

HOWARDIAN HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 5 November 2010.

PRESENT:-

Hambleton District Council: Councillors Christine Cookman and Percy Featherstone.
Ryedale District Council: Councillor Jim Bailey and Robert Wainwright.
North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Clare Wood.
Parish Councils: Ian Read (Ryedale) & David Pontefract (Hambleton).
Country Land and Business Association: Jane Harrison.
Ramblers Association: Geoff Eastwood.

Officers:

Paul Jackson, Liz Bassindale and Maggie Cochrane – Howardian Hills AONB.
Jane Wilkinson (Secretary) and Graham Megson – North Yorkshire County Council.
Anne Cooper – Hambleton District Council.
Paula Craddock – Ryedale District Council.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

28. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That County Councillor Clare Wood is elected to serve as Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for a minimum of 24 months.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARE WOOD IN THE CHAIR

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were submitted on behalf of Brian Davies and Claire Storey (Natural England), Dorothy Fairburn (Country Land and Business Association), Councillor Caroline Patmore (North Yorkshire County Council) and Stephen Prest (National Farmers Union).

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2010, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute Number 18 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager confirmed that the 8 projects deferred the previous winter on account of the severe weather had now been sent to the contractor with instructions for him to complete.

Minute Number 19 AONB Action Programme 2009/10

The AONB Manager reported that the actual number of SINC sites within the AONB under active management was 73%.

The underground cabling work at Nunnington was almost complete and further similar projects were planned.

Minute Number 20 – AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2010/11

Work on the digitisation of completed countryside management works had not commenced. The AONB Manager was hopeful that this work would however be completed over the course of the next few months.

Due to pressure of work the visitor and user survey had not been carried out. The AONB Manager said that he had agreed with the Chairman to delay the start of the survey until 2012 as this would enable the results to be fed into the new 2013 Management Plan and would also coincide with the tenth anniversary of the original survey.

Minute No 21 – Natural England/Local Authority Memorandum of Understanding

It was reported that the Memorandum of Understanding had now been signed and completed by all parties.

Minute Number 26 – Retaining Wall at Oulston Bank

The AONB Manager said he was due to meet later that week with representatives from the Newburgh Priory Estate. At that meeting he agreed to raise the collapse of the retaining wall and to enquire about works to rectify it.

31. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That Hambleton District Councillor Christine Cookman is elected as Vice Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee for the next 24 months.

32. ELECTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND PANEL REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED –

That Ryedale District Councillor Robert Wainwright and David Pontefract (Parish Councils Hambleton) are nominated to represent Howardian Hills AONB on the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the next 24 months.

That Hambleton District Councillor Christine Cookman is nominated as the substitute member to represent Howardian Hills AONB on the Sustainable Development Fund Panel for the next 24 months.

33. AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

CONSIDERED –

The joint report of AONB Officers detailing their activities and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the previous meeting in April 2010. Copies of a Nunnington walks leaflet recently produced by the AONB Unit were tabled at the meeting.

The Committee received a power-point presentation of photographs of completed and on-going projects referred to in the report that included countryside management works, community projects, volunteer activity and Junior Ranger Club days.

In view of anticipated funding cuts it was suggested that as the majority of Higher Level Stewardship monies were now being directed towards upland areas the AONB Manager should make representations to Natural England and the Government stressing the importance of these monies to AONBs. It was pointed out that the award of monies to upland areas was an attempt to replace lost grant monies. The AONB Manager said that the current economic climate meant that it was now more important than ever for partners to work together to deliver AONB objectives. He acknowledged that now was the right time to make representations when they stood a chance of influencing future policy.

The Chairman congratulated AONB staff on their hard work and achievements and in particular the level of external funding they had managed to secure. She referred to the annual site visit that had taken place in July which she said was extremely well organised and had been a very enjoyable and worthwhile day.

RESOLVED –

That the content of the report be noted.

34. AONB INDICATORS

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager presenting performance data on the Indicators used to measure AONB Partnership performance and Condition.

The AONB Manager said that he intended to gather condition information on a five year cycle for inclusion in the Management Plan. This would enable progress to be measured, trends identified and if necessary steps taken to amend Indicators.

