

Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 19 April 2018, commencing at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Caroline Goodrick
 Ryedale District Council: Councillors Robert Wainwright (Chairman) and Fiona Farnell
 Hambleton District Council: Councillor Christine Cookman
 Parish Councils: Chris Stratton (Hambleton)
 Country Land and Business Association: Sir William Worsley
 Forestry Commission: James Shallcross
 Ramblers: Harry Whitehouse

Officers:

Howardian Hills AONB team: Paul Jackson and Liz Bassindale
 North Yorkshire County Council: Liz Small and Kate Arscott (Secretary)
 Ryedale District Council: Howard Wallis

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

103 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Caroline Patmore, Sally Brown (Ryedale Parish Councils), Jim Smith (Forestry Commission) and Rebecca Hesketh (National Farmers Union). Members noted that Harry Whitehouse had replaced Philip Catterall as the Ramblers representative.

104 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 November 2017

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2017, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

105 Matters Arising

Minute 82 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager provided an update on enforcement action and a subsequent further planning application in relation to Sunley Woods Farm, Husthwaite. It was noted that, as of the previous week, the caravans had not yet been moved to the approved area and the local councillor had been made aware of the situation. This would be reported back to Hambleton District Council.

Minute 95 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager reported that a meeting about Ruralwatch was due to take place at Hovingham Village Hall on 25 April. All local farmers and parish councils had been invited and speakers were attending from the Police and National Farmers Union.

106 AONB Unit Activity

Members considered a detailed report of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee. This was accompanied by a slide presentation showcasing some of the work undertaken. The Appendices to the report set out the following:-

Appendix 1 - details of the work, meetings and site visits that had been carried out by the AONB Manager and AONB Officers in the period 8 November 2017 to 8 April 2018

Appendix 2 - full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB had assisted during the year

Appendix 3 - details of the consultations that the JAC had received during the year

Appendix 4 – full details of the activities and attendance for the 2017-18 Junior Rangers activity sessions

Members commented on how good the wall at Grimston looked.

The Committee noted the partnership working with North Yorkshire County Council Countryside Access Service in relation to Rights of Way. It was noted that the AONB funded the 'enhanced' element of signage. The value of the apprenticeship scheme which provides up to 6 weeks of work for £3,000 was welcomed. The AONB Officer agreed to check whether the team still had any signage discs available for permissive paths.

The AONB Manager clarified the policy in relation to the choice of metal or wood when replacing gates, with a preference for wood in rural areas, but each location being considered on a case by case basis.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

107 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 2017. The report outlined the main conclusions to be drawn from the applications scrutinised over the past year. It was noted that, whilst there had been more development activity than in 2016, it had still been a relatively quiet year, particularly in the Hambleton villages. This continued to be an unpredictable area of workload for the team.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

108 AONB Action Programme 2017/18

Members considered a report on progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2017/18. A detailed summary of progress against each objective was provided in an annex circulated separately to the agenda. 82% of targets were fully achieved; 4% were 25-75% achieved; 6% were less than 25% achieved; and 8% were not progressed at all.

Progress was reported under the headings of:

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

The Committee noted that volunteers had supported 17 projects or tasks, providing at least 139 days assistance.

Resolved

That the achievements against targets for 2017/18 be noted.

109 AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2018/19

Members considered a report on proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2018/19. A detailed set of proposed targets against each objective was provided in an annex circulated separately to the agenda.

The AONB Manager presented the key areas of proposed activity for the forthcoming year, which would include a major focus on the review of the AONB Management Plan.

Resolved

That the targets for 2018/19 as contained in the Action Programme be approved.

110 AONB Management Plan Review

Members considered a report on the progress of the AONB Management Plan review and next steps. A detailed review timetable was set out in the appendix to the report.

Resolved

That the progress and next steps be noted.

111 Defra Consultation: The Future for Food, Farming and the Environment in a Green Brexit

Members considered a report giving selected details of the Government's recent consultation paper, released in February, following the publication of the 25 Year Environment Plan in January. Appendix 1 provided a summary of the key points of the consultation paper, prepared by High Weald AONB. Given that agriculture is fundamental to the character of the AONB because of its inextricable link to sustainable land management, the JAC was invited to discuss and comment on the relevant sections of the consultation paper.

The JAC was specifically invited to consider any points which it wished to be input to a response by the National Association for AONBs, and to consider whether to also submit a separate Howardian Hills AONB JAC response.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- Concern about the lack of replacement for ADAS as a national free advice service
- The significance of soil health issues, and also the requirement for more education on this issue
- The impact on smaller farms, such as typify this area, as kit tends to get bigger
- Field margin and hedgerow management
- Public access
- Conversion of land from food production to crops used for alternative functions (eg maize for biogas electricity generators)
- Funding issues and profitability/viability with regard to the Basic Payment Scheme
- Lack of capital and infrastructure investment
- The role of forestry
- Costs associated with livestock farming, especially beef and sheep and the impact on the environment and landscape if animals are not present

Resolved

- (a) That the points raised in discussion be submitted for input to a National Association for AONBs response.
- (b) That the AONB Manager also submits a separate Howardian Hills AONB JAC response.

112 National Association for AONBs Activity

The Committee received an update on activity by the National Association for AONBs, covering the following topics:

- NAAONB Chairman's Conference
- Landscapes for Life 2017 Annual Report
- Latest News
- A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment
- AONB Lead Officers' Meeting

Resolved

That the activities be noted.

113 Reports from Partner Organisations

Members of the Committee shared the following information not already covered elsewhere on the agenda:

Hambleton District Council

Councillor Cookman reported on proposals to take on additional planning staff to address workload, particularly in relation to enforcement activity.

North Yorkshire County Council

Liz Small reported that the final session of the independent examination of the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan had taken place the previous week, and the Inspector's final report was awaited. Members shared feedback from the examination sessions, including the robust approach to buffer and visual sensitivity zones.

Ryedale District Council

Howard Wallis reported that the Ryedale District Plan had been submitted for independent examination, which would probably take place over the summer.

Forestry Commission

James Shallcross drew Members' attention to a Yorkshire Tree Health event being held on 30 April in Bingley. Places were still available.

Ramblers

Harry Whitehouse reported on the rights of way monitoring scheme set up by Ryedale Ramblers, with the aim to have a representative for each parish. 50% coverage had already been achieved and Parish Clerks were being contacted to try and expand this.

114 Date of next JAC Meeting

Resolved

That, following a request that the date be changed to avoid a clash with the North York Moors National Park Authority's Planning Committee, the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 22 November 2018 at 10am at Hovingham Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 12.05pm

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AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
22 NOVEMBER 2018**

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 2018.

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 2018 to November 2018.
- 2.2 The final budget outturn for 2017/18 is detailed in a separate report on the Agenda.
- 2.3 Work on the revision of the AONB Management Plan has proceeded to schedule – full details have been provided in a separate Report on this Agenda.
- 2.4 The Ryevitalise Project team, with significant assistance from the AONB Officer, has been extremely busy compiling information and writing the Landscape Conservation Action Plan document which is due to be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund at the end of November. In addition:
- Assistance was provided to identify landowners to approach for permission to survey watercourses and bat activity within the project area in the AONB.
 - Detailed input is being given to the Ancient Woodland Restoration, Educational and Access strands in particular.
- 2.5 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 prominent wall restoration project near Grimston has completed its second phase and several hedge restoration projects are in the process of development. Full details of the grants offered and projects developed are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.6 The Monument Management Scheme has been more successful so far this year, after a patchy season due to wet autumn weather last year. In a bid to hedge against wet weather during the spraying season again, bracken was strimmed in early July on 7 Scheduled Monuments where control to date has been poor. The bracken regrowth was then sprayed on 6 of these sites and on a further 16 Monuments – we'll need to wait until May 2019 to see how effective this strategy has been. The winter work programme will consist of scrub control on a number of monuments, to consolidate work last year.
- 2.7 The comprehensive Geodiversity Audit of the AONB has been completed by the North East Yorkshire Geology Trust. Of the 150 sites initially identified, 109 were considered worthy of a site visit and access permission was obtained to visit 85 of these. Seventeen sites were considered as being Candidate Local Geological Sites and these will now be put through the

formal assessment and ratification processes as applicable. The information has also been incorporated into the new AONB Management Plan.

- 2.8 Work progressed well with the Turtle Doves project, in partnership with the North York Moors National Park, with thirty randomly selected 1km grid squares being surveyed. The surveyors also recorded other farmland and woodland bird species, to improve the quality of data held at the North & East Yorkshire Data Centre.
- 2.9 The Public Rights of Way Improvement Project, in partnership with NYCC's Countryside Access Service, has slowed down a bit due to staff changes at NYCC. A second batch of 18 new or replacement signs has been installed, whilst the North York Moors National Park Modern Apprentices Team has replaced a significant number of footbridges along the River Derwent between Kirkham and Howsham.
- 2.10 Overhead electricity line undergrounding has finally been completed in Ganthorpe, with the removal of the redundant poles. An open-countryside scheme has also been completed at Easthorpe, whilst the Oswaldkirk scheme is believed to be nearing commencement. BT Openreach have completed rationalisation and partial undergrounding of their lines in Nunnington and Cawton.
- 2.11 The number of planning applications scrutinised has been significantly higher than for this period in 2017/18 - 55 applications were scrutinised in Q1 and Q2, in comparison with 40 last year. The most significant cases have been proposals for new farm buildings at Crambe, Swinton and Crayke; extensions to houses at High Stittenham, Crayke, Low Hutton and Skewsby; Smart Meter poles in Hovingham and Ampleforth; and new dwellings in Crayke and at Musley Bank. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received this financial year, as well as the AONB Manager's detailed responses to specific applications, submitted between 1st April and 13th November (batched where applicable).
- 2.12 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.
- 2.13 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.
- 2.14 The latest edition of the AONB Newsletter was prepared in September and distributed in the week commencing 24th October. The JAC's Annual Report was delayed due to the need to focus on Management Plan review but this is now in production and will be circulated to the wide range of organisations who work with the JAC by the end of November.
- 2.15 The NAAONB Conference was held in Kent in July and was attended by the AONB Manager and AONB Officer (Maternity Cover).
- 2.16 In line with the Business Plan, Francesca Pert is working 2 days per week as a part-time AONB Officer on projects, publicity and Management Plan review until 31st March 2019. Francesca went on Maternity Leave in July, with Frances Standen starting with the team in September as a Maternity Cover replacement.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report be noted.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

11th APRIL – 13th NOVEMBER 2018

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Planning application consultation scrutiny and responses. Q1 saw over twice as many schemes scrutinised in comparison to Q1 2017/18, with a similar heavy workload in Q2.
- Financial Closedown 2017/18.
- Holding a meeting for farmers, landowners and Parish Councils to consider establishing a Rural Watch scheme for the AONB.
- Responding to the Defra Health & Harmony and DHCLG NPPF consultations.
- Preparation and submission of Final Defra grant claim.
- Starting the recruitment process to secure Maternity Cover for Francesca Pert. Advert issued 23rd May; interviewing and appointing; Frances Standen started late September; induction
- Developing 2018/19 Monument Management Scheme work programme and engaging contractors to deliver the bracken control element.
- Revising our processes to ensure that they're GDPR compliant.
- Representing the AONB Family at Defra in London on Key Performance Indicators.
- Management Plan review – drafting revised topic chapters, Objectives and Actions and sending to Focus Group members, completing the writing of the draft Plan and submitting for design and printing, uploading all documents to the AONB website and launching the public consultation.
- Ryevitalise – helping identify land ownerships for riparian and bat surveys.
- Participating in NAAONB response to the Agriculture Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.

MEETINGS

- NYCC – 2017/18 financial Closedown
- NYCC/NFU/LEP – discussion on Defra Health & Harmony consultation document, County Hall
- April JAC, Hovingham
- NYMNPA – Farmer Clusters & agri-environment catch-up x 4
- Rural Watch meeting, Hovingham Village Hall
- North & East Public Rights of Way Local Liaison Group, County Hall
- Ryevitalise PAWS survey update
- RIIO-ED1 Undergrounding Steering Group, York
- LNP Board meeting, County Hall
- Ryevitalise Team – watercourse surveying
- Ryevitalise PAWS Restoration event, Hawnbay
- June quarterly Annual Action Programme meeting
- Procure-to-Pay introduction session, County Hall
- June Core Partners Group
- NEYEDC Stakeholder meeting, York
- Ryevitalise PAWS restoration, Hovingham Estate

- Native Woodland Partnership, Pickering
- LEP Conference, Sand Hutton
- Ryevitalise LCAP catch-up
- NYMNPA – Farmer Clusters & agri-environment catch-up
- September Core Partners Group
- ICF Event, Hovingham Estate
- LNP Board, County Hall
- Quarterly Annual Action Programme update meeting - November

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

AONB Team meetings

NAAONB

- Northern AONBs Group strategic meeting – Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB
- Northern AONBs Group demonstration day – Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB
- Defra Metrics Group meeting, London
- National AONBs Conference, Kent
- Lead Officers' Meeting to discuss input to The Glover Review, Birmingham
- Northern AONBs Group strategic meeting – Howardian Hills AONB

- Northern AONBs Group demonstration day – Howardian Hills AONB
- Monitoring workstreams such as the Agriculture Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes and inputting as necessary

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- Native Woodland Partnership
- JAC, Hovingham Village Hall
- December Core Partners Group
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, Wetherby

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

AONB Team meetings

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Chairmen’s Conference & AGM, London
- Monitoring workstreams such as the Agriculture Bill, yet-to-be-launched Environment Bill and Glover Review of Protected Landscapes and inputting as necessary

MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Drafting revised topic chapters, Objectives and Actions and sending to Topic Group members
- Meeting with NYCC – draft Traffic, Transport & Traffic Management chapter
- Meeting with Castle Howard Estate CEO – Management Plan review and project ideas
- Completing the writing of the draft Plan and submitting for design and printing
- Finalising the large ‘Local Sites’ map, State of the AONB Report and SEA & HRA Screening Reports (only published electronically)
- Preparing letters, fliers, etc for consultation launch
- Uploading all documents to the AONB website
- Management Plan public consultation 1st October to 11th November
- Hambleton DC – presentation on draft Management Plan to Planning Committee training session
- Analysing consultation responses
- Preparing a table of consultation responses and consequent suggested changes to the Management Plan

MANAGEMENT PLAN (FUTURE)

- Reporting comments and suggested changes to the JAC
- Making approved changes to the text
- Sending the final text-only version of the new Plan to the Local Authorities for Adoption
- Starting the design of the final formal document

SITE VISITS

- PRow sign recording – Huttons Ambo, Welburn
- NYCC/Aone – installing refurbished traditional direction sign at Barton Hill
- Scheduled Monuments – Welburn, Gaterley, Grimstone, Hovingham, Oulston
- Planning application site visits – Thornton Hill, Welburn, Coulton, Amotherby, Huttons Ambo x 2, Brandsby, Newburgh, Oswaldkirk

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

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CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Financial Closedown 2017/18
- Holding a meeting for farmers, landowners and Parish Councils to consider establishing a Rural Watch scheme for the AONB
- Responding to the Defra Health & Harmony and DHCLG NPPF consultations
- Preparation and submission of Final Defra grant claim
- Q4 2017/18 MMS Report and Grant Claim submitted
- Starting the recruitment process to secure Maternity Cover for Francesca Pert. Advert issued 23rd May
- Installing refurbished traditional direction sign at Barton Hill, following junction improvements
- Developing 2018/19 Monument Management Scheme work programme and engaging contractors to deliver the bracken control element
- Revising our processes to ensure that they’re GDPR compliant
- Preparing June Core Partners Group papers

- Interviewing and appointing to Maternity Cover contract
- Preparation and submission of Q1 MMS report and grant claim
- Evaluating the Geodiversity Audit site survey results and final report
- Preparation of Q1 RAG assessment
- Monument Management Scheme – checking delivery of the bracken control works
- Preparation of September Core Partners Group papers
- Induction of maternity cover staff member
- Writing to Openreach to object to proposed new overhead line, Newburgh Priory
- Preparation of Q2 RAG assessment
- Input to finalising the Ryevitalise LCAP
- Preparing November JAC papers
- NYCC budget eForecasting – monthly, June to February

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Q2 MMS grant claim and report
- Preparation of December Core Partners Group papers
- Interim Defra grant claim - January

RECREATION/ACCESS

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RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

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COMMUNITIES

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COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Tweets showcasing practical work undertaken by the AONB Team
- Ryedale Show
- Preparing the 2017/18 Annual Report

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- Press release on joint HHAONB/NYCC/NYMNP PRoW Improvement Project

TRAINING

- How to update AONB website – training by Francesca
- GDPR
- Alertcom Lone Working system, County Hall

TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Natural Capital workshop, London

MISCELLANEOUS

- Appraisal target-setting 2018/19
- NYCC Chief Executive's Managers Briefing event, Topcliffe
- Days of Annual Leave
- Slow-running IT issues
- Annual Leave 1st – 5th October

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

- NYCC Christmas shut-down – 24th December to 2nd January

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Liz Bassindale)

12th April – 2nd November 2018

Work during this period has included:

- Conservation initiatives - River Rye Group, River Derwent Partnership and Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP.
- Ryevitalise – contributing towards production of the LCAP, taking images and inputting into Project proformas for the HLF Landscape Partnership Stage 2 bid.
- Ryevitalise – running a taster session with Hovingham Primary School to trial some of the river-themed educational ideas and delivering river creature activities at the Schools Countryside Day at Duncombe Park to enable informal consultation with teachers.
- HLF Turtle Doves Project – producing survey packs, volunteer training evening, making connections with landowners, organising site meeting at a farm near Coulton which has led to creation of a turtle dove-friendly seeded area of land.
- 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 spring, summer and autumn tasks. Organising autumn tasks and working towards winter ones. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets.
- Junior Rangers – planning and ensuring delivery of activities May half term. Planning a farm-themed day for October half term.
- Communities – working with Community First Yorkshire Development Officer and offering grants to community projects in Slingsby and Hovingham.
- Assisting the LNP Officer with a successful bid to HLF for a project linking The Yorkshire Farm Flora Project and Next Steps in Norton.
- Ryedale Show – producing stand content including the quiz, liaising with other organisations sharing our stand space and attending the Show.
- AONB Newsletter – sourcing content, writing articles and liaising with the designer
- Working with Francesca and Frances to support the elements of the AONB Work Programme that they have been delivering.

