' extension. As the porch is glass-walled and 2 storeys in height, and is attached to one of the central living areas of the dwelling, there is scope for significant light pollution to be emitted. The porch would present an illuminated feature when viewed from the south and particularly from the adjacent public road. As the application site is within open countryside with very few other dwellings in the vicinity, this element of the design has the potential to cause significant light pollution in this part of the AONB. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 23 February 2017 13:22
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/01975/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 1:22 PM on 23 Feb 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/01975/FUL

Address: West Moor Farm Terrington Bank Terrington
YO60 6PD

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to agricultural buildings to form 1no. four-bedroom permanent residential dwelling and 1no. three-bedroom holiday cottage together with the erection of single storey extension to north elevation, porch to west elevation and detached triple garage/workshop to replace existing pole barn

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make in respect of the revised plans: 1) My previous two-part comments relating to the proposed western porch extension raised concerns about size, scale and light pollution issues. Whilst the light pollution issue appears to have been addressed by changing some of the walls from glass to solid stone, the issue of size and scale in relation to the existing host buildings still remains. 2) Although not opposed in principle to a 2-storey porch on the western elevation, I still have significant concerns about its size and scale. The revised plans indicate that the ridgeline of the porch would be significantly higher than that of the attached single storey building - Section BB shows this particularly graphically. In addition, the second storey window of the proposed porch doesn't relate well to the line of the windows in the existing building. I think that this would exacerbate the feeling of an over-sized extension having been added to a currently relatively diminutive building. 3) I am unclear as to the detailing proposed for the northern elevation of the porch, as both the North drawing and Section CC show the porch as a greyed outline. Section

BB shows the southern side walls of the porch to be glass and it should be clearly shown whether this is also the intention for the northern side wall. 2) Please refer to my previous comment in relation to the colour scheme for window and door frames. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 26 January 2017 11:11
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 16/02013/HOUSE: Erection of replacement porch, Pavilion House, Oswaldkirk

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

- Whilst I don't have any objection to the principle of replacing the current porch, I have significant concerns about increasing the size of it in the way proposed. Pavilion House is the only property on that section of The Terrace that has a porch. The current structure is of a conventional design and has a glazed window that is visible along the street, whereas the proposed structure would have doors that would be visible from both the eastern and western viewpoints. In my view the proposed porch would be out of character with the remainder of the properties on The Terrace, of a design that is not vernacular and which is out of proportion to the dwelling, and as a consequence would have a detrimental visual impact on the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 26 January 2017 12:12
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 16/02030/TELN56

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 12:11 PM on 26 Jan 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 16/02030/TELN56

Address: Land At Waste Water Treatment Works Mill Lane
Ampleforth

Proposal: Erection of a 15 metre-high monopole to include
3no. antennas, 3no. RRUs and 2no. 300mm
transmission dishes together with associated
equipment cabinets and ancillary development
within a 2m high fenced compound

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

Comments: I note from the Supporting Document that all
equipment - mast, antennae, dishes and cabinets
- will be coloured Olive Green (RAL 6003), as per
the pre-Application comments. This should
naturally be a matt finish and not a gloss one. I
have no other observations to make. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 09 February 2017 15:54
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Cc:
Subject: 17/U012b/AGNOT: Erection of an agricultural building, Grimston Manor Farm
Importance: High

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. No objection to the principle or the siting of the proposed building.
2. In order to comply with the Adopted guidance on New Farm Buildings and Infrastructure in the Howardian Hills AONB then some amendments to colour of materials should however be sought:
 - The roof colour should be a dark grey, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey. 'Natural Grey' roof sheets will appear very light against the dark back-drop of the coniferous woodland, making the building stand out rather than blending into the landscape.
 - Likewise, concrete grain wall panels have a very white appearance which, unlike concrete blockwork, does not appear to fade readily over time. In order to again avoid a stark contrast with the woodland behind, the southern and eastern (i.e. external) elevations should have a dark green finish extending down to ground level. This could be achieved either by painting the grain wall panels (as per some of the buildings at Blackdale Mill) or by extending the Olive Green profile sheeting to ground level (as adopted in the construction of the new grain store at Birch Farm, Oswaldkirk).

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 14 February 2017 16:26
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00134/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 4:25 PM on 14 Feb 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00134/AGNOT

Address: Land At Fryton West Wood Fryton Lane Slingsby
Malton

Proposal: Consolidation of approximately 1000m of
forestry track by resurfacing with sandstone

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal: 1) The length of track in question is a Public Bridleway which is very boggy in places. The proposed work will improve the surface for pedestrian and cycle users, but the Highway Authority will need to be consulted on the change of surfacing to the Public Right of Way. 2) There are two Scheduled Monuments to the south of the track, which are in close proximity and may even be partly under the existing track. As there are several closely parallel tracks in this vicinity, and hence perhaps options on exact routing, the track should avoid damaging the Scheduled Monuments by erring to the north where possible. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 21 February 2017 12:11
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00063/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 12:10 PM on 21 Feb 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00063/FUL
Address: Barn West Of The Green Low Hutton Malton
Erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling
Proposal: following demolition of existing former agricultural buildings
Case Officer: Alan Hunter
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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal: 1) No objection to the demolition of the current buildings and construction of a dwelling as proposed. 2) Because the proposed dwelling is designed to give the impression of a converted traditional agricultural building I would prefer the window frame colour to reflect this heritage rather than being a standard 'house-type' colour. Many agricultural estates have their own colour schemes and it enhances vernacular detail if these can be carried through into conversions such as this. The prominent traditional buildings of Manor Farm overlooking the village green triangle exhibit a pale blue or grey colour scheme, which could be replicated in either hardwood or aluminium framing. 3) All flues should be anodised black rather than a stainless steel finish.
Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 30 March 2017 13:23
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00063/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 1:22 PM on 30 Mar 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00063/FUL
Address: Barn West Of The Green Low Hutton Malton
Erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling
Proposal: following demolition of existing former agricultural buildings
Case Officer: Alan Hunter
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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on the revised proposal: 1) Although not an element that I felt sufficiently strongly about in the first iteration of the plans, I support the fitting of double wooden gates to the gap in the surrounding stone wall. 2) I welcome the clarification on the retention of the surrounding stone wall at its current height. 3) No issues with the revised fenestration. 4) I would restate my previous comment in preferring the window frame colour to reflect the former agricultural heritage of the building rather than being a standard 'house-type' colour. Many agricultural estates have their own colour schemes and it enhances vernacular detail if these can be carried through into conversions such as this. The prominent traditional buildings of Manor Farm overlooking the village green triangle exhibit a pale blue or grey colour scheme, which could be replicated in either painted hardwood or aluminium framing.