The Chairman said that following the parliamentary elections in June the new government had announced that the National Indicator Set was to be replaced and that local authority data requirements would be reduced. She queried whether the AONB Indicators were over bureaucratic and necessary. The AONB Manager replied that Natural England had stated that it wanted some information from the National Indicator Set to still be available based on AONB boundaries. Also the Government would in the future want to be able to measure if the monies awarded to AONBs had been effective. The Committee noted that there were no specific targets attached to the Indicators but that instead they related to priorities identified in the Management Plan.

A Member pointed out that the Indicators did not measure ease of public access to the AONB area and suggested this was addressed. The AONB Manager replied that within the Strategic Environmental Assessment there was a public access Indicator and that he would look to link both sets of Indicators in the future.

RESOLVED –

(a) That the Performance Indicator results in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

(b) That the Condition Indicator data in Appendix 2 of the report be noted.

35. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBS (NAAONB) ACTIVITY**

CONSIDERED –

The report of AONB Manager updating the Committee on initiatives currently being carried out by the NAAONB.

The AONB Manager said that the launch of the branding scheme was taking much longer than had been originally anticipated and that little progress had been achieved to date. He agreed to consult with the Chairman on any consultations subsequently issued by the NAAONB.

With regard to decisions surrounding future funding and the sponsoring body for AONBs the AONB Manager referred Members to Appendix 2 which set out the latest position. Representations for the Minister to announce his final decision as soon as possible had been made and it was hoped that the position would be known by mid November. The indications from Natural England were that decisions surrounding the profile of the budget cuts to be made would be done in consultation with Defra. Current thinking was that it was unlikely that cuts to AONB funding would be at a different rate to that of the National Parks.

The AONB Manager reported that the approach adopted by the NAAONB in the face of anticipated funding cuts had been to accept that cuts were inevitable and to call for them to be spread across the next four years as opposed to being front loaded in year 1. This was because many AONBs were small units and the impact of a 30% cut in funding in year 1 would be devastating. The NAAONB had made the point that AONBs were a good way of delivering the government's 'Big Society' agenda.

The AONB Manager said that the previous week the Chairman of Natural England Poul Christensen had visited the area to look at on the ground joint initiatives being undertaken with the National Park and other partners. During the visit he had commented that he was very impressed with what he had seen and impressed by what had been achieved with minimal resource. The AONB Manager said that he had taken the opportunity to lobby him on the profile of the spending cuts.

Assurances were given that if sponsorship of AONB funding was transferred to Defra the Unit would continue to have a close working relationship with Natural England.

It was acknowledged that the NAAONB subscription fees could be significantly increased as a result of the budget cuts.

The Committee voiced its support for the approach adopted by the NAAONB. The Chairman said that Members would await the decision of the Minister with much interest. It was agreed that the AONB Manager would in the meantime write to Ann McIntosh MP to engage her support.

Regarding attendance at the NAAONB northern meeting in York on 12 January 2011 that Committee agreed that the Vice Chair would attend on behalf of the Chairman.

RESOLVED –

(a) That the initiatives described in the report be noted.

- (b) That the AONB Manager liaise with the JAC Chairman on the branding initiative described in paragraph 2.6 of the report, should decisions be required before the next meeting of the JAC.

36. AONB BUDGET

CONSIDERED –

The report of the AONB Manager detailing expenditure during 2009/10 and highlighting anticipated budgetary needs for 2011/12.

The AONB Manager said that the 2011/12 budget was based on the worst-case scenario for anticipated funding cuts. If the funding cuts proved to be not as severe then any extra monies gained would be added to the projects budget.

Members supported the approach outlined in the report and were keen for the AONB Unit to continue to produce its annual newsletter. Members requested that the AONB Manager explore ways of reducing the cost of the newsletter by for example reducing its length and printing it in black and white.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the details of JAC expenditure during 2009/10 be noted.
- (b) That Partner authorities be asked to consider making financial contributions towards the work of the JAC in 2011/12, in line with Appendix 5 and section 4 of the report.

37. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

CONSIDERED –

The responses submitted by the AONB Manager to Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils in respect of planning applications within the area of the AONB received since the previous meeting.

The AONB Manager said that the results of applications already determined were available upon request.

The Committee was informed that the application for construction of an agricultural building at the Avenue, Dalby had been refused. The Applicant had however, submitted a further application for a similar building on a different part of the same field the subject of the original application. A site visit had taken place at which the AONB Manager had repeated concerns about the size and need for the building. He said he intended to take advice on stocking rates before sending a response. Members of the Committee supported this approach and reiterated the objections set forth in the original response.

RESOLVED –

That the responses attached to the agenda be noted.