MEETINGS

- Dark Skies Week 2018 review and ideas for 2019, Thirsk
- Sustainable tourism and Dark Skies events, Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Officer, final preparation and delivery of volunteer survey training, The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Turtle Dove Project Steering Group, Helmsley (x1) and Pickering (x1)
- Yorkshire Farm Flora Facilitation Fund and Turtle Doves Project linking meeting, Terrington
- Progressing Yorkshire Farm Flora in the Community HLF bid, Next Steps, Norton (x1) and Helmsley (x2)
- Ryevitalise Working Group, Malton (x1) and Helmsley (x1)
- Ryevitalise school taster day planning with NYMNP Education Team, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise LCAP, Helmsley (x4)

- Ryevitalise LCAP and proforma presentation, NYMNP Design Team, Helmsley
- Local BAP Working Group, Scarborough (x1) and Malton (x1)
- River Derwent Partnership, York (x1) and Pocklington (x1)
- Ampleforth Abbey HLF Bid workshop, Ampleforth
- Update meeting with CFY Development Officer and RDC Communities Officer, Malton
- Heritage Service Team, Northallerton (x1) and Hovingham (x1)
- Heritage Team training/workshop day, Northallerton
- Core Partners, Helmsley
- Joint Advisory Committee, Hovingham
- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP/FS (quarterly)
- Team updates with PJ and FP/FS

NAAONB

- Northern AONBs Spring meeting, Arnside and Silverdale
- Northern AONBs Autumn meeting, Howardian Hills (included contributing to planning/preparation)
- Participation on Twitter in #Outstandinghour on Wednesdays when possible to do so

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- Linking Landscape with University Education, St John's Uni, York
- Ryevitalise Working Group, Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Volunteers evening meeting, Malton
- Core Partners, Helmsley
- JAC, Hovingham

- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP/FS (quarterly)
- Team updates with PJ and FP/FS

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Participation on Twitter in #Outstandinghour on Wednesdays when possible to do so.
- AONBs Northern Group, Arnside and Silverdale AONB

SITE VISITS

- Checking whether hedge planting had been completed, Coulton
- Farm visits - Turtle Dove seeding and wider conservation work with landowner, Turtle Dove Officer and RSPB, Coulton (x3)
- Assessing growth and species on community grassland, Hushwaite
- Himalayan balsam clearance planning, with TCV, River Derwent SSSI

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

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CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- North York Moors Graduate Apprentice, preparing survey packs, Helmsley
- Clearance of Himalayan balsam at four locations

- Exmoor Pony Grazing on seven sites
- Obtaining letters of support for Ryevitalise from St John's University and local schools.
- Assessing volunteer team progress on Himalayan balsam site, Brandsby (x2)

- Advice to Project Fund applicants – application process and making grant offers
- Checking completed projects including volunteer tasks, stone walling, school wildlife area and hedge laying.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Follow-up visits to Turtle Dove seeding sites, Coulton and Ampleforth Plus

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Checking bridge widening and access improvements, Birkdale/Littledale near Terrington and supporting Francesca with completion of the project by contractor

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

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COMMUNITIES

- Advising on grants and churchyard conservation, Slingsby Church
- Planning CFY community work for 2018-19, Terrington
- Advising on possible options for school wildlife area, Foston School
- Clarifying GDPR process for Junior Ranger records/bookings and revising booking form and spreadsheet accordingly
- Planning and taking bookings for May Junior Rangers
- Planning, taking bookings and preparing for October Junior Rangers
- Ryevitalise School Activities taster/trial day, Hovingham School
- Ryevitalise Education Proforma, with NYMNP Education Team Leader, Helmsley (x1) and Danby (x1)
- Ward mapping and grants, Sheriff Hutton
- Grants advice meeting with Oswaldkirk Village Hall, CFY Development Officer and RDC Communities Officer, Helmsley

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

- Update and planning meeting with CFY Development Officer to plan the next 6 months
- Plan and deliver February Dark Skies Junior Rangers day, Terrington

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Countryside Learning Day, Duncombe Park
- Cycle routes, Sustainable Tourism project, Helmsley
- Ryevitalise Interpretation Strategy, combining feedback to consultants, Helmsley
- Evening talk, Kirkdale Gardening Club, Wombledon
- Ryedale Show – plan and prepare stand, invite partner organisations and attend show
- Tourism grant application, discussion with NYMNPA Tourism Grants Officer, Helmsley

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- Possible grant offer to Castle Howard for wildlife interpretation

TRAINING

- GDPR – Mandatory online training and additional module
- Wordpress website editing training from Francesca
- Alertcom, Lone Working system Easingwold

TRAINING (FUTURE)

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MISCELLANEOUS

- One week on leave (May half term)
- Two weeks on leave (August/September)

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

- Some annual leave during school Christmas holidays
- Compulsory NYCC Christmas close-down

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Frances Standen)

5th Sept – 9th November 2018

Work during this period has included:

- Volunteers – planning and delivering autumn/winter tasks. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets.
- Junior Rangers – planning, promotion and delivery of farm-themed activity day in October half term.
- AONB Newsletter – proof reading.
- Providing Project Fund application guidance to landowner, Hall Farm, High Stittenham, for dew pond restoration.
- Supporting Moorswork and volunteers, undertaking pre and post site inspections.
- Collating Management Plan consultation responses.
- Permission form renewed for volunteers work on Coulton Moor, Forestry Commission.
- Supporting AONB Manager and Officer.

| MEETINGS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable tourism and nature/walking/cycling friendly tourism, Mike Hawtin • Sarah Spooner, Flamingo Land re opportunities for joint working • Action Programme meetings with PJ and LB (quarterly) • Team updates with PJ and LB |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern AONBs Autumn meeting, Howardian Hills |

| MEETINGS (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Programme meetings with PJ and LB (quarterly) • Team updates with PJ and LB |

| NAAONB (FUTURE) |
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| SITE VISITS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moorswork and Volunteers sites – Terrington Moor, Peel Wood, Dutch House Art Gallery/Café at Crayke. • Dalby Maze |

| SITE VISITS (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amotherby Lane – hedgeplanting and SINC work • Coulton Moor, Moorswork/Volunteers |

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| PROJECTS (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge planting grant, Amotherby • Habitat management, Amotherby Lane SINC |

| RECREATION/ACCESS |
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| RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE) |
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| COMMUNITIES |
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| COMMUNITIES (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and deliver February Dark Skies Junior Rangers day, Terrington |

| PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION |
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**PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION
(FUTURE)**

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TRAINING

- Mandatory online training for new starters completed.

TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Alertcom Lone Working system

MISCELLANEOUS

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MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

- Some annual leave during school Christmas holidays
- Compulsory NYCC Christmas close-down

Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee 1 April 2018 to 31 October 2018

- Sheriff Hutton Ward: Asset & Facilities Mapping has been carried out in the villages of Flaxton, Lillings Ambo, Sheriff Hutton & Thornton-le-Clay; also met with Cllr Eric Hope.
- Currently Asset Mapping Sinnington Ward, which includes Nunnington and Stonegrave.
- Attended and assisted with Rural Task Force event at Hovingham VH (25/4/18).
- Attended Ampleforth PC AGM (10/5/18).
- Visited Foston School with Liz Bassindale to advise on School Gardening project (11/5/18).
- Helped to organise Ryedale Funding & Volunteering Fair held at Milton Rooms Malton (7/6/18).
- Met with Andy Watt of Oswaldkirk VH, along with Faye Snowden RDC and Liz Bassindale to offer funding advice for fixtures and fittings in new village hall extension (13/7/18).
- Attended Gilling East PC meeting (19/7/18).
- Attended Ryedale Show (31/7/18).
- Attended NYCC 'Get Inspired Week' event at Norton Hive (7/9/18).
- Attended Ryedale Agencies Forum in Norton (27/9/18).
- Attending meetings of Next Steps – Rural Initiative Project meetings.
- Met with Debbie Lennox, Dementia Forward Volunteer Co-ordinator, looking for useful contacts, groups and individuals to contact in Ryedale to attract more volunteers to run events (15/10/18).
- Met with Cheryl Squire, NYCC Health Improvement Manager, interested in finding out more about Ryedale - information and useful contacts.
- Representing CFY on Ryevitalise Steering Group.
- Assisted Francesca with statistics on services in HHAONB villages for AONB Management Plan Review (June '18).
- Funding advice, general support and signposting given to Barton-le-Street Church Conservation Churchyard, Ampleforth Play Area (support to CFY officer assigned to this group) Kirkbymoorside Camera Club, Sproxton VH, Nunnington VH.
- Continue to have regular update meetings with Liz Bassindale.
- Continue to work with NYCC Stronger Communities to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support & funding.
- Have regular meeting with Angela Jones (Communities Team Manager) and Jos Holmes, RDC.
- Regularly attend Ryedale Development Officer meetings and RDC Parish Liaison meetings.
- Respond to e-mails/telephone calls from residents/PC's/community groups in AONB as required.

AONB PROJECTS 2018/2019

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

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 |
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| Ryevitalise Partnership | Ryevitalise HLF bid area | Contribution to Project Development phase | - | NE9.1 | £56,333 (Year 2) | £1,500 |
| Local Nature Partnership | York, North Yorkshire | Contribution to continuation of Co-ordinator post | | NE9.1 | c.£22,500 | £1,500 |
| R Laverick | Grimston | Restoration of 25m of roadside wall | Zone 1 Landscape | AG2.2 | £1,900 | £950 (50%) |
| Bulmer PC | Bulmer | Tree surgery to avenue of 37 semi-mature trees | Zone 3B Landscape | NE3.4 | £1,080 | £350 |
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| APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR) | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Husthwaite | Grassland management | - | NE4.2 | £390 | £240 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork, Volunteers, P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Terrington | Widening bridge and removing stiles, to enable access by Exmoor ponies | Site 1.20 | NE3.1 | £2,058 | £708 |

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| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Terrington Moor SINC | Fence repairs | Site 1.66 | NE3.1 | £460 | £460 |
| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Cawton Fen SINC & Cawton Bank | Fence repairs | Sites 1.47 & 1.41 | NE3.1 | £750 | £750 |
| (AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust) | Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Coulton (3) | Conservation grazing of 7 SINC's or other important sites | Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.59, 1.60, 1.61 | NE3.1 | c.£694 | c.£267 |
| Turtle Doves Project | Turtle Doves HLF project area | Contribution to Project | - | NE4.3 | £5,000 (Year 2) | £1,000 |
| North East Yorkshire Geology Trust | AONB | Geodiversity Audit | - | NE7.1 | £1,500 (Year 2) | £1,500 |
| (AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate) | Various | Beat-up failed trees and repair tree guards | - | NE8.2 | £420 | £420 |
| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC; River Derwent SSSI | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.58 | NE6.2 | £990 | £990 |
| (AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers) | River Derwent SSSI | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.73 | NE6.2 | £1,600 | £1,600 |
| (AONB Unit – village volunteers) | River Derwent SSSI | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.73 | NE6.2 | £200 | £0 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Fairy Dell SINC | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.17 | NE6.2 | £1,830 | £480 |
| (AONB Unit – DMD Contracting) | Wath Beck | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65 | NE6.2 | £900 | £900 |
| Dutch House Cafe | Crayke | Minibeast hotel | - | NE5.1 | £420 | £120 |
| (AONB Unit – Don Davies) | Terrington | Erection of 4 barn owl boxes | - | NE4.2 | £240 | £240 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC | Grassland management | - | NE3.1 | £320 | £120 |

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| Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group | Amotherby Churchyard | Habitat management | - | NE5.1 | £240 | £120 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Coulton Moor | Rhododendron control | Zone 1 landscape | NE3.3, NE6.2 | c.£1,260 | £360 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Terrington Moor SINC | Rush cutting | Site 1.66 | NE3.1 | c.£840 | £240 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Peel Wood & Grasslands SINC | Burning gorse cut down last season | Site 1.11 | NE3.1 | c.£900 | £240 |
| (AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons) | Various | Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges | - | NE3.1 | c.£1,800 | c.£1,800 |
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AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | City of Troy Maze, Dalby | Regular maintenance | Site 2.25 | HE2.5 | £210 | £210 |
| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Mileposts | Regular maintenance | Site 2.63 | HE2.5, RT4.5 | £168 | £168 |
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| MONUMENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME | | | | | | |
| <u>Historic England funded</u> | | | | | | |
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| <u>AONB funded</u> | | | | | | |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork) | Hovingham | Strimming & re-seeding on 1 Scheduled Monument | Site 2.35 | HE2.3 | £120 | £120 |
| (AONB Unit – Nick Milner Forestry) | Coneysthorpe, Gaterley | Strimming bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.40, 2.69 | HE2.3 | £320 | £320 |

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| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Various | Strimming bracken on 4 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.12 | HE2.3 | £412 | £412 |
| (AONB Unit – Nick Milner Forestry) | Coneysthorpe, Gaterley | Spraying/trimming bracken on 4 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.34, 2.40, 2.69 | HE2.3 | £320 | £320 |
| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Various | Spraying/trimming bracken on 18 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.3, 2.11, 2.12, 2.20, 2.24, 2.36, 2.37, 2.39, 2.68 | HE2.3 | £503 | £503 |
| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Various | Stump regrowth control on 3 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.3, 2.11, 2.82 | HE2.3 | c.£82 | c.£82 |
| (AONB Unit – Forestry Commission) | Grimston | Spraying bracken on 1 Scheduled Monument | Site 2.4 | HE2.3 | £50 | £0 |
| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Various | Stump regrowth control & bramble strimming on 8 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.12, 2.24, 2.39, 2.68 | HE2.3 | c.£165 | c.£165 |
| (AONB Unit – Nick Milner Forestry) | Coneysthorpe | Stump regrowth control on 2 Scheduled Monuments | Site 2.40 | HE2.3 | c.£160 | c.£160 |
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AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| Rural Action Yorkshire | AONB | Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning | - | LC1.2, LC1.3 | £18,019 | £5,000 |
| Hovingham Action Group | Hovingham | Sustainable Community survey | - | LC1.3 | £4,950 | £600 |
| Hovingham Village Hall | Hovingham | Defibrillator | - | LC1.3 | £1,450 | £725 (50%) |
| Hovingham Village Hall | Hovingham | Roof repairs | - | LC1.3 | £10,106 | £2,000 |
| Slingsby School | Slingsby | Wildlife area (phase 2) | - | NE5.1 | £2,232 | £1,232 |

