

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

Venue: Hovingham Village Hall, Hovingham, YO62 4LF
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Date: Thursday 16 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

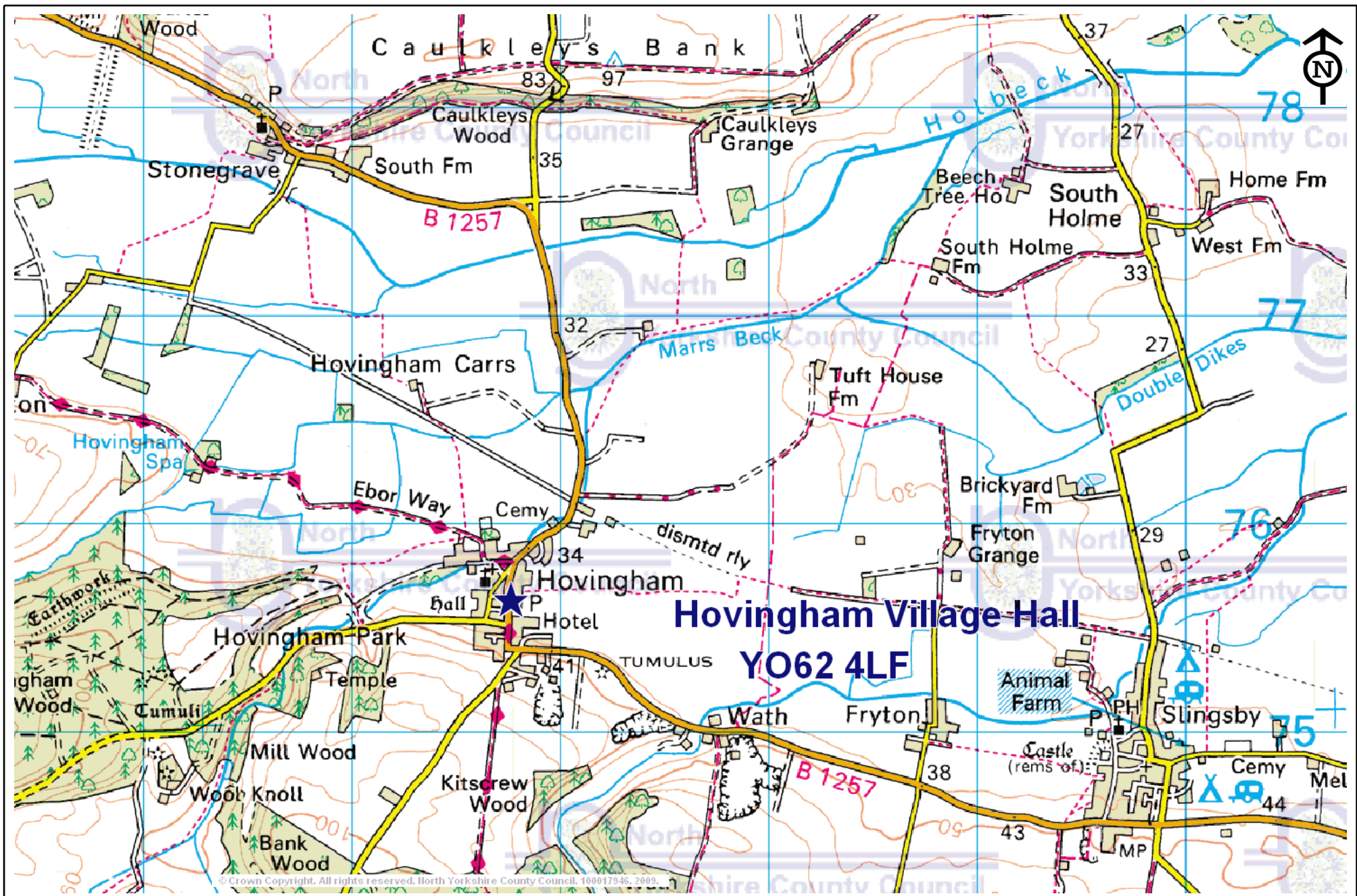
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The following are suggested:-
 - Thursday 19th April 2018 at 10.00 a.m.
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- 12 Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency

Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

Membership

North Yorkshire County Council (2)	
1	GOODRICK, Caroline
2	PATMORE, Caroline
Ryedale District Council (2)	
3	FARNELL, Fiona
4	WAINWRIGHT, Robert (Chairman)
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 (Vice-Chairman)
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	Vacancy



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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 13 April 2017, commencing at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman
 North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillors Caroline Patmore and Clare Wood
 Ryedale District Council: Councillor Robert Wainwright
 Parish Councils: Chris Stratton (Hambleton)
 Country Land and Business Association: Sir William Worsley
 The Forestry Commission: Jim Smith
 Natural England: Alisa Kirkup
 The Ramblers Association: Philip Catterall

Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB Team: Paul Jackson and Liz Bassindale
 North Yorkshire County Council: Matt O'Neil (Assistant Director, Growth, Planning and Trading Standards), Patrick Duffy (Secretary), Liz Small (Heritage Services Manager)
 Hambleton District Council: Caroline Skelly (Planning Department)
 Ryedale District Council: Howard Wallis (Economic Development)

Also present: Amy Thomas, Programme Manager for the North York Moors, Coast and Hills Leader Programme,

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

75 Election of Chair

On being nominated and seconded, it was

Resolved

That Councillor Robert Wainwright be elected Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

76 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:-

- Jenny Craven (Natural England)
- Councillor Fiona Farnell (Ryedale District Council)
- Rebecca Hesketh (National Farmers Union)

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

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2016, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

78 Notes of the informal meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 November 2016

Resolved

That the Notes of the informal meeting held on 10 November 2016, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79 Matters Arising

Minute 4 – Matters Arising

Councillor Wood asked if contact had been made with Dementia Forward. Liz Bassindale said that she had not yet been in touch, but would be contacting them shortly. Four easy access routes had been commissioned, with the contractors providing another two free of charge.

Minute 6 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager updated the Committee on the Geology Trust Lottery Bid. Survey work had been knocked back and the bid would now focus on work to be undertaken with local schools. The new display banners were almost complete.

Minute 11 – Reports from Partner Organisations

Philip Catterall, representing the Ramblers Association, reported that he had been in contact with the Estate Manager at Castle Howard regarding the timescale and plans for the reconstruction of the closed car park that was used by walkers and others at Coneysthorpe Crossroads. The car park was an ideal starting point for walking in whatever direction.

He had been informed by the Estate Manager that due to the anti-social behaviour of some individuals, complaints had been received which meant that, regrettably, the car park would remain closed. People could still park at the main Castle Howard car park and commence their walk from a different point. This was an example of the actions of a small minority of people spoiling things for everybody else.

The AONB Manager added that the issues related to evenings and night time. He was working with the Estate on alternatives that would allow better movement around the Estate.

80 Election of Vice-Chair

On being nominated and seconded, it was

Resolved

That Sir William Worsley be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

81 Presentation - The North York Moors, Coast and Hills Leader Programme 2015-2020

Amy Thomas, Programme Manager for the North York Moors, Coast and Hills Leader Programme, made a presentation on this initiative.

She made the following points in particular:-

- There were six priorities – the main four being:-
 - Farm Productivity
 - Rural Tourism
 - Forestry; and
 - Cultural Heritage
- It was essential that proposed projects fitted into one of the six priorities and helped to create new employment opportunities.
- The majority of the funding that was available was for capital projects.
- The minimum grant was £5,000 - £2,500 under Farm Productivity.
- Ideally, projects should be completed by March 2019.
- There was a two-stage approval process, with the final decision being taken by the Executive Group.
- Private sources of funding were required to match funding.

Jim Smith, representative of the Forestry Commission, enquired if could they do anything to assist. Amy Thomas responded that it would be a great help if they would encourage people to apply by spreading the word about the initiative.

The Chair thanked Amy Thomas for her presentation.

Resolved –

That the presentation be noted.

82 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.

Liz Bassindale, AONB Officer and Paul Jackson, AONB Manager, illustrated the following activities:-

- Hedge planting had taken place at Bulmer; Crambe, Hovingham and Castle Howard.
- Exmoor Pony sites – work had been undertaken to fix posts and gates and carry out minor repairs.
- The Monument Management Scheme had resulted in work being carried out to control brambles and scrub on Scheduled Monuments at:-

- Grimston Moor
 - South and High Woods, Hovingham
 - Wiganthorpe
 - Scarrish Wood, Coneysthorpe
 - Roman Plantation near Oulston
- Conservation work had been undertaken at Amotherby Churchyard.
 - Name signs had been restored or reproduced for Cawton, Terrington, Ganthorpe, Crayke, Oulston, Yearsley, Crambe and Kirkham.
 - The River Rye Landscape Partnership Scheme bid had been successful. Initial Phase 1 approval had been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund, for development work leading to a £2 million project to revitalise the heritage of the River.
 - The above project would be known as Ryevitalise. There were four themes:-
 - Water environment
 - Water quality
 - Water level management
 - Reconnecting people
 - A Turtle Doves project had also received Heritage Lottery funding, to support surveying and land management advice to help the declining population.
 - Undergrounding schemes – work completed to remove the overhead lines at Cawton. Work in progress at Nunnington and Ganthorpe and due to start soon in Oswaldkirk.
 - Junior Rangers:-
 - numbers had increased
 - In December - tree work and increasing awareness of what is around them
 - In February - orienteering and map reading
 - 26 children had participated in yesterday's activity day, details of which would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee
 - Six routes had been created for the AONB by iFootpath, providing easy countryside trails on farm tracks or quiet roads.
 - The AONB Photographic Competition had attracted more than 100 entries (the winners in each section were displayed at the meeting).

Councillor Clare Wood thanked officers for their excellent report. She felt that the Ryevitalise Project was exciting and one which could make a huge difference. Her concern, however, was the budget underspend - if the staff could not be recruited the scheme could collapse. In response, the AONB Officer advised that the scheme would be headed by the North York Moors National Park and came with a staff Team. Therefore, the Council would not be carrying the risk. The AONB Manager added that a large underspend in the AONB budget had been carried forward as it had been anticipated there would be a large reduction in Government Grant.

In response to a comment about undergrounding, whereby hideous electricity wires are routed underground, there had been complaints about the verges being left in an untidy state. The AONB Manager commented that it came down to the technical aspects of delivery, which were the responsibility of Northern Powergrid and its

contractors. There was a need to take the aesthetics into account to keep disruption to a minimum and reinstate verged areas to a high standard.

Sir William Worsley, of the Country Land and Business Association, asked whether a survey of landscape improvements that people would wish to see had been carried out – such as repairing old Lime Kilns which were part of the area's heritage? The AONB Manager responded that the Management Plan contains a long list of Priority Sites and work focusses on improving these. Sir William suggested that perhaps there was a need to be more specific; the Committee had achieved a lot and needed to consider whether there were now any specific areas it wanted to see improved.

Chris Stratton, representing Hambleton Parish Councils, felt that there had been a lot of reactive work. This was a good opportunity to decide what was important to the AONB landscape in advance of discussions with the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The AONB Manager advised that the National Association for AONBs was working with partners and DEFRA to consider the impacts of BREXIT. Defra would be holding a local Workshop on post BREXIT priorities and the AONB would feed into that.

The AONB Manager mentioned that most of his report had been covered as part of the presentation but he also highlighted the planning applications that he had been asked to comment on and his responses. There was an increasing trend in relation to applications for mobile 'phone masts. Councillor Clare Wood asked whether there was a policy on the size of masts and commented that providers sharing masts would be preferable to a plethora of individual masts. The AONB Manager said that he was generally supportive of these applications as the trend now was for smaller masts.

Chris Stratton referred to page 47 of the papers. Husthwaite and Coxwold Parish Councils had asked him to raise a problem caused as a result of the number of caravans stored at Sunley Woods Farm at Husthwaite. The AONB Manager confirmed that the planning application for repairs and associated storage had been refused. Therefore, if activity was continuing then it would be for Hambleton District Council to undertake enforcement action if appropriate.

Caroline Skelly, Planning Officer at Hambleton District Council, advised that this would be referred to the Council's Enforcement Team.

In response to a question from the Vice-Chair, the AONB Manager estimated that approximately 15% of his workload was taken up on matters relating to planning applications.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

83 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 2016.

The AONB Manager commented that there had been a surprising reduction in the number of applications in the Ryedale part of the AONB.

The approval figure was similar to that of the five year average.

Members had asked for a report on the number of applications withdrawn before a decision had been made. In Hambleton the figure was three.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

84 AONB Action Programme 2016/17

Members considered details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2016/17.

Achievements against the following aspects of the Management Plan were specified in the report:-

- Ecosystem approach
- Natural Environment
- Historic Environment
- Local Communities
- Agriculture
- Forestry and Woodland
- Development and the Rural Economy
- Roads, Transport and Traffic Management
- Access and Tourism
- Awareness and Promotion
- Implementation
- National Association for AONBs

It was noted that no work had been carried out this year under the Monitoring heading.

A detailed summary of progress against each objective was provided in an annexe circulated separately to the Agenda. The AONB Manager highlighted the following:-

- 80% of targets had been fully achieved.
- 15% had either not started or not progressed significantly.
- Whilst the aim was always to do more, he was really pleased with what had been achieved especially as it had been a year of change in terms of staffing and methods of working.
- The AONB Team restructure had been completed.
- There had been 180 days of volunteers work.
- Undergrounding works continued and it was hoped that BT would be on board soon.
- Philip Catterall representing The Ramblers asked which four Parishes were being targeted in respect of Public Rights of Way improvements. The AONB Manager said he believed that it was Nunnington, Terrington, Welburn and Bulmer but that he would ascertain the correct position and let him know.

Resolved

That the achievements against targets for 2016/17 be noted.

85 AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2017/18

The AONB Manager presented a report which sought the Committee's approval for proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2017/18. A detailed set of proposed targets against each objective was provided in an annexe circulated separately to the Agenda.

The AONB Manager highlighted the following aspects:-

- It was hoped that the Geodiversity survey project would be commissioned and carried out.
- The new project on the conservation of Turtle Doves, referred to earlier, would be proceeding.
- The impact of BREXIT should start to become clearer.
- Year 3 of the Monument Management Scheme would be delivered.
- Re-vegetation work on selected Monuments would be trialled.
- It was hoped to hold a meeting for farmers to update them on issues and funding opportunities, some of which had been covered by the Committee's discussions.
- Undergrounding work of electricity cables should commence shortly in Ganthorpe, Oswaldkirk and Easthorpe.
- It was hoped to report that the Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme is up and running.
- Officers were starting to plan consultation processes for reviewing the Management Plan.

In response to a question from a Member, the AONB Manager advised that, unfortunately, there was no progress to report on the Gilling Castle Lakes Management Plan. This would be coming back to the top of the list of projects and there would be discussions with Natural England as to what assistance we could offer.