38. ORAL REPORTS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

North Yorkshire County Council

It was reported that information on the National Indicator for SINC sites would continue to be collected until the end of the financial year.

A series of public consultation events on the County Council's 2011/12 budget was about to commence in each of the seven districts in North Yorkshire. The first had taken place in Hambleton on Tuesday 2 November 2010 at 6.30 pm at the public library in Northallerton. Approximately 40 members of the public had attended.

Ryedale District Council

Local Development Framework – it was reported that today was the closing date for feedback on the consultation on the Core Strategy document.

Hambleton District Council

Local Development Framework – following the hearing in examination held in May 2010 the final report of the inspector had been received in September. The inspector had recommended 9 changes none of which were significant. Members would be invited to adopt the final strategy at a full council meeting on 21 December, 2010.

At the request of Councillor Featherstone it was agreed that Greens Beck be added to the work programme for treating Himalayan Balsam. It was explained that this work was most effective when started at the beginning of a watercourse and the work continued steadily downstream. For this reason AONB Officers said that it would be some time before the stretch of the beck Councillor Featherstone had enquired about was treated.

Country Land and Business Association

The Campaign for the Farmed Environment was continuing and the Association was encouraging farmers to participate. The selection of North Yorkshire as a pilot area for broadband access in villages was an exciting prospect.

Ramblers Association

A national programme aimed at getting people walking was underway. The Association was concerned that cuts in public service funding would result in an increase in outstanding maintenance issues on the public rights of way network.

The AONB Manager agreed to supply the Association with copies of the leaflet recently produced by the AONB Unit on Walks in and around Nunnington for inclusion in the Associations newsletter.

39. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the date of the 2011 annual site visit is 22 July 2011.
- (ii) That the date of the next meeting of the Committee is the morning of Thursday 31 March 2011, the exact start time and venue to be confirmed.

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31 MARCH 2011**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the work areas and progress achieved by the AONB Unit since the last meeting of the JAC.

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager, AONB Officer and AONB Assistant in the period 1st November 2010 to 23rd March 2011. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB Project Fund has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund. The main areas of work have been in-field and boundary tree planting schemes, where the backlog from last winter has now been cleared, work on the limekilns in Scar Wood, Gilling and the planting of a very visible section of new hedging near Brandsby. Conservation work to the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall is STILL in abeyance, pending the outcome of the sale negotiations and now, it is understood, a court case! This is still an iconic scheme for us to bring to completion, but clearly we will need to await the outcome of various proceedings.
- 2.3 A robust methodology for digitising the projects funded by the JAC since 1996/97 has now been developed, and the early digitisation has been re-worked to bring it into line with the new methodology. At the same time we have been thinning-out our grant files, to free-up storage space. An unforeseen consequence of this work was the need to deal with associated ICT issues arising from an upgrade to our GIS software, network file storage and network connection speed to County Hall.
- 2.4 Volunteer activity has again been significant during the last six months. SINC management tasks clearing rhododendron at Yearsley Moor and Western hemlock at Grimston Moor have all attracted good numbers of volunteers. Three task-days have been held, with one further day due to take place in late March. Several volunteers have continued to come out with the local NYCC Area Ranger, working in the AONB approximately every second week. They have principally been carrying out Public Rights of Way maintenance work, but have also helped with several other tasks where many pairs of hands were needed.
- 2.5 A December Junior Ranger Club was delivered, in snowy weather yet again! Dates have also been set for sessions in Easter, summer half-term, October and December 2011, with the activities for Easter and the summer half-term in the advanced stages of planning. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2010/11 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.6 Work on the schools twinning project has progressed very well. A Volunteers workshop was held in November and twinning visits are due to start in May. This is a major new project and demonstrates how staff commitment and effort can lever-in significant new funding resources for projects in the AONB.