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| Barton-le-Street PCC | Barton-le-Street Church | Information Board | - | AP2.3 | £935 | £650 |
| Oswaldkirk Village Hall Committee | Oswaldkirk Village Hall | Fitting out of kitchen extension | - | LC1.4 | £30,793 | £2,000 |
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| <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 | £756 | £756 |
| (AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service) | Crambe, Gilling/ Ampleforth | PRoW Improvement Project – bridge replacement, steps repair, boardwalk replacement, kissing gate refurbishment, etc. (delivered by NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team) | - | RA3.1 | c.£13,250 | £3,000 |
| (AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service) | AONB | PRoW Improvement Project – 18 replacement roadside fingerposts (installation) | - | RA3.1 | c.£1,245 | c.£165 |
| (AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service) | AONB | PRoW Improvement Project – 11 replacement roadside fingerposts (supply & installation) | - | RA3.1 | c.£1,518 | c.£320 |
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| <u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u> | | | | | | |
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| <u>Volunteering</u> | | | | | | |
| (AONB Volunteers) | Misc | Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc | Various | Various | £1,100 | - |
| (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Tomorrow's Natural Leaders) | Misc | Junior Ranger Club | - | AP2.3 | £950 | - |
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Young People's activities

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| (AONB Unit) | Arboretum | Junior Ranger Club x 2 | - | AP2.3 | £676 | £248 |
| Amy-Jane Beer | 14 x Primary Schools | Lost Words books | - | AP2.3 | £182 | £182 |
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AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2018/2019

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
|--|------------|---|------------|---|--|
| 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 | Crambe | Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building) | No | Object (siting unacceptable; colour of roof sheets) | Prior Approval required (siting, impact on setting of Listed Building) |
| Ryedale District Council | Scackleton | Planning Application (Erection of extension) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Whitwell | Planning Application (Re-building of barn and erection of link extension) | Yes | Concerns (ground floor window openings) | Granted (not amended) |
| Ryedale District Council | Howsham | Planning Application (Installation of above-ground oil storage tank) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Helmsley | Planning Application (Alterations & erection of conservatory) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Skewsby | Planning application (Raising of roof height on extension) | No | None | - |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
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| Ryedale District Council | High Stittenham | Planning application (Erection of extensions) | (Previously) | Object (excessive size and scale, impact on non-designated heritage asset) | Granted (not amended further) |
| Ryedale District Council | Swinton | Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building) | No | Object (siting unacceptable; colour of roof sheets) | Prior Approval required (siting, impact on AONB landscape) |
| Forestry Commission | Terrington | Woodland planting proposals (0.5ha, 75% native broadleaves) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Terrington | Planning Application (Erection of extensions) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Terrington | Planning Application (Erection of extension - revised) | (Previously) | None | Granted (ridge height lowered) |
| Ryedale District Council | Nunnington | Planning Application (Change of Use of Pub to dwelling) | No | To be scrutinised against Local Plan policies | Refused |
| Ryedale District Council | Terrington | Planning Application (Conversion of barn to dwelling – revised) | (Previously) | Support – more sympathetic design | Granted |
| Ryedale District Council | Malton | Planning Application (Erection of industrial units) | No | Colour of roof to be dark grey | Granted (Condition attached) |
| Ryedale District Council | Firby | Planning Application (Erection of entrance gates - revised) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Bulmer | Planning Application (Erection of sheds; installation of log burner flue) | No | Flue to be anodised black | See below |
| Ryedale District Council | Grimston | Planning Application (Erection of extensions) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Hovingham | Telecommunications Notification (Erection of 12m Smart Meter pole) | No | Object (impact on AONB and setting of Conservation Area) | Refused |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
|--|---------------|---|------------|---|--|
| Ryedale District Council | Nunnington | Planning Application (Erection of linking canopy) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Brandsby | Planning application (Conversion of farm building to dwelling) | No | None | - |
| North York Moors National Park Authority | Oswaldkirk | Planning application (Erection of extensions - revised) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of extensions & garage) | No | Concerns (siting & design of garage) | Granted (no changes) |
| Hambleton District Council | Yearsley | Planning application (Upgrading of forestry track) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Crambe | Agricultural Prior Approval (Erection of agricultural building – not revised) | No | Object (siting unacceptable; colour of roof sheets) | Amended (see below) |
| Ryedale District Council | Grimston | Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – re-revised) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Swinton | Planning application (Construction of manege) | No | No lighting to be installed | Granted (Condition attached) |
| Morrisons Utility Services | Coneysthorpe | Pre-development enquiry (Replacement of 10" water main) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Bulmer | Planning Application (Erection of sheds; installation of log burner flue - revised) | No | Flue to be anodised black | Granted (Condition attached) |
| Ryedale District Council | Musley Bank | Planning Application (Erection of NPPF para 55 house - revised) | Previously | Object | Granted (Contrary to Officer Recommendation) |
| Ryedale District Council | Castle Howard | Planning application (Erection of workshop, machinery store, glasshouse & polytunnel) | No | Roof sheets to be dark green | See below |
| Ryedale District Council | Welburn | Planning application (Change of workshop to residential annex) | No | Not to be split from main property | Granted (Condition attached) |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
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| Ryedale District Council | Ampleforth | Telecommunications Notification (Erection of 12m Smart Meter pole) | No | Significant concerns (impact on AONB and setting of Conservation Area) | Amended (see below) |
| Hambleton District Council | Oulston | Planning application (Erection of extensions & replacement garage) | No | None | - |
| North Yorkshire County Council | Ampleforth | Planning application (Erection of canopy at school) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of agricultural building) | No | Roof sheets to be dark grey; landscaping | Granted (Plans amended) |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of replacement conservatory) | No | Support (significant improvement from existing structure) | Refused |
| Hambleton District Council | Brandsby | Planning application (Formation of doorway from window at Church) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Ampleforth | Telecommunications Notification (Erection of 12m Smart Meter pole – amended to 10m) | Yes | Significant concerns (impact on AONB and setting of Conservation Area) | Granted (Condition on colour of materials) |
| Ryedale District Council | Terrington | Planning Application (Erection of extension) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Gaterley | Planning Application (Erection of extensions) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Swinton | Planning Application (Erection of agricultural storage building) | No | Roof sheets to be dark grey | Granted (Condition on colour of materials) |
| Hambleton District Council | Bagby | Planning application (Redevelopment of airfield buildings) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Thornton-on-the-Hill | Planning application (Construction of 3 eco-pods) | Yes | Conditions needed re landscaping and amenity areas | Granted (Condition on landscaping) |
| Ryedale District Council | Hovingham | Telecommunications Notification (Erection of 8m Smart Meter pole – revised scheme) | No | Object (impact on AONB and setting of Conservation Area) | Granted |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---|--|
| Ryedale District Council | Gilling | Planning Application (Construction of manege) | Yes (in passing) | Landscaping needed; no floodlighting or Third Party use | Granted (Conditions on landscaping and floodlighting) |
| North Yorkshire County Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of replacement sewage treatment works) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Swinton | Planning Application (Erection of agricultural building) | Yes (in passing) | Roof sheets to be dark grey | Approved (plans amended) |
| Ryedale District Council | Castle Howard | Planning application (Erection of workshop, machinery store, glasshouse & polytunnel - revised) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Howsham | Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of agricultural building) | No | Roof sheets to be dark grey | Prior Approval required (impact on AONB landscape & Conservation Area) |
| Ryedale District Council | Howsham | Planning Application (Dual Use of Howsham Hall as residential and wedding/events venue) | No | Object (impact on tranquillity due to proposed frequency of events) | Granted (Conditions attached) |
| Ryedale District Council | Malton | Planning Application (Erection of industrial units) | No | Colour of roof to be dark grey | Granted (Condition attached) |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Demolition of garage and erection of dwelling) | No | Object (over-development of site outside Development Limits; impact on Conservation Area) | Amended (see below) |
| Hambleton District Council | Husthwaite | Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of extension to agricultural building) | No | Roof sheets to be dark grey | Full Planning Application required |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Ryedale District Council | Castle Howard | Planning application (Extension of time limit for retention of temporary office building) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Slingsby | Planning application (Erection of 38 houses) | Yes (in passing) | Minor, re materials and landscaping | Amended, see below |
| Ryedale District Council | Amotherby | Planning application (Conversion of garage to separate dwelling) | Yes (in passing) | Concerns (outside Development Limit; over-development of site; impact on AONB) | Refused |
| Hambleton District Council | Skewsby | Planning application (Erection of extensions) | No | Object (excessive scale and mass of proposed porch) | Granted (revised design) |
| Ryedale District Council | Hovingham | Planning application (Conversion of studio and erection of 2 dwellings) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Brandsby | Planning application (Erection of a car port) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Stittenham | Agricultural Prior Approval (Formation of farm track) | No | None | - |
| Forestry Commission | Coneysthorpe | Woodland management proposals (felling 0.9ha BL PAWS, replanting oak/sycamore /sweet chestnut) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Crambe | Agricultural Prior Approval (Erection of agricultural building – revised) | No | Roof to be dark grey; timber boarding to be creosoted | Granted (Conditions attached) |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Demolition of garage and erection of dwelling - revised) | No | None | Refused |
| Ryedale District Council | Low Hutton | Planning application (Erection of orangery) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Coulton | Planning application (Erection of agricultural building) | Yes | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Stittenham | Planning application (Erection of agricultural building) | No | Roof sheets to be dark grey | Granted (Condition attached) |
| Ryedale District Council | Low Hutton | Planning application (Erection of extensions) | Yes | Object (excessive scale and use of glass walls) | ? |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
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| Ryedale District Council | Amotherby | Planning application (Erection of extension) | (In passing) | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Terrington | Planning application (Erection of orangery and extensions) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Oswaldkirk | Planning application (Erection of greenhouse) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of building over muck store) | No | Significant concerns (length of building) Roof sheets to be dark grey | ? |
| North York Moors National Park Authority | Oswaldkirk | Planning application (Erection of extensions – revised (glass balcony)) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Low Hutton | Planning application (Change of use of chapel to residential) | Yes | None | - |
| North York Moors National Park Authority | Oswaldkirk | Planning application (Erection of solar panels) | (In passing) | Concern (visual impact when viewed from the AONB) | ? |
| Ryedale District Council | Slingsby | Planning application (Erection of 38 houses - revised) | Previously | Concerns (impact of garden areas on tree avenue in Conservation Area) | ? |
| Hambleton District Council | Skewsby | Planning application (Erection of extensions) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Brandsby | Planning application (Change of use of coach house to non-commercial let accommodation) | No | None | - |
| Hambleton District Council | Crayke | Planning application (Erection of replacement conservatory - revised) | No | Needs to complement colour scheme of adjacent buildings | ? |
| Hambleton District Council | Stearsby | Planning application (Erection of extensions) | No | None | ? |
| Ryedale District Council | Ampleforth | Planning application (Repairs to Monk's Bridge) | No | None | - |
| Ryedale District Council | Malton | Planning Application (Erection of industrial units) | No | Colour of roof to be dark grey | ? |
| Hambleton District Council | Brandsby | Planning application (Erection of link extension and pavilion) | Yes | None? | ? |
| Ryedale District Council | Stonegrave | Planning Application (Erection of new dwelling and garage) | (In passing) | <i>Concerns (proposed height)</i> | ? |

| CONSULTING ORGANISATION | LOCATION | PROJECT | SITE VISIT | COMMENTS | DECISION |
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| Ryedale District Council | Ampleforth | Planning application (Erection of extensions and pergola) | (in passing) | ? | ? |
| Hambleton District Council | Skewsby | Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings to residential accommodation) | No | Minor – colour of woodwork | ? |
| Ryedale District Council | Hovingham | Planning application (Erection of two dwellings) | (in passing) | ? | ? |
| Ryedale District Council | Scackleton | Planning Appeal (Enforcement Action to remove caravan, dog kennels, etc) | Yes | Object | ? |
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AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2018/2019

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

| ORGANISATION | AREA | DOCUMENT | COMMENTS | OUTCOME |
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| North Yorkshire County Council | North Yorkshire | Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Public Inquiry – call for further evidence on Hydrocarbons policies | Support retention of interpretation that lateral drilling under AONBs & National Park is Major Development | “may be considered as Major Development ” |
| Post Office | Hovingham & Welburn villages | Introduction of a new Mobile Post Office service | Strongly support | ? |
| Defra | England | Health & Harmony – The Future of Farming, Food & the Environment in a Green Brexit | Substantial comments re continued support for farming activity and rural communities | Principles largely incorporated into new Agriculture Policy statement |
| DHCLG | England | Revisions to the NPPF | Forwarded NAAONB response | Some beneficial amendments made to AONB sections; Local Sites retained |
| North York Moors National Park Authority | National Park | Local Plan | None | - |
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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 13 April 2018 15:22
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00349/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:21 PM on 13 Apr 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00349/AGNOT
Address: Kyreham House Main Street Crambe
Malton North Yorkshire YO60 7JR
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for storage
Case Officer: Niamh Bonner
[Click for further information](#)

Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) No objection to the principle of erecting a farm building as described, in the field in question.
 - 2) The siting however would be unacceptable, as it is very close to the public road and on a concave bend in the road, meaning that it would be significantly intrusive to road users (both motorised and non-motorised).
 - 3) On that note, I don't believe that the proposal is eligible for consideration under the Prior Notification procedure, as it's within 25m of a public road.
 - 4) To be in accordance with the New Farm Buildings Design Guidance for the AONB, the roof sheets should be a dark grey colour.
- Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 07 June 2018 16:32
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00349/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:30 PM on 07 Jun 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00349/AGNOT
Address: Kyreham House Main Street Crambe
Malton North Yorkshire YO60 7JR
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for storage
Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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Comments Details

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

1) The applicant has provided a thorough document in support of his original proposal, including mocked-up photos of the ridgelines of the building in the two locations under consideration. In my view however these mock-ups underline the reasons for my original concern, support the LPA's reasons for requiring Prior Approval and also support its suggested alternative site.

Comments: 2) The photos show that a building next to the roadside, as originally proposed, would have an overbearing effect on users of the public road, as well as impacting on views of the Listed church from this public viewpoint (i.e. adversely affecting the setting of the Church).

3) I'm not persuaded by the arguments of needing to be able to see all of the land parcel, to check for calving animals or for the Health and Safety of workers. This land parcel is very small in comparison to the majority of farms in the AONB, where it is impossible to view all the land at the same time. By simple extension, if this was a relevant consideration then all agriculture in the UK would be impossible. Likewise, the applicant would need to be on-site 24 hours

a day if he was to ensure that he was always available when an animal gave birth.

4) Whilst the applicant's consideration for his neighbours at Ryder's Corner may be admirable, there is no legal entitlement to a view and it isn't a material consideration in the planning process.

5) Unfortunately there seems to be a misunderstanding over what is meant by the "impact on the setting of the Listed Church". The issue relates to views of the Church from adjacent public viewpoints such as the two roads, not to views of the application site from the Church. The proposed screening planting works along the open section of the churchyard boundary would impact even more significantly on the setting of the Church, cutting it off from its adjacent landscape setting.

6) Design - the roof sheets should be of a dark grey colour (often referred to as Anthracite Grey). Taking into account the landscape context, creosoting the Yorkshire boarding would help this particular building to blend into the surroundings better.

7) In conclusion, I stand by my original comment that the building in the location proposed would be overbearing to road users and have an adverse impact on the AONB landscape (as well as the views of the Listed Church). The alternative site suggested by the LPA is in my view considerably more preferable and would have a lower impact on the AONB landscape and the setting of the Church.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 20 April 2018 16:26
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00177/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 4:24 PM on 20 Apr 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00177/FUL

Address: Intravel Mains Lane Whitwell On The Hill
Malton YO60 7JU

Proposal: Rebuilding of existing barn structure (Block 3) and link extension to a two storey level for use as additional office space, use of Block 4 for storage and workshop space and extension of existing car parking areas

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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Comments Details

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

- Comments:**
- 1) In general I feel that the site is quite well screened from the road by roadside hedges and the new/proposed landscaping planting.
 - 2) No objection to the principle of raising the height of Block 3 to two storeys. Although this will increase its visual presence, I don't feel that as such it would be unacceptable.
 - 3) I feel that the proposed designs for the West, East and North elevations are acceptable, as is the second storey of the South elevation.
 - 4) I am however much less convinced by the proposed design of the ground floor of the South elevation. I don't have a particular issue with the brise soleil, but I don't feel that the square window/door openings are within the local vernacular (for a two storey building). A building in the local vernacular would have round-arched openings for carts and other farm equipment and I feel that this would be a far more applicable design. Although the current building has the square openings, it is the raising of the height from one storey to two storeys which necessitates

a re-profiling of the openings in order to fit the local vernacular. If that was done then I wouldn't necessarily see it as unacceptable to have glazing covering the full extent of the openings. This has been done satisfactorily on both Blocks 1 and 2 and would also to some extent be screened by the brise soleil.