Resolved

That the targets for 2017/18, as contained in the Action Programme, be agreed.

86 Business Planning – Review of Delivery Mechanisms

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

The AONB Manager advised the Committee as follows:-

- The administrative support, which could be accessed via the National Park Authority, had been useful.

- Additional staff resources had been filled.
- It was anticipated that more pieces of work would be commissioned, as had been done with the easy access routes and the Monument Management Scheme.
- Village name signs restoration work had been batched in one go which reduced the amount of paperwork required.
- The Team were approaching a point where they would not be able to take on any additional partnership work. Input into existing projects would be consolidated and other work only taken on if capacity allowed.
- The Team had learnt some important lessons which they were taking forward.

Resolved

That the report be received.

87 National Association for AONBs Activity

The Committee received an update on activity by the National Association for AONBs.

The Newsletter, Landscapes for Life Update, produced by the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, had been circulated.

As part of the Newsletter there was an informal note of a meeting held with Lord Gardiner, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity. Members noted that Lord Gardiner had stated his support for the work of AONB partnerships and conservation boards.

Resolved

That the report be received.

88 Reports from Partner Organisations

Members of the Committee shared the following information:

North Yorkshire County Council

Councillor Clare Wood advised that she had no specific updates but that, in her role as Executive Member, she would be happy to answer any strategic questions that the Committee may have.

Matt O'Neil expressed his thanks to Paul Jackson, Liz Bassindale and the Team for the good work that they were doing. His Team would be keeping an eye on the impact of BREXIT for the area.

The Ramblers

Philip Catterall referred to a blocked footbridge near Ampleforth. This had now been dealt with.

Forestry Commission

Jim Smith advised that the Commission were keeping an eye on tree health. There would be an aerial flyover of Yorkshire and the North East to check for any further outbreaks of Phytophthora ramorum disease and, subject to funding, a Tree Health Event was likely to be held in September 2017.

Hambleton District Council

The Hambleton Local Plan continues to move forward. A short consultation was launched in April on 83 Additional Sites and 140 new Green Spaces. Further consultation is scheduled to take place prior to Christmas 2017.

89 Concluding remarks by the Chair

The Chair thanked Councillor Wood for all her hard work as a previous Chairman of the Committee and as an active and keen Member of the Committee.

The Vice-Chair thanked Christine Cookman in similar terms.

90 Date of next Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

Resolved

That the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 16 November 2016 at 10.00 a.m. – venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 12.00 noon

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**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16 NOVEMBER 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 JAC meeting in April 2017.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager and AONB Officers in the period April 2017 to November 2017.
- 2.2 The final budget outturn for 2016/17 is detailed in a separate report on the Agenda. The final contribution payment has been received from Defra.
- 2.3 Work on countryside management has been proceeding. Our regular annual summer/autumn habitat management work on specific SINC sites has taken place, with Himalayan balsam control using both contractors and Volunteers being the most significant. A visually very prominent wall restoration project near Grimston has completed its final phase and a number of hedge and wall restoration projects are in the process of development. Work is due to start shortly on identifying the next batch of traditional village name signs and direction signs to be restored. Full details of the grants offered and projects developed are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 The Monument Management Scheme has faltered slightly this year after the discovery in July that vigorous bracken on at least 5 Scheduled Monuments either hadn't been sprayed in 2016 or had resisted the chemical. Unfortunately two of these are large sites where we'd planned to trial re-vegetation works this winter/spring, but this will have to be postponed for a year. Bracken has been sprayed again on 20 Monuments but how well the chemical has worked in the very showery late summer weather won't be known until next June. The winter work programme will now consist of scrub control on a few monuments and perhaps some ground preparation works before re-vegetation trials in winter/spring 2019. Agreement has been secured from Historic England to roll any underspent funds into a fifth year of the project in 1919/20.
- 2.5 The Ryevitalise Project team is busy arranging meetings, surveys and contracts to gather all the information necessary for the submission of the Phase Two Landscape Conservation Action Plan document in September 2018.
- A Farmers' Update meeting was held in Helmsley in early July, which over 90 people attended. It was encouraging to see that c.30% of the attendees were young farmers. Discussions about potential Farmer Champions and how to take the land management side of the project forward are on-going.
 - Data about the AONB has been provided to the project team, to help with the preparation of the various surveys and reports.
 - Detailed input is being given by the AONB Team to the Ancient Woodland Restoration, Educational and Access strands in particular.

- 2.6 A comprehensive Geodiversity Audit for the AONB has been organised and launched over the summer period. The North East Yorkshire Geology Trust has been contracted to identify and survey geological sites, providing descriptions and assessments of their scientific importance. Of the 150 sites initially identified, 110 were considered worthy of a site visit. Access permission request letters were sent to farmers and landowners in October and the responses are now being collated. It's anticipated that some survey work may start in December or January, but many of the owners have asked that we wait until after the end of the shooting season. The information gained from the survey will be incorporated into the review of the AONB Management Plan next summer.
- 2.7 The Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management project was developed very quickly in the early summer and has been successful in attracting £50,000 of Defra funding for a four year period. Landowners upstream of Gilling and Hovingham will be approached over the coming months to explain the project and seek permission to survey their land. Potential opportunities for natural flood management measures such as leaky woody debris dams and habitat restoration will be mapped. The villages of Sinnington and Thornton-le-Dale are also included in the project.
- 2.8 Work is progressing with a Turtle Doves project, in partnership with the North York Moors National Park, and an encouraging number of sightings have been reported within the AONB. A more formal survey is being organised for spring 2018. Work is also on-going in trying to secure the future of the Cornfield Flowers project, with support for a bid to Natural England's Facilitation Fund.
- 2.9 The Public Rights of Way Improvement Project, in partnership with NYCC's Countryside Access Service, is progressing well. Twenty four new roadside fingerposts have been put in, to replace rotten or broken ones. Approximately 75% of the roadside fingerposts in the AONB have had their inscriptions recorded in photos, to make future maintenance or replacement much easier. Encroaching vegetation has been cleared at the same time as taking the photos, and a second batch of c.15 replacement signs has been identified. The North York Moors National Park Modern Apprentices Team has been contracted to provide up to 6 weeks of labour, to 'blitz' concentrations of issues in targeted Parishes. The first two weeks have been spent replacing or repairing 10 kissing gates in Bulmer Parish. Two further batches of work are being prepared, in the Hovingham area for December and along the River Derwent between Kirkham and Howsham in the spring. Access to sites however is very much weather-dependent.
- 2.10 Overhead electricity lines have been undergrounded in Cawton, Ganthorpe and Nunnington, with work due to start on a scheme at Easthorpe very soon. Schemes at Oswaldkirk and Grimstone are in the advanced stages of design. The programme is progressing so well overall that Northern Powergrid has recently pledged a further £2 million of their own money to add to the £15 million allocated under the Ofgem programme. BT Openreach are also becoming increasingly engaged, even though they don't receive any financial assistance for undergrounding their apparatus. The schemes at Nunnington and Cawton are due to benefit from some BT Openreach rationalisation/ undergrounding in due course.
- 2.11 The number of planning applications scrutinised has been lower than for this period in 2016/17, and most of them have not needed significant input or comments. The most significant cases have been proposals for new extensions at 3 properties in or near Stonegrave, a riding manege near Fryton and a porch at Nunnington. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received this financial year, and Item 5 on the Agenda contains the AONB Manager's detailed responses to specific applications.

- 2.12 Work has started on scoping the review of the AONB Management Plan and this is covered in more detail in a separate report on the Agenda. As part of this process, close attention is being paid to the progress of the Brexit talks and the development of a new Domestic Agricultural Policy for the UK.
- 2.13 Three Junior Ranger Club sessions have been held in conjunction with the Castle Howard Arboretum, in the April, May and October school holidays. Details of attendance at the events already held are contained in Appendix 4.
- 2.14 The Community First Yorkshire Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans. A full list of the work carried out by the CFY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.15 A new set of AONB display banners has been produced, and work carried out on improving the page layouts and information on the AONB website. The Easy Countryside Trails leaflets have been uploaded to the website and sent to the County Council's Health & Wellbeing Team. Work has also been completed on scoping a mechanism for distributing copies of our leaflets – unfortunately it seems that the AONB is too small an area for any commercial companies to be interested.
- 2.16 The latest edition of the AONB Newsletter was prepared in September and distributed in the week commencing 23rd October. The JAC's Annual Report has also been completed and was circulated to the wide range of organisations who work with the JAC to deliver our shared objectives.
- 2.17 The NAAONB Conference was held in Winchester in June and was attended by the AONB Manager and AONB Officer.
- 2.18 In line with the Business Plan, Francesca Pert is working 1 day per week as a part-time AONB Officer on projects and publicity until 31st March 2018.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report be noted.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

6th APRIL – 7TH NOVEMBER 2017

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Financial Closedown of 2016/17 Accounts.
- Planning application consultation scrutiny and responses.
- Preparation and submission of final Defra grant claim.
- Holding a Farmers' Update event in Helmsley.
- MMS – Preparation and submission of Q4 16/17 report and grant claim; updating spreadsheets recording the work completed; entering work and site assessments into the Heritage at Risk database and submitting to Historic England; preparation and submission of Q1 report and grant claim; inspection of sites to evaluate efficacy of bracken spraying carried out in 2016; procuring bracken spraying and scrub re-growth inspection works for 2017.
- PRoW Improvement Programme (joint project with NYCC Countryside Access Service) – preparing for installation of replacement at-road fingerposts; photographing wording on roadside fingerposts and carrying out associated sign/stile clearance work; dealing with snagging issues following installation of replacement at-road fingerposts; developing a programme of work in 7 parishes to be delivered by the NYMNPA Apprentices Team.
- AONB Geodiversity Audit – developing project; seeking funding contributions; obtaining JAC Chairman approval; mapping survey and non-survey sites onto GIS; identification of site owners; preparation and sending out of access permission request paperwork.
- Organisation of a Farmers' Update event in Helmsley.
- Supplying information and supporting preparation of Ryevitalise Phase 2 submission.
- Annual Leave days and 1 weeks' holiday.

MEETINGS

- April JAC meeting, Hovingham
- RYEVitalise Project Steering Group
- Lunch at Castle Howard with Mr & Mrs Howard, CEO and Agent – discussion of mutual areas of interest/projects
- AONB/NYCC CAS PRoW Improvement Project initiation meeting
- North East PRoW Liaison Group, County Hall
- NFU – JAC representation, joint working
- Native Woodland Partnership Group
- Ryevitalise – organisation of Farmers' Update event
- AONB/NYCC CAS PRoW Improvement Project – meeting with Richard Gunton to agree payment contribution for NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team
- NEYGT – initiation of Geodiversity Audit for the AONB
- June Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- June Core Partners Group
- NYCC Chief Executive's Briefing, Topcliffe
- Farmers' Update event, Feathers Hotel, Helmsley
- LNP Board, County Hall

- Ryevitalise – PAWS woodland in the AONB
- NYCC Procurement Team, County Hall
- Royal Forestry Society Field Visit, Castle Howard Estate
- Ryevitalise – post-Farmers' Update Meeting discussion
- September Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- NE Yorks Geology Trust – Geodiversity Audit
- PRoW Improvement Programme progress meeting
- Assistant Director's Service Plan progress meeting, Northallerton
- September Core Partners Group
- Ryevitalise – Project proformas meeting
- Destination Partnerships Project Steering Group, Northallerton
- Local Nature Partnership Board meeting, County Hall
- RIIO-ED1 Undergrounding project Stakeholder Group, York
- Ryevitalise – Farmer Champions meeting
- River Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project inception meeting, York
- Ryevitalise – Access routes

- Native Woodland Partnership, Pickering

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small
Team meetings

NAAONB

- Northern Group Lead Officers' meeting, North Pennines AONB
- Northern Group meeting, North Pennines AONB
- NAAONB Conference, Winchester
- Presentation of entry to the NAAONB Bowland Award, for the Monument Management Scheme
- Participation in Outstanding Week promotion, 16th – 24th September

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- Castle Howard – discussion of project ideas
- North Yorkshire Police, re funding for an HHAONB Rural Watch scheme
- November JAC meeting, Hovingham
- November Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- North Yorkshire Geological Sites Panel, County Hall
- Ryevitalise – interim PAWS project update
- River Derwent Partnership Delivery Group, Howden
- December Core Partners Group
- Procurement Team keeping-in-touch meeting, County Hall
- February Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- April JAC meeting

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Defra Metrics Group, London (supporting NAAONB)
- Chairmen's Conference & AGM, London

SITE VISITS

- PRow fingerpost photos/cutting back vegetation – Stonegrave, Oswaldkirk, Ampleforth, East Newton, Malton, Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Fryton, Coulton, Scackleton, Skewsby, Stearsby, Brandsby, Yearsley, Ness, Coneysthorpe, Terrington, Whitwell, Huttons Ambo, Bulmer

- Inspection of bracken re-growth on Scheduled Monuments – Stearsby, Brandsby, Oulston, Yearsley, Maidensworth
- Planning application site visits – Swinton, Ampleforth, Yearsley, Terrington, Crambeck, Stonegrave x 2

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

- PRow fingerpost photos/cutting back vegetation – Welburn, Bulmer, Stittenham, Crambe, Howsham, Crayke, Oulston, Husthwaite, Coxwold, Ampleforth

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Preparation of April JAC papers
- Financial Closedown of 2016/17 Accounts
- Organisation of a Farmers' Update event in Helmsley
- MMS – preparation and submission of Q4 16/17 report and grant claim
- MMS – updating spreadsheets recording the work completed during 2016/17
- MMS – entering 2016/17 work and site assessments into the Heritage at Risk database and submitting to Historic England
- Photographing wording on roadside fingerposts and carrying out associated sign/stile clearance work
- Preparation and submission of Final Defra grant claim
- Implementation of partnership project with NYCC Countryside Access Service to deliver PRow improvements in the AONB
- Organisation and delivery of a Farmers' Update event in Helmsley
- Preparation and submission of Q1 17/18 MMS report and grant claim
- Procuring MMS bracken spraying and scrub re-growth inspection works for 2017
- AONB Geodiversity Audit – mapping survey and non-survey sites onto GIS; identification of site owners; preparation and sending out of access permission request paperwork
- Supplying information and supporting preparation of Ryevitalise Phase 2 submission
- Preparation of September Core Partners Group papers
- Preparation of November JAC papers

PROJECTS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing implementation of partnership project with NYCC Countryside Access Service to deliver PRow improvements in the AONB • Preparation and submission of Q2 MMS report and grant claim • Organising MMS winter work programme 2017/18 • Photographing wording on roadside fingerposts and carrying out associated sign/stile clearance work • AONB Geodiversity Audit – processing landowner replies; compiling addresses for second tranche of survey sites; instructing surveyor • Supplying information and supporting preparation of Ryevitalise Phase 2 submission • Making contact with relevant landowners to discuss the River Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management project • Preparation of December Core Partners Group papers

RECREATION/ACCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of iFootpath Easy Access routes and uploading to AONB website

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)
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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 • Ryedale Show • Production and distribution of 2016/17 Annual Report • Assisting with production and distribution of 2017 AONB Newsletter

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Leave April 25th – 28th • Appraisal • Liz Appraisal • Francesca Appraisal • Annual Leave 29th September – 9th October

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year Appraisals • Christmas shut-down • Annual Leave 3rd – 11th March

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Liz Bassindale)

1st April – 1st November 2017

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Conservation initiatives - River Rye Group, River Derwent Partnership and Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP. The River Rye Group – contributing towards production of the LCAP and Project Proformas for the Stage 2 bid.
- Turtle Doves – volunteer event and project development for AONB surveys.
- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers and checking completed work.
- Coordinating the cutting of Himalayan balsam on five sites using the services of two contractors, Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the Moorswork and NYCC Countryside Volunteer Teams.
- Volunteers – planning and delivering summer tasks. Planning and starting to deliver autumn and early winter tasks. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets. Starting to plan late winter and spring programme.
- Junior Rangers – planning and delivering activities Easter, May and October. Date scheduled to plan February session and initial discussions about delivery of a Ryevitalise Junior Rangers at Easter.
- Communities – working with Community First 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 delivered in March and July 2017.
- Communities – Parish information event at Hovingham Village Hall delivered jointly with Community First Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council.
- Working with Francesca to support the elements of the AONB Work Programme that she is delivering.
- Completion of the new set of information banners.
- Working with partners to try to secure a way forwards for the Cornfield Flowers Project. Assisting with production of a Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund bid.