- 2.7 Volunteers ‘road-tested’ the directions instructions and informative text in the previous Terrington walks leaflets, before a series of four walk leaflets were produced. In previous years the walks leaflets have been produced in a high-quality format, but for Terrington we have initially split the series of routes into one route per leaflet. This has allowed us to produce them simply using standard computer software and they are now available to download from the AONB website. Hard-copies will be distributed to outlets in Terrington village in time for the Easter holidays, and if demand/resources allow we could amalgamate them again into one leaflet in order to match the suite of three that we have already produced for other villages. Work has also started on three off-road cycle route leaflets, which again will be produced in a format for the AONB website.
- 2.8 The Community Development Officer at Rural Action Yorkshire has been continuing to work with parishes and community groups within the AONB. A slight over-run on the project is anticipated into 2011/12 and a work programme has been developed for that period. A Community Arts Project is being developed in Crayke, as well as a community drop-in event at Ampleforth and “The Good Life 2011” at Slingsby.
- 2.9 The number of planning applications and need for responses/advice has seen a spike in the last couple of months, with a number of schemes coming forward that have required sustained and significant input.
- 2.10 Potential sites for fixed-point photography monitoring points have been identified on a map and these are now being visited for scoping shots, with the aim of whittling-down the 80-odd possibles into a manageable list of 20-30.
- 2.11 NAAONB work has also been prominent in the last six months with the transfer of sponsorship from Natural England to Defra, planning for Conference 2011 in Cornwall and the preparation of a new NAAONB business plan.
- 2.12 The Joint Advisory Committee’s annual budget is likely to be overspent this year by approximately £5,000. It should however be borne in mind that we brought £34,000 of reserve Project money forward from 2009/10, as well as approximately £7,000 of Income in Advance for specific projects. As explained in paragraph 2.2 above, at least one major project that we had hoped to complete this year has been delayed and we hope it will be completed next financial year. This potentially could account for up to £15,000 of our reserves (for which indeed we have been saving the reserves). In addition, three potentially large (and highly prominent) drystone wall repair projects are known to be developing bids for funding in 2011/12.
- 2.13 A grant allocation proposal for 2011/12 was submitted to Natural England in January 2011. In line with the interim arrangements for transferring responsibility for AONBs from Natural England to Defra, the proposal has been scrutinised by Natural England and passed to Defra. A recent briefing note indicated that Defra are planning to send out the grant offer letters shortly, for sums in-line with the 5.4% reduction on the 2010/11 allocation (after its 5% in-year cut). The interim claim for payment of the 2010/11 grant was also submitted on schedule in January 2011.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

1st NOVEMBER 2010 – 23rd MARCH 2011

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Keeping abreast of developments in the AONB funding and sponsorship situation.
- Dealing with a spike in planning application consultations, including some contentious cases.
- Catching up with a backlog of emails.
- Starting work on some of the lower priority tasks scheduled for this year.
- Submitting the bid document and 2011/12 draft Annual Action Programme to Natural England, for approval of 2011/12 Defra funding.
- Development of a robust methodology for digitising the projects funded by the JAC since 1996/97, as well as amending the early digitisation to bring it into line with the new methodology. Thinning-out grant files at the same time, to free-up storage space. Dealing with associated ICT issues arising from MapInfo 9.5, network file storage and network speed.
- NAAONB work – National Lead Officers' meeting and Conference 2011.
- Organising major projects for work on the lime kilns in Scar Wood (Gilling) and tree removal at Pond Farm (Crambe).

MEETINGS

- 3rd November – CAN DO Executive Group meeting, Sutton Bank.
- 4th November – Future regional structure of Natural England, York.
- 5th November – JAC meeting, Hovingham.
- 9th November – Hambleton BAP meeting, Northallerton.
- 10th November – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 18th November – Gilling Castle RPG study inception meeting, Ampleforth.
- 19th November – NYCC Countryside Ranger – AONB PRoW Condition Survey.
- 22nd November – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust, future grazing plans, Thirsk.
- 24th November – Southern Green, Gilling Castle RPG study.
- 25th November – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 9th December – NYCC Countryside Ranger – AONB PRoW Condition Survey.
- 15th December – LEADER Support Group meeting, Helmsley.
- 16th December – Core Funders Group.
- 11th January – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 13th January – NYCC NET meeting.
- 24th January – Gilling Castle RPG study progress meeting, Ampleforth.
- 28th January – Budget meeting/introduction to AONB with Ian Fielding (new AD covering Countryside Service), Northallerton.
- 8th February – LEADER Ryedale Small-scale Enhancements Programme, Ryedale House.

- 16th February – AONBs in North Yorkshire, with Rick Walker, Northallerton
- 23rd February – Annual Action Programme update meeting.
- 23rd February – CAN DO Lime & Ice meeting on Yearsley Moor interpretation.
- 25th February – Anne McIntosh MP visit to AONB Offices.
- 9th March – Henry Rayment, projects on Castle Howard land.
- 10th March – DPCR5 meeting, Northallerton.
- 11th March – Gilling Castle RPG Study – delivery of draft report.
- 14th March – Dissemination of draft Gilling Castle RPG Study, Ampleforth Abbey.
- 17th March – Core Funders Group meeting.
- 17th March – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 18th March – Waste & Countryside Services Away-Day.
- 22nd March – NYMNP/HHAONB Highways Liaison Group meeting, Helmsley.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

Quarterly – work programme meeting with team.