5) Blocks 1 and 2 offer two different potential designs - round-arched cart shed openings or rectangular openings but with much thicker pillars. Either would be acceptable (or the existing large square openings in a single storey building), but the current design in my view detracts from the existing vernacular buildings and should be amended.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 03 May 2018 12:01
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00088/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 12:00 PM on 03 May 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00088/HOUSE

Address: 2 Woodend Cottages Ashbank Lane High
Stittenham Malton YO60 7TW

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing attached garage together with erection of a detached double garage with workshop

Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on the revised proposals:

- 1) The change in the design of the south elevation is noted, as is the lowering of the roofline.
- 2) The change in materials to brick to match the existing finishes is also noted.
- 3) I am therefore reasonably content with the south elevation as now proposed.
- 4) I still however fundamentally disagree with the Conclusion paragraph in the Planning Statement, that this is a "modest proposal for an extension" and that "The resulting house can easily be accommodated on the large plot without over-development". The domestic floor area of the revised plans is exactly the same as the first proposal and, although no floor areas are given in the Planning Statement, I estimate that the extensions in total will give a domestic floor area that is close to 200% of the current floor area.
- 5) The revised plans have failed to address the concerns expressed in my previous response, in that they don't look at the property, and the public viewpoints of it, in the round. Amending only the south

Comments: resulting house can easily be accommodated on the large plot without over-development". The domestic floor area of the revised plans is exactly the same as the first proposal and, although no floor areas are given in the Planning Statement, I estimate that the extensions in total will give a domestic floor area that is close to 200% of the current floor area.

elevation fundamentally ignores the fact that the north and east elevations are equally as visible from the same Public Bridleway.

6) These two cottages are of a very specific vernacular design which is not seen elsewhere in the AONB. As such they are almost unique, as well as being sited in a very prominent position where all elevations are visible from the adjacent Public Right of Way. Whilst modest extensions to the east and north would I feel be acceptable in principle, significant extensions to those elevations (totalling almost a 200% increase in floor area as per these plans) are not acceptable.

7) This is a sensitive site, with a very strong vernacular architecture and significantly visible from a Public Right of Way. The revised proposals are still not acceptable in my view and I therefore maintain my Objection to them.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 09 May 2018 15:29
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00430/AGNOT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:27 PM on 09 May 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00430/AGNOT
Address: Land Off Braygate Street Swinton Malton
North Yorkshire
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building
Case Officer: Alan Goforth
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Comments Details

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

1) This is the first Agricultural Notification that I've seen within the AONB that uses the revised limit of 1000 square metres floor area, i.e. over double the previous limit. As I anticipated, this is likely to result in much larger buildings coming forward under the Prior Notification procedure, which will present significant challenges to the AONB landscape.

Comments: 2) I accept that the holding has a justifiable reason for needing a new storage building, but the proposed location is in my view unacceptable. There are significant views over open countryside out to the Yorkshire Wolds from Braygate Street, and the proposed site appears to be in a location where the roadside tree cover is sparsest. An 890 square metre building, with a ridge height of 10m, would be a significant visual intrusion in the location proposed.

3) The building should use Anthracite Grey roof sheets, not the Natural Grey as proposed, so as to reduce the visual impact of the roof area.

4) For a building of this size and height, in a landscape setting as open as this, I would expect landscaping works to mitigate the

visual impact. The proposed location is unsuitable for any planting that would provide a screen and also fit with the local landscape character, which further underlines the unsuitability of the site.

5) For the reasons outlined above, I believe that the proposal should require Prior Approval so that the siting and design details can be more adequately controlled. If it were a Full Planning Application I would have lodged an Objection.

6) I feel that a site in the south west corner of Field 8349 would still be fairly central to the block of land, but it would have the backdrop of the tree belts of Swinton Park, could accept landscaping planting more readily and would be a much less visually intrusive site.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 02 August 2018 16:52
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00631/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 4:52 PM on 02 Aug 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00631/FUL
Address: Land Off Braygate Street Swinton Malton
North Yorkshire
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building with hardstanding for parking and turning
Case Officer: Alan Goforth
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Comments Details

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

1) The applicants have clearly thought hard about the revised location, following the withdrawal of the previous AGNOT. The amended site is concealed to some extent by the folds in the topography, and has a backdrop of woodland, making it considerably more acceptable.

2) It is nevertheless a tall building and will still be visible from the public highway network, particularly with the pale Natural Grey roof colour proposed. As the building would have a backdrop of dark-coloured woodland then the roof sheets should also be a dark colour. Profile steel sheets in the Juniper colour proposed for the walls would be one option, or fibre cement sheets in a dark grey colour approximating to BS4800 10 A 11 Charcoal Grey. This would minimise the visual impact of the building, in line with the AONB's New Farm Building & Infrastructure Design Guidance, helping to both conserve the AONB landscape and improve security.

Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 16 May 2018 17:13
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/01448/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 5:11 PM on 16 May 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/01448/HOUSE
Address: Almond Cottage Flat Top Farm Road
Terrington Malton YO60 6PA
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to the rear elevation with Juliet balcony.
Case Officer: Rachael Balmer
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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on the revised plans:

- 1) I note the removal of the loft Sitting Room and the lowering of the ridge line in relation to the plans first submitted.
- 2) I would have preferred the ridge line to be closer to the height of the existing extension, particularly as the approved extension for Deep Dene next door was revised to match the existing extension at Almond Cottage. Some consistency ought to be applied, so that the owners of both properties are treated fairly and equitably within the planning system.
- 3) Although I have remaining concerns about the height of the ridge line and its impact on the streetscene, I don't wish to maintain a formal objection to the revised plans.

Paul Jackson



Ms R Balmer
Development Control
Planning Department
Ryedale House,
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Your ref: 18/00235/FUL
Our ref: 20180517LS HHAONB
Contact: Liz Small
Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018

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Dear Ms Balmer

Royal Oak Church Street Nunnington North Yorkshire YO62 5US

Change of use of former pub to form a 5 bedroom private residential dwelling (retrospective)

I write on behalf of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Howardian Hills AONB in response to the retrospective application to convert the Royal Oak Nunnington from a public house to a private residence.

The HH AONB consider that the application falls within SP11 of the Ryedale Local Plan strategy which addresses community facilities and services. The HH AONB Management Plan 2014 – 2019 notes that facilities are relatively lacking in the AONB which can affect tourism and recreational enjoyment of the area (2.5.1).

If however this property was not viable as public house then the conversion to an alternative use to conserve the building structure could be better than falling into disrepair.

Thank you for the opportunity for consultation.

Yours sincerely

Liz Small

Heritage Services Manager, North Yorkshire County Council

On behalf of the Joint Advisory Committee HH AONB

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 23 May 2018 12:42
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00398/TELN56

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 12:40 PM on 23 May 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00398/TELN56

Address: Land Adj ToTelephone Exchange
Hovingham Helmsley

Proposal: Erection of a 12m high streetworks pole for Smart Meter electronic communications with mounted equipment including 1no. 1.5m omni antenna at 13.15m, 1no. GPS antenna at 12.3m and 1no. 3G antenna at 11.6m and at ground level a concrete plinth with Smart Metering equipment enclosure and power supply meter cabinet

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) Objective D7 of the current AONB Management Plan supports the expansion of the mobile communications network within the AONB, provided that the Special Qualities of the AONB are not compromised. In general, we would expect any new installation to be carefully sited and provide wide-ranging benefits to both business and residential users within the AONB. I don't consider that this proposal meets those criteria - it is sited in a very prominent roadside location and offers no improvement in local mobile broadband or phone signal.
- 2) As well as the visual impact created by the mast itself, significant visual intrusion on the approach to the Hovingham Conservation Area would also be created by the extension of the Telephone Exchange lay-by (by an area 6.5m long by 4m wide), as required by NYCC Highways.
- 3) I therefore Object to the proposal, on the

grounds of minimal wider public benefit and significant adverse visual impact on both the AONB and its setting, and on the setting of the Hovingham Conservation Area.
Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 27 July 2018 13:01
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00668/TELN56

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 1:00 PM on 27 Jul 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00668/TELN56

Address: Land Adj ToTelephone Exchange
Hovingham Helmsley

Proposal: Erection of a 8m high streetworks pole for Smart Meter electronic communications with mounted equipment including 1no. 1.5m omni antenna at 9.15m, 1no. GPS antenna at 8.3m and 1no. 3G antenna at 7.6m and at ground level a concrete plinth with Smart Metering equipment enclosure and power supply meter cabinet

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on this revised scheme:

- Comments:** 1) Objective D7 of the AONB Management Plan supports the expansion of the mobile communications network within the AONB, provided that the Special Qualities of the AONB are not compromised. In general, we would expect any new installation to be carefully sited and provide wide-ranging benefits to both business and residential users within the AONB. I still don't consider that this proposal meets those criteria - despite the reduced height and dark colour the roadside location is very open, with no other features of a similar height, and the new mast would offer no improvement in local mobile broadband or phone signal.
- 2) As well as the visual impact created by the mast itself, significant visual intrusion on the approach to the Hovingham Conservation Area would also be created by the extension of the Telephone Exchange

lay-by (by an area 6.5m long by 4m wide),
as required by NYCC Highways.

3) I therefore maintain my Objection to the
proposal, on the grounds of minimal wider
public benefit and significant adverse visual
impact on both the AONB and its setting,
and on the setting of the Hovingham
Conservation Area.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 29 May 2018 16:41
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/00954/FUL: Demolition of outbuildings, erection of extension & single garage; Dalby Lodge, Crayke

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) The dwelling is of modern construction and I don't have any observations to make on the proposed demolitions and extensions. The dwelling is well screened from the adjacent Public Footpath by vegetation.
- 2) I have concerns however about the location of the proposed garage. It is located very near to the highway boundary, at an angle at odds with the existing dwellings and on a street frontage where all the properties are set-back behind large front gardens.
- 3) I'm unable to assess the potential visual impact of the design and materials of the proposed garage. The application form indicates that details are shown on Drawing 3808-PD-04 but this doesn't appear to be the case. The Block Plan shows a structure with a ridged roof design, which implies that the height could be quite substantial, and drawings must be submitted in order to enable proper assessment of the visual impact of this structure on the street scene.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 18 June 2018 16:01
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00374/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 4:01 PM on 18 Jun 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00374/FUL

Address: Tree Nursery Yorkshire Arboretum Castle
Howard Malton North Yorkshire YO60 7BY

Proposal: Erection of a workshop, polytunnel and glasshouse to service the management and propagation operations of the Yorkshire Arboretum with associated parking and landscaping

Case Officer: Rachael Balmer

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) The roof colour should be Heritage Green, to match the walls.
- 2) The manufacturer of the 'Heritage Green' colour proposed didn't appear to be specified in the application documents. A web search revealed a number of 'Heritage Green' colour permutations, ranging from a sage green to an emerald green. The manufacturer, RAL or BS number of the colour proposed should be clarified and specified in a Condition, to ensure that an appropriate colour is chosen initially and that there is no scope for confusion.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 25 June 2018 13:37
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/00961/FUL: Construction of building for housing pigs; Woodfield Farm, Crayke

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

- 1) In general terms I would prefer the roof sheets to be in Anthracite Grey rather than Natural Grey. This however is a low building and in general the farmstead is not significantly visible in long distance views. The photos also show that the roofs of the buildings erected in 1997, which is the last time I visited the site, have weathered well.
- 2) One of the Conditions of the 1997 Planning Consent was the establishment of a landscaping scheme along the western side of the yard. The belt of trees should be extended to encompass the proposed new building also.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 25 June 2018 15:59
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/01014/FUL: First floor extension fo form replacement conservatory

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

- 1) I fully support this application, as I have always felt that the existing conservatory is an incongruous feature within the Crayke Conservation Area. Looking at the Planning History confirms my long-held belief that it was originally granted Consent at around the time that the AONB was designated in 1987.
- 2) I feel that the new conservatory, with grey roof tiles and a lower ridge line so as to be sub-dominant to the ridge line of the main dwelling, will be a significant improvement.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 05 November 2018 15:46
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/02110/FUL: Replacement conservatory, Whistling Green, Crayke

I have the following comments to make on this application:

- 1) Although I still support the principle of the replacement conservatory, on the basis that it would replace a structure that is very incongruous on the road frontage of Crayke, I agree with the original reason for Refusal, and the Parish Council's continued objection on the grounds of non-compatible materials. This was a point that I'd missed in the previous application.
- 2) It doesn't appear that this second application has taken on board the points made in the Decision Notice, in relation to materials. Although the replacement of the existing conservatory would be welcomed, its replacement must align with the colour palette of the Conservation Area in this location.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
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To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00504/TELN56

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Comments were submitted at 3:21 PM on 06 Jul 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00504/TELN56
Address: Land To South Of Carr Lane Ampleforth
Erection of a 12m high streetworks pole for Smart Meter electronic communications with mounted equipment including 1no. 1.5m omni antenna at 13.15m, 1no. GPS antenna at 12.3m and 1no. 3G antenna at 11.6m and at ground level a concrete plinth with Smart Metering equipment enclosure and power supply meter cabinet

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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

Comments: 1) Objective D7 of the AONB Management Plan supports the expansion of the mobile communications network within the AONB, provided that the Special Qualities of the AONB are not compromised. In general, we would expect any new installation to be carefully sited and provide wide-ranging benefits to both business and residential users within the AONB.

2) I welcome the reduction in height of the proposed mast from 12m to 10m, as this now brings it to within the canopy 'envelope' of the row of roadside trees.

3) I wasn't able to find any details of the proposed colour finishes of the pole, antennae or cabinets. I'd expect the cabinets to be dark green, with the pole and antennae also being a dark colour so as to merge with the adjacent trees. The principal visual backdrops for the pole will be vegetation or landform and hence a light-coloured pole would stand out significantly

against these.

4) Whilst I have some reservations about the potential visual impact of the mast itself, a significant visual intrusion on the approach to the Ampleforth Conservation Area would be created by the construction of a significant new service lay-by, as required by NYCC Highways.

5) I therefore have significant concerns about the proposal as a whole package, on the grounds of adverse visual impact on the AONB and on the setting of the Ampleforth Conservation Area.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 23 July 2018 15:35
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/01322/FUL: Change of use of land and construction of 3 eco pods; The Baggins, Thornton Hill

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. No objection to the principle of establishing the eco pods in the location proposed. The site is only really visible in medium-distance views from the public road near High House Farm, but this is as glimpsed views through gaps in the roadside hedge so I would assess the potential visual impact as being intermittent and low.
2. The supporting information indicates that an amount of tree and shrub planting near to the eco pods is planned. If the application is approved then a Condition should be included requiring the production of a Landscaping Plan showing details of species and planting areas, to ensure that only an appropriate scheme that enhances the AONB landscape is delivered.
3. Although the design shows an earth-covered overhang in front of each pod, under which it's assumed tables, chairs, etc will be located, a Condition may be considered applicable in relation to the curtilage immediately in front of each pod. It is likely to be inevitable that paraphernalia will spread out from the covered area, whilst some separation from grazing sheep may also be considered necessary? As shown in their basic form, the proposals present few issues, but lack of attention to details such as this could quickly mean that the eco pods present more of a visual intrusion into the landscape.

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Paul Jackson

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To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00619/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:29 PM on 27 Jul 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00619/FUL

Address: Land At Ampleforth Abbey And College
Ampleforth

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural grazing land to a 60m x 40m equestrian manege for use of students of Ampleforth College with associated earth mound viewing area, car parking area and storage compound

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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Comments: I have the following comments to make in relation to this scheme:

- 1) Whilst the valley between Gilling and Ampleforth College provides a relatively extensive and well-landscaped setting which isn't significantly overlooked from adjacent higher ground, the cumulative impact on the AONB landscape of each additional sports facility is a factor that needs to be considered. During my tenure as AONB Manager the all-weather hockey pitch has been constructed, and then several years later flood-lit, and the sports field serving St Martins Ampleforth also constructed. These have varying levels of impact on the AONB landscape, in some cases very significant (hockey pitch when floodlit).
- 2) In general I'm content that the proposed location for the manege is close enough to be viewed as being associated with the complex of (former) farm buildings at Park Farm. Piece-meal in-filling of undeveloped agricultural land to in effect create an unbroken strip of 'sports facilities' across the full width of the valley would in my view be significantly detrimental to the AONB

landscape.