MEETINGS

- Yorkshire Derwent Partnership (x2), Pickering and Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Project Officer - input towards shortlisting, Helmsley
- Turtle Doves Steering Group, Helmsley
- Turtle Doves and Natural England - connections with Countryside Stewardship Schemes, Helmsley
- Connecting for Nature (Ryedale, Scarborough and Howardian Hills LBAP), Malton (x2), Scarborough (x1)
- Ryevitalise - AONB and Ryevitalise Project Team, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise LCAP working group, Pickering and Helmsley
- Ryevitalise Education Proforma, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise Steering Group, Helmsley and Malton
- Ryevitalise education elements, NYMPNA Education, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise Phase 1 habitat surveys feedback, Helmsley

- Ryevitalise Project Proformas Workshop, Helmsley
- Cornfield Flowers Steering Group meetings, Malton and Birkdale
- Cornfield Flowers focussed Facilitation Fund Bid, Malton
- SINC Panel, Northallerton
- Ryedale Community Event planning with RDC and CFY, Malton (x3) and Langdale End
- EAFRD Tourism project update, Helmsley
- LEADER Support Group, Helmsley (x2)
- Advising at LEADER Rural Services Event, Helmsley
- Development Officers, Kirkbymoorside (x2) and Hovingham (x1)
- NYCC Heritage Services Team meeting (x2), Northallerton
- Farmer liaison meeting, Helmsley
- Core Partners Group (x2), Helmsley
- April JAC, Hovingham
- NYCC Heritage Services Team, Northallerton and Helmsley

- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP (quarterly)
- Projects updates with PJ and FP

NAAONB

- Northern Group AONBs meeting (x2), North Pennines AONB and Lincolnshire Wolds AONB
- Production of Junior Rangers display for NAAONB Conference
- NAAONB Conference – Winchester
- Promotion of Outstanding Week on Twitter

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- Tourism/visitor projects, NYMNP Outdoor Activity Tourism Officer, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise LCAP working group, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise Steering Group, Helmsley and Malton
- Ryevitalise consultation event, Nunnington
- Rural crime, Helmsley Police Office
- Turtle Doves - volunteers meeting, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Turtle Doves Steering Group, Scarborough
- LEADER Support Group, Helmsley
- Development Officers, Malton
- Core Partners Group, Helmsley
- November JAC, Hovingham
- 1 to 1 meetings with PJ
- Heritage Services Meetings

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Comms Officers teleconferences

SITE VISITS

- Grassland management, Kendrew Green, Huthwaite
- Wall repairs, Hovingham Village Hall
- Grassland management advice, Scackleton
- Stone wall repairs grant, Grimston
- Grassland management, Scackleton
- Looking for kick sampling sites with Ryevitalise River Restoration Officer, Duncombe Park
- Himalayan balsam clearance at Jeffry Bog task planning, with TCV, near Firby
- Himalayan balsam clearance at Derwent SSSI task planning, with student placement, near Crambeck
- Himalayan balsam clearance at Derwent SSSI task planning, with TCV, near Crambeck
- Rhododendron check post-FC clearance work, Grimston Moor

- Rhododendron locations, quantity and prioritisation for volunteer tasks, Coulton Moor (x2)
- Site visits with volunteer task leader to Coulton Moor and Littledale
- Terrington Moor SINC with Natural England and landowners, Terrington

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

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CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Completion of AONB Officer sections of MMS reports
- Significant contribution towards ongoing production of Ryevitalise LCAP
- Starting volunteer task, Kendrew Green, Huthwaite
- Assessing potential for hedgelaying with landowner, south west of Coulton
- Possible wall restoration grant, with landowner, Grimston
- Wall restoration grant, with landowner, Coulton
- Turtle Dove dawn survey then meeting, Ampleforth
- Fairy Dell Himalayan balsam clearance - visit to plan task with student, Brandsby
- Fairy Dell Himalayan balsam clearance - visit to volunteers/monitor progress, Brandsby
- Swinton grant claim, paperwork check, with Village Action Group representative, Helmsley
- Delivery of the second 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)

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RECREATION/ACCESS

- Site visit with landowner and PROW, replacement of stiles with gates, near Terrington

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

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COMMUNITIES

- Easter Junior Rangers activities – complete preparation and deliver session
- May Junior Rangers activities – plan, take bookings, prepare and deliver
- October Junior Rangers - plan, take bookings, prepare and deliver
- February Junior Rangers – date scheduled to plan session
- Delivered a bird box building activity at Terrington Hall School for their Environment Week in partnership with YWT Tomorrow's Natural Leaders Team
- Parish Liaison meeting and Digital Mapping launch, Ryedale House
- Community Information Event, preparation for and delivery of, Hovingham

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Take down photo exhibition (early April)
- Evening talk to York Ornithological Club, York
- Evening talk to Welburn Horticultural Society, Welburn
- Talk to Sight Support Ryedale Group, Pickering
- Schools Countryside Day, Duncombe Park
- Ryedale Show
- Tweets showcasing various aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- Tweets showcasing different aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team

TRAINING

- 1st Aid at Work, Northallerton

TRAINING (FUTURE)

-

MISCELLANEOUS

- Work experience student for 3 days in June
- Appraisal
- Holiday 29th May to 5th June
- Some leave taken during school summer holidays (blocks of 2 or 3 days)

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

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AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Francesca Pert)

1st April to 7th November 2017

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers, conducting site visits with applicants, taking 'before' photos and checking completed work. Chasing up end of year grant claims.
- Sending out New Farm Buildings Design Guidance.
- Updates to the HHAONB website. Updates to a number of the header photos to make them more varied, contemporary and relevant. Ensuring that content is up to date and relevant. Compiling a list of set-up snagging issues and communicating them to the designers so that we can find solutions to manage the website ourselves more effectively. Writing a 'How to' guide for updating pages to make us less reliant on help with updates. Started training in the Wordpress software.
- Junior Rangers: planning, preparing materials and delivering activities for the Easter, May and October sessions.
- Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership Scheme: I have collated data to help LB with drafting material for the LCAP. I also represented the AONB at two Ryevitalise steering group meetings.
- Promoting Easy Countryside Trail routes with local groups including Ryedale Mumbler and Sight Support Ryedale; writing a press release in conjunction with the Sight Support Ryedale Group which was published in the Gazette and Herald on 24th October 2017.
- Investigating mechanisms for HHAONB Bike Rides and Rambles leaflet distribution and beginning to compile a distribution address list.
- Volunteers: investigating scrub clearance work on Peel Wood and Oulston SINC sites and liaising with landowners, NYCC ecologist and the task leader.
- Newsletter – writing a short piece on the Easy Countryside Trails routes.
- Outstanding Week – researching and collating public events that were being held in the Howardian Hills during Outstanding week and adding them to the NAAONB calendar for promotion.

MEETINGS

- Ryedale Show quiz planning with Ryevitalise Catchment Restoration Officer and LB
- Ryevitalise Steering Group Meeting
- Junior Ranger Club Planning with LB and Kathryn Hardacre at the Yorkshire Arboretum (x2)
- Action Programme meetings with PJ and LB (quarterly)
- Team updates with PJ and LB
- Ryevitalise Proforma development workshop
- Appraisal target setting with PJ.
- Heritage Services Team Meeting

NAAONB

- Assisted LB in the creation of a Junior Rangers Market Place stall for NAAONB Conference
- NAAONB Northern Group, Lincolnshire Wolds AONB (Oct)
- Assisting with participation in the Twitter #outstandinghour when available to do so

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- Action programme and team update meetings with PJ and LB

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Comms Officers teleconferences (when available to participate)
- Assisting with participation in the Twitter #outstandinghour when available to do so

SITE VISITS

Checking the following completed schemes:

- Moorhouse Farm, Hovingham, Hedge Planting
- Low Farm, Huttons Ambo, Copse Planting
- Castle Howard Estate Hedge Planting
- Kilburn House, Bulmer, Hedge Planting
- Kyreham House, Crambe, Hedge Planting
- Ganthorpe Hall, Individual trees beat up

Initial site visits for proposed grant applications at:

- Kilburn House phase 3 hedge planting scheme

- Site visits to Peel Wood and Oulston Reservoir SINCs to assess for volunteer clearance work and to show the task leader the sites and work required (x2)
- Harome Sidings Pond restoration project initial site visit

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

- Kilburn House post-works site visit

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Updates to the HHAONB website
- Hedge planting scheme at Kilburn House, Bulmer, phase 2 and planning phase 3
- Distributing the New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance
- Organising Conservation Pony Grazing Schedule
- Investigating a leaflet distribution system for HHAONB information
- Making arrangements for tree trimming work at Amotherby Lane SINC
- Arranging further tree planting beat-up work with Castle Howard Tree Nursery
- Assisting LB with preparation of data / material for the Ryevitalise LCAP
- Connecting Ryevitalise Catchment Restoration Officer with EA geomorphologists to assist with 'A More Natural River' sub-project within Ryevitalise
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Arranging a contractor to complete tree trim at Amotherby Lane SINC
- Working with Ryevitalise officers on improvements to Harome sidings pond
- Work with NYCC ecologist on improvements to Oulston Reservoir SINC and exploring the possibility of a native crayfish ARC site in the upper Foss.
- Continue to investigate whether a volunteer task can go ahead on grassland at Oulston Reservoir SINC.

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Writing & publishing a press release in conjunction with Sight Support Ryedale about the Easy Countryside Trails

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

COMMUNITIES

- Planning for October Junior Rangers, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Updating the HHAONB website with Community First Yorkshire new branding / contacting Ryedale DC for new communities contacts
- October Junior Rangers activities – assisting with planning, preparation and delivery

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

- February Junior Rangers activities – assisting with planning, preparation and delivery

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Creating quiz questions for the Ryedale Show
- Assisting preparation of Ryedale Show stand content
- Ryedale Show stand attendance
- Updating the HHAONB website with new news posts and up to date information
- Writing of a press release about Easy Countryside Trails
- Writing a piece for the HHAONB newsletter about Easy Countryside Trails
- New posts on the HHAONB website to promote current projects / news e.g. Outstanding week, Junior Rangers Club, AONB project fund grants
- Updating the AONB project fund grant leaflet and uploading it to the HHAONB website

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- New posts on the HHAONB website to promote current projects / news e.g. Junior Rangers Club & Photography Competition
- Leaflet distribution - work on address list and mail out

TRAINING

- Wordpress.com: 2 sessions training on working on websites created in Wordpress.com

TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Wordpress.org: 5 session website updating training, York

MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Leave 14/06/17 and 27/09/17 September.• Starting to make arrangements for new HHAONB team member photos to be taken for website

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Closedown 27th December

Community First Yorkshire
Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee 1 April 2017 to October 2017

Parish Plans

Swinton: Parish Plan report completed and published; launch event was held at BSA Sports Centre on 15 July 2017.

Amotherby Ward Pilot Project

This one year project in partnership with RDC and HHAONB finished end of March 2017. It covered the parishes of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-le-Street, Habton & Kirby Misperton.

The parishes met four times/year to discuss common issues and ideas for future projects and help and support needed. Officers from other agencies attend to explain help/services available. These have included NYCC Highways, Stronger Communities and Emergency Planning. Swinton completed an Emergency Plan. The main element of the project has been to identify and record all the assets, facilities, resources, community groups etc in each parish. This information is available on-line via the RDC website.

An event to launch the Amotherby Ward Plan was held at Ryedale House on 27 June; this also incorporated the Parish Liaison meeting in the evening.

Going Wild in Amotherby

This was a separate project but part of the Amotherby Ward Plan, to include the young people. Funded by HHAONB and RDC Community Fund this project involved years 3 & 4 from Amotherby Primary School and was carried out in the Amotherby Conservation Churchyard. Two sessions were held in March and July, the first to record birds, make bird boxes and bird feed. The second identified and recorded the plants and insects. The children constructed a mini-beast hotel from wooden pallets, and various other materials including twigs, straw and cardboard. The sessions were led by the Education Officer from the Yorkshire Arboretum assisted by volunteers from the Arboretum and Amotherby Churchyard group.

A display board describing the project has been produced, and copies are to be put in the Church and the school.

Hovingham Ward Planning

From 1 April 2017 the Hovingham Ward parishes of Hovingham, Scackleton, Terrington, Barton-le-Street and Slingsby are doing a Ward Plan.

All assets and facilities will be digitally mapped and meetings held to encourage the parishes to work more closely together.

Community First & the RDC Community Officer attended the August Hovingham Market to promote the plan.

A Community Open Day Event was held at Hovingham Village Hall on 19 October, with over 65 people attending from the parishes and community groups. RDC Community Officers, NYCC Stronger Communities, Local Police, Beeline Broadband, Community First, Howardian Hills AONB and NYMNP were present. The event included presentations from Hovingham Action Group, RDC covering Broadband and Community Grants, Ryevitalise and NYCC new Health Strategy. The event ended with entertainment from the Thornton Dale Ukulele Players.