NAAONB

- 4th November – Conference11 teleconference.
- 29th November – Business Plan Away-day, Birmingham.

- 20th December – Game and Wildlife Conservation All Party Parliamentary Group meeting, London.
- 12th January – Northern Chairmen’s meeting, York.
- 20th January – NAAONB Board meeting, London.
- 9th/10th February – Lead Officers’ meeting, Birmingham.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 31st March – JAC meeting.
- 6th April – Olympic Torch Relay meeting, York?
- 14th April – Council for National Parks event, York?
- 12th May – Annual Action Programme team meeting.
- 27th May – Ranger Team 3 Local Liaison Group, Helmsley.
- 16th June – Core Funders Group.
- 21st July – LEADER Support Group, Helmsley.
- 29th July – JAC site visit?
- 10th August – Annual Action Programme team meeting.
- 7th September – DPCR5 (electricity cable undergrounding), Northallerton.

Monthly project update meetings with Liz and Mark Antcliff.

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

FUTURE NAAONB

- 19th April – Conf11 Steering Group, Cornwall.
- 20/21st April – NAAONB Board meeting, Isles of Scilly.
- 19th May – Ministerial visit to Howardian Hills AONB.
- 4th – 7th July – National NAAONB Conference, Cornwall.
- 14th July – NAAONB Board, Birmingham?
- 22nd/23rd July – CLA Game Fair?
- 13th October – NAAONB Board, London.
- 14th October – NAAONB AGM, London.

SITE VISITS

- 3rd November – Planning application site visit; Husthwaite.
- 8th November – Planning application site visits; Dalby, Skewsby.

- 12th November – Newburgh Priory; various projects.
- 17th November – Planning application site visits; Bulmer, Low Hutton (A64).
- 14th December – Grimstone, Dalby – various projects.
- 23rd December – Planning application pre-submission advisory visit, for wind turbine; Gilling.
- 23rd December – Planning application site visit; Oswaldkirk.
- 6th January – pre-application advice for wind turbine – assessment of potential sites; Gilling.
- 19th January – Planning application advice site meeting; Cliff Field House, Dalby.
- 4th February – Scar Wood lime kilns, with contractor.
- 8th February – Tree felling works to prevent damage to Listed Building at Risk; Pond Farm, Crambe.
- 8th February – Planning application site visit; Whitwell.
- 8th February – Unauthorised development, old reservoir, Amotherby Lane.
- 17th March – Progress with tree removal from Listed Building at Risk; Pond Farm, Crambe

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- Planning application site visits – Husthwaite, Dalby, Coulton,

PROJECTS

- **Running contract – Gilling Castle RPG study.**
- **Running contract – Phase 1 habitat survey map digitisation.**
- Digitisation of JAC-funded work since 1997.
- **Preparation of 2011/12 Annual Action Programme and bid to NE/Defra for 2011/12 funding.**
- Mid-year claim for Natural England grant.
- Preparation of papers for March JAC meeting.
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Digitisation of JAC-funded work since 1997.
- Conference 2011 organisation.
- Defra Ministerial visit – 19th May.
- Submission of final grant claim – 31st May.

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Proof-read of new Terrington Walks leaflets.

FUTURE PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Preparation & publication of 2010/11 Annual Report.
- 26th July – Ryedale Show.

TRAINING

- 2nd November – NAAONB Funding workshop, Birmingham.
- 23rd November – VoiceConnect Loneworker training.
- 11th January – Management Development Programme follow-up meeting, Northallerton.
- 22nd February – Budget Manager training, Northallerton.

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- 11th November – PJ Appraisal.
- 16th November – AONB Team Appraisals.
- 6th – 8th December – Annual Leave.
- 31st January – Annual Leave
- 14th – 16th February – Annual Leave.
- 27th February – 7th March – skiing holiday.