3) The private road directly to the east of the application site is not technically a Public Footpath, although it and the adjacent disused railway are well-used by local walkers. The public road to the south, leading to Park Farm, is however also well-used and affords open views onto the site. If the application is Approved then a landscaping scheme should be required by way of Condition. I would suggest that an appropriate scheme should comprise a hedge along the full length of the disused railway between the tarmac lane and the block of woodland, together with tree and shrub planting adjacent to the car parking area. These measures would help to filter views into the site from a southerly direction.

4) Should the application be Approved, a Condition prohibiting external third-party use should also be imposed so as to limit any further increase in traffic movements.

5) Whilst no floodlighting is currently proposed, and the application must be assessed on that basis, I am mindful of what happened with the all-weather hockey pitch. Although it is stated that there are no plans to lay electric cabling, an 11KV powerline crosses the field just to the west of the application site, whilst the nearest transformer sub-station is approximately 300m away at Park Farm. I feel that it's relevant to point out at this stage that any subsequent application to floodlight the facility is likely to elicit a strong objection on the grounds of impact on the tranquillity of the AONB and on bat feeding activity adjacent to the Holbeck and extensive woodland areas. In relation to this current application, a Condition should be imposed requiring any lighting to be the subject of a further Planning Application.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 09 August 2018 18:13
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00608/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 6:13 PM on 09 Aug 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00608/FUL

Address: Howsham Hall Howsham Hall Road
Howsham Malton North Yorkshire YO60
7PH

Proposal: Change of use to a dual use of residential (Use Class C3) and private hire (Sui Generis) under Class V of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development (England) Order (2015), together with the temporary erection of outdoor marquee for no more than 4no. 5 day periods per year (part retrospective).

Case Officer: Jill Thompson

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

Comments: 1) No mention appears to have been made in any of the application documentation of the River Derwent Special Area of Conservation (and its buffer zone), or any potential impacts that this proposal may have on the SAC. The proposal can be considered to be similar in nature to the one submitted for Howsham Mill several years ago, in which the potential impact on the River Derwent was comprehensively assessed. Although the Hall is not actually within the SAC (unlike the Mill), the level of activity proposed is many magnitudes higher.

2) I have significant concerns about the level of use proposed in the application. No scheduling of wedding events is indicated so, bearing in mind that the most popular day for weddings is likely to be a Saturday, this could mean that significant disturbance

could in theory be arising every weekend of the year bar four (48 wedding events proposed). I consider this to be an excessive use of the site, potentially leading to significant adverse impacts on the tranquillity and natural beauty of the AONB and its setting.

3) Vague proposals are included for a lay-by near the Listed Gate Lodges, which I feel could have a significant adverse impact on their setting. Widening both sides of the access road by the use of grass-crete or similar could be an acceptable option, but the formation of a kerbed and tarmacked lay-by would be wholly inappropriate.

4) Mention is made of the need to generate funds to maintain the Grade I Listed Building of the Hall, and the other designated heritage assets on the property, and that is a fair reason for developing a diversification enterprise. There is currently no guarantee however that any of the proceeds from the proposed activity will in fact be used for such a purpose. The Ryedale Local Plan Strategy mentions the principle of Enabling Development, whereby proposals that may normally be Refused could be considered acceptable when legally linked to the repair or maintenance of a significant designated heritage asset. The Gate Lodges are on Ryedale's Listed Buildings at Risk Register and, despite numerous offers of assistance and grant aid by both the AONB and Ryedale DC, the owners have consistently declined to undertake any repairs. Should this application be recommended for Approval, a Condition should be imposed requiring the Applicant and Owner to enter into a legal agreement with the LPA to ensure that a specified percentage of the gross proceeds are invested in a comprehensive and documented programme of repair and maintenance works to the designated heritage assets.

5) Notwithstanding the above comment about Enabling Development, I feel that any benefit accruing from the proposal would be unlikely to adequately mitigate the adverse impacts on the AONB that would arise from this proposal, particularly in relation to disturbance by significantly increased noise levels and traffic movements.

Paul Jackson



Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 15 August 2018 18:37
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/01472/FUL: Demolition of garage/workshop to allow construction of 4 bedroom dwelling; Oak Cottage, Crayke

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

- 1) In my response to the original application (14/00360/FUL) I made reference to the location of the proposed dwelling as being outside the Development Limits for Crayke, and drew attention to the possible knock-on consequences on the Crayke Conservation Area of a replacement ancillary building. Although not objecting outright to the proposal, I did have concerns about it.
- 2) The current proposal appears to be an attempt to build a significant new dwelling in this location, having now established the principle of residential use on the site. In my opinion the proposal (outside Development Limits) is a significant over-development of the site.
- 3) The Approved plans sought to take an oddly designed garage and turn it into a better proportioned building, more in keeping with the Conservation Area. I'm afraid that I can find no architectural merit whatsoever in the design of the dwelling now proposed. The dormer windows, facing the Village Green, are for example a significantly obtrusive and incongruous feature, and overall it appears that the design is trying to pack as large a dwelling as possible onto the small site.
- 4) On the application form, Section 6 gives the reason for the demolition being required. In itself that is fair enough, if the proposal was then to construct the one-storey dwelling already Approved. But I find the whole proposal to now construct a 2-storey, double-winged house distinctly disingenuous. It is a significant over-development of a site that is outside Development Limits and which respects neither the Crayke Conservation Area, nor the Listed Building of Wellesley Cottage (both it and its setting), nor the Howardian Hills AONB.
- 5) It should also be borne in mind that this is no longer a conversion of an existing building, but the construction of a much larger building with a significantly increased footprint. In that respect it should be considered as a substantial new dwelling in an Open Countryside location outside village Development Limits, rather than a replacement building on a previously developed site.
- 6) In conclusion, I wish to OBJECT to this proposal due to it being outside village Development Limits, and for the significant adverse visual impact that I believe it would cause to the Crayke Conservation Area, the Listed Building of Wellesley Cottage and the Howardian Hills AONB.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 23 August 2018 12:41
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00686/MOUT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 12:40 PM on 23 Aug 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00686/MOUT
Address: Land East Of The Balk Slingsby Malton
North Yorkshire
Proposal: Residential development of up to 38no.
dwellings with formation of access off
Aspen Way (site area 1.75ha) - approval
sought for access

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) No objections to the location of the proposed access road.
 - 2) The elements of the scheme which are potentially likely to have the most significant impact on the setting of the AONB would be dealt with at Reserved Matters stage, should the application be Approved and the project proceed onwards. These elements are the design and materials to be used in construction, the long-term protection of the sycamore avenue along The Balk, the landscaping measures proposed for the southern boundary of the site, and the landscaping of the site overall to integrate it into the setting of the AONB and the Slingsby Conservation Area.
- Paul Jackson



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From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 30 October 2018 16:02
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00686/MOUT

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:01 PM on 30 Oct 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00686/MOUT
Address: Land East Of The Balk Slingsby Malton North Yorkshire
Proposal: Residential development of up to 38no. dwellings with formation of access off Aspen Way (site area 1.75ha) - approval sought for access

Case Officer: Alan Goforth

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

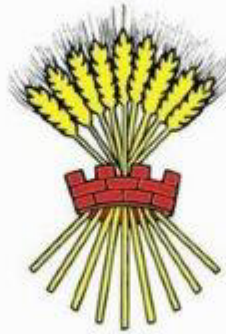
- 1) The changes from the original plans are presumably fairly subtle, as I wasn't able to detect anything significant in relation to concerns raised by other consultees during the initial consultation.
- 2) I therefore re-iterate my point that the southern boundary hedge, which provides substantial screening of the site and is important in the context of the setting of the AONB, appears to be being replaced with a close-boarded timber fence. A new fence inside the existing hedge would be acceptable, but the existing hedgerow must remain.
- 3) I would also support the views of the Council's Building Conservation Officer in relation to The Avenue on the western edge of the development site. This was an aspect of the plans that I missed first time round, but the southern section of The Avenue is an important feature in relation to the setting of the AONB. The treatment of this will be critical, and in particular ensuring that its integrity is not lost in the suburban clutter of domestic paraphernalia, and in particular the proposed close-boarded fence very close to the trunks of the mature trees. If a demarcation boundary is really required then this should be a natural feature such as a hedge, but more preferable would be an open-plan garden layout with appropriate restrictions to ensure that this remained so. This would then mirror to some extent the substantial set-back of the houses of The Balk on the western side of

The Avenue.
Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 30 August 2018 18:10
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/01589/FUL: Alterations and extensions, Meadow View, Skewsby

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. No objection to the principle of extending the property, rationalising the window designs and applying render to the external walls to create a visually cohesive building.
2. I have a strong Objection however to the excessive height, mass and design of the proposed 'porch' wing. In my view this is an unsightly and poorly designed feature that undermines the overall principle of creating a visually cohesive building. The ridge line as proposed is higher than the main house extensions, and in some of the elevation drawings even gives the impression of being higher than the main roofline itself. It faces south and, with the excessive height and unconventional design, it will present an incongruous and visually discordant feature when viewed from the southern approach to Skewsby village. I consider that the design as shown at present would have a significant negative visual impact on the AONB landscape due to its size, scale and design.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 30 August 2018 18:00
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 18/00770/FUL: Conversion of triple garage to dwelling, Amotherby

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

1. I note that the site is outside the Amotherby Development Limit and as such must be considered as an Open Countryside location with the attendant Local Plan Policy restrictions that that imposes.
2. I have considerable reservations about the potential negative visual impact of the proposed dwelling, as the site is on the boundary of the AONB and immediately adjacent to the visually important undeveloped gap between Amotherby and Swinton villages. The existing garage is an ancillary building which forms a natural adjunct to Pump House, whereas a new dwelling (even of single storey) is likely to significantly alter the visual coherence of the site. Although the existing garage is not visually attractive, I feel that converting it to a house, with the attendant additional car parking and domestic paraphernalia, will result in the site looking like it has been over-developed.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
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Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00951/HOUSE

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Comments were submitted at 4:32 PM on 12 Oct 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00951/HOUSE
Address: 3 Station Cottages Water Lane Low Hutton
Malton North Yorkshire YO60 7HQ
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension, and single storey rear extension together with installation of replacement window to rear elevation following demolition of existing attached outbuilding and part of the existing dwelling to the side elevation.

Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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

- 1) Although the property is not visible from nearby Public Footpaths, the Station Cottages as a whole are significantly visible from the York-Scarborough railway, particularly for passengers travelling westwards. Potential adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape therefore needs to be considered from this perspective.
- 2) Station Cottages are a row of vernacular buildings which appear to consist of several separate rows of cottages with uniform ridge heights within each set, punctuated by a larger two storey dwelling. Any change to roof lines therefore needs to respect the prevailing design principles of the row as a whole.
- 3) The approved plans from 2005 conform to the design of uniform ridgelines within each 'sub-terrace', with the height of the proposed extension matching that of the host dwelling. The design now proposed does not I feel conform to the design principles however, as it has an extension

that is taller than the host building. This breaks the smooth stepped lines of the subterraces and I don't consider it to be acceptable.

4) Likewise, the 2005 plans used a 1.5 storey link, with standard-size door and window openings, to connect the host building to the extension. The plans now submitted propose a two storey link with full-height glazed walls on both the east and west elevations. I consider this to be an excessive and inappropriate feature in a row of vernacular former railway workers cottages.

5) In conclusion, whilst I was happy with the alterations approved in 2005, I feel that the plans now submitted are unacceptable in that the extension would be higher than the host dwelling and the glazed walls of the link would be an incongruous feature in both front and rear elevations of an otherwise very traditional row of vernacular cottages. I feel that this new proposal would have an adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape and that it is significant enough to warrant an OBJECTION in order to seek a design that is more appropriate for this highly visible vernacular property.
Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 23 October 2018 11:26
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/01691/FUL: Construction of portal framed building as cover for muck store; Woodfield Farm, Crayke

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

1. The application form indicates “Anthracite/Natural Grey” as the colour for the roof sheets. If approved this should be specified as Anthracite Grey, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey.
2. Whilst the principle of preventing rainwater accessing the muck heap and creating large amounts of dirty water is to be supported, I have considerable concerns relating to the length of the proposed building. Given that the muck store will now be much drier, and muck should therefore be able to be piled higher than it is currently, I would have hoped that simultaneous investment in the retaining walls would allow greater capacity to be generated within a smaller footprint and possibly at a cheaper cost.
3. Although the farmstead is generally only seen in longer distance views over the AONB landscape, a roof expanse of 80m in length takes this building beyond the scale of what is normal for livestock buildings and may therefore be more visually intrusive than a conventional sized building would be.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 30 October 2018 16:23
To: 'planning@northyorkmoors.org.uk'
Subject: NYM/2018/0570/FL: Installation of 12 ground-mounted solar panels, Crag Cottage, Oswaldkirk

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

- 1) Although the application is an imaginative use of a very steeply sloping site, and the AONB Management Plan supports the installation of renewable energy generation facilities where appropriate, I have some concerns about this proposal and its potential impact on the setting of the AONB.
- 2) Although primarily within the National Park, the steeply wooded scarp face that runs between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth provides a very sharply defined visual boundary to the Howardian Hills. In general terms, development sits at the foot of the slope and doesn't therefore impinge upon the wooded character of the scarp face. Significant domestic development within the garden areas rising up the scarp face is therefore generally to be resisted, due to potential adverse impacts on the protected landscapes.
- 3) I am keen to support this scheme if possible, but would ask that the view from the south, and in particular from the B1363 both approaching and within the village, is assessed carefully to ensure that the proposal does not have a detrimental visual impact on the setting of the AONB.

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2018/19 Junior Ranger Activities

The Junior Ranger sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Yorkshire Arboretum. The Ryevitalise activities were also delivered with the Catchment Restoration Officer for Ryevitalise. The turtle dove activities were provided by the Turtle Dove Officer and the tansy beetle activities by a Tansy Beetle Project volunteer.

Easter 2018:

| Ranger Day | Activities | No of children |
|---|---|----------------|
| Ryevitalise Wednesday 11 th April Helmsley | Kick sampling in the River Rye for invertebrates. River invertebrate id. Paper plate fish, willow fish, river-life mobiles. | 18 |

May half-term 2018:

| Ranger Day | Activities | No of children |
|---|--|----------------|
| Turtle Doves and Tansy Beetles Wednesday 30 th May The Yorkshire Arboretum | Learning about Turtle Dove habitats and associated crafts. Visit by the Tansy Beetle Officer working on the River Ouse – tansy beetle crafts and planting tansy plants. A short additional session about pollinators at The Arboretum. | 20 |

October 2018:

| Ranger Day | Activities | No of children |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Down on the Farm Wednesday 31 st October Terrington Village Hall and a local farm | Morning at the farm – farm walk, pondlife, apple activities and making a scarecrow Afternoon in the Village Hall – sheep and harvest crafts | 18 (am) 16 (pm) |

February 2019:

| Ranger Day | Activities | No of children |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| Dark Skies | Currently being planned - likely to include a visit by a planetarium and Dark Skies related crafts | |

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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 2017/18 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. This is likely to be the last year that this dataset is compiled – it's envisaged that we will move to using the national Key Performance Indicators being developed by the National Association for AONBs and Defra for the 2018/19 reporting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

AONB Partnership and Unit Indicators 2017/18

| 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</p> <p>3 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) 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 £173,178 | 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 | 98% | |
| 4c | | | The amount received (part of 4a) from Defra and Local Authorities | Total £169,999 | |
| 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 £315,297 | 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. | 38% | |
| | | | The percentage of the figure above which was received from Local Authorities. | 16% | |

| | | | | | |
|----|---|--|--|--|---|
| 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. 2016/17 report published Sept 2017.</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. | N/A (Four-year settlement) | |
| 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. |

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|----|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| 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). | 16 Ryedale/Scarborough/AONB BAP, North Yorks Local Sites partnership, River Derwent Partnership, Ryevitalise HLF project Working Group, Cornfield Flowers project, NYCC North & East PRoW Liaison Group, Development Officers Group, Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 Steering Group, North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership, Cycling in Ryedale, LEADER Local Action Group Steering Group, North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership, LEP Destination Partnerships project, North York Moors Turtle Doves HLF Project, AONB/NYCC/NYMNP PRoW Improvement 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 22 (91%) | 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 substantially 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. | 82% Progress against a further 2 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 2017/18 and to consider anticipated budgetary needs for 2019/20.