Other activity / contacts with HHAONB

- Continue to work with Sarah Robinson (NYCC Stronger Communities) to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support & funding.
- Respond to e-mails/telephone calls for residents/PCs/community groups in AONB as required.
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meeting was held on 26 April.
- Attended Barton-le-Street Parish meeting on 5 June 2017.
- Attend and support Swinton Action Group meetings and on-going support towards Parish Plan.
- Attended RDC Parish Liaison Meeting on 27 June.
- Attend Ryedale Development Officer meetings.

AONB PROJECTS 2017/2018

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

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
Ryevitalise Partnership	Ryevitalise HLF bid area	Contribution to Project Development phase	-	NE9.1	£56,333 (Year 1)	(Year 1 £1,500 paid in 16/17)
J Pilling	Grimston	Stabilisation & repair of 274m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£27,669	£5,535 (20%)

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Terrington Hall School	Terrington	Timber for bird boxes and bird table	-	NE5.1	£100 + volunteer time	£100
Carstairs Countryside Trust	Various	Cornfield Flowers Project	-	NE3.4, NE4.2	£1,800	£500
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Husthwaite	Grassland management	-	NE4.2	£740	£240
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Cawton (2), Terrington (2)	Conservation grazing of 4 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	c.£694	c.£307

Turtle Doves Project	Turtle Doves HLF project area	Contribution to Project	-	NE4.3	£5,000 (Year 1)	(Year 1 £1,000 paid in 16/17)
North East Yorkshire Geology Trust	AONB	Geodiversity Audit	-	NE7.1	£15,750 (Year 1)	£13,050
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (June & August)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE6.2	£600	£600
(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)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£740	£240
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£900	£900
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Fairy Dell SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.17	NE6.2	£840	£240
(AONB Unit – DMD Contracting)	Wath Beck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65	NE6.2	£900	£900
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£590	£240
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Cutting back overhanging scrub	Site 1.38	NE3.1	c.£400	c.£400
(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	c.£420	c.£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Birch management	Site 1.67	NE3.1	c.£940	c.£240
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	c.£1,200	c.£1,200

(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Coulton Moor	Rhododendron control	Zone 1 landscape	NE3.3, NE6.2	c.£840	£240
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Littledale SINC	Bramble cutting	Site 1.20	NE3.1	c.£320	£120
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Various	Beat-up failed trees and repair tree guards	-	NE8.2	c.£100	c.£100

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	c.£196	c.£196
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	c.£168	c.£168
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Coneystorpe	Fabrication of 1 modern replica village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£1,100	c.£1,100
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Coulton	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign; fabrication of 1 modern replica	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£1,850	c.£1,850
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Welburn	Fabrication of 2 replica village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£2,100	c.£1,900
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Brandsby	Restoration of 3 traditional village name signs; fabrication of 1 modern replica	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£3,900	c.£3,900
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Stearsby	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£800	c.£800
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Dalby	Fabrication of 1 replica village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£800	c.£800
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Skewsby	Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	c.£1,600	c.£1,600

(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Oulston, Crayke, Brandsby	Restoration of 5 traditional direction signs	-	HE2.5, RT4.5	c.£8,500	c.£8,500
MONUMENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME						
<u>Historic England funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Scackleton	Burning brash after clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.84	HE2.3	£270	£120
<u>AONB funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Hovingham	Re-seeding on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.35	HE2.3	£238	£238
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Various	Spraying bracken on 19 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	c.£735	c.£735
(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Oulston, Grimston	Spraying bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.4, 2.12, 2.20	HE2.3	c.£250	£0
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Oulston	Re-seeding on 2 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.20	HE2.3	c.£750	c.£750

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	£13,636	£5,750 (42%)
Sight Support Ryedale	AONB	Support to walking group to visit the AONB at least 4 times	-	RA2.2	£1,430	£1,070

Hovingham Parish Council	Hovingham	Repair to 30m of stone wall at Village Hall	-	LC1.4	£4,000	£1,360
Slingsby May Day Committee	Slingsby	May Day and community events resources	-	LC1.4	£500	£185
Swinton Community Group	Swinton	Printing of Parish Plan	-	LC1.4	£347	£167
<u>Recreation</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	RA4.5	c.£600	c.£600
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	c.£630	c.£630
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project – 24 replacement roadside fingerposts (installation)	-	RA3.1	£1,660	£220
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	Ampleforth, Yearsley, Bulmer, Whitwell, Crambe, Hovingham, Terrington	PRoW Improvement Project – kissing gate refurbishment, waymarking, minor vegetation clearance, etc. (delivered by NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team)	-	RA3.1	c.£13,250	£3,000
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project – 12 replacement roadside fingerposts (installation)	-	RA3.1	c.£830	c.£110
<u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u>						
<u>Volunteering</u>						
(AONB Volunteers)	Misc	Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc	Various	Various	£950	-
(Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Tomorrow's Natural Leaders)	Misc	Junior Ranger Club	-	AP2.3	£750	-

Young People's activities

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club x 4	-	AP2.3	£365	£65

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2017/2018

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Grants & Licences Public Register	-	-	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning consultation (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	(Previously)	None	(Permitted)
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – further information)	(Previously)	Materials and colour of finishes	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of garage with storage above)	Yes	Concerns – relationship to main dwelling, loss of views	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Formation of all-weather sports pitch)	(Previously)	Not in a suitable location if floodlights planned in future	Permitted, with Condition re floodlighting
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Listed Building Consent (Demolition of remainder and re-building of garden wall after storm damage)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Listed Building Consent (Replacement flashings and guttering, demolition of outbuildings)	No	Support	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Stearsby	Planning application (Change of annex to separate dwelling)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Barton-le-Willows	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Conversion of stables to holiday cottages)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of garage)	Yes	Concerns about siting and design	(See below)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Demolition of garage and erection of 2-storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of 2- storey extension)	Yes	Concerns about design	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – revised drawings)	(Previously)	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	East Newton	Planning application (Demolition of stone buildings and erection of pig building)	Yes	Dark roof sheets to be used; no damage to earthworks of DMV by disposal of spoil	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	Yes	None	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning consultation (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast - revised)	(Previously)	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions and new buildings)	Yes	Additional landscaping needed to north	Permitted, with Condition
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of garage - revised)	(Previously)	Concerns remaining about design	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of dwelling)	No	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Ampleforth	Planning application (Alterations to barn erected contrary to approved plans)	No	Support	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning consultation (Erection of 15m mobile phone mast)	(In passing)	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Demolition of outbuildings and erection of buildings for veterinary practice)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Discharge of Conditions for erection of new livestock building)	(Previously)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of single and 2-storey extensions – revision to approved scheme)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of single storey extensions and raising of roof level)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions – revision to approved scheme)	(Previously)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (In-filling of swimming pool and erection of greenhouse)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Demolition and re-construction of leaning wall)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Erection of farm building)	(Previously)	Colour of roof sheets to be Conditioned	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Conversion of greenhouse to dwelling – re-submission)	No	None	(Refused – light pollution, non-vernacular)
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Conversion of barn to apartment)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of single and 2-storey extensions and widening of entrance)	Yes	Concerns about design	Permitted (no significant changes)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extension and outbuilding)	Yes	Relationship of outbuilding to Public Footpath	?
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions and linking roof)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	West Ness	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension and porch)	(In passing)	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Formation of riding arena)	(In passing)	Minor	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of cattle shed)	No	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping needed	(Refused; <400m from nearest house)
Forestry Commission	Kirkham	Woodland management proposals (Felling & natural regeneration of 3.0ha of SSSI broadleaved woodland)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions)	Yes	Concerns about design and extent of increase in scale	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Amendment of wording of Local Occupancy Condition)	No	Concerns about extent of wider area and time limits proposed	?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of porch)	(In passing)	Concerns about size	(see below)
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Replacement of flat roof)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Replacement dormer window and insertion of roof lights)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of 3 banks of ground-mounted solar panels)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Coxwold	Planning application (Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Creation of wildlife pond)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Change of use of kennels to dog breeding business)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Demolition of barns, conversion of barns and erection of extension)	(Previously)	Consistent roof materials; Colour of roof sheets	?
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings - amended)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural building to caravan storage)	No	No caravans to be stored outside; no security lighting	?
Forestry Commission	Welburn	Woodland management proposals (1.5ha conifer PAWS to broadleaves)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (1ha conifers to broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of porch - amended)	(Previously)	None	-
Forestry Commission	Bulmer	Woodland management proposals (0.5ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of linking extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Conversion of stables to holiday cottage)	No	Colour of boiler flue	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Appeal (Erection of 3 dwellings)	(Previously)	Comments on impact of re-routed entrance drive	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Application (Conversion of outbuildings to flat, dwelling & office)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of 4 business units)	No	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Thornton-le-Clay	Planning application (Installation of floodlights on riding arena)	No	?	?

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2017/2018

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Easingwold Area Plan: Alternative sites	None	?
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Local Green Spaces	Support inclusion of proposed sites in Husthwaite	?
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Addendum of Proposed Changes	None – all amendments suggested in December 2016 have been incorporated in full	-

2017/18 Junior Ranger Activities

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

Easter 2017:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children
Springtime Activities Wednesday 12 th April The Yorkshire Arboretum	Frog lifecycles – lifecycle dials and lifecycle models in a shoe box habitat Pond dipping Decorated egg cups – spring illustrations Spring bookmarks Forest schools – fire lighting and cooking over the fire	22

May half-term 2017:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children
Summer Fun Wednesday 31 st May The Yorkshire Arboretum	Story sticks Sketching in the meadow area Butterflies - spotting/ID, lifecycles and associated crafts Dragonflies - prints and suncatchers	22

October 2017:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children
Amazing Autumn Wednesday 25 th October The Yorkshire Arboretum	Walk – to collect items for crafts and complete colour palettes Leaf rainbows Wool spider webs and wool autumn leaves Leaf rubbing pictures. Bark rubbing and apple print apple trees Autumn window laminated pictures Conker run	24

February 2018:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children
Wonderful Winter Wednesday 14 th February The Yorkshire Arboretum	Meeting arranged to plan these activities	

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 07 April 2017 15:45
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Cc: Caroline Strudwick (Caroline.Strudwick@hambleton.gov.uk)
Subject: 16/02607/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling, etc, Redwood, Brandsby

I have the following comments to make in response to the amended plans:

1. The change in design of the south elevation, with the reduction to single storey, deletion of the glass wall elevation and use of natural/local vernacular materials is noted and welcomed. In my view this is likely to make the scheme significantly less intrusive.
2. The deletion of the earth embankment from the scheme is noted. Whilst this would potentially have been a good on-site use for the material excavated from the house platform, thereby saving on transport movements, it was intended to screen a house design that has now been changed. The single storey elevation with natural materials provides a less significant façade and therefore the purpose of the earth embankment no longer really exists.
3. It will be important to Condition appropriate stone and wall finishes to ensure that the building blends with its locality. The vernacular cottages and houses in Brandsby are built from a distinctive iron-stained sandstone that occurs along the southern fringe of the AONB. I haven't seen any new dwellings or extensions that use this stone however and I assume that maybe there isn't another source of it anywhere in the country (unlike with limestones). Careful thought will need to be given to sourcing a stone that is both locally appropriate (as best it can be) but which can also be sawn cleanly enough to complement the modern design of the building.
4. Larch seems to be a popular modern choice for timber-clad sections. It has good weather resistance and soon weathers to a grey finish. A number of large modern accommodation buildings in the AONB use it as a facing material.
5. The colour of the render will also be important. I don't feel that a bright white finish will be appropriate, but a more muted buff colour would harmonise with the stone facing and timber cladding.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 07 April 2017 13:22
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00244/HOUSE: Erection of detached double garage with loft storage, etc; 3 The Barns, Gilling

I have the following comments to make on these proposals:

1. No objection to the addition of the porch or conversion of the existing garage to additional domestic accommodation.
2. No objection to the principle of erecting a detached double garage in the position proposed.
3. No objection to the materials proposed for the garage.
4. I have significant concerns however in relation to the height (and consequently the design) of the building proposed. The main complex of The Barns lies at a lower level to the road and is well screened by existing mature vegetation. The application site on the other hand sits higher than The Barns complex and is less well screened. At present glimpses of Gilling village and church are available to motorists and cyclists on the B1363, over the access drive and the application site. I have concerns that the proposed building will appear more prominent due to the difference in ground levels of the site and the proposed design. The incorporation of a useable loft space has necessitated a much higher ridgeline than would normally be necessary for a double garage, whilst the consequent steep roof pitch is at odds with the much shallower pitch on the vernacular barns. If storage space is required in addition to the new double garage then I would prefer this to be at ground level rather than over the garage, which would then reduce the overall height of the building.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 13 April 2017 17:08
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Cc: Joshua Murphy (joshua.murphy@ryedale.gov.uk)
Subject: 17/00244/HOUSE: Erection of detached double garage with loft storage, etc; 3 The Barns, Gilling East

I've had an opportunity to review this proposal and have the following updated comments to make in relation to the proposed detached double garage:

1. In my previous response I referred to views of Gilling Church and the village through the large gap in the roadside hedge, over the access road to the agricultural barn and The Barns residences. The view is in fact of Gilling Castle, elevated on the edge of the valley. Despite the adjacent agricultural building the angle of view to the Castle, combined with the large break in the roadside hedge, make this a viewpoint worthy of consideration in my opinion. There were originally views to the village and Church but these are now obscured by maturing landscaping.
2. The Barns themselves are now largely indiscernible in the landscape, being set down a considerable way from the level of the road and surrounded by mature garden landscaping. Views through the 'large gateway' are effectively views over open countryside, such is the degree of existing screening.
3. My concern relates to the height and roof pitch of the proposed garage (in relation to views across to Gilling Castle), in a location with could appear visually separated from its host building. Whilst accepting that there is a screen of established laurel bushes and birch trees that will hide part of the building, experience of new garage buildings leads me to be concerned that a considerable proportion of the proposed building will still be visible, and that it will appear as an isolated feature because The Barns complex as a whole is largely hidden. I feel that a conventional single storey garage would be more appropriate in this location and would be largely hidden by existing vegetation.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 21 April 2017 17:58
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00319/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 5:57 PM on 21 Apr 2017 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00319/FUL

Address: Terrington Hall School Church Lane Terrington
YO60 6PB

Proposal: Formation of an 80m x 40m all weather playing pitch on existing playing field, together with associated fencing, path, spectator area and landscaping

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal: 1) Views of the proposed pitch, and in particular the 3m high perimeter fencing, will be experienced in very short distance views by users of the two Public Footpaths that cross the playing fields, and in long distance views from the Public Rights of Way on the higher ground to the north east. An artificial pitch with perimeter fencing would be a relatively normal feature of school playing fields and I don't feel that users heading north from the village out into open countryside would have their experience significantly impacted by the proposed pitch and fencing. When viewed from the high ground to the north east the school playing fields appear almost as a series of 'pasture' fields, i.e. they blend relatively well with the adjacent open countryside. I have some concerns about the visual impact of the fencing in these long distance views, but hope that the effect will be mitigated by the dark green colour and backdropping. 2) Whilst the current proposal doesn't include any floodlighting, it's likely that this might be proposed at some point in the future in order to maximise the return on the investment. Although any future application for floodlighting would be judged on it's merits, the proposed location of the pitch separated from the village would I believe make this a difficult

location in which to support the provision of floodlighting. Light pollution effects in open countryside, together with the physical structures of the lighting columns, would I feel be unacceptable in this location. As indicated, this is not a material consideration for the current application, but I believe it's an important factor for the applicants to consider in relation to the siting of the pitch. With an investment of this scale, the location of the pitch needs to be one that could sustainably enable further development of the facilities in the future, if this should subsequently be desired. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 03 May 2017 12:03
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00644/LBC: Repairs to existing dwellinghouse, Mount House, Newburgh Priory

I have the following observations to make on these proposals:

1. Mount House is on the Hambleton Listed Buildings at Risk Register and as such is also included in the AONB Management Plan as a Historic Environment Priority Site.
2. I would support any works intended to make the building weathertight and more resilient, so that it can be conserved pending identification of a suitable alternative use at some point in the future.