Comments: Paul Jackson

17/00109/FUL | Erection of a 15m high telegraph pole style telecommunications mast, Land To The East Of Mowthorpe Lane, Terrington

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

- 1) The Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan seeks to support the roll - out of mobile telecommunications infrastructure, where this can be achieved without impacting on the defined Special Qualities of the AONB.
- 2) The relationship to other nearby masts, and the assessment process by which this site was chosen, is impossible to assess due to a cut-and-paste error on p1 of the Site Detail document. Locations D1 and D2 are near Scarborough, as is Spikers Hill Farm as referenced in relation to D3. D4 clearly refers to a topographical location that is not Terrington, and I'm not sure where Hawthorne Wood might be. No map has been provided to show the locations of these alternatives (unsurprisingly, as it would show that they're all relating to another mast site on the south western edge of Scarborough), so this section is of no use in evaluating any site assessment process used.
- 3) As alluded to in comments submitted by Terrington residents, Vodafone/O2 are consulting independently on a proposed mast site very close by on the Village Hall playing fields. Whilst this application needs to be judged on its own merits, without reference to what may or may not be proposed or permitted in the future, the current increased speed of rollout of new masts by the two parallel networks does potentially cause issues.
- 4) As both networks are known to be looking to install very similar masts only 150m apart, I think in this case it is material to consider potential alternatives such as mast or site sharing.
- 5) In my view, mast sharing in this vicinity would create a more significant visual impact, as the resultant mast would need to be taller in order to accommodate both sets of antennae.
- 6) I'm not able to find reliable information indicating minimum separation distances for 15m masts with the type of antennae proposed, but I do feel that in this instance, and given the local landscape features, site sharing should be considered as a possibility. I would expect the two networks to be discussing their respective plans for this area and developing a joint proposal if possible.
- 7) Whilst the proposed site does make some use of an adjacent hedgerow tree as an existing landscape feature, I have concerns about the open nature of the site. As plots haven't been provided I'm unable to assess whether a site nearer the lane, or to the west of it, is technically feasible. This would make use of more substantial landscape features to act as screening.

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- 8) Although the proposed monopole would be viewed against the sky from some viewpoints, it will also be seen in wider back-dropped views from other locations. In general I don't find that the galvanised steel finish is the most universally satisfactory, so if approved I would wish to see ALL equipment (including pole, shroud, microwave dishes and equipment cabinets) coloured to RAL 6003 in a matt finish.
- 9) The access track and vehicle parking area should be surfaced in a locally appropriate material such as limestone chippings.
- 10) Given the proximity of 11KV overhead power lines, I assume that a mains power supply will be connected. This would create a significant additional visual impact if it were to run overhead, so if Approved a Condition should be imposed to stipulate an underground power supply.

P B JACKSON
AONB MANAGER

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 08 March 2017 16:54
To: 'Development Management'
Subject: 17/00175/AGNOT: Erection of replacement grain storage building, Losky Farm, Oswaldkirk

I have the following comments to make in respect of this proposal:

1. The proposed building is sited within an existing farmyard and is a replacement for an existing building. As such I therefore don't have any issue with the siting.
2. The footprint of the new building is however larger than that of the existing building and, as no elevation drawings have been submitted, it's unclear as to whether the orientation of the ridgeline in comparison to the existing building will therefore change.
3. The use of dark grey roof panels and dark green profile metal sheeting is acceptable. I would however prefer the sheeting on the south elevation (most visible from the adjacent public road) to come to ground level so as to mitigate the very white concrete wall panels on this elevation.

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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 13 March 2017 10:16
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00200/AMEND: Alteration to fenestration, Grange Cottage, Scackleton

I have the following comments to make on this application:

1. Whilst the bi-fold door on the southern elevation is larger than the existing door openings, I feel that it is relatively well-proportioned in relation to the other fenestration on that elevation.
2. I strongly support the change to a much simpler fenestration, using the existing openings and deleting the bay windows on the southern elevation and balcony on the northern elevation. I had concerns about the bay windows originally and feel that the proposed scheme will look more appropriate on this building in this location.

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2016/17 Junior Ranger Activities

The Junior Ranger sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Yorkshire Arboretum at Howsham Mill and The Yorkshire Arboretum.

May/June Half Term 2016:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Island Explorers Wednesday 31 st May Howsham Mill	Forest Schools shelter building Cooking over open fires (led by Forest Schools leader) Tansy Beetle activities (led by Tansy Beetle Officer) Waterwheels Otter masks Cut out beetles Stained glass dragonflies	31

October 2016:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Amazing Autumn Wednesday 26 th October The Yorkshire Arboretum	Autumn leaf collecting Dissecting owl pellets Plaster of Paris animal prints Owls on a plate Owl biscuits Leaf printing Leaf bugs Minibeast hunting	27

December 2016:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Winter Wonderland Wednesday 21 st December The Yorkshire Arboretum	Winter birds – birds watching, pine cone bird feeders to take home, bird feeder sets as a gift and flappy birds. Traditional decorations – gathering materials then making Yule Logs and stars. Constellation pictures – dark winter skies. Silhouette woodlands against winter sunsets.	26

February 2017:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Winter Fun Wednesday 22 nd February The Yorkshire Arboretum	<p>Activities based around the end of winter and first signs of spring.</p> <p>The Germination Game – what do plants need to germinate?</p> <p>Growing grass in CD cases (roots and shoots) and kite making (wind)</p> <p>Hedgehogs and the end of hibernation – clay hedgehogs, making hedgehog habitats and hedgehog pine cones.</p>	20

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DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2016.