2.0 2017/18

- 2.1 Details of the final income and expenditure account for 2017/18 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 2016, 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 2017' 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 2017' column.
- 2.3 In general 2017/18 was a reasonably stable year. The new staff structure was bedding-in well, but we didn't carry out as much work on the Monument Management Scheme as we were anticipating. As a result there were several fairly significant variations between the Budget Estimates and the Actual spend, with the overall profile of the budget showing a 5% underspend. Because however this related primarily to Historic England-funded work, where expenditure and income increase or decrease in parallel, the actual cash underspend was less than 1%.
- 2.4 Staffing:
- As budgeted.
- 2.5 Office:
- As budgeted.
- 2.6 Partnership Running Costs:
- As budgeted.
- 2.7 PR/Events/Research:
- As budgeted.
- 2.8 AONB Management Plan
- A small provision was made but wasn't needed.
- 2.9 AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment:
- This budget overspent by 17%.
 - One of the most significant projects was the commissioning of a Geodiversity Audit, with the North East Yorkshire Geology Trust surveying 85 identified sites.
 - Hedgerow restoration schemes were completed at Bulmer and Coulton. In total 457m of hedgerow was planted, either as completely new hedges or as gapping-up, and 73m was laid.
 - 324m of roadside wall was restored, in two schemes at Grimston.

- The routine Exmoor pony grazing programme and annual SINC management tasks were completed.

2.10 AONB Enhancement – Historic Environment:

- This budget underspent by 33%, due to the postponement of significant re-vegetation trials on Scheduled Monuments as part of the Monument Management Scheme. We found out in May that the bracken spraying the previous year had been ineffectual on some sites, meaning that raking bracken litter during the winter would be impossible.
- The largest single project was the restoration or re-creation of 13 traditional village name signs, across 7 villages.
- Grant aid was provided to help restore the parkland lake at The Yorkshire Arboretum.

2.11 Sustainable Development & Rural Economy:

- This budget only spent 78% of its provision.
- Small grants were given for the creation of wildlife areas at Slingsby School and Amotherby Churchyard, as well as for finishing the refurbishment of the Slingsby maypole. Sight Support Ryedale were supported to bring their group for 4 walks in the AONB, using our new Easy Countryside Trails, and there was the on-going contribution to Parish development work carried out by Community First Yorkshire.
- The programme of litter picking carried out around the AONB was completed by the Moorswork team, and the gateway signs were kept clear and tidy.
- 24 missing roadside Public Right of Way signs were installed, with 18 further replacements ordered for installation in 2018/19.

2.12 Young People’s Activities:

- Full-day Junior Ranger Club sessions were held in April (Easter), May, October and February.

2.13 Summarising the budget position at the end of 2017/18:

- Overall, the AONB budget was underspent by £8,454 (5%) – the Core element was overspent by £162 (<1%) and the Project element underspent by £8,541 (11%).
- It had been budgeted to use £4,151 of our Reserves; by the end of the financial year £3,695 had been spent.
- The two significant areas of underspend were in Historic Environment and Sustainable Development/Rural Economy projects. Fewer sustainable development projects came forward and Monument Management Scheme work didn’t proceed as much as had been anticipated.
- At the end of the financial year 2017/18 there was a total carry-forward into 2018/19 of £63,173.
- £9,262 of this has been allocated for use in 2018/19.
- The remaining ‘Reserves’ will be safeguarded for use in future years, particularly to hedge against potential future reductions in grant aid from the principal funders associated with the next Comprehensive Spending review in Autumn 2019.
- Volunteers assisted with 17 tasks or projects, worth at least 139 days or £7,900.

3.0 2018/19

3.1 The agreed budget for the current year amounts to £179,382. 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 £64,727 brought forward from 2017/18.

3.2 It is still too early in the financial year to make a reliable prediction of anticipated final expenditure during 2018/19, although some significant virements have been made to align the budget more closely with expected expenditure:

- 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.
- The Single Pot arrangement means that Defra funding is spread across 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 revised budget provision. This includes a 2-day per week AONB Officer post, with Francesca Pert on Maternity Leave and Frances Standen providing Maternity Cover. This has increased costs by approximately £1,500 for the year, whilst the reduction in Monument Management Scheme work has resulted in £4,300 less in draw-down from Historic England.

3.4 Office and Partnership Running Costs:

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

3.5 PR/Events/Research:

- It is anticipated that the out-turn will be close to the revised budget provision.
- The main element of expenditure this year involves the commissioning of a STEAM tourism economy report to provide data on the visitor economy of the AONB.

3.6 AONB Management Plan:

- It is anticipated that the out-turn will be close to the revised budget provision.

3.7 AONB Enhancement (Natural Environment):

- £17,000 of the £27,000 budget has been allocated. The majority of this has been paid on summer habitat management projects that have already been completed. 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 the second phase 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 SINCs. The major survey of geodiversity features in the AONB has been finished. 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 the Turtle Doves project.
- Projects in the pipeline include a major hedge restoration project near Easthorpe and the management of Special Interest Road Verges in February/March 2019.

3.8 AONB Enhancement (Historic Environment):

- The budget provision for this area of work has been reduced from the initial allocation of £20,500 down to £6,900. This is due to significant projects coming forward in the Sustainable Development sector this year, as well as us delaying work on re-vegetating Scheduled Monuments until 2019/20 at the earliest.
- Projects completed to date include bracken spraying on 22 Scheduled Monuments as part of the Monument Management Scheme. A mixture of cutting and spraying was used to ensure that some control work took place on all sites.
- Potential projects include restoration of several traditional village name signs on the B1257.
- Any underspend could be balanced against overspends on the other AONB Enhancement budget heads.

3.9 AONB Enhancement (Sustainable Development & Rural Economy):

- £15,700 of the £24,000 budget has been formally allocated, with a further £7,300 of anticipated projects.
- The element formerly known as the Sustainable Development Fund has committed £7,000 to two projects, with a further £1,500 earmarked for two projects that are being worked up.

- £3,800 has been allocated to a good range of Community projects including a defibrillator for Hovingham Village Hall and refurbishment works at Oswaldkirk Village Hall.
- £3,500 has been committed to continuing the significant programme of Rights of Way improvement work. Approximately £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 strimmed regularly.

3.10 Young People's Activities:

- A programme of well-attended Junior Ranger Club events is being delivered very cost-effectively, in partnership with the Yorkshire Arboretum and utilising some external venues this year.

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 2018/19 there will be a total carry-forward into 2019/20 of approximately £55,500.

4.0 2019/20

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 decrease from the current year, with the basic staffing level until 31st March 2020 proposed as a 1.0 FTE AONB Manager (Paul Jackson), a 0.8 FTE AONB Officer (Liz Bassindale) and a 0.2 FTE AONB Officer (Francesca Pert). Francesca's maternity leave may however extend into 2019/20 and it is proposed that the post will continue to be covered through temporary contract cover as necessary, which may vary the staffing budget by a minor amount. A small amount of administrative and technical support will be sourced from the North York Moors National Park Authority.
- A 2% national inflation pay award has been factored-in, in line with the agreed 2-year deal between Employers and Unions.
- The retention of the Maternity Cover post will see the AONB Unit past the completion of the 2018/19 grants season, as well as the preparation of the final version of the AONB Management Plan and the second year of Turtle Dove surveying.
- Principal work tasks for the year will include completing the AONB Management Plan review by producing the final documents, providing responses to planning-related consultations, providing information material to support visitors coming to the AONB, delivering biodiversity, historic environment and community projects, supporting delivery of the Ryevitalise Project should the Stage 2 bid be successful and continuing the Monuments Management Scheme funded by Historic England.

4.4 Office costs:

- These are predicted to be at a broadly similar level to 2018/19.

- 4.5 Partnership Running Costs:
- A broadly similar provision to 2018/19 has been made. NAAONB contribution fees are expected to rise slightly in line with inflation.
- 4.6 PR/Events/Research:
- A smaller provision than 2018/19 is proposed, as the STEAM data analysis will not be repeated until the next review of the Management Plan.
 - The AONB Newsletter and Annual Report will continue to be published and distributed.
- 4.7 AONB Management Plan:
- A small provision is made for the production of the final version of the Plan documents. As the output will principally be electronic documents, with very few hard copies printed, costs are expected to be relatively minimal.
- 4.8 AONB Enhancement: Natural Environment; Historic Environment; Sustainable Development & Rural Economy:
- An allocation of £29,000 has been made for Natural Environment Enhancement projects, including a £7,500 contribution to the first year of the Ryevitalise delivery phase (hopefully...).
 - The budget allocation for Historic Environment projects has been set at £17,500. This includes £1,100 from Historic England for the Monument Management Scheme, which will continue to concentrate on bracken control work.
 - £15,000 has been allocated to Sustainable Development & Rural Economy projects.
- 4.9 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, and continue making more use of external venues such as village halls.
- 4.10 £120 of 'Reserves' has been allocated for use in 2019/20, which if fully utilised would result in a total carry-forward into 2020/21 of approximately £53,000.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The details of JAC expenditure during 2017/18 be received for information;
- (b) Partner authorities be asked to make appropriate provision in their revenue budgets for the work of the JAC in 2019/20, in line with Appendix 2 and section 4 of this report.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2017/18****1. INCOME 2017/18**

| (a) BUDGET PROVISION | Estimated (Oct. 2016) | Defra Bid (Jan. 2017) | Final (Oct. 2017) | Actual (Year- end) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Defra | 120,138 | 120,138 | 120,138 | 120,138 |
| North Yorkshire County Council | 31,400 | 31,170 | 33,050 | 32,300 |
| Ryedale District Council | 5,066 | 5,066 | 6,566 | 6,566 |
| Hambleton District Council | 5,800 | 5,800 | 7,300 | 7,300 |
| Historic England | 10,427 | 10,427 | 10,427 | 3,129 |
| Donations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Taken from Income in Advance balance | 5,031 | 31 | 4,151 | 3,695 |
| (b) TOTAL (ESTIMATED) INCOME | (177,862) | (172,632) | (181,632) | 173,178 |

2. EXPENDITURE 2017/18**Core Expenditure**

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (a) Staffing | 88,862 | 88,862 | 88,862 | 89,013 |
| (b) Office | 6,850 | 6,450 | 6,450 | 6,806 |
| (c) Partnership running costs | 3,750 | 3,870 | 3,870 | 3,715 |
| (d) PR, Events, Research, etc. | 3,100 | 3,100 | 4,400 | 4,634 |
| (e) Management Plan | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 |

Project Expenditure

| | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| (f) AONB Enhancement (Natural environment) | 25,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 35,199 |
| (g) AONB Enhancement (Historic environment) | 25,000 | 23,000 | 27,000 | 18,063 |
| (h) AONB Enhancement (Sustainable development & rural economy) | 25,000 | 23,000 | 20,000 | 15,566 |
| (i) Young People's Activities | 300 | 350 | 550 | 182 |
| (j) TOTAL (ESTIMATED) EXPENDITURE | (177,862) | (172,632) | (181,632) | 173,178 |

3. **2017/18 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

| | Income | | Expenditure |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Local Authority Partners | 46,166 | Expenditure | 173,178 |
| Defra | 120,138 | | |
| Historic England | 3,129 | | |
| Donations | 50 | | |
| | | | |
| Balance b/f from 2016/17 | 66,868 | Balance c/f to 2018/19 | 63,173 |
| | | | |
| | 236,351 | | 236,351 |

(All figures rounded to the nearest £)

| | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| BUDGET ESTIMATES | (October 2018) | |
| | | |
| Core Costs | | |
| Staffing | 100,007 | 96,588 |
| Office | 6,875 | 6,950 |
| Partnership running costs | 4,550 | 4,150 |
| PR, Events, Research | 5,150 | 3,330 |
| Management Plan | 4,450 | 1,600 |
| | | |
| Total Core Costs | 121,032 | 112,618 |
| | | |
| Project Costs | | |
| AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment | 27,000 | 29,000 |
| AONB Enhancement – Historic Environment | 6,900 | 17,500 |
| AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy | 24,000 | 15,000 |
| Young People's activities | 450 | 600 |
| | | |
| Total Project Costs | 58,350 | 62,100 |
| | | |
| | | |
| TOTAL COSTS | 179,382 | 174,718 |
| | | |
| FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
| Defra | 122,204 | 124,306 |
| North Yorkshire CC | 35,400 | 35,050 |
| Ryedale DC | 5,066 | 5,066 |
| Hambleton DC | 5,800 | 5,800 |
| Historic England | 1,650 | 4,375 |
| Income in Advance | 9,262 | 121 |
| | | |
| TOTAL | 179,382 | 174,718 |
| | | |
| Income in Advance b/f from 2017/18 | 64,727 | |
| <i>Income in Advance c/f to 2020/21</i> | | 54,344 |
| | | |

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%) |
| Mrs Staples | Bulmer | Planting 377m of new field hedge and 4 in-field/boundary trees | Zone 3B Landscape | AG2.2 | £5,461 | £2,238 (50%) |
| A Ogden | Coulton | Laying 73m of hedge | Zone 6 Landscape | AG2.2 | £840 | £540 |
| R Laverick | Grimston | Restoration of 50m of roadside wall | Zone 1 Landscape | AG2.2 | £4,900 | £3,250 (66%) |
| Mrs W Watson | Ganthorpe | Planting 1 copse (250 trees & shrubs) | Zone 3B/6 Landscape | AG2.2 | £1,648 | £824 (50%) |
| N Burrows | Coulton | Planting 80m of new hedge | Zone 6 Landscape | AG2.2 | £886 | £466 |

| APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR) | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| Carstairs Countryside Trust | Various | Cornfield Flowers Project | - | NE3.4, NE4.2 | £2,623 | £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 SINCs or other important sites | Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20 | NE3.1 | £694 | £267 |

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| 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) | 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 | £1,050 | £1,050 |
| (AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers) | River Derwent SSSI | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.73 | NE6.2 | £700 | £700 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) + village volunteers | River Derwent SSSI | Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam | Site 1.73 | NE6.2 | £940 | £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 | £710 | £240 |
| (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 | £240 | £120 (25%) |

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| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Terrington Carr SINC | Birch management | Site 1.67 | NE3.1 | £420 | £120 |
| (AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons) | Various | Management of 34 Special Interest Road Verges | - | NE3.1 | £918 | £918 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Coulton Moor | Rhododendron control | Zone 1 landscape | NE3.3, NE6.2 | £1,110 | £360 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Littledale SINC | Scrub & rush management, and fencing repairs | Site 1.20 | NE3.1 | £1,164 | £264 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Peel Wood & Grassland SINC | Scrub management | Site 1.11 | NE3.1 | £2,010 | £360 |
| (AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) | Cawton Fens SINC | Scrub management | Site 1.47 | NE3.1 | £420 | £120 |
| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Grange Bogs, Bull Ings & Cawton Fens (pt) SINC | Repairs to fencing, to enable continued grazing by Exmoor ponies | Sites 1.59, 1.60 & 1.47 | NE3.1 | £800 | £800 |

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | City of Troy Maze, Dalby | Regular maintenance | Site 2.25 | HE2.5 | £210 | £210 |
| (AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes) | Mileposts | Regular maintenance | Site 2.63 | HE2.5, RT4.5 | £168 | £168 |
| The Yorkshire Arboretum | Yorkshire Arboretum | Restoration of parkland lake | Site 2.74 | HE2.5, NE3.3 | £11,418 | £3,540 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Coneysthorpe | Fabrication of 1 modern replica village name sign | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £1,090 | £1,090 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Coulton | Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign; fabrication of 1 modern replica | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £1,930 | £1,930 |

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| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Welburn | Fabrication of 2 replica village name signs | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £2,180 | £2,180 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Brandsby | Restoration of 3 traditional village name signs; fabrication of 1 modern replica | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £4,020 | £4,020 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Stearsby | Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £840 | £840 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Dalby | Fabrication of 1 replica village name sign | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £1,090 | £1,090 |
| (AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control) | Skewsby | Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs | - | HE2.5, LC1.4 | £1,680 | £1,680 |
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| <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 |
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| (AONB Unit – Moorswork) | Hovingham | Re-seeding on 1 Scheduled Monument | Site 2.35 | HE2.3 | £238 | £238 |
| (AONB Unit – 4Nature) | Various | Spraying bracken on 14 Scheduled Monuments; evaluating stump regrowth | Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.11, 2.24, 2.36, 2.37, 2.39, 2.68, 2.69 | HE2.3 | £820 | £820 |
| (AONB Unit – Forestry Commission) | Oulston, Grimston | Spraying bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments | Sites 2.4, 2.12, 2.20 | HE2.3 | £250 | £0 |

AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| 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 | £1,461 | £1,070 |
| Hovingham Parish Council | Hovingham | Repair to 30m of stone wall at Village Hall | - | LC1.4 | £6,720 | £2,610 |
| 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 |
| Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group | Amotherby | Plant & bird surveys; bird boxes & feeders; minibeast hotel; display panel (phase 2) | - | NE5.1 | £1,483 | £200 |
| Slingsby School | Slingsby | Wildlife area (phase 1) | - | NE5.1 | £1,000 | £1,000 |
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| <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 | £756 | £756 |
| (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) | Bulmer, Welburn, Crambe | 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 – 18 replacement roadside fingerposts (supply) | - | RA3.1 | £1,225 | £0 |

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| <u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u> | | | | | | |
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| <u>Volunteering</u> | | | | | | |
| (AONB Volunteers) | Misc | Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc | Various | Various | £1,550 | - |
| (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Tomorrow's Natural Leaders) | Misc | Junior Ranger Club | - | AP2.3 | £1,400 | - |

Young People's activities

| APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROJECT | LOCAL PRIORITY | OBJECTIVE | SCHEME COST | JAC ASSISTANCE |
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| (AONB Unit) | Arboretum | Junior Ranger Club x 4 | - | AP2.3 | £782 | £182 |
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**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
22 NOVEMBER 2018**

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2.1 In accordance with the revised Programme attached as Appendix 1, initial work was completed during April and May to revise the text of the individual topic chapters, and to compile updated statistics for the 'State of the AONB' report. Scoping of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessments was also carried out.
- 2.2 The updated draft chapters were sent to the Topic Group stakeholders, with a request for comments and also asking for an indication of whether they felt that a formal Topic Group meeting was required. A number of useful comments were received back and although several one-to-one meetings were held no-one requested a full Topic Group meeting.
- 2.3 The comments received were incorporated into the text of the draft chapters as appropriate and the remainder of the Plan (Landscape Management & Priority Sites section, State of the AONB document, Action Plan, etc) were revised and the documents then prepared for public and stakeholder consultation.
- 2.4 The formal consultation was launched on 28th September, with all the consultation documents posted to the AONB website. Notification letters were sent to approximately 150 local stakeholder organisations, including Parish Councils and local schools, and a flier was sent to approximately 250 farmers and land managers within the AONB. An email alert was also sent to all the Topic Group members, to ensure that no-one was missed. An article on the Management Plan review was also included in the AONB News, which was delivered to 10,300 addresses within and near the AONB in late October.
- 2.5 The consultation closed on 11th November and 16 responses were received. A basic selection of the main points raised, together with some indicative draft responses, is included as Appendix 2. The full schedule of the detailed comments will be emailed to Members prior to the meeting.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 Following discussion at the JAC, the full table of comments and proposed changes to the draft Plan will be circulated to the JAC and Core Partners Group for final observations.
- 3.2 The full schedule will then be sent to Natural England, as required by their guidance, in early December.
- 3.3 The revisions will be incorporated into the Plan during late December and early January, and the final Plan then be formally signed-off by the JAC Chairman.

- 3.4 The Plan will be sent to the three constituent Local Authorities on 18th January 2019, in time for formal adoption by 31st March 2019.
- 3.5 On 29th March the text-only version of the revised Plan will be published on the AONB website and also sent to Defra.
- 3.6 The formal designed versions of the Management Plan and accompanying documents will be produced between March and August, and then posted to the AONB website. A very limited number of printed copies (c.50) will be produced, for the JAC and AONB Team to use on a day-to-day basis.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

MAIN ISSUES ARISING FROM CONSULTATION COMMENTS

| <u>ISSUE</u> | | <u>AMEND THE PLAN?</u> |
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| 1. | The recognition for the potential role of enabling development is noted, and given the significance of the Castle Howard Mausoleum in particular, which is prominent in views across the AONB, does this site deserve a specific mention? | No (Site already has a Priority Site reference number, against which future work/aspirations can be recorded in due course) |
| 2. | Sorry to see the Plan is even longer than the 2014-2019 Plan: principally Chapter 1.1 'Policy & Legal Framework of AONBs' and this may be required of all AONB plans (do query what value it's added) | No (All AONBs are inserting this and it provides useful legal background not published anywhere else in HHAONB literature) |
| 3. | No mention of Holiday Homes – Threat and / or good for Tourism? | Probably not (Although there are some holiday homes the issue isn't as bad as in other National Parks or AONBs) |
| 4. | Development proposals that could harm the current economy of the AONB based primarily upon agriculture and tourism should not be supported. Refined to: Encourage development that supports and enhances the local economy based on agriculture and tourism. | No (The suggestion is considered to be too restrictive, particularly given the likely increase in farm/rural diversification linked to Brexit. Other Objectives adequately cover the issues around wind turbines, new buildings, etc.) |
| 5. | The Natural Capital diagram and HHAONB Natural Capital Asset table require headings/labels to explain their presence here. | Yes (Also insert useful definitions of Natural Capital and the Natural Capital Approach into p29) |
| 6. | A64 (Objective RTT5). Request rewording of this to read "Support proposals for improvement of the A64 Trunk Road through the AONB, subject to these being fully justified and sensitive..." This would better reflect the General Principle set out on p54. | Yes (The wording of the General Principle was updated but not the wording of the Objective) |
| 7. | Are only 10-20ha of woodland felled per year in the AONB? As Hovingham often do 10ha a year there can't be much other felling going on. I therefore don't think this is accurate and it might be worth consulting the Forestry Commission. | Yes (The Forestry Commission have checked one-off Felling Licences and 10-year Plans and feel that 20-30ha would be more accurate) |

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| 8. | 2.4.3 General Principles bullet point 6: PAWS restoration, p53. The words 'where appropriate' should be added to the end of this paragraph. PAWS sites can be managed sympathetically under conifers, dependent upon the management regime. | Yes? (Need to ensure that references to PAWS restoration throughout the document are consistent) |
| 9. | 2.4.4: last bullet point page 58. You will not get Local Needs housing unless it is economically worthwhile for the owner of the land. I would therefore suggest removing the word 'limited' in the last line. | Yes (change to: "... only likely to be facilitated through the associated provision of market housing") |
| 10. | 2.5.1 – There are many miles of permitted footpaths in the AONB and these should be recognised in bullet point 3 | Yes (Add to text) |
| 11. | Consideration could be given to protecting important concentrations of mature hedgerow trees using TPOs. | No (This could be pursued, if applicable, under Action NE2.2 - protecting the best sites via designation) |
| 12. | PLACE is concerned about the erosion of roadside verges by large-width vehicles and parking. These verges contain unimproved habitat and rare flora. Where popular footpaths commence, defined parking spaces or lay-bys should be created in order to stop parking on, and resultant erosion of, the verges. | No (Formal lay-bys would require surfacing, which would be expensive and have a suburbanising effect. It would also completely destroy areas of verge and prevent any future regeneration of flora if parking was subsequently restricted using other methods) |
| 13. | PLACE recommends that the 17 identified geological sites are both protected and kept free from over-growth of foliage. The JAC should work closely with the following: - The District Councils on the Yorkshire Wolds who are progressing an application for a UNESCO Geoparks Status. The Jurassic Corallian strata in the Howardian Hills AONB are of equal importance. - The British Geological Survey, to establish the geological character and importance of each of the 17 sites. - The JAC or AONB Unit to produce either a booklet on the geology of the AONB or pamphlets on significant sites. | No (Objective NE7 covers this. It is intended to produce a booklet, but this has needed to wait for the results of the survey) |
| 13. | <i>Under the heading Regulating soil erosion, the last sentence says, 'The problem can be regulated through appropriate land management practices'. It may be useful to the reader to provide an example of a type of</i> | Yes (Add examples) |

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| | practice which may be considered to be appropriate. | |
| 14. | I would suggest amending the wording to DRE4 to say, 'Support appropriate mineral-working and energy fuel extraction proposals which.....' | No (Shale is a mineral so is covered by the catch-all phrase) |
| 15. | Potential future challenges within the AONB Non-hydraulic fracturing - Currently the Government is seeking views on the principle of whether non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development should be granted planning permission through a permitted development right. Although the outcome of this formal consultation process is not known at this stage, it may be useful for the final AONB Management Plan to include a new reference to non-hydraulic fracturing as well as hydraulic fracturing. | Yes (Amend wording to cover all possibilities) |
| 16. | Glossary section Would suggest including definitions on hydraulic (and non-hydraulic) fracturing in the glossary section. | No/Yes (These definitions vary between policy documents and it wouldn't be appropriate to include a definition here. Include definitions of conventional and unconventional hydrocarbons) |
| 17. | It would be useful in the text to identify in which local authority boundary each priority site is located or group the site by authority. | No (Sites are arranged by Landscape Character Zone, which are cross-boundary) |
| 18. | Is 'well-managed' the right term? Sympathetically managed/appropriately managed? In some instances the most suitable management might be no management/minimal intervention? Are there any areas of the AONB which would lend themselves to re-wilding? | |
| 19. | With the potential changes on the cards for farming post-Brexit and the likelihood that land managers will be paid for public services, is the description of 'rolling agricultural fields' likely to conjure up a slightly different image to the changes that may take place? I don't know if 'rolling farmland' works any better? | No? (This appears to conflate the term 'agricultural' with 'arable') |
| 20. | Bullet 5: it would be great to have an opportunity map to accompany this statement and show the areas of habitat that are a priority for expansion, buffering and connection (perhaps in phases, e.g. to 2024 and then to 2035?) | Yes (No mapping exercise undertaken, but can add as an Action for this Plan period) |

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| 21. | Natural Environment objectives: in the vision it states that; 'Priority Habitats within the AONB will have been expanded, buffered and linked via a more diverse landscape, to form a coherent network of green infrastructure that is resilient to climate change impacts, however there are no objectives which specifically reference/address this? The objectives are largely around protecting what exists which is laudable, but not around expanding, buffering and linking. | No (Actions NE3.1 to 3.5 have exactly this hierarchy) |
| 22. | Agricultural objectives: as 'hedgerow removal was significant in some parts of the AONB should there be an objective to target that area (is it mapped – if so insert map) for hedgerow creation and restoration? Could some of the AONB grant pot be put toward this? | No (Already included in the Landscape Management & Priority Sites document. See AG2.2) |
| 23. | Disappointing that the wording around hydraulic fracturing isn't stronger and indicative of opposition/how it might conflict with other aims and objectives? Surely the AONB would be looking to avoid this at all costs as it is supportive of more sustainable means of energy generation? | No (Plan needs to be compatible with national and local minerals planning legislation and policy) |
| 24. | Should encourage landowners to keep informal car parks open. Some have been lost in the life of the existing plan, notably the free car park by the Great Lake at Castle Howard. | No (We have no control over this) |
| 25. | Twitter presence is fairly minimal and yet this is a great way to raise the profile of the AONB. More resource could be put into developing the social media presence. | No |
| 26. | The brand/logo could use a redesign to help build a strong brand for the area. It is currently a couple of lines, which doesn't really convey the character of the area. Likewise, does the AONB have a strapline to convey its uniqueness? | No |
| 27. | Condition Indicators – need to include far more Indicators on Biodiversity, e.g. bird, butterfly and flora numbers and trends | No (Data is not available, and the Indicators are about the AONB as a whole, not just biodiversity) |
| 28. | This is a worthwhile and useful document. It could be strengthened even more by including some of the previously mentioned indicators. Is it possible to provide status data such as 'decreasing/no change/increasing' rather than just 'present' for farmland birds? Similarly for invasive species – is there any other data that | No (The NE chapter indicates that data for the AONB is sparse so the objective for this Plan period is to get better knowledge) |

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| | could be presented to show whether these species are expanding (either in population or distribution terms)? | |
| 29. | The Vision is there, with a number of high level aims however these are not referenced in the Action Plan, so it is difficult to see how they are going to be achieved. This links to some of the points made about how some stuff in the vision will be delivered. | No (Disagree - much of it is already there but doesn't appear to have been read by the author) |
| 30. | We suggest a section is added in the plan and report which captures the strength of the voluntary and community sector. This would bring in the many charity and other groups providing valuable voluntary and contracted services supporting people, helping to maintain the physical landscape and supporting access to cultural and heritage resources. | Yes (Add bullet point in Key Facts section of LC chapter) |
| 31. | Recognition of the need for supporting the expansion of broadband needs a greater emphasis, for both living and working, supporting business start-up and growth | Check (Current wording is believed to be a good balance between objectives) |
| 32. | The development of Community-led housing and support for these initiatives requires mention here or elsewhere in the plan. Ryedale District Council is working with Community First Yorkshire to increase awareness and take-up in parishes and market towns of community housing as a means of ensuring people have access to affordable housing. | Yes? (Amend text to include reference to community-led housing) |
| 33. | Couldn't see much about woodland creation and it would be good to flag this as an opportunity to help increase the natural capital of the area through well designed UKFS compliant woodlands. The can also play a role in increasing the resilience on existing woodlands and supporting the delivery of the 25YEP. | Yes (Check and amend text and Objective in relation to new tree planting) |
| 34. | It is considered that the recognition of social media to promote the AONB is essential in the current age. Reference to Twitter accounts is encouraging, however, CPRE North Yorkshire believe that more could be achieved by the use of other similar technologies which would target a wider audience, including Instagram and Facebook to name a few. | No |

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| 35. | CPRE North Yorkshire welcomes the opportunity to comment on this Management Plan review and would welcome the opportunity for further involvement – they are members of the JAC for the Nidderdale AONB. In a similar vein, it is considered that wider collaboration should be sought with other key stakeholders in the vicinity including the National Trust and the NPA and District Councils within the area | <p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(All these organisations are extensively listed in the Action Programme, whilst the Plan is a Statutory Plan for the District Councils)</p> |
| 36. | CPRE North Yorkshire believe that the reference to ‘requires tight control’ on pg. 54 should be removed as this implies that this activity is considered to be suitable for an area which (alongside National Parks) is afforded the highest protection for its unique landscape in terms of planning policy. It is believed that a reference to the Major Development Test would be more suitable within the Management Plan and the need for any applicant for such development to prove that it meets this important test set out clearly | <p style="text-align: center;">Check</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Plan needs to be compatible with national and local minerals planning legislation and policy. Not all development covered by this Objective (e.g. small scale extraction of building stone, would be Major Development)</p> |
| 37. | We consider the Management Plan, in terms of policy setting, weak in some areas. In particular the AONB is a Statutory Consultee as well as a management body. FFR consider that there should be a statement outlining the role of the AONB to influence and shape National and Regional policy in the management plan to ensure the rationale for the existence of the AONB is reinforced wherever possible, and at as high a level as possible. | <p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(We aren’t a Statutory Consultee in the planning process. Statement to this effect included, as well as in Objective DRE1.1)</p> |
| 38. | Mr Justice Holgate has determined that national guidance is exactly that - ‘guidance’, and that planning authorities are not compelled to follow such guidance if they have a plan that is more appropriate for their area of jurisdiction and proper justification for such a plan has been provided and accepted by the plan examiner. FFR’s understanding is that the Draft North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Joint Plan should stand with little change subsequent to this legal case. | <p style="text-align: center;">No</p> |
| 39. | The document may wish to refer to the existing fluvial and pluvial risk in some conurbations within the AONB area, and look at targeting land management/natural flood management at locations that also give mutual wider flood risk benefits to locations within the AONB boundary. <i>FW5 - Increased tree planting and establishment of new woodland could be delivered in locations which give the most</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Check and amend text and Objective in relation to new tree planting)</p> |

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| | <i>positive flood benefits</i> - includes positive reference to the promotion of the Derwent Catchment Partnership and Ryevitalise as vehicles for achieving multi-beneficial environmental ambitions in the AONB. | |
| 40. | The Plan could recognise that necessary proportionate improvements to the highway network in order that the network can accommodate the development can be achieved through developer-funded works. Whilst it is appreciated that the scale of development in the AONB is relatively minor, proportionate improvements giving wider benefits could be achieved to some of the issues cited (narrow roads/rat-running) in appropriate locations and it could be an aspiration that development seeks to proportionately address some of the rural access issues in the villages, giving other economic growth benefits. | Check (Allowing developments in villages and seeking road improvements via developer contributions may be at odds with other 'conserve and enhance' objectives) |
| 41. | Section 2.3.1 Natural Environment makes repeated reference to 'Biodiversity Action Plan' habitats. The UK Biodiversity Action Plan was effectively mothballed in 2011 and is rarely referenced in policy nowadays. The same habitats are recognised as being of Principal Importance for the conservation of biodiversity under Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006, though admittedly this isn't a very snappy term. It might be better to refer to 'Priority Habitats'. | Yes (Check and update wording in this section) |
| 42. | In the same section, data on habitats is derived from a 1992 survey. This is fairly fundamental to the Management Plan but highlights how old the evidence base is. There will, almost certainly, have been significant changes over the past quarter of a century, particularly in terms of grassland management. This might suggest a need to update the evidence base on the natural environment of the AONB. | No (The data issue is identified in the Natural Environment Key Issues section and Action NE1.4) |
| 43. | The draft wording of the Management Plan regarding minerals planning was considered by Planning Services, in June 2018, prior to the formal consultation. The wording in the Management Plan regarding minerals and waste planning matters is acceptable as items such as the General Principle bullet point relating to minerals extraction and the text regarding Objective DRE4 reflect the outcome of that discussion. The inclusion of waste reduction in the 5th bullet point within Key Issues 2019-2024 is supported. Therefore, there does not appear to be a conflict between | No |