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From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 01 June 2017 16:11
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00459/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 4:11 PM on 01 Jun 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00459/HOUSE
Address: Cragside Crambeck Welburn Malton YO60 77ELEL
Proposal: Erection of detached single storey garage
Case Officer: Joshua Murphy
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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) No objections to the principle of erecting a garage at this property.
- 2) I do however have significant concerns about the proposed design and siting of the garage. The small group of cottages exhibits a strong vernacular character and I feel that the prominent siting of the proposed garage immediately adjacent to the road will have an adverse visual impact on the cottages and their setting.
- 3) Although this matter is within the remit of the Highway Authority rather than the AONB

Comments: Committee, the garage as proposed will exit immediately onto a single track road on a blind bend and hence may present road safety issues.
3) Accepting the principle of a garage, I feel that it should be set back from the road so as to be visually subservient to its host building.
4) Although the design and finish of the garage is not vernacular, I noticed that one of the other buildings in this small group has an extension of similar design and this is visually acceptable. If the garage were to be relocated further back on the plot however, the front roadside elevation should be in natural stone to match the cottages.
Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 09 June 2017 16:02
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00527/HOUSE: Erection of extension to include ground floor garage, South Farm Cottage, Stonegrave

I have the following comments to make on this application:

- 1) No objection in principle to the erection of an extension to this semi-detached dwelling, as there is an existing off-set single-storey extension at the opposite end of the building.
- 2) I do however have strong concerns about the size/scale and what I feel is the non-vernacular and inappropriate design of the extension, and particularly the front elevation facing the B1257. The southern side of Stonegrave village street is composed almost entirely of traditional stone-and-pantile buildings, most of which are cottages of relatively modest proportions. Some of the cottages have extensions, most of which are in the accepted vernacular style of being symmetrical with the host building and subservient to it. It appears that many of the houses on this side of the street have their more substantial elevations to the south side, with in this instance what appears to be a partial catslide roof, with lower eaves and fewer windows on the north/road elevation.
- 3) In my view the proposed extension does not fit well with the design pattern of either original dwellings or previous extensions to dwellings in this part of Stonegrave:
 - It is 2-storey and of a significant size in relation to the host building.
 - It is asymmetrical in the opposite direction to the host building, leading to a confusion of eaves and ridge lines.
 - Whilst the off-set single-storey extension at the opposite end of the building relates well to the alignment and ridge height of the adjacent Old Forge, this proposed extension has no such tie-in to the surrounding buildings.
 - The fenestration on the front elevation doesn't relate well to that of the existing dwelling or other adjacent dwellings, particularly in relation to the separation distance between the window heads and the eaves.
 - The large double garage opening presents an incongruous and inappropriate feature facing the roadside, which is not found on any other dwellings in the vicinity.

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Paul Jackson

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Sent: 16 June 2017 13:27
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00451/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 1:26 PM on 16 Jun 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00451/FUL
Address: Losky Farm Oswaldkirk Helmsley YO62 5YE
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for the housing of pigs following demolition of some existing agricultural buildings

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

[Click for further information](#)

Comments Details

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

1) Losky Farm sits within the Deserted Medieval Village of East Newton and as such the surrounding fields contain the remains of house platforms and streets. The proposed building and earthworks should not disturb any archaeological remains and the LPA should seek advice from the County Archaeologist as regards any mitigation measures or working methodologies.

2) Whilst I would prefer to see as many original farmstead buildings retained as possible, the buildings proposed for demolition are largely unseen behind the main range of traditional

Comments: stone-and-pantile buildings and therefore don't contribute significantly to the landscape. I feel that the overall impression of the farmstead will still be one of traditional buildings.

3) The proposed wall colour of Olive Green is noted.

4) I would prefer the P6 roof sheets to be in the Gunmetal Grey rather than Natural Grey colour, so as to present a darker finish when viewed from the adjacent road and Public Bridleway.

5) The Design & Access Statement mentions that the pigs will be augur-fed from a silo. No feed silos are shown on the plans and I expect them to be of taller dimensions than the proposed building. Any silos should respect the roof height

of the nearby 2-storey traditional barn and also
be of a dark-coloured finish.
Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 20 June 2017 16:46
To: Charlotte Cornforth (charlotte.cornforth@ryedale.gov.uk)
Cc: Peter Rowe1
Subject: 17/00451/FUL: Erection of agricultural building to house pigs, Losky Farm
Attachments: Losky Farm DMV earthworks.pdf

Charlotte

Peter Rowe has rung me following my comment that the development should not cause any damage to the remaining earthworks at Losky Farm.

My concern initially was in connection with the banking that is shown around the northern and eastern sides of the proposed new building, as this will be outside the already-developed area of the farmyard and hence on relatively undisturbed agricultural land. My concern is that the works should not destroy any existing archaeological features or bury them so that their definition is lost.

In the course of our conversation we also realised that the excavation of the under-floor slurry tank will yield a large amount of soil and rock which will require disposal. There was a case a number of years ago where spoil from a development was used to 'level-out' a significant area of rigg-and-furrow to the extent that it's now disappeared. I've attached a map showing the extensive earthworks that were plotted as part of the National Mapping Programme aerial survey some years ago by English Heritage. These are particularly visible in the landscape in the field to the south of the farm, from both the public road in winter and all year round from the adjacent Public Bridleway.

If planning consent is issued then I would wish to see an appropriately worded Condition that prevented the disposal of any spoil on the surrounding pasture fields (with the exception of the proposed banking if that were proved not to cause any damage). East Newton DMV is the most publicly visible DMV in the AONB and its remaining earthworks must be protected should this development go ahead.

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Paul Jackson

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Sent: 07 July 2017 13:28
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00589/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 1:27 PM on 07 Jul 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00589/HOUSE

Address: Highwood House Moor Lane Grimston Gilling
East Helmsley YO62 4HR

Proposal: Erection of two storey building for leisure activities with attached single storey swimming pool building and linking extension to existing dwelling, raising of roof height of part of existing dwelling and garages to allow formation of a first floor to provide additional domestic accommodation and erection of attached garden pavilion

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals:

- Comments:**
- 1) Due to the alignment of the dwelling in relation to roads and existing tall hedgerow and tree vegetation, the most visible aspects of the property are the eastern and north-eastern elevations.
 - 2) The dwelling has already been substantially extended from its original footprint, and a substantial amount of screening garden planting was removed at that time. The enlarged building has now settled into the landscape and hedges/trees planted at that time are now maturing.
 - 3) I don't feel that the proposed raising of the roof height of the garage block, or the smaller additional barn-type structure, will result in a significant increase in the visual impact of the site.
 - 4) I do however have some concerns about the sunken swimming pool extension, particularly in relation to the half-height of the glass walls that will be visible from Lousy Lane to the east and

north. The eastern elevation of the existing buildings is currently screened by a hedge that is visible above the boundary stone wall. It's unclear as to what is proposed for this hedge but it appears that it will be removed. Likewise, on the northern elevation there doesn't appear to be much screening planting that would disrupt views of the glass walls.

5) Should the proposals be approved I would wish to see additional planting of shrubs or hedges within the garden area (so that built development isn't starkly visible right to the curtilage boundary), as well as additional treeplanting to the east and north in the adjacent field.

Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 28 July 2017 12:50
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/01378/FUL: Two storey extension, etc, Cherry Trees, Yearsley

I have the following comments to make in relation to the proposed scheme:

1. An extant planning permission allows for the erection of extensions and alterations to the roofline of the building. In my comments on this scheme I raised concerns over the multiplicity of different roofslopes and roof lines on the street elevation presented by the small dormer window, porch roof and bay window.
2. I feel that this new set of plans provides a much simpler and less fussy design solution to the irregular roof and ridge lines of both the current building and the already-approved scheme. I would therefore support this revised design in preference to both the current building and its already-approved scheme.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 17 August 2017 13:04
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/01632/FUL: Erection of two storey extension and detached outbuilding, High Lions Lodge, Yearsley

I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals:

- 1) No objection to the two storey extension. Although of modern contemporary design and materials I don't feel that it would detract significantly from the host building. This is of relatively modern construction and is not present on the 1856 map, which indicates that it's unlikely to have any significant connection to the Registered Park & Garden of Newburgh Priory, the boundary of which runs along the western side of the curtilage.
- 2) The Proposed Plan however is somewhat difficult to decipher in relation to the proposed outbuilding. The eastern boundary of the current domestic curtilage is a wooden post-and-rail fence which runs straight and parallel with the eastern façade of the dwelling, to where it meets the existing access drive. A Public Footpath follows the field side of the wooden fence for the entire length of the eastern side of the domestic curtilage. It is unclear whether the proposal involves the Change of Use to Domestic of part of the adjacent agricultural field to the east, in the corner where the field shelter is located. Relating the proposed location of the outbuilding to the situation on the ground, it is apparent that the eastern end of the outbuilding may be very close to, or even on top of, the Public Footpath. The precise proposed layout of the garden, drive and outbuilding in the south eastern corner of the plan should be established accurately so as to avoid any future misunderstanding about what has been permitted.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 17 August 2017 14:57
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00770/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 2:57 PM on 17 Aug 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00770/HOUSE

Address: Manor Cottage Main Street Stonegrave Helmsley
YO62 4LJ

Proposal: Widening of existing gated entrance by 500mm together with erection of front entrance porch, single storey extension to rear conservatory and first floor extension to form additional domestic accommodation.

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

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

1) No objection to the widening of the entrance or the extension to the rear conservatory.

2) I do however have significant concerns about the first floor extension and how the proposed two storey structure would relate to the form of the street frontage of Stonegrave. The dwellings on the southern side of Stonegrave village show a very strong linear layout of almost entirely vernacular buildings. This includes semi-detached cottages, larger houses and the old forge. Modern extensions such as the existing single storey extension at this property relate well to the streetscene, mirroring as this one does the set-back and ridge height of the old forge. The proposed extension would present a gable-end to the road, as well as impinging significantly on the strong gable-end aspect of the existing dwelling. Variance from the existing form of the dwellings along the southern side of Stonegrave village led to the Withdrawal of a recent extension proposal for the other half of this semi-detached property. I feel that this proposal would create a discordant feature in the strong form of the road frontage, being of significant height and on an orientation

Comments:

that is at odds with the existing streetscene.
Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 08 September 2017 12:46
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00945/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 12:46 PM on 08 Sep 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00945/FUL

Address: High Baxton Howe Fryton Lane Slingsby Malton
North Yorkshire YO62 4LS

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to form a
50m x 30m all weather equestrian riding arena
for private use

Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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Comments Details

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

- Comments:**
- 1) I would prefer the arena to be located closer to the existing range of buildings, so as to provide better visual cohesion and reduced visibility from the east, but clearly this is constrained by the existing installation of ground-source heating pipes.
 - 2) The ground rises to the north and west of the site and some cut-and-fill will be required in order to provide a level surface. This is referred to in the supporting documentation but no elevation drawings have been provided to indicate how deep a cut will be needed, particularly in the north western corner. This needs consideration, as the most open view of the site is in the middle distance from the Public Bridleway to the east of the site, from where any deep cut operation will be more visible.
 - 3) Notwithstanding the details submitted with the application, Conditions relating to personal use only of the arena and the prohibition of floodlighting without a further application should be attached to any consent.

Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 20 September 2017 14:55
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/01625/APN: Erection of building for housing cattle, Dalby

I have the following comments to make on this application:

1. The farm has been considering the erection of a building to house cattle over the winter for some years. An application on an alternative site near Dalby Hall was Refused some years ago and I advised that a site near the existing grain store would be preferable. I therefore have no objections to the proposed siting of the building.
2. The plans prepared by the construction company indicate that Natural Grey roof sheets will be used. These can appear very white for a number of years and so in order to blend in better with the landscape backdrop of the AONB the roof sheets should be of a colour approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey. The Application Form, completed by the applicant, indicates that Anthracite Grey roof sheets will be used. This inconsistency should be clarified before a Decision is made, to ensure that all parties know what any approved scheme consists of.
3. The new building will be seen from the public road on the higher ground near the City of Troy turf maze to the west – the maze is a very popular place with both residents and tourists alike. The building will be edge-on to this view, but in order to break-up the outline from this viewpoint a strip of medium-sized native species trees and shrubs should be planted along the western side.
4. I would also query whether this proposal can be decided under the Agricultural Prior Notification procedure. From GIS measurements it appears that the property known as The Cottage (to the east of the application site), and maybe also residential properties at the northern end of Skewsby village, are within 400m of the site.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 22 September 2017 16:25
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/00931/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:25 PM on 22 Sep 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/00931/HOUSE
Address: Lodge House Spring Hill Stonegrave Helmsley YO62 4LL
Proposal: Erection of two storey extensions to east and west elevations.
Case Officer: Alan Hunter
[Click for further information](#)

Comments Details

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

- 1) No objection to the principle of extending the property and re-configuring the layout to accommodate home-care for the applicants' son.
- 2) No objection to the eastern extension as proposed, or a western extension.