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 2016

- 3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2016 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 2016 was a decrease on the previous year, most significantly in the Ryedale District, which is slightly unexpected.
- 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 Hambleton villages in 2016 has been fairly consistent with the 5-year average, with Yearsley again being quite busy, whilst the Ryedale villages have seen below average activity across the board.
- Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. Aside from the generally lower numbers of applications in the Ryedale area, 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 2016 being approximately consistent with the 5-year average.

- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year – the siting of a proposed agricultural building at Broughton, a replacement dwelling in open countryside near Hovingham, new gates and piers at a redevelopment at Ampleforth, 3 proposed new dwellings on a brownfield site near Brandsby, a large 2-storey garage and store at Scackleton, conversion of barns at Coulton and Terrington and a replacement dwelling in Brandsby. There have also been a significant number of applications for new or replacement mobile phone masts, generally of 15m in height.
- At the meeting in April 2016, Members asked for information on the numbers of applications Withdrawn before a Decision was made. Information for the Hambleton area indicates that in 2016 three applications were Withdrawn – two ground mounted solar panel proposals at Newburgh and Oulston and the construction of a farm owners dwelling at Thornton-on-the-Hill.

3.3 In the financial year 2016/17, which does not precisely overlap with the calendar year 2016, 126 consultations were scrutinised, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. These involved 106 individual cases, with 20 'repeat' consultations in cases where comments had been submitted and proposals amended as a consequence:

- The AONB Manager submitted comments in 48 instances.
- Objections/Significant Concerns were lodged in 18 responses, in relation to 13 cases.
- The Local Planning Authority: Approved 2 schemes; Approved 8 schemes following re-submission/amendment to address the AONB Manager's/LPA's concerns; 3 cases are still pending a Decision.
- A further 6 schemes were amended in response to less significant comments submitted by the AONB Manager.
- In the 2015/16 year the AONB Manager scrutinised 121 applications. In the 2016/17 year 126 applications were scrutinised. Slightly fewer responses were necessary however (48 compared to 55), although in many instances these related to repeat consultations where proposals were amended a number of times before Objections or Significant Concerns could be withdrawn.

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 Parish						
						5yr Average
<u>Ryedale Parishes</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016
Ampleforth	7	12	5	9	5	8
Bulmer	0	2	2	0	2	1
Cawton	3	4	4	3	0	3
Coneysthorpe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Coulton	5	3	1	3	2	3
Crambe	2	4	3	2	0	2
Gilling East	10	8	6	12	2	8
Grimstone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henderskelfe	1	0	2	1	0	1
Hovingham	10	9	4	6	7	7
Howsham	0	3	1	2	1	1
Huttons Ambo	6	7	3	5	9	6
Nunnington	3	5	4	4	0	3
Oswaldkirk	2	10	3	6	5	5
Scackleton	2	1	3	1	4	2
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sproxtton	4	4	3	4	3	4
Stonegrave	6	1	0	2	0	2
Terrington	10	4	1	6	3	5
Welburn	6	14	7	10	9	9
Whitwell-on-the Hill	2	0	2	0	0	1
Total Ryedale	80	92	54	77	52	71
<u>Hambleton Parishes</u>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	12	14	7	4	5	8
Coxwold	0	0	0	1	0	0
Crayke	8	12	6	4	5	7
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	3	3	2	4	0	2
Husthwaite	14	5	7	1	1	6
Newburgh	2	0	1	0	0	1
Oulston	1	1	0	0	1	1
Thornton-on-the-Hill	0	0	1	2	2	1
Whenby	0	3	2	0	1	1
Yearsley	6	1	5	9	7	6
Total Hambleton	46	39	31	25	22	33
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	126	131	85	102	74	104

Howardian Hills AONB												
Applications Determined by												
Type of Development												
(Number of applications and % approved)												
											5yr Average	
Ryedale Parishes	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2012-2016	
Residential - New Build	2		7		9		4		3		5	
		100%		71%		78%		50%		100%		
Residential - Conversions	9		2		0		3		4		4	
		100%		0%		~		100%		100%		
Holiday - Conversions	1		0		0		1		0		0	
		100%		~		~		100%		~		
Householder	43		42		21		44		25		35	
		98%		93%		90%		86%		88%		
Retail	0		0		0		0		0		0	
		~		~		~		~		~		
Business & Commercial	1		6		1		2		3		3	
		100%		100%		0%		100%		100%		
Minerals & Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0	
		~		~		~		~		~		
Tourism & Recreation	2		3		1		1		2		2	
		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		
Community Facilities	1		0		1		0		1		1	
		100%		~		100%		~		100%		
Agriculture	8		7		3		7		5		6	
		87%		100%		66%		100%		80%		
Agricultural Prior Notifications	3		2		5		4		4		4	
Other	12		24		18		12		8		15	
		100%		92%		88%		92%		100%		
Equestrian	1		1		0		3		1		1	
		100%		100%		~		100%		100%		
Total Ryedale	83		94		59		81		56		75	
		97%		90%		85%		88%		92%		
Hambleton Parishes												
Residential - New Build	2		0		1		3		4		2	
		100%		~		0%		66%		75%		
Residential - Conversions	4		2		1		1		2		2	
		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		
Holiday - Conversions	2		2		1		2		0		1	
		100%		50%		100%		100%		~		
Householder	20		19		22		15		12		18	
		90%		100%		100%		93%		100%		
Retail	0		0		0		0		0		0	
		~		~		~		~		~		
Business & Commercial	4		3		0		0		1		2	
		100%		100%		~		~		0%		
Minerals & Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0	
		~		~		~		~		~		
Tourism & Recreation	1		1		2		0		0		1	
		100%		100%		100%		~		~		
Community Facilities	1		0		0		0		0		0	
		100%		~		~		~		~		
Agriculture	3		10		4		4		3		5	
		100%		100%		75%		100%		67%		
Agricultural Prior Notifications	6		0		1		2		3		2	
Other	3		2		0		0		0		1	
		100%		100%		~		~		~		
Total Hambleton	46		39		32		27		25		34	
		96%		97%		94%		92%		86%		
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	129		133		91		108		81		108	
		97%		92%		88%		90%		90%		91%