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| | the management plan, and the County Council's minerals or waste planning policy as compatibility with the AONB is already a factor within the work on the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. | |
| 44. | Natural England considers that the Plan meets the statutory requirement. That the constituent local authorities for the Howardian Hills AONB and wider project area have, by acting jointly, produced a plan that formulates their policy for their AONB and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it. | No |
| 45. | <p>We consider that the Plan has broadly followed the guidance contained in CA23 and CA221 and therefore represents a comprehensive strategy for the management of the AONB. The AONB Plan also represents good practice in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of the landscape character assessment as a strong evidence base for the Plan and the clear demonstration of the hierarchy of assessments. • Recognition of the National Character Area profiles and associated Statements of Environmental Opportunity. • The highlighting of natural capital and ecosystems services. • Recognition and policies that will allow actions towards the delivery of the Biodiversity 2020 targets. | No |
| 46. | <p>Although the Plan is well constructed and comprehensive, Natural England feels that it could be made even stronger by further consideration of the following during implementation of this Plan and production of the next:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding strength to select objectives by ensuring all are suitably prescriptive ensuring all the targets are measurable and specific. • Whilst we recognise the progress being made towards identifying the natural capital within the AONB, it is recommended that the next step should be focused on determining the stocks of natural capital both in terms of quantity and quality suggested in the objectives of the section. Subsequent steps should seek to understand implications of intervention and inform future management to enhance the natural | <p>Yes (Check all Objectives and Actions to ensure that they are as measurable as possible. Improve the text in NCES1 and NCES2 to reflect the points made)</p> |

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| | capital assets and maintain a sustainable supply of ecosystem services/benefits. We recognise this is an ongoing process rather than a new start. | |
| 47. | Natural England welcomes the Habitats Regulations Assessment Draft Screening Report (September 2018) which we consider to be clear and detailed. Natural England concurs with the assessment that the plan is not necessary for the management of any designated European sites and agrees with the conclusion of no likely significant effects either alone or in combination as a result of the proposed plan review. | No |
| 48. | Natural England agrees with the conclusions of the assessment, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests are concerned (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils), there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan review. | No |
| 49. | In conclusion, Natural England recognises that the production of this final draft represents the culmination of many months of intensive work on the part of the Howardian Hills AONB Partnership and particularly the staff unit. We recognise the investment of time and welcome the significant contribution the review makes to ensuring that 15 per cent of the land area of England is under the protection of a statutory AONB management plan. We look forward to receiving copies of your published plan and to working with you and the AONB partnership during its implementation, review and monitoring stages | No |

November 2018

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
22 NOVEMBER 2018**

NATIONAL/NAAONB ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of current national issues and the work of the National Association for AONBs.

2.0 AGRICULTURE BILL

- 2.1 In January 2018 the Government published its 25 Year Environment Plan, followed in late February by the document 'Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit'. Members discussed this latter document at the April JAC meeting and a response was subsequently submitted to Defra.
- 2.2 In September the Government published the Agriculture Bill. Accompanying the Bill was a response to the Health & Harmony consultation, detailing what options the Government had selected and therefore what it was including in the Bill.
- 2.3 The National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) scrutinised the wording of the Bill and produced a Briefing Note for AONB Partnerships to use in advocacy activity. The Briefing Note is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The key response to the Bill was the suggestion of an Amendment to add the words "landscape quality" to one of the clauses. The amendment was tabled by Dame Cheryl Gillan MP, who represents the Chesham & Amersham Constituency that includes the Chilterns AONB. Unfortunately, due to a technicality, it wasn't selected by the Committee Chairmen to proceed. The JAC Chairman is ready to write to our local MP Kevin Hollinrake to encourage him to support this amendment, should it be re-instated.
- 2.5 Work will continue on ensuring that the end-goal is achieved – a new Environmental Land Management Scheme that has the implementation of AONB Management Plans at its heart.

3.0 THE GLOVER REVIEW OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPES

- 3.1 The second significant project to emerge from the 25 Year Environment Plan was the Review of Protected Landscape, led by journalist Julian Glover. This was launched in May and will report to Government in September 2019.
- 3.2 Julian Glover has already met with the NAAONB Chairman, Chief Executive and a small group of Lead Officers. He and members of his Panel have also visited a number of AONBs and National Parks, including Cornwall, Dorset, the Yorkshire Dales, Nidderdale and North York Moors. More visits are planned for early in 2019. Full details of the Panel members and the Review's Terms of Reference can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-parks-review-launched>

- 3.3 The Panel has launched a public consultation/Call for Evidence, which is now open for submissions until 18th December. The consultation document and questions can be found at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/landscapes-review-call-for-evidence/>
- 3.4 The NAAONB organised a meeting for AONB Lead Officers in late September, to discuss the issues arising from the Review and to formulate a suggested response to the Review/Call for Evidence. The most consistent points emerging were that:
- AONB protection and enhancement could best be boosted if bodies were made more directly responsible for implementing the AONB Management Plan. At present there is a Statutory Duty to prepare and review an AONB Management Plan, but not a Duty to then implement it. Likewise, the Duty to 'have regard to AONB Purposes' (s.85, Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000) is somewhat dated wording – more recent legislation uses the words 'further the purposes of ...'
 - AONB Teams should have a stronger/more formal role in the land use planning system.
 - Stability of funding settlements for AONB Teams was fundamental to drawing down significant external resources, e.g. from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Prior to the current 4-year protected settlement, grant offers were only made on an annual basis.
 - AONB Teams have a huge potential to deliver more landscape and biodiversity enhancement, but over recent years much of the responsibility for implementation has appeared to fall back onto our shoulders. A change in emphasis, focussing on the 'designated landscape' rather than on the 'managing organisation', could bring about a significant step-change.
- 3.5 Following the meeting, the NAAONB is producing a Prospectus to assist AONB Partnerships in engaging with the Glover Review. This will be emailed separately to Members when it is available, but a draft list of Key Asks that will form the basis of the Prospectus is included as Appendix 2.
- 3.6 It is proposed that the JAC Chairman will submit evidence to the Glover Review, based on the Prospectus and illustrated with local examples. There may also be a request from the Panel/one of its members to visit the Howardian Hills in the spring, which will be accommodated if possible.

4.0 OTHER NATIONAL ACTIVITY

- 4.1 Work is continuing on developing a new set of Key Performance Indicators that will enable Defra to quantify the work achieved by AONB Partnerships. The Indicators developed to date will be dovetailed with the work being done by Defra on Indicators for the 25 Year Environment Plan.
- 4.2 Defra is proposing a simplified grant claiming mechanism, with 75% of the annual grant being paid up-front in April rather than in arrears in January. It is hoped that a simplified reporting mechanism can be developed at the same time, using our Annual Report and the KPIs mentioned above.
- 4.3 The publication of an Environment Bill is anticipated at some point, at which time a Briefing Note will be produced to assist AONB Partnerships with writing to their local MPs.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the work being carried out on national initiatives be noted for information.

NAAONB briefing on the Agriculture Bill

The [Agriculture Bill](#)¹ receives its Second Reading in the House of Commons on 10th October 2018.

The Government has pledged “to leave the environment in a better state than we found it” (*Prime Minister Theresa May – Launch of Defra’s 25 YEP - January 2018*). Leaving the EU and moving away from CAP offers up the opportunity to address how the landowners, land managers, farmers, foresters and all those who are involved in producing food, plants and trees **whilst also protecting the British countryside**, are rewarded for the vital role they play – so-called “Public money for public goods”.

The NAAONB supports the premise of “Public money for public goods” and welcomes the resulting delivery of environmental outcomes such as clean air and water, thriving plants and wildlife, climate change mitigation, enhanced natural beauty, increased biodiversity and engagement with the natural environment. It is keen to build on its current work with Government to help support the objectives of the 25 YEP.

The Government has indicated that it will work with those who wish to improve the environment by entering into environmental land management schemes (ELMs) post Brexit. The AONB Family’s capacity and willingness to be testbeds for new ELMs to assist the 25 YEP objectives is indicated in its offer to Government [Farming for the Nation: AONBs as testbeds for a new Environmental Land Management Scheme](#).

England’s 34 AONBs cover nearly 7,000 square miles of the countryside. From the open moorlands of the North Pennines, Nidderdale, and the Forest of Bowland, through the undulating grasslands of the Chilterns and Cotswolds, to the more intimate wooded landscapes of the High Weald and Kent Downs, each AONB is the product of farming practices, and its value to the whole nation is largely dependent on sympathetic future land management practices. It is a legal requirement that public bodies have regard to the purpose of AONB designation (CRoW Act Section 85) and any future land management scheme must, therefore, do likewise. The AONB Family proposal will help facilitate this.

It is a statutory requirement for each AONB to have a Management Plan. This is the mechanism by which the future of each AONB is discussed, determined, and delivered. It is a locally-designed, nationally-relevant plan that depends on the collaborative activity of multiple stakeholders for delivery. AONB Management Plans are reviewed every five years and the new plans will be in place just as the UK leaves the EU. The Plans will act as a catalyst for new thinking and positive action that will sustain and improve the flow of public goods from the UK’s outstanding national landscapes.

At the same time, Government is [reviewing](#) the AONB designation to explore what works and what might be done differently. This is an excellent opportunity for AONBs to show that they remain fit for purpose.

¹ [Agricultural Bill Policy Statement](#)

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NAAONB Environmental Land Management Scheme Proposal

The NAAONB ELMs proposal allows a clear way of aligning land management with the need to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of our national landscapes. By developing new approaches, the AONB Family aims to deliver across all the goals and policies in the 25 YEP. We want to test new ways of working with land managers that will put the environment first and fully utilise the opportunities afforded by the AONB designation to deliver integrated, place-based solutions. New approaches require new thinking and new partners. AONB partnerships² have universal interests in their localities, so are ideally placed to ensure that health and wellbeing interests, the private sector, cultural and heritage organisations and economic partnerships can get the most from an improved environment and can participate fully in both its conservation and enhancement. AONBs are a key national asset that can unlock these opportunities and realise the Government's high ambitions for the future.

Comments on the Agricultural Bill's First Reading

The NAAONB welcomes

- the Government's ambition to leave the natural environment in a better state than they found it
- the Government's pledge to spend public money on public goods and the related delivery of environmental outcomes such as clean air, thriving plants, diversity of wild life, climate change mitigation, connecting people with nature and the resulting health and harmony of society
- the recognition that agricultural land has value that stretches beyond the economic and the environmental – it is vital to the health and wellbeing of our society and culture too
- the opportunities that the Agricultural Bill affords to improve the protection of our natural environment and the iconic national landscapes of the UK's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- the proposed flexibility of the ELMs and the simplicity of the application process
- the proposed roll out of the ELMs including a piloting period
- the opportunities ELMs afford AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards to work more collaboratively with landowners, land managers and farmers

The NAAONB is concerned that

- there is no explicit provision in the Bill to enhance landscape quality. There is therefore inadequate read-across to the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan objective around enhancing beauty and heritage. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty cover nearly 7,000 square miles of the English countryside, the quality of which is dependent upon a future ELM delivering a full suite of environmental public goods. Without this integration AONB partnerships will not be able to optimise their role in delivering on the ambitions set out in the 25 YEP.

Our requested amendment

In 1 (1)(c) add 'landscape quality' after 'enhances' and before 'cultural heritage' so it reads 'managing land or water in a way that maintains, restores or enhances landscape quality, cultural heritage or natural heritage'.

² The NAAONB uses the generic AONB partnerships to describe the organisations that guide the work of the AONB Teams. This includes AONB Partnerships, Conservation Boards, Joint Advisory Committees and Joint Committees.

Glover Review

National headline messages

Purposes

The purposes of England's Designated Landscapes (AONBs and National Parks) must be future proofed with focus on enhancement and alignment with the principles of the 25 YEP

- The purposes of England's Designated Landscapes should be aligned. In bringing about an alignment, the following should be considered:
- The importance of a 'first purpose' that applies equally to AONBs and National Parks: 'to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage'. Note that the term 'wildlife and cultural heritage' does not currently apply to the AONB purpose.
- A second aligned purpose would specifically relate to recreation, formalising the current supplementary purpose, by the addition of a statutory purpose that focused on the promoting of opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of areas of outstanding natural beauty by the public. This is in recognition that all AONB partnerships already play a major role in delivering opportunities for outdoor understanding, enjoyment and recreation in England and indeed operate as if this was a formal purpose of designation. In our view this purpose should be expressed in way common to both Designated Landscape classifications.

As with the current National Park purposes, any second purpose that applies to AONBs should be supported by the principle that the delivery of that second purpose must be set within limits implied by the delivery of the first, and where conflict exists; the first purpose will outweigh the second.

Governance

- The mechanism by which the designation's purposes are delivered will vary according to local requirements; AONB governance models should therefore continue to reflect local requirements.
- In order to better utilise limited resources, we suggest extending the requirement to review the AONB Management Plan to a period of 10 years with a shorter term within which to review local Action Plans.
- We recognise that there is a need to strengthen national governance and improve the accessibility of national support for individual AONB partnerships and teams.
- Likewise, we would like to see a strengthening of local governance through improved accountability. Within the parameters of a local authority employer/employee relationship AONB staff should also be clearly accountable to AONB partnerships.
- Local governance models need to ensure national status is recognised, possibly through improved terms of reference for members and/or the use of national appointees.

Land Management

- It is important that the Designated Landscape Management Organisations and their Management Plans have a central role in the restoration of nature and ecosystem services. This should be ensured through development and support for the role AONB teams will play in delivering on Outcome 1c of Biodiversity 2020, Net Gain, and their crucial role in supporting a Nature Recovery Network.
- Designated Landscape Management Plans should play a strong role in setting the framework for the delivery of a new Environmental Land Management Scheme.
- AONB partnership staff teams should be given the capacity to play a leading role in the local delivery of agri-environment schemes.
- It is essential that government helps optimise the ability of Designated Landscapes to deliver for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Planning

- Utilising the opportunities afforded by an Environment Act, strengthen the Duty of Regard through its replacement with a Duty of Due Regard
- Natural England to significantly raise the profile of the Duty of Due Regard.
- Consider legislation that places a duty on relevant authorities to support the *delivery* of the AONB management plan.
- Using the provision set out in Article 18, Schedule 4 of the Development Management Procedure Order (DMPO) 2015, give AONB partnerships statutory consultee status for Town and Country planning matters.
- Encourage the production of dedicated Development Plan documents for AONBs where appropriate.
- Government to support a consistent cross-departmental policy approach to sustainable development in Designated Landscapes.
- Government monitoring of Planning Authorities' performance in Designated Landscapes and associated accountability with incentives for Planning Authorities' performance.
- Ability of Designated Landscape Management Organisations to 'call in' specific cases for scrutiny.
- Consider extending Designated Landscapes offshore into the marine environment and giving their Management organisations a role in achieving the co-ordinated management of the coast and marine.

Resourcing

- It is essential that core resourcing is aligned with the effective delivery of statutory purposes.
- Address the issue of vulnerability that can be caused by the relationship with the host Local Authority.
- Five-year funding packages agreed with government in line with the mid-term review of 10-year Management Plans, based on clear and agreed outcomes and return on investment.

- Adequate funding of Town and Country planning activity so that designated planning officers can effectively manage major planning applications and properly manage a new statutory consultee responsibility.
- There is a clear need for a national statutory advocate for landscape, championing the role of AONBs across government.
- The provision of a dedicated Sustainable Development Fund for both AONBs and National Parks to enable AONB teams to better support community and business activity allied to the purpose of designation.

Status and profile

- Retain the statutory designation of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but support the rebranding of AONBs as 'National Landscapes'.