3) I have significant concerns however about the size, scale and design of the proposed western extension, and particularly the southward projecting element. The height and size of the extension, combined with some incongruous design features such as the tall external chimney stack, will I believe have a significant visual

Comments: impact on the AONB landscape. One of the principal views of the extended dwelling will be from the B1257 to the west of the site, with new views created directly onto the site as motorists travel down the zone of visual influence. The new views will be created by the removal of the semi-mature sycamore tree, the significance of which hasn't I believe been recognised in the application documentation. The sycamore tree currently screens the whole dwelling from the west - its removal will open up significant views onto the site thereby making the size, scale and design of the western extension particularly important.
4) Given the new views of the dwelling that will be opened up, and the increased size of the

dwelling as viewed from the south, it will be important to select a colour of render that does not cause any extended dwelling to stand out unduly and cause a significant visual impact.
Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 22 September 2017 17:07
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00980/73: Amendment of Local Needs Occupancy Condition, Terrington

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

1. Whilst it is important that Conditions attached to planning consents (and the planning policies that lead to their imposition) do not restrict a development to such an extent that it cannot actually be implemented, I feel that the proposal as currently worded is unacceptable. The Policy is designed to release housing development for local people on sites which may not ordinarily receive planning consent, and to restrict the speculative acquisition and development for market housing. The proposed de-restriction of the Condition is in my view an attempt to move away from truly Local Needs to a more speculative approach.
2. Although there is no differentiation between AONB villages and non-AONB villages in terms of Policies SP2 and SP21 of the Ryedale Local Plan Strategy, other policies in the Plan restrict development within the nationally designated area of the AONB. Relaxing the restriction to a County-wide level is not in line with the ethos or policies of restricting development within the AONB to truly local people. North Yorkshire is the largest County in England and potentially opening-up the occupation of this plot/dwelling to a purchaser from High Bentham on the far western boundary of North Yorkshire would make a mockery of the 'Local' element of the Occupancy Condition.
3. Comparison is drawn with the North York Moors National Park LNO Condition, which makes residents of the whole of the National Park area eligible, rather than the Parish where the development is located and its adjoining one/s. As the National Park Authority is a District-level authority, extending the Condition to the whole of North Yorkshire is not comparable and should not be permitted. The comparable level of de-restriction would be to a Ryedale District-area level and I would have no objection to that.
4. I also feel that the proposed timescale of de-restriction after only 12 weeks is unduly rapid. Six months should be the absolute minimum, although given that development opportunities within desirable villages such as Terrington will arise only very infrequently, I would prefer a period of 12 months before de-restriction [to Ryedale District level only].
5. I'm advised that a Section 106 Agreement between the LPA and the Applicant is potentially a means of both securing a mortgage against the property and also ensuring that the LNO Condition as currently worded is complied with, and this avenue should be explored before any de-restriction is permitted.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 29 September 2017 13:20
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/00952/HOUSE: Erection of front porch, Chapel Street Nunnington

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. No objection to the principle of attaching a porch to this property.
2. I do however have concerns about the dimensions of the design as proposed and the length to which the porch extends from the front elevation of the property. The supporting documentation draws attention to other porches on properties in the same row of cottages, but these are of considerably more proportional dimensions. The owners of a neighbouring property have provided a detailed analysis of the dimensions of the existing and proposed porches, and I also feel that the porch as proposed is disproportionately large. It will I believe present an incongruous feature when viewed from the public road at Low Street, particularly as from that viewpoint the vista is along the frontages of the cottages rather than face-on. The disparity in sizes of porches will therefore be exacerbated by the angle at which they are viewed, and I feel that the proposal as drafted would be to the detriment of the Nunnington Conservation Area.

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AONB INDICATORS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of selected Indicators used to measure AONB Partnership performance annually.

2.0 AONB PARTNERSHIP INDICATORS

- 2.1 In line with Objective MN1.2 of the AONB Management Plan, the former Natural England AONB Partnership Indicators are used as the standard measure of performance. The results for 2016/17 are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Natural England no longer require the compilation and submission of these Indicators, as they are not responsible for monitoring the performance of AONB Partnerships since AONB sponsorship moved to Defra in April 2011. Some of the statistics are not considered to be relevant any longer, but a number (where data is also easy to collect) still allow useful comparison between years. Some of the data might also be used in the future to feed into national Key Performance Indicators being developed by the National Association for AONBs to feed back to Defra.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 be noted.

AONB Partnership and Unit Indicators 2016/17

Ref	Theme	Measure for the indicator	Definition	Response	Benefits
1	AONB Management Plan	The AONB Unit has a current Management Plan which meets the requirements of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.	<p>The Plan has been reviewed within five years of the last one.</p> <p>It conforms to the guidance for AONB Management Plans provided by The Countryside Agency.</p> <p>It has been formally adopted and published by all the relevant local authorities.</p> <p>A copy has been lodged with DEFRA.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates compliance with a core statutory duty.
2	AONB Partnership	The AONB has an active and effective governance structure.	<p>Record of regular AONB Board, Joint Committee, Joint Advisory Committee, Partnership, Board Meetings.</p> <p>Record of number of active sub meetings, management groups, technical groups, public meetings, fora etc</p> <p>AONB has undertaken a formal review of its governance structures within the last 5 years.</p> <p>Has an adopted current set of terms of reference.</p> <p>Has a publicly available record of its meetings, agendas and minutes.</p>	<p>2 JACs (1 inquorate)</p> <p>4 CPG meetings</p> <p>No (Full review October 2001). Minor review March 2004).</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes (on NYCC website)</p>	Demonstrates the scale of bodies involved and that they are active.

3a	AONB Staff Unit	The AONB Unit has staff resources to undertake its work.	Total the number of AONB staff and their specialisms, in full-time equivalents, including core staff and any project staff that were directly managed and hosted by the AONB Unit, at the financial year end.	1 x AONB Manager 1 x AONB Officer (0.8 FTE) 1 x AONB Officer (0.2 FTE 6 months) 1 x AONB Officer (0.2 FTE 6 months) Total – 2.0 FTE	Demonstrates that the AONB Unit has the staff resources and capacity to undertake management effectively.
3b		AONB Unit staff invests in continuous professional development.	Of the total in Measure 3a above, list the number who undertook and recorded a minimum of 30 hours of training, personal development or similar C.P.D. activity during the year (adjusted pro-rata for part time staff).	1.8 FTE	
4a	Financial resources	The AONB Unit secures direct income to fund its work.	Total income received into the AONB unit's own account from all sources during the financial year.	Total £171,975	Demonstrates the level of financial resources directly secured by the AONB Unit.
4b			The percentage of the figure in Measure 4a above which was received from Defra and Local Authorities	94%	
4c			The amount received (part of 4a) from Defra and Local Authorities	Total £161,107	
5a	Leverage and "added value"	Additional resources mobilised by AONB unit through its partnership work.	Include the figure given in Measure 4a above. Then add in the total funding for projects and partnership programmes in that year in which the AONB Unit played a significant part i.e. where it would not have gone ahead or would have been substantially smaller without AONB input. For example include matching income for any SDF funded project; total funds for partner HLF projects involving the AONB.	Total £244,265	Demonstrates the level of financial leverage and added value obtained by the AONB Unit through its wider project programmes and partnerships.
5b			The percentage of the figure above which was received from Defra.	48%	
			The percentage of the figure above which was received from Local Authorities.	18%	

6a	Financial management and reporting	Agreed timetable and requirements for financial management and reporting with Defra met by the AONB unit	<p>The Unit submitted its final grant claim to Defra for the preceding financial year by the stated claim date (31st May).</p> <p>Published its annual report for the preceding year within six months of the financial year end.</p> <p>Submitted its business plan and grant application for the succeeding financial year by the required date (31st January).</p> <p>Submitted its interim grant claim by the required date (31st January).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes. 2015/16 report published Sept 2016.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates effective administration and management of financial affairs.
6b		Defra met the agreed timetable and requirements for financial management and reporting with the AONB Unit.	Defra made written formal core and Sustainable Development Fund offers of grant aid for the succeeding financial year by 31 March.	Yes	
7a	Partnership working with management communities	The AONB Unit is an active partner in the work of the National Association for AONBs.	<p>The AONB Unit (through its host authority or partnership organisation) was a full member of the National Association for AONBs.</p> <p>Was represented by attendance at the Annual Conference of the Association.</p> <p>All AONB Unit core staff attended at least 1 other national or regional NAAONB sponsored seminar, training event or meeting each.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	Demonstrates partnership working for AONB family at a national, regional and local level.

7b		The AONB Unit actively involved in partnership working at a local level.	Total number of project steering groups, research initiatives, working groups and partnerships where the AONB Unit played an active and key role (ie not just a passive member of a forum or conference).	15 Ryedale/Scarborough/AONB BAP, North Yorks Local Sites partnership, River Derwent Partnership, Ryevitalise HLF project Working Group, Cornfield Flowers project, LEADER Support Group, NYCC North & East PRoW Liaison Group, Development Officers Group, Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 Steering Group, North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership, Hambleton Local Plan, Cycling in Ryedale, North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership, LEP Destination Partnerships project	
7c		The AONB Management Plan is formally endorsed and supported by partner organisations.	List the number of organisations who formally endorsed the plan when written and at the last review.	6 (3 x LAs, NE; FC; EH)	
8a	Business Plan targets	Achievement of the targets set out by the AONB unit in its annual business plan or equivalent.	Include all actions set out in the annual business plan/ <u>core bid document</u> agreed with Defra. (Milestones in bid document)	20 ex 24 (83%)	Demonstrates that the AONB Unit achieves the objectives and actions it sets itself.
8b	Management Plan progress	The AONB Management Plan actions were implemented to schedule.	Include the AONB Management Plan actions that were progressed or completed during the year, shown as a percentage of all the AONB Management Plan actions that were scheduled for action during the year.	81% Progress against a further 5 Objectives where no specific annual targets had been set.	

Abbreviations: CPG – Core Partners Group; HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund; NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council; NYMNP – North York Moors National Park; BAP – Biodiversity Action Plan partnership; SG – Steering Group

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AONB BUDGET

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of expenditure during 2016/17 and to consider anticipated budgetary needs for 2018/19.

2.0 2016/17

- 2.1 Details of the final income and expenditure account for 2016/17 are set out in Appendix 1. Details of countryside management and Sustainable Development & Rural Economy projects supported are in Appendix 3.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 includes the budget figures prepared in October 2015, to allow Members to compare the actual budget against that predicted. It should be borne in mind that the budget prepared in October each year is then adjusted and refined, to take account of likely changes in income and expenditure. These revisions are shown in the 'January 2016' column of Appendix 1 and form the basis of the grant allocation proposal submitted to Defra. The final budget, following the receipt of grant offer letters etc., is shown in the 'October 2016' column.
- 2.3 In general 2016/17 was a year of re-structuring. The AONB Assistant post was made redundant in May, with two Fixed Term Contract posts starting in September. As a result there were several significant variations between the Estimated and Actual spends, with the overall profile of the budget showing a 9% underspend.
- 2.4 Staffing:
- There was a small 1% overspend, in a year that saw more staff changes than normal.
- 2.5 Office:
- A small underspend against anticipated costs.
- 2.6 Partnership Running Costs:
- As budgeted.
- 2.7 PR/Events/Research:
- As budgeted.
- 2.8 AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment:
- This budget only spent 65% of its provision.
 - The significant underspend from projects in 2015/16 was allocated for use on projects in 2016/17, but one major wall restoration scheme was delayed, and the re-structuring of the staff unit meant that ultimately fewer projects than hoped for could be delivered.
 - Three hedgerow restoration schemes were however completed, at Bulmer, Coneysthorpe, and Hovingham. In total 1,785m of hedgerow was planted, either as completely new hedges or as gapping-up.
 - The routine Exmoor pony grazing programme and annual SINC management tasks were completed.
- 2.9 AONB Enhancement – Historic Environment:
- This budget overspent by 7%, making up to some extent for the underspends on other project budget heads.

- The largest single project was the restoration or re-creation of 15 traditional village name signs, across 8 villages.
- Significant staff time and financial resource was devoted to delivering the first full year of site management work under the Monument Management Scheme. Management Plans were prepared for 7 Scheduled Monuments (SMs), bracken was sprayed on 23 SMs and bramble/brush/scrub was cleared on 27 SMs.

2.10 Sustainable Development & Rural Economy:

- This budget only spent 63% of its provision.
- Small grants were given for the creation of a Forest Schools area at Howsham Mill and refurbishment of the Slingsby maypole, as well as an on-going contribution to Parish development work carried out by Rural Action Yorkshire.
- The programme of litter picking carried out around the AONB during the summer months was completed by the Moorswork team, and the gateway signs were kept clear and tidy.
- A series of six Easy Countryside Trails was commissioned from iFootpath.com, utilising quiet metalled roads and bridleways along farm tracks.
- We identified 24 missing roadside Public Right of Way signs, with replacements ordered for installation in 2017/18.
- A contribution was made to the third phase of an initiative with Visit York, Ryedale DC and Welcome to Yorkshire, to encourage visitors to York to stay an extra night and visit the Howardian Hills and Southern Ryedale area.

2.11 Young People's Activities:

- Full-day Junior Ranger Club sessions were held in May, October, December and February.

2.12 Summarising the budget position at the end of 2016/17:

- Overall, the AONB budget was underspent by £16,898 (9%) – the Core element was overspent by £801 (<1%) and the Project element underspent by £17,700 (21%).
- It had been budgeted to use £23,350 of our Reserves but by the end of the financial year only £6,452 had been spent.
- The two significant areas of underspend were in Natural Environment and Sustainable Development/Rural Economy projects. Few sustainable development projects came forward and several grant-aided Natural Environment projects were delayed by reasons beyond our control.
- At the end of the financial year 2016/17 there was a total carry-forward into 2017/18 of £71,074.
- £4,151 of this has been allocated to projects in 2017/18.
- The remaining 'Reserves' will be safeguarded for use in future years, to contribute to major schemes like the RYEvitalise project (£20k over 4 years from 2018/19 onwards) and to hedge against potential future reductions in grant aid from the principal funders.
- Volunteers assisted with 27 tasks or projects, worth at least 182 days or £10,200.

3.0 2017/18

3.1 The agreed budget for the current year amounts to £181,632. Details of this are set out in Appendix 2 and all the major partners' contributions to the budget have been confirmed. The budget doesn't include the unused balance of the 'Reserves' of £71,074 brought forward from 2016/17.

3.2 As usual it is too early in the financial year to make any reliable prediction of anticipated final expenditure during 2017/18:

- The figures presented in Appendix 3 are where we stand at the minute, although we will continue to take new funding opportunities if they arise and are appropriate.
- The strategy to use our 'Reserves' wisely to hedge against the possibility of reducing Defra and Local Authority funding over future years continues to be followed. This aims to balance project resources with available staff resources, to maintain as far as possible the funding available to complete on-the-ground projects.

- In discussion with the Head of Heritage Services at North Yorkshire County it has been agreed to aim for a 'Reserves' balance of approximately £40,000. This would buffer the County Council against any unforeseen eventualities such as the sudden closure of the AONB Unit and redundancy of all staff. As the Accountable Body for the AONB Partnership all costs associated with terms of employment fall to the County Council.
- The Single Pot arrangement means that Defra funding is spread across nearly all the budget heads, but we are free to move it around during the year if necessary.

3.3 Staffing:

- It is anticipated that the out-turn will be close to the budget provision. This includes one part-time AONB Officer, working 1 day per week until 31st March on a fixed-term contract.