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AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2016/17

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2016/17. The Action Programme for 2017/18, 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 summary report outlining the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives in the previous year. The Action Programme contains full details of the progress made and 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, 5% were less than 25% achieved and 9% were not progressed at all.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a very similar performance to 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 The principal targets that we had hoped to achieve more progress on were a survey of geodiversity sites, the development of a joint PRow maintenance project with NYCC's Countryside Access Service and ironing-out layout glitches in the AONB website.

3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Inputting to important local plans such as the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies and the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, to assess conformity with the AONB Management Plan.

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 6 SINCs or SSSIs.
 - Managing a total of 13 grassland sites (all SSSI/SINC bar one).
 - Managing 45 Special Interest Road Verges.
 - Carrying out Himalayan balsam control works at Jeffry Bog SINC, Fairy Dell SINC, Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC, River Derwent SSSI and along Wath Beck.
 - Carrying out scrub management at Terrington Carr SINC.
 - Carrying out further mechanical clearance of rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC.

- Continuing to participate in the partnership preparing an application for a Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership focussing on the River Rye. The project aims to tackle Himalayan balsam, river quality and sedimentation on a catchment scale and received a Stage 1 pass in September 2016. The Stage 2 application will be submitted after the 2-year Development phase.
- Continuing involvement with the North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership, encouraging progress to survey and map the AONB's most important geodiversity sites. A quote to carry out a survey programme was received but held in abeyance following the emergence of a larger project that is seeking HLF funding. Late in the year it transpired that the survey element would not be eligible for HLF grant so a separate new proposal is now being formulated.
- Entering work carried out in the AONB in 2015/16 into the Government's Biodiversity Action Recording System, although it has subsequently been discontinued.
- Attending meetings of the re-invigorated North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership, following the appointment of a part-time co-ordinator.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Completing work on 21 Local Priority Sites, the most significant of which were the works on Scheduled Monuments described below. Work was also completed on 10 other sites/features.
- Successful completion of Year 2 of the Monument Management Scheme, which is principally funded by Historic England. Detailed surveys carried out on 2 SMs; Management Plans prepared for 7 SMs; bracken sprayed on 23 SMs; bramble/brash/scrub cleared on 27 SMs; water trough and feeder removed from 1 SM; 1 SM re-vegetated.
- Restoring to traditional village name signs in Crayke, Ganthorpe, Crambe, Cawton, Terrington, Yearsley, Oulston and Kirkham, with the refurbishment of 9 old signs and the casting of 6 new replicas.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER project, following approval of the launch of the new Local Development Strategy after a moratorium imposed by Defra due to the Brexit vote.
- Involvement in the new Amotherby Ward Project.
- Community projects funded in 4 villages.
- Rural Action Yorkshire project supported with an SDF grant (see separate report for work achieved by the RAY 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 4 landscape enhancement schemes involving 1,876m of hedge planting/gapping-up.
- Monitoring emerging thoughts on the future development of agricultural support, agri-environment schemes and rural development following the Brexit vote.
- Scrutinising planning consultations for 16 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 16 Forestry Commission Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and 3 Woodland Management Plan consultations, including a significant 10-yr plan for the Castle Howard Estate's woodland re-structuring in response to the threat of P. ramorum.
- Continuing participation in the renewed North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership
- 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.
- Inputting to the Hambleton Local Plan Strategy Preferred Options & Easingwold Area Plan (site allocations), the Ryedale Visually Important Undeveloped Areas consultation and the final consultation on the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan.
- Scrutinising a total of 126 development control consultations across all categories – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2016 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Scrutinising 4 planning consultations related to small business development in the AONB.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding. Schemes were completed at Cawton and Crambe. Underground works have been completed at Nunnington (West) but the overhead lines and poles are still to be removed.
- A partial undergrounding scheme for BT overhead lines has been agreed for Nunnington (West), with BT also looking retrospectively at the Cawton and Crambe schemes to identify any potential pole removal. New liaison arrangements between BT and Northern PowerGrid should lead to much better joint working on new schemes.
- Negotiated participation in a joint study organised and funded by the NYMNPA to assess the scope for drawing down funds from the National Grid's Landscape Enhancement Initiative.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 2 development control consultations.
- Meeting the NYCC Assistant Director responsible for Highways Asset Management to agree principles on road verge management during kerbing works and adoption of best practice guidance for works within the AONB
- Repairing 1 traditional direction sign at Firby, following damage caused by a HGV.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 3 development control consultations.
- Participation in a successful Local Growth Fund bid for the development of Tourism Business Networks for the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors areas (including the two AONBs).
- Implementing phase 3 of an initiative with Visit York, via Ryedale DC and Welcome to Yorkshire, with the preparation of 7 'Theme/Route itineraries'.
- Contracting iFootpath to carry out the preparation of 6 Easy Countryside Trails. These are now available on the iFootpath website and PDF versions will be uploaded to the AONB website in April.

- Progressing a new project to assist NYCC with resolving Public Rights of Way issues in the AONB. Four target Parishes were selected and the issues recorded in CAMS were re-surveyed by volunteers to check that they were still valid. The intention is to use the North York Moors National Park Apprentices Team to carry out work. 24 missing/broken roadside fingerposts were identified across the AONB and replacements have been ordered.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2015/16.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Maintaining and adding to the AONB website.
- Maintaining a presence on Twitter, publicising the practical work being carried out in the AONB and re-Tweeting as appropriate.
- Holding 4 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 104 children attending.
- Re-designing a series of 7 new display banners to replace our old set.
- Presentations given to NYCC Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees and the Marton Gardening Club.

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.
- Successful completion of Year 2 of the Monument Management Scheme, which is principally funded by Historic England.
- Continuing to participate in the partnership preparing an application for a Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership focussing on the River Rye. The Stage 2 application will be submitted after the 2-year Development phase.
- Developing a Reserves Policy and reducing the balance during 2016/17 by funding more projects. £14k of the 2015/16 £23k underspend was utilised in 2016/17. This approach was endorsed by the NYCC Assistant Director for Strategic Resources.
- Completing a Unit re-structure, which came into effect on 1st May 2016. Two one day per week Fixed Term Contract posts were recruited to in Sept 2016.
- Successful out-sourcing of work to: prepare Easy Access routes; scope possibilities for accessing National Grid funding to screen the impact of major power lines; prepare site management plans for Scheduled Monuments. Contracts to carry out surveys of geological sites and prepare a geodiversity leaflet were obtained but held in reserve pending the outcome of a bid for HLF funding.
- Joint working with the North York Moors National Park on a variety of projects: Native Woodland Partnership; scoping study of NP/AONB western fringe for National Grid LEI funding; development of funding bids for Turtle Doves and Cornfield Flowers; Dark Skies Week; developing the RYEvitalise project for Stage 1 HLF Landscape Partnership funding; technical help with the AONB Monument Management Scheme; article in National Park Out & About Guide.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 27 tasks or projects, worth at least 182 days or £10,200.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 No work carried out this year.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Attending the national AONB Forum in Shropshire.
- Attending 2 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 2016/17 be noted.

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AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2017/18

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2017/18.

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 2017/18 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 2017/18, 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.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £25,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Commissioning the North & East Yorkshire Datacentre to compile a report of the species records for the Howardian Hills, to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.
 - Commissioning a comprehensive project to identify, survey, map and record features of geodiversity interest in the AONB, to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.
 - Hedge restoration schemes (subject to integration with grants available from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme).
 - 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.
 - Contributing to new partnerships concentrating on turtle doves and cornfield flowers.

- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for supporting conservation work post-Brexit.
 - 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, rhododendron and bracken on various SINC and other sites.
 - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers (subject to Scheme opening windows, Brexit impact, etc) 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 Development Phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund project.
 - Continuing to participate in the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership (LNP).
 - 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 £23,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
- 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.
 - Supporting the production of a Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Lakes.
 - Commissioning the preparation of a Statement of Significance for the Howardian Hills, to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.

5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Delivering the third 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.
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for supporting conservation work post-Brexit.
- Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers (subject to Scheme opening windows, Brexit impact, etc) 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 £22,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

- 6.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Participation in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme, to promote and develop activities within the AONB.
 - Continued participation in the Amotherby Ward project, and rolling this out to another Ward if applicable.
 - 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 £25,000, 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:
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural and rural support post-Brexit.
 - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers (subject to Scheme opening windows, Brexit impact, etc) and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
 - Organising an 'update' meeting for farmers and landowners to disseminate information on, amongst other topics, the Catchment Sensitive Farming Scheme, Brexit issues and the RYE Vitalise Heritage Lottery Fund project.
 - 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 (subject to Scheme opening windows, Brexit impact, etc) and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
 - Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for supporting forestry and woodland management post-Brexit.
 - 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 Plan Strategies, 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 continued sustained progress during the RIIO-ED1 period. Villages/schemes where work should start in 2017/18 include Ganthorpe, Oswaldkirk and Low Easthorpe.
- Considering development of projects to utilise the landscape mitigation funds provided by National Grid to minimise the visual impact of high voltage overhead powerlines, following the completion of a survey report and using experience emerging from the wider national AONB/NP 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, including starting discussions on wording for a new 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan Objective.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 The budget for recreation and access works is included within the £22,000 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 deliver projects that access Local Enterprise Partnership funding for recreational/tourism projects, including input to the new Destination Partnerships project.
- Continuing input into tourism business initiatives with Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire and Visit York.
- Obtaining STEAM tourism visitor data cut to the AONB's boundaries, to help assess the impact of promotional activity and assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.
- Promotion of the six new 'Easy Access' self-guided route leaflets to enable less-able users to enjoy the AONB.
- Continued development and subsequent delivery of a mechanism to assist NYCC Countryside Access Service staff with resolving Issues with paths in the AONB more quickly and efficiently.
- Recording destination/distance information for all fingerposts located where paths leave a public road.
- Implementation of Public Rights of Way route creation/diversion packages at Castle Howard and Howsham.
- 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 £22,000 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 and adopted if appropriate, to improve efficiency and timeliness.
- Publishing our 2016/17 Annual Report and AONB News 2017.
- Maintaining our website, attending Ryedale Show and distributing information/ promoting the AONB via Twitter.
- Producing a leaflet showcasing the geodiversity of the AONB.
- Completing the production of the new display banners.
- Holding at least 3 Junior Ranger Club days, using mechanisms for delivery that maintain standards but minimise 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 via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural, conservation and rural support post-Brexit.
- Participating in the 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 third 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 Development Phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund project. Also contributing to new partnerships concentrating on turtle doves and cornfield flowers.
- Continuing to work in partnership with the other Protected Landscapes in North Yorkshire to deliver projects that access Local Enterprise Partnership funding for recreational/tourism projects, including input to the new Destination Partnerships project.
- Continuing input into 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.
- Keeping delivery mechanisms under review and making changes/improvements where applicable.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Evaluate options/commission report to develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-designated Priority Sites, to provide evidence/data to assist with Management Plan review in 2018/19.

15.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

15.1 Activity planned for this year, in preparation for the next review in 2018/19, involves:

- Preparing a schedule of tasks and deadlines for the review.
- Considering options for the consultation process/mechanisms.
- Organising meeting dates for 7 Topic Groups.