3.4 Office and Partnership Running Costs:

- It is anticipated that the out-turns will be close to the budget provisions.

3.5 PR/Events/Research:

- It is anticipated that the out-turn will be slightly overspent.
- Expenditure this year includes replacing our dated display banners, which has taken more designer time than was anticipated.

3.6 AONB Management Plan:

- A small budget has been allocated, to cover any expenditure that may be incurred this financial year.

3.7 AONB Enhancement (Natural Environment):

- £25,600 of the £30,000 budget has been allocated, which is a much healthier position than is normal at this time of year. The majority of this has been paid on projects that have already been completed, whilst the remainder is for projects currently in progress. Anticipated projects account for a further £6,000 in possible expenditure. Any overspend could be balanced against any underspends on the other AONB Enhancement budget heads.
- The most significant projects to date this year are the completion of a wall restoration project at Grimston and controlling Himalayan balsam on the River Derwent SSSI, and Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale/Barker Woods SINC. A major survey of geodiversity features in the AONB has been commissioned, with landowner access permissions currently being sought and survey work due to start shortly. Contributions have also been made to two Heritage Lottery Fund projects submitted by the North York Moors National Park and which also cover the AONB – the RYEvitalise project centred on the River Rye and a Turtle Doves project.
- Projects in the pipeline include a hedge restoration project at Bulmer, wall restoration near Yearsley and the management of Special Interest Road Verges in February/March 2018.

3.8 AONB Enhancement (Historic Environment):

- Only £2,200 of the £27,000 budget has been formally allocated, with a further £22,670 of projects in the pipeline.
- Projects completed to date include bracken spraying on 19 Scheduled Monuments as part of the Monument Management Scheme, although this was severely hampered by the showery weather during August and September.
- Potential projects include restoration of a further batch of up to 13 traditional village name signs and assistance with re-roofing a Listed Building at Risk at Oulston.
- The programme of Monument Management Scheme work originally planned for this year suffered a significant setback in July when we discovered that the monuments on which we hoped to trial re-vegetation works hadn't been sprayed for bracken last year (or the spray hadn't worked). It is planned to do trials on two small monuments, but the money we had earmarked for the full programme has been diverted to other projects.
- Any underspend could be balanced against overspends on the other AONB Enhancement budget heads.

- 3.9 AONB Enhancement (Sustainable Development & Rural Economy):
- £13,000 of the £20,000 budget has been formally allocated, with a further £8,600 of anticipated projects.
 - The £8,000 element formerly known as the Sustainable Development Fund has committed £6,800 to two projects.
 - £1,700 of the £5,000 allocated to Community projects has been committed, and we are discussing funding for a significant new anti-poaching scheme with North Yorkshire Police.
 - £3,500 has been committed to a significant programme of Rights of Way improvement work. Up to £500 will be spent on replacing broken roadside fingerposts, with the remainder paid to the North York Moors National Park for the use of their Modern Apprentices Team for up to 6 weeks of work. This will be spent replacing gates, boardwalks and other furniture in three targeted areas. The work is identified and scoped by the County Council's Countryside Access Service, with them also providing all the materials. With match funding, the AONB's contribution is c.15% towards the cost of the fingerpost signs and c.25% towards the costs of the furniture repairs.
 - The Moorswork group are continuing to clear litter from well-used lay-bys, and the AONB Gateway Sign locations are being trimmed regularly.
- 3.10 Young People's Activities:
- A programme of fully booked Junior Ranger Club events is being delivered very cost-effectively, in partnership with the Yorkshire Arboretum.
- 3.11 Wherever an underspend is indicated in the above paragraphs, money can be moved as necessary to ensure that it is used to best effect and a full claim can be submitted to Defra for their contribution.
- 3.12 If the current spending predictions are realised, then at the end of the financial year 2017/18 there will be a total carry-forward into 2018/19 of approximately £66,000. This however doesn't include any potential underspend on the Monument Management Scheme, which as explained in paragraph 3.8 above is likely to carry out much less work than anticipated this year. Historic England have already agreed that any underspends can roll forward into subsequent years rather than being forfeit.

4.0 2018/19

- 4.1 An estimate of anticipated income and expenditure during the next financial year is shown in Appendix 2. It will be late in the current financial year before the exact position of all of the funding partners is known.
- 4.2 Although the Single Pot arrangement means that strictly there is no longer any distinction between Core and Project budgets, it should be noted that Defra will only fund a maximum of 75% of the Core Costs and so this distinction must still be borne in mind during the budget-setting process.
- 4.3 Staffing:
- Staff costs are proposed to increase by 10% from the current year, with the staffing level until 31st March 2019 costed at a full-time AONB Manager (Paul Jackson), a 0.8 FTE AONB Officer (Liz Bassindale) and the increase of the 0.2 FTE AONB Officer Relief Post (Francesca Pert) to 0.4 FTE for 2018/19 only. A small amount of administrative and technical support will be sourced from the North York Moors National Park Authority.
 - A 1% national inflation pay award has been factored-in, in line with the calculations being used by North Yorkshire County Council.
 - The temporary increase in hours for the AONB Officer Relief Post has been included so that Francesca can assist with the review of the AONB Management Plan as well as delivering projects. A significant amount of statistical data gathering and analysis will need to be carried out during the summer of 2018 – a task that was performed by a similar temporary member of staff during the last Management Plan review 5 years ago.

- Principal work tasks for this year will include reviewing the AONB Management Plan, providing responses to planning-related consultations, providing information material to support visitors coming to the AONB, delivering biodiversity, historic environment and community projects, supporting development and submission of the RYE vitalise Project Phase 1 document and continuing the Monuments Management Scheme funded by Historic England.

4.4 Office costs:

- These are predicted to be at the same rate to the current year initially, although an increased amount has been budgeted to allow for any increase at the Rent Review due on 1st December 2018.

4.5 Partnership Running Costs:

- A broadly similar provision to 2017/18 has been made. NAAONB contribution fees are not set to rise for 2018/19, although this is subject to approval at the forthcoming AGM in late November.

4.6 PR/Events/Research:

- A smaller provision than 2017/18 is proposed, as the renewal of the display banners has now been completed.
- The AONB Newsletter and Annual Report will continue to be published and distributed.

4.7 AONB Enhancement: Natural Environment; Historic Environment; Sustainable Development & Rural Economy

- An allocation of £25,000 has been made for Natural Environment Enhancement projects.
- The budget allocation for Historic Environment projects has been set at £25,000. This includes £3,200 from Historic England for the Monument Management Scheme, which will be a significant part of the workload in 2018/19.
- £20,000 has been allocated to Sustainable Development & Rural Economy projects.
- £63,000 of costs for routine annual projects, grants to significant one-off projects and contributions to major partnership projects have already been identified.

4.8 Young People's Activities:

- Budget provision has been made to continue running the popular programme of Junior Ranger Club days. These will be run principally in partnership with the Yorkshire Arboretum.

4.9 £7,100 of 'Reserves' has been allocated for use in 2018/19, which if fully utilised would result in a total carry-forward into 2019/20 of approximately £59,000.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The details of JAC expenditure during 2016/17 be received for information;
- (b) Partner authorities be asked to make appropriate provision in their revenue budgets for the work of the JAC in 2018/19, in line with Appendix 2 and section 4 of this report.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2016/17****1. INCOME 2016/17**

(a) BUDGET PROVISION	Estimated (Oct. 2015)	Defra Bid (Jan. 2016)	Final (Oct. 2016)	Actual (Year end)
	£	£	£	£
Defra	110,300	118,106	118,106	118,106
North Yorkshire County Council	24,700	27,900	31,400	32,135
Ryedale District Council	5,066	5,066	5,066	5,066
Hambleton District Council	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800
Historic England	10,838	10,838	10,838	10,838
Donations	0	0	0	30
Taken from Income in Advance balance	3,377	4,871	23,350	5,687
(b) TOTAL (ESTIMATED) INCOME	(160,081)	(172,581)	(194,560)	(177,662)

2. EXPENDITURE 2016/17**Core Expenditure**

(a) Staffing	87,781	96,381	94,860	96,103
(b) Office	9,800	8,450	6,850	6,305
(c) Partnership running costs	3,450	3,750	3,750	3,766
(d) PR, Events, Research, etc.	2,700	2,700	3,800	3,888
(e) Management Plan	0	0	0	0

Project Expenditure

(f) AONB Enhancement (Natural environment)	19,000	20,000	30,000	19,306
(g) AONB Enhancement (Historic environment)	17,550	18,000	30,000	32,032
(h) AONB Enhancement (Sustainable development & rural economy)	19,500	23,000	25,000	15,681
(i) Young People's Activities	300	300	300	581
(j) TOTAL (ESTIMATED) EXPENDITURE	(160,081)	(172,581)	(194,560)	(177,662)

3. **2016/17 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	Income		Expenditure
	£		£
Local Authority Partners	43,001	Expenditure	177,662
Defra	118,106		
Historic England	10,838		
Donations	30		
Balance b/f from 2015/16	76,761	Balance c/f to 2017/18	71,074
	248,736		248,736

(All figures rounded to the nearest £)

	2017/18	2018/19
BUDGET ESTIMATES	(October 2017)	
Core Costs		
Staffing	88,862	97,093
Office	6,450	6,475
Partnership running costs	3,870	3,870
PR, Events, Research	4,400	3,000
Management Plan	500	3,000
Total Core Costs	104,082	113,438
Project Costs		
AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment	30,000	25,000
AONB Enhancement – Historic Environment	27,000	25,000
AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy	20,000	20,000
Young People's activities	550	300
Total Project Costs	77,550	70,300
TOTAL COSTS	181,632	183,738
FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS		
North Yorkshire CC	33,050	33,050
Ryedale DC	6,566	5,066
Hambleton DC	7,300	5,800
Defra	120,138	122,204
Historic England	10,427	10,517
Income in Advance	4,151	7,101
TOTAL	181,632	183,738
Income in Advance b/f from 2016/17	71,074	
<i>Income in Advance c/f to 2019/20</i>		59,041

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	£4,703	£1,998 (50%)
Ryevitalise Partnership	Ryevitalise HLF bid area	Contribution to Project Development phase	-	NE9.1	£0	£1,500 (Year 1, in advance)
B Quarton	Hovingham	Planting 500m of new field hedge and 5 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,787	£893 (50%)
Castle Howard Estate Ltd	Coneysthorpe	Planting 1,000m of new field hedge	Zone 5 Landscape	AG2.2, NE8.2	£4,350	£2,175 (50%)
S Hide	Low Hutton	Planting a small copse (33 shrubs)	Zone 7 Landscape	AG2.2, NE3.4	£422	£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	Site 1.67	NE3.1	£940	£240
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Bramble cutting	Site 1.56	NE3.1	£1,190	£240
The Yorkshire Arboretum	Arboretum/ Visitor Centre	Bird, owl & bat boxes; camera system	-	LC2.1, AP2.3	£1,432	£425
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	£1,000	£1,000

(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	£1,157	£1,157
(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	£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	£0	£1,000 (Year 1, in advance)

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	£168	£168
(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	£3,304	£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	£600	£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	£270	£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	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – Reeves Forestry & Fencing)	Fryton	Strimming bramble on 4 Scheduled Monuments	Site 2.39	HE2.3	£240	£240
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Welburn, Coneysthorpe	Strimming bramble on 2 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.34, 2.69	HE2.3	£600	£240
(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 – 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	£2,322	£815
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 – 24 replacement roadside fingerposts (materials)	-	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

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16 NOVEMBER 2017**

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the suggested programme for reviewing the AONB Management Plan.

2.0 CONTEXT

- 2.1 AONB Management Plans are statutory plans which provide a framework for delivery of the statutory purpose of AONBs: to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the designated landscape.
- 2.2 The first statutory AONB Management Plan for the Howardian Hills was published in 2004 and it has subsequently been reviewed and revised twice (2009 and 2014), to comply with the five year review period stipulated by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

3.0 GUIDANCE ON MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

- 3.1 In 2012, prior to the last review, the National Association for AONBs and Defra published an "Advice note to AONB Partnerships, Conservations Boards and Relevant Authorities on Management Plan Reviews".
- 3.2 The guidance highlights that the CRoW Act 2000 provides the statutory basis for the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of AONBs. The Act also:
- Defines the role of the statutory agencies, in particular their responsibilities for the designation of AONBs and as consultees in planning matters.
 - Requires local authorities and Conservation Boards to state their policies for management of their AONBs through preparing and publishing a Management Plan.
 - Requires all relevant authorities to demonstrate their commitment to AONBs by having regard to AONB purposes in their plans and activities.

Specifically, and in relation to Local Authorities, Section 89 of the Act requires the relevant authority [i.e. the local authority, or local authorities acting jointly as part of a joint committee] to "prepare and publish a plan which formulates their policy for the management of the area of outstanding natural beauty and for carrying out their functions in relation to it", within three years. The plan must be reviewed within five years of its original publication and at similar intervals thereafter.

- 3.3 The Defra/NAAONB Guidance goes on to indicate that "individual AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards should decide the extent of the review required. An appropriately "light touch" approach may be taken by some AONBs, whilst others may decide that a comprehensive review is needed and justified. AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards will know those areas of their Plans or themes which are constants and do not need re-visiting. They will also have a good idea of the deficiencies and issues to be addressed under the review. Actions will be more readily refreshed in the Management

Plan Action Plan / Business Plan, which are more responsive documents for dealing with transitory or emerging issues.'

- 3.4 In light of the flexibility offered by Defra in its advice on the scope and extent of Management Plan review, it is proposed that where the current Objectives and Actions are well-established and agreed upon by AONB partners then a 'light touch' approach will be adopted. Other sections, where it is felt that more significant changes are needed in order to reflect current policy, legislation or other changes, more in-depth review and scrutiny is likely to be needed.

4.0 **TIMETABLE**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 gives a suggested timetable for the review of the current Plan in order to achieve formal Adoption by the required date of 31st March 2019. This follows a similar path to the process used for the last review in 2013/14.
- 4.2 The Topic Group meetings will discuss the most recent evidence available for each subject, relevant new strategy documents from other organisations, threats and opportunities. Each section will then be revised to incorporate new evidence and policy, resulting in updated Objectives and Actions for the 2019-2024 Plan period.
- 4.3 The revised chapters will be scrutinised by the Topic Group members and the JAC, following which the document will be prepared for public and stakeholder consultation. At the same time the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment of the new Plan will be reviewed/updated.
- 4.4 The formal consultation period is proposed as 1st October 2018 to 16th November 2018.
- 4.5 Following the end of the consultation period all the comments received will be compiled into a table, showing the comment and the amendments proposed to the Plan (if applicable). This table will be circulated to the JAC and Core Partners Group in January 2019, for their comments.
- 4.6 Following any comments received from this final consultation, the final revisions will be made to the Plan. These will be discussed with the JAC Chairman, who will provide the final sign-off of the revised Plan.
- 4.7 The Plan will then be sent to the three constituent Local Authorities in time for formal adoption by 31st March 2019, and to Defra.