16.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing to represent the conservation interests of the AONB and participate in 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 2017/18, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
13 APRIL 2017**

BUSINESS PLANNING – REVIEW OF DELIVERY MECHANISMS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive an update on new mechanisms for AONB project delivery.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the JAC in April 2016, the Joint Advisory Committee considered a Report detailing the re-structure of the AONB Team and possible future delivery/support mechanisms. It was resolved that an update report would be presented in April 2017, to review progress and evaluate the different mechanisms.

3.0 PROJECT DELIVERY/SUPPORT MECHANISMS 2016/17

- 3.1 In April 2016 it was envisaged that AONB Team staff would need to concentrate on larger programmes of work, and commission other organisations or specialists to deliver things on our behalf. We felt that we were likely to be doing fewer small projects that took up disproportionately large amounts of staff time, and replacing these either with bigger projects or by out-sourcing where it offered best value. The roles of the AONB Manager and AONB Officer were likely to change more to that of 'facilitators' rather than 'doers', because the demands of the core work of the Unit (e.g. planning consultations, development of partner projects/grant bids) would be likely to make that a more efficient way of working.
- 3.2 Administrative support. One of the most significant effects of the AONB Team restructure was the loss of the AONB Assistant post, which removed the Team's capacity to take Notes of Core Partners Group meetings, order goods and services, process invoices, complete administrative tasks and assist with the preparation of Junior Ranger Club sessions. This was anticipated and alternative self-service mechanisms were already being used by the AONB Manager and AONB Officer. It was intended to approach the North York Moors National Park to seek Business Support assistance with note-taking at meetings and other administrative services.
- 3.3 What happened in 2016/17 – The North York Moors National Park supplied a Business Support Officer who took Notes at all four of the Core Partner Group meetings. Other assistance was secured to produce mail-merge labels for the distribution of our Annual Report and Newsletter, and to copy some ecological survey information requested by a land manager. This service cost a total of £275, with the photocopying having been supplied free-of-charge as it was carried out by the Business Support Apprentice.
- 3.4 Additional staff resource. In April 2016 it was envisaged that we would appoint staff to two one day per week fixed-term contract posts which would end on 31st March 2017. One post was envisaged to commence in approximately July 2016, with the other starting on 1st October 2016.
- 3.5 What happened in 2016/17 – Francesca Pert, who was Liz Bassindale's Maternity Cover in 2011/12, was appointed to the first post. The second post was filled by Frances Standen, who used to be the Communications Officer at the Kent Downs AONB. Given their respective skill sets, Francesca concentrated on project delivery and assisting with the Junior Ranger Club. Frances dealt with several publicity-related projects including our partnership work with Visit York and Ryedale District Council, the production of a new set of display banners and a reprint of the Nunnington Walks leaflet. Unfortunately recruitment took longer than anticipated and hence the postholders only took up their duties in late September. In a change of plan forced by an unexpected move to another part of the country, Frances' working days were concentrated into 3 months and she finished at Christmas 2016.

Although she completed some good projects very efficiently, it was difficult for the AONB Manager and AONB Officer to adequately keep up with briefing her, and some tasks couldn't be completed before she left. This has left the AONB Manager and AONB Officer struggling to complete these, in particular the banners. It's difficult to see how we could have done things differently, but the lessons need to be borne in mind for the future.

- 3.4 Partnership working. It was envisaged that the AONB Manager and AONB Officer would spend more time developing partnerships, making use of the expertise and staff resources of other organisations to deliver benefits (including access to external funding) for the AONB.
- 3.5 What happened in 2016/17 – The bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the RYEvitalise project was already in motion in April 2016 but work continued with this. A Phase 1 bid was submitted in summer and confirmation of success received in the autumn. A total of over £3m will be received into the project area (assuming confirmation of the Phase 2 programme), with £1,500 per year contribution from the AONB in each of the two Phase 1 'development years' and £5,000 per year for four Phase 2 'delivery years'. Other partnership projects in which we have an interest/secured coverage within the AONB, include:
- A North York Moors turtle dove survey and conservation project.
 - A continuation/expansion of the Cornfield Flowers project.
 - A survey of the western fringe of the National Park and AONB, to inform thoughts on the possibility of applying for National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative funding.
 - Development of a partnership with the County Council's Countryside Access Service, to improve resolution of reported issues and install replacement roadside fingerposts.
 - A study of Tranquillity within the AONB and National Park, carried out by a visiting American academic.
- 3.6 Commissioning – It was envisaged that the AONB Manager and AONB Officer would 'commission' more and larger projects, so as to use the internal staff resources more efficiently.
- 3.7 What happened in 2016/17 – A number of larger or more complex projects were contracted-out rather than being delivered by the AONB Team directly. These included:
- Preparation of Easy Access routes. This was contracted-out to iFootpath, who prepared six routes for the price of four, to a much better standard and method of presentation than would have been achieved by the AONB Team and at a cheaper cost.
 - Carrying out a survey of important geodiversity sites. A contractor was lined-up for this work but the project was put on hold pending the outcome of a large Heritage Lottery Fund bid that planned to survey significantly more sites and also carry out a large programme of work with local schools. In February the HLF rejected the survey element of the project, so a re-think is currently taking place.
 - Preparation of a geodiversity information leaflet. A quote was obtained for carrying out this work but the project was put on hold following the emergence of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid.
 - Assistance with the Monument Management Scheme. A contractor was engaged to prepare site management plans for 7 Scheduled Monuments, using some of the underspend on the Historic England element of the funding.
 - Carrying out large programmes of work. Rather than doing the work in a piecemeal fashion, a large contract was let to renovate or reinstate 16 traditional village name signs. Carrying out the works in one batch significantly reduced the duplication of paperwork involved.
- 3.8 Contract-in NYMNPA specialist staff. It was envisaged that National Park staff might be engaged to work a certain number of days to deliver a specific and tightly-defined project. Examples of such projects might have included multi-owner programmes of drystone wall restoration, tradition direction sign and village name sign restoration or programmes of individual & in-field tree planting.

3.9 What happened in 2016/17 – This mechanism wasn't explored. It wasn't felt that there was a significant enough programme of work to justify the effort of setting up an arrangement.

4.0 **PROPOSED PROJECT DELIVERY/SUPPORT MECHANISMS 2017/18**

4.1 Administrative support. The arrangement of using North York Moors National Park Business Support Officers to take Notes of the Core Partners Group meetings and produce labels for distributing publications will continue. More use will also be made of their technical skills wherever possible, to carry out tasks more efficiently than AONB Team staff would be able to.

4.2 Additional staff resource. Francesca Pert's contract has been extended for a further 12 months, to 31st March 2018. She will continue assisting with the delivery of practical projects and the Junior Ranger Club but will also deal with publicity projects now as well.

4.3 Partnership working. The partnership projects developed in 2016/17 are only just starting their delivery phase so work is likely to concentrate on these. Some are more advanced than others and the Cornfield Flowers project still needs to submit its bid for funding. Although new partnerships will be considered if they emerge, there is already a significant amount of work involved in ensuring that these existing ones deliver successfully, especially bearing in mind that we also have a significant commitment in delivering the AONB Monument Management Scheme.

4.4 Commissioning. This mechanism worked well in 2016/17 and will be continued. The most significant project, subject to the funding package being agreed, will be the survey of potentially important geodiversity sites in the AONB. This will still involve a significant amount of input from the AONB Team, who will need to produce maps and secure landowner permission to survey. Other suitable projects will be out-sourced where this offers the most efficient method of delivery.

4.5 Contract-in NYMNPA specialist staff. At present it isn't envisaged that this mechanism will be used in 2017/18. No large programmes of work have currently been identified that would justify the setting up of an arrangement.

5.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

The report be received for information.



AONB Family Update - March 2017



RIP Michael Mounde It was with great sadness that the NAAONB Board of Trustees learned of the death of their colleague, Michael Mounde. Philip Hygate, NAAONB Chairman, paid tribute to Michael with the following words “Michael, a thoroughly decent and good humoured man, had an abiding commitment to the many virtues the countryside in general and AONBs in particular. He will be much missed across the AONB Family and the NAAONB”.

Michael’s funeral will take place at Kingston Deverill Church at 2pm on 16th March.

You can read more about Michael’s life and his work for the NAAONB and AONB Family [here](#).

Advocating for the AONB Family NAAONB Chairman, Philip Hygate, met with Defra Under Secretary of State, Lord Gardiner, to discuss Defra’s 25 year environment plan and the role of the AONB Family, the next spending round, the public sector transformation agenda, a possible Conservation Board for the Shropshire Hills AONB and the role of the NAAONB. The Minister opened the meeting by stating his support for the work of AONB partnerships and conservation boards, as he had done for Outstanding Week, went on to express a wish to visit more AONBs and accepted an invitation to speak at the Landscapes for Life Conference 2017 subject to Parliamentary business. Members can see more information [here](#) or speak with their Lead Officers who have received a note on the meeting from [Howard Davies](#).

“Our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are some of our most special and beautiful places which should be enjoyed by all.

Outstanding Week was a real showcase of the activities on offer in these unique landscapes, encouraging residents and visitors alike to get involved and preserve them for generations to come.”

Lord Gardiner of Kimble
Parliamentary Under Secretary of
State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity



NAAONB Trustee News Papers showing items for consideration at the Board meeting on 13th March can be found [here](#). The Board co-opted Lucy Barron onto the Board and elected James Williamson to the post of Honorary Treasurer. More details of these two Trustees can be found [here](#). The Board discussed the role of the NAAONB in pre and post Brexit policy formulation and implementation. In particular, the key issues identified and subsequently prioritised at the NAAONB-led Landscapes for Life Chairmen's meeting in November 2016 were considered. The NAAONB has an opportunity to step beyond current thinking and articulate ambitious solutions to the delivery of our charitable objects. NAAONB members can read the L4L meeting notes [here](#). The Board considered a draft communications strategy which shows the direction NAAONB and AONB Family communications might take over the next four years. The Board paper can be read [here](#) and the draft Strategy [here](#).



Leading on liaison with CPRE The collaborative project between the NAAONB and CPRE to jointly commission independent research to initially investigate how national policies, such as the five-year land supply policy, interacts with policies at the local level, such as a local plan has received enough support from the AONB Family to allow it to go ahead. It will focus on all English AONBs and analyse housing development both pre- and post NPPF, to consider both national and local policy context. An area on Basecamp has been set up to manage this project. Members can see more information [here](#). If you would like to contribute to the crowdfunding of this project please contact [Amber](#).

Leading on value for money and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) AONB Lead Officers gathered in February to review the work of the AONB Family over the past year. In particular, they looked at the KPIs agreed last year and how they have been used to show the value of our work, discussed collaborative and priority communications work and how to address Management Plan Review. Information collated last year was reported as an [Annual Review](#) launched at the NAAONB AGM. Case studies demonstrating the value of the work of the AONB Family can be found [here](#). If you would like your AONB partnership's work showcased on the Landscapes for Life website please complete the template on the page and submit it for inclusion. It usually takes only a couple of days to add.

Sharing experience of HLF The Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) has launched a review and call for evidence on the efficiency, effectiveness and governance of the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) and Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Every government-sponsored public body is reviewed at least once in each Parliament to ensure it is fit for purpose and provides good value for money. Heritage, natural environment and other cultural organisations, as well as members of the public, are invited to submit their views by completing an [online survey](#) by 6th April.

Landscapes for Life Conference 2017 - 18-19th July 2017 in Winchester. Through engagement with colleagues and external organisations - public, third sector and corporate – delegates will look at innovative, efficient and effective ways of working. By leading, sharing, learning and inspiring

our Partnerships will be able to provide a robust and sustainable future for our outstanding landscapes. Reports from previous L4L conferences can be found [here](#).