5.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

That the suggested timetable for the AONB Management Plan review as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved and implemented.

2019 – 2024 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW TIMETABLE

Date	Action	Who
October 2017	Timetable and scoping for new Plan	AONB Manager & Core Partners Group
November 2017	Provisional timetable approved	JAC
November 2017	Notice to Review letter issued to Local Authorities	AONB Manager
January/February 2018	Revision of Key Facts and General Principles for each Topic section	AONB Unit
April 2018	Book timeslot with Print Unit for design and production of Consultation Draft	AONB Manager
April/May 2018	Topic Group meetings. Update Evidence Base statistics	AONB Manager AONB Team
May – 13 th July 2018	Preparation of Draft Plan; review of SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments	AONB Manager; NYCC
13 th July 2018	Draft Plan chapters circulated to JAC and Topic Groups for comments	AONB Manager
August 2018	Revision of Draft Plan, following feedback	AONB Manager
31 st August 2018	Text to County Print for design/artwork	AONB Manager
1 st October – 16 th November 2018	Formal public and stakeholder consultation	JAC, Local Authorities, partner organisations
November/December 2018	Compilation and assessment of comments received from consultees	AONB Manager
January 2019	Circulation of proposed amendments to Core Partners Group and JAC (by email)	AONB Manager
January/February 2019	Revision of final Plan, following feedback	AONB Manager
15 th February 2019	Approval of final Management Plan	JAC Chairman
February & March 2019	Adoption of new Plan by constituent Local Authorities	NYCC, HDC. RDC
31 st March 2019	Deadline for Plan to be adopted by constituent Local Authorities and sent to Defra	NYCC, HDC, RDC; AONB Manager
May – September 2019	Final formatting, artwork, printing and distribution of Management Plan document/CDs	AONB Manager



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AONB Family Update - September 2017

And then there was one The NAAONB has brought together its three websites under www.landscapesforlife.org.uk. The new website gives information about the AONB Family and also promotes the value and relevance of its work using case studies, news of events and activity, collaborative work, consultation responses, publications and images of our outstanding landscapes to support this promotion. Please add a link to your own website and encourage others to add a link to their websites. If you would like to add any information to the website please contact [Jill](#).



Outstanding Week 16-24th September 2017

Outstanding Week The AONB Family has come together, for the third year running, to organise a week (and a bit) long programme of events to help people enjoy and be inspired by Britain's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). Running from this Saturday until next Sunday, **Outstanding Week** shows people how to get involved and get out into the AONBs' **outstanding landscapes** to enjoy country shows, dark sky discovery nights, walking festivals, archaeology walks, wood fairs, foraging and local food festivals, wildlife walks, coastal and marine days, thatching courses, drystone walling competitions, charcoal making, bioblitz, inspiration through art and music and many, many other activities. **Outstanding Week** shows how our AONBs are **Landscapes for Life** in so many different ways.

Over 80 events can be found on www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/events/outstanding-week/ and more are being added daily.

Demonstrating value for money using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) AONB Lead Officers gather annually to review the work of the AONB Family over the previous year. This year, under discussion were the KPIs agreed last year and how they have been, and might be, used to show the value of AONB Family work. Information is now being collated for this year's AONB Family Annual Review – see [Basecamp Lead Officer Forum](#) (members only). In the meantime, case studies demonstrating the value and relevance 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.



Evidence based value for money The NAAONB celebrates collaborative work across the AONB Family. This week, we are pleased to highlight the work being done by the North Pennines AONB Partnership. The [Nectarworks](#) project focusses on the enhancement, restoration and celebration of flower-rich habitats and the nectar-feeding invertebrates that depend on them. The project was the recipient of the [Bowland Award](#) at this year's [Landscapes for Life Conference](#).

Leading on liaison with CPRE A 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 gone ahead and data is currently being collated by the appointed consultees. The project focuses on all English AONBs and analyses 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](#).



Leading on liaison with WCPA The NAAONB is working with the Global Protected Area Survey Team, which includes the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), which is carrying out the first global survey of protected area staff numbers and jobs. There are 200,000 protected areas in the world, covering over 15% of the land surface and 10% of the seas; but no record of how many people are engaged in managing them, or the range of jobs that they do. AONBs make up part of this total as Category V Protected Areas, recognised by the IUCN (of which the WCPA is part). Members can view the rationale for this survey on [WCPA Survey](#) or can contact Lauren Naylor lnaylor@globalwildlife.org for more information. The deadline for completion is end of September.

Leading on liaison with the Forestry Commission The NAAONB is working with the Forestry Commission to collate information on woodland creation and tree planting activity in England. The FC is seeking to collect data on the quantity and location of new planting of trees that has been funded by the UK Government within AONBs). Further information can be found on [Forestry Commission survey](#).



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House of Lords Select Committee Oral Evidence The NAAONB will be giving Oral Evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 on 10th October. Earlier in the year the [Committee called for Written Evidence](#) on [natural environment, rural communities and biodiversity](#). If your AONB Partnership/CB submitted evidence then, please share it on [Lead Officers' Forum](#) so it can be included in our oral submission in October.

AONB Family Annual Report The NAAONB is collating both quantitative and qualitative evidence for an Annual Report which will demonstrate the value of the AONB Family's work. A call for this information was made on [Lead Officers' Forum](#) and the deadline for submission is 30th September.



Outstanding Week 16-24th September 2017

Outstanding Week The AONB Family came together, for the third year running, to organise a week long programme of events to help people enjoy and be inspired by the UK's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Over 90 events were run during the 10 days with the NAAONB leading on the promotion of these with a dedicated page on the website. Both @AONBFamily and @NAAONB were active on Twitter to demonstrate the value and relevance of the AONB Partnerships/CBs and their work. Using key messages, we highlighted the difference the AONB Family makes and backed up our messages with the project case studies that form the AONB Family evidence base on the new [website](#).

Thank you to Defra and Welsh Government for their online promotion of the value and relevance and everyone else who got involved in Outstanding Week. With your support we were able to show how our AONBs are **Landscapes for Life** in very many different ways.

Living Landscapes – a joint publication with Europe’s Nature Parks The NAAONB has collaborated with almost 900 European Nature, Regional, and Landscape Parks to produce a book entitled [Living Landscapes](#) to demonstrate how protected landscapes are models for the sustainable development of rural areas. The book was launched at the first European Summit of Regional Nature Parks where a [declaration](#) was signed by the NAAONB and 20 other organisations who represent the European Parks. More information on the launch can be see [here](#). Members can see the presentations from the summit [here](#).



Brexit and collaboration within WCL As part of WCL (Wildlife and Countryside Link), the NAAONB is working with a large number of environmental organisations to secure a sustainable future for the UK’s landscapes post Brexit. In order to get our messages heard, we are collaborating with [GreenerUK](#) who are being effective at lobbying parliamentarians (see [briefings for MPS](#)). WCL are also working behind the scenes to get [amendments](#) to the Repeal Bill.

Defra’s 25-year Plan The NAAONB has learned that current thinking is that the 25 year plan

- will likely be **predominately England focused** with an international dimension. It will seek to avoid stepping on the toes of the Devolved Administrations,
- will probably be a mixture of the earlier ‘draft’ and some new material from Michael Gove – which **may** include some bigger ticket announcements, and
- it may be published in November as Defra is working to a very tight timescale



Evidence based value for money The NAAONB celebrates collaborative work across the AONB Family. This week, we are pleased to highlight the work being done by the North Devon AONB Partnership. The [Coastal Creatures](#) project focusses on the coastal wildlife of the North Devon AONB, making it accessible to residents, visitors and experts through a wide range of citizen science activities. The project was a nominee for the [Bowland Award](#) at this year’s [Landscapes for Life Conference](#).

Dates for your diary

- NAAONB Board meeting - Thursday 12th October
- Chairmen’s Conference and AGM - Thursday 23rd November
- Communications Officers Meeting - Wednesday 6th December

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Report to	The Annual General Meeting of the National Association for AONBs
Subject	Chairman's Annual Report 2016-17
Date	23 rd November 2017
Purpose	For information

This report is dedicated to the memory of Michael Mounde who sadly died this year. An active and resourceful NAAONB Board member, Michael was a passionate believer in the virtues of protected landscapes. Michael's knowledge, good humour and all round decency are much missed and he will be long remembered.

As we fast approach the 70th anniversary of the legislation which led to the creation of AONBs, your Board is committed to taking every opportunity to further advance the AONB cause. The importance, the quality and the potential of your work is foremost in our thinking at each of our meetings.

Your Board's legal status as both a charity trust and company limited by guarantee aligns it well for the flexibilities increasingly expected by policy setters and funders.

To maintain the AONB designation at the forefront of environmental policy formulation and implementation, your Board is in the process of drafting and consulting on its next business plan. This draft is now with you for final consultation and we look forward to your views and suggestions towards its further refinement and adoption.

Maintaining relevance, and the influence that accompanies it, is now crucially important and timely. The whole policy context for the future of the environment, agriculture and the countryside is up for review as part of Brexit and the ending of the Common Agricultural Policy in the UK. Nobody should doubt the significance of this moment for the future of protected landscapes and the appreciation of their scientific, economic and aesthetic value and potential.

The significance of the moment is powerfully underlined by a keynote speech delivered by the Secretary of State, The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP on the 21st July this year. The speech entitled [The Unfrozen Moment - Delivering a Green Brexit](#) is a remarkable statement of intent. It no less than raises the prospect of a truly significant positive step change for environmental protection and enhancement across all relevant contexts; economic, social and legal. This is an opportunity and challenge your Board is determined to rise to - a once in a generation, or two, opportunity to strengthen the impact of the AONB designation. With this in view, your Board is absolutely committed to responding powerfully and compellingly to what is an invitation to help recast environmental issues and, therewith AONBs, to nearer the centre of national priorities.

Already your Board has begun to respond to this invitation with our proposal to Defra to make AONB management plans and partnerships integral to future agri-economic support in protected areas. First indications are that this is being well received. Our proposal is, of course, only part of an ongoing dialogue with Defra and all relevant organisations. As the Secretary of State's vision moves towards implementation, your Board will ensure that AONB values and potentials are kept to the fore.

It has been very encouraging that right from the beginning of his appointment as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lord Gardiner has been very ready to engage with AONB issues. This has been demonstrated not only with an openness to dialogue with the NAAONB but further by a

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readiness to visit AONBs to meet their Partnerships/Conservation Boards and see their work first hand. His commitment to spending a whole working day to be with us at this year's Landscapes for Life Conference in Winchester was a powerful example of his interest.

So, all in all, while approaching our 70th anniversary, the challenge and opportunity facing the AONB Family and its national charity has never been greater. Nonetheless, let us be optimistic, because there is ample knowledge, ability and passion throughout AONB Partnerships/Conservation Board and staff to rise to the moment.

At a personal level, it continues to be a thoroughly enjoyable privilege to chair the NAAONB and to celebrate and advocate the outstanding value and work of AONBs. I remain immensely impressed by how much is achieved with such modest cost by each and every Partnership and Conservation Board. I am particularly inspired by my Board and staff who work unstintingly to enable the national charity to have a truly national impact on behalf of all our members.

Philip Hygate FRSA
Chairman
National Association for AONBs

Item 5 - Chief Executive's Report of work completed for NAAONB Business Plan Oct 2016 - Oct 2017

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Purpose For information

As we approach the end of this year it seems sensible to reflect on what we have achieved over the last year and consider the year ahead, but this is also the start of another phase for the NAAONB. We have come to the end of one business plan, written for the period 2015 to 2018, and in April will start the delivery of another. I am not going to talk you through the detail of what we have done – you can see that for yourself. I will, however, talk you through my headlines.

The context of the last business plan was one of public sector reform and enhanced devolution, something that remains at the forefront of our minds as we move into the next plan. The ways of working that were necessary to deliver on the last plan are as relevant now as they ever were – real collaboration, continued learning, skill sharing, enterprise, effective communication, and maintaining a strong supportive, and supporting, relationship with governments. This last element of our work always takes time but, when departments reorganise as often as they have over the last few years, it becomes more time consuming and even more important. With an increasingly smaller public sector with which to engage centrally, the value of a single voice for AONB Partnerships and Conservation boards is higher than ever.

A supporting relationship with government inevitably involves talk of funding. We were really pleased to report on a protected settlement in England over the course of this spending round. This is something that we had worked long and hard to achieve, but none the less was still a surprise. We know that local authority funding settlements for AONBs haven't necessarily been as positive across the board but we know we have helped maintain that single pot upon which you depend. We made the case at the time, and make it again – this is an investment by government in change – an opportunity to explore new ways of working, diversify your funding streams, and reduce the absolute reliance you have on what continues to be a reducing public purse.

Anyone that has read a relatively recent report by the Environmental Funders Network, entitled 'What the Green Groups Said' will know just how important change is, not just to ensure adequate resources but to actually have the positive impact required on the special places for which you all care...and these places are special, and people do care. I had the privilege of being invited to speak at the Chilterns Conservation Board's Annual Forum alongside Fiona Reynolds. The subject was natural beauty and the 300 seater hall was absolutely full. People really value natural beauty.

So, how have we helped you do your job over this last year?

As I said, we continue to be your mouthpiece to government, whether that is in England or Wales. The focus of the last year has clearly been on the role of AONBs, their partnerships and conservation boards, and management plans in relation to delivering on the challenges ahead. Our exit from the EU, and all that this brings with it, is clearly a central challenge – but this is a symptom not a cause. If we are to address root causes we have to value the environment more highly, and this doesn't mean shoe horning it into an economic model that has already failed us. Getting this right is our biggest challenge; getting it wrong would be our biggest mistake. Our exit from the EU gives us this opportunity, but we remain forever vigilant – mindful that the bulk of environmental protection legislation in the UK is currently EU based.

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We have worked closely with Welsh Government to develop their thinking on the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, particularly the relationship between SMNR and natural beauty and the consequent future role of AONBs and National Parks. Getting this high-level thinking right, and ensuring that the notion of natural beauty is embedded from the start is an imperative – not just because that is what we do, but because everything that you stand for has a profoundly positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the nation.

We have also worked with you to draft our next business plan – this has been a process of careful listening, thinking, and discussing. We can never hope to please every one of our members but we have done what we think is best to give you all, and the NAAONB, a secure and productive future.

Thank you for your membership of the NAAONB. I am really proud of what we achieve with such a small staff team. I am also really heartened by those of you that regularly step up and help deliver on national challenges. We really are your Association.

Thank you

Howard Davies
Chief Executive
National Association for AONBs

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<http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/75th-RAG-12.10.2017.pdf>