Sharing and inspiring while mapping the places we value Between October and January, Natural England trialled a new way of recording the places people value. [Arnside and Silverdale AONB](#) was the first area in the country to be covered by the new website. Almost 100 people placed 387 pins on the map. This means that for the first time the Partnership has good quality evidence on how people feel about places within the AONB, something that has been difficult to quantify in the past. This information can be used when considering landscape change and making decisions in the future. WordCloud credit: [tagul.com](#)

Sharing, Learning and Inspiring with daffodils in the Tamar Valley AONB [Tamar Valley AONB Partnership's](#) Heritage Lottery Funded project, [Heralds of Spring](#) will record and raise awareness of the special historic daffodil varieties growing in the Tamar Valley landscape. Over the next two months, there are plenty of ways to get involved through training and monitoring events, guided walks, talks and a visit to Ron Scamp's nursery in Falmouth. All events and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.tamarvalley.org.uk or call 01822 835030.



Sharing, Learning and Inspiring Basecamp Guidance has been updated and can be found [here](#) by members. This includes a current list of all areas available on Basecamp and advice on how to manage the email alerts to your inbox. If there are areas that you would like to be added to or if you are not a member and would like to benefit from the fount of knowledge to be found on the site, please contact [Amber](#), our membership manager.

Sharing Learning Westminster Forum Projects is holding a seminar on "The future of UK agriculture policy". For details see <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/agriculture-2017>

Job Vacancies Wye Valley AONB Partnership [Information Officer](#) East Devon AONB Partnership [Communications Officer](#). Suffolk Coast & Heaths and Dedham Vale AONB Partnerships [Project Officer](#).

Non salaried positions Chilterns and Cotswolds Conservation [Board positions](#)

If you want to contribute to a future edition of **Leading, Sharing, Learning, Inspiring** please send your article/snippet/link to [Jill](#).

Howard Davies posted a new message:

[Informal note of the NAAONB meeting with Lord Gardiner – 28th February 2017](#)

Dear all,

Philip and I met with Lord Gardiner last week. I have prepared below an informal note of this meeting for your information. Please note that following the NAAONB Board meeting next week I will be updating you all on the NAAONB position re Brexit and how we intend to take issues forward. This will effectively pull together the internal discussions to date, the outcome of the Chairman's meeting, the continued close working with National Parks England, and developing relationship we have with Lord Gardiner.

Informal note of meeting.

The agenda covered the following areas

1. Defra's 25 year environment plan
2. The next spending round
3. The public sector transformation agenda
4. A Conservation Board for the Shropshire Hills AONB
5. The role of the NAAONB

These meetings are never as scripted as a formal agenda would indicate, but we covered the subject areas effectively.

The Minister opened the meeting stating his support for the work of AONB partnerships and conservation boards. He was obviously keen to make his commitment known. He highlighted how important it is to care for the countryside and stressed the role of farmers and land owners in making this happen. He stated that 70% of land is farmed, and the importance of appropriate and sensitive agricultural land use. He reiterated the point that farmers are key people with whom we must work. He opined that the agricultural systems themselves made these landscapes worthy of designation, and this fact should be reflected in the composition of AONB partnerships, conservation boards, and the NAAONB board.

We responded explaining how well represented the farming sector is on AONB partnerships and conservation boards, and highlighted the good working relationship the NAAONB has with the CLA and the farming unions.

He made it clear that he didn't want this meeting to be a one off, suggesting that we may want to consider regular catch-ups. We agreed this would be a valuable approach.

He had clearly found his visit to the Chilterns AONB informative and enjoyable. This visit had obviously left a positive impression, highlighting to us the value in getting the Minister out to AONBs and seeing for himself what is going on. He expressed a keen interest in visiting other AONBs. This is something that we will bring up at the next tripartite meeting.

We made the case for AONB partnerships as delivery agents, specifically around the 25 Year Environment Plan and Natural England's Conservation Strategy, and made the case that AONB management plans are powerful tools to help integrate policy at the local level. We reiterated the fact that the AONB Family covers 8000 square miles and its partnerships are formed of around 700 elected members.

The Minister discussed the importance of maintaining a dynamic countryside, and highlighted that the designation was as much about enhancing as conserving. He reminded us that support for AONB partnerships by government is an investment of tax payer's money, so these areas should be available to be enjoyed by people. We then discussed the relationship between AONBs and the rural economy. I raised the £16Bn GVA associated with AONBs and suggested that the Minister might be interested in our submission to the Economic Growth Review. He has since been sent a copy (attached for those that may not be familiar with it).

We discussed the public sector reform agenda. The Minister was keen to make the point that the focus was on making the public sector work better, not delivering an ideological or political agenda. He was, however, interested in identifying any 'log jams' and identifying which areas require a more serious look. The Minister remarked on the changing balance of funding, and the increasingly necessary ability to raise funds locally. The Minister agreed to speak at the next Landscape for Life Conference.

We discussed the specific case of the Shropshire Hills AONB partnership and their proposal to become a Conservation Board. The Minister made it clear that he didn't want a situation where all AONB partnerships aspire to Conservation Board status. He was particularly keen to understand whether we felt that a successful AONB is disadvantaged by being a 'normal' AONB. We made it clear that the proposal for the Shropshire Hills was specifically designed to address the governance challenges being faced in this instance, and these could only be appropriately addressed through the application of a suitable governance solution. The Minister was clearly interested in his role regarding the appointment of members, and stressed the importance of getting this right.

We discussed the next spending round, and the Minister highlighted the direction of travel. He implied that Defra would need to continue to make savings as they had been doing. We highlighted the apportionment of funding across Defra's protected landscape budget.

We discussed the value and importance of the AONB management plan and the process employed to create it. The Minister agreed to write a foreword for the AONB Family to use in their next round of plans. This would be followed up at the tripartite meeting on the 9th March.

Howard
NAAONB