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT
1ST NOVEMBER 2010 TO 11TH MARCH 2011

Some of my main duties over the past 4½ months have been:

- **Rural:Urban School Twinning Project:** Volunteers workshop completed. Visits to the majority of the schools to introduce the project officer have taken place and a date has been set. 1st and 2nd LEADER claims submitted.
Regular update e-mails and meetings with the Project Officer and his line manager to ensure that the project stays on track. Dates for 12 exchanges confirmed and the other 6 are nearly organised.
- **Projects Fund:** Hedge planting along Bonnygate Lane organised. Restoration of stone wall in Scackleton discussed with Parish Council and one of the two landowners – work ongoing. Stone walling at Wiganthorpe continued and walling at Grimston and Rose Cottage completed. Possible source of capstones for Wiganthorpe Park wall identified – to be agreed with NYCC Minerals Team.
- **Recreation and Access** – Volunteers tested the directions in the previous Terrington walks leaflets and then draft version of four walk leaflets for Terrington produced. Three off-road cycle route leaflets started.
- Updating and maintaining the **Countryside Management Budget**.
- **Exmoor Pony Grazing** –Discussions with YEPT and some landowners re. alterations to the programme in the future.
- **SDF 2010/11:** 1st edition of Swinton newsletter completed. Grant awarded for setting up allotments in Slingsby.
- **SDF 2011/12:** Application received from The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, for resources to use in their outdoor classroom.
- **ELS and HLS** – FEPs prepared for 6 farms and Applications prepared for 3 farms (one jointly with RSPB and one with land agent). Promotion of CFE event at Terrington Feb 2011. Info sent to c.150 landowners.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteer task completed managing rhododendron at Yearsley Moor and Western hemlock at Grimston Moor. Two further conservation tasks to take place in March.
- **Junior Ranger Club:** December Junior Ranger Club delivered. Dates set for Junior Ranger Club in Easter, Summer half term, October and December. Activities planned for Easter and half term.
- **RAY in the AONB:** Regular up-date meetings re parish plans and on-going projects. Developing a Crayke Community Arts Project. Developing a community drop-in event at Ampleforth and “The Good Life 2011” at Slingsby.
- **Fixed point photography:** Potential sites identified on a map and the first couple of groups of these visited for scoping shots.
- **Publicity** – Article for NYCC Countryside Volunteers Newsletter.

MEETINGS

- Nov 5th – JAC
- Nov 5th – Helmsley – Energy Saving Trust – determining target villages
- Nov 9th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Nov 10th – Hovingham – Work programme
- Nov 10th – Hovingham – Askham Bryan student – Road verge conservation info for dissertation
- Nov 16th – Pickering – Grasslands Forum
- Nov 19th – Hovingham – SINC and Tetrad surveyor
- Nov 25th – Helmsley – SDF Panel
- Dec 2nd – Helmsley – NPAPA Focus Group
- Dec 7th – Northallerton – NET
- Dec 9th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- Dec 10th – Projects update
- Dec 13th – Hovingham – Development Officers
- Dec 16th – Hovingham – Core Funders
- Jan 11th – Hovingham – AONB work programme and budget
- Jan 12th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group

- Jan 13th – Hovingham – NET
- Jan 26th – Hovingham – Fixed point photography
- Feb 3rd – Helmsley – Cornfield Flowers Project steering group
- Feb 7th – Hovingham – Projects update
- Feb 17th – Malton – Ryedale Wider Partnership
- Feb 17th – Hovingham – planning AONB Partnership Group meeting
- Feb 21st – Helmsley – Development Officers
- Feb 23rd – Hovingham – Work programme
- March 1st – Richmond – NET
- March 7th – Helmsley – SDF Steering Group
- March 7th – Helmsley – Landscape and Biodiversity Areas – Target statements
- March 9th – Malton – Ryedale BAP

- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 17th – Hovingham – Core Funders Group
- March 31st – Brandsby – JAC
- April 5th – Northallerton – Hambleton BAP
- April 6th – York – NYBAG
- April 18th – AONB Partnership Group
- May 4th – Development Officers Group
- May 10th – Helmsley – Grassland Forum
- May 19th – Launch of tripartite agreement between Defra, NE and AONBs
- Monthly - Howardian Hills AONB Unit meeting
- Monthly – SDF Steering Group Meetings
- Approx every 6 weeks – Project updates with Paul and Mark Antcliff
- Approx every 6 weeks – Natural Environment Team Meetings
- Quarterly – work programme meeting with Paul and Maggie
- Bi-monthly – SDF Panel Meetings

SITE VISITS

- Nov 11th – Newburgh – Himalayan balsam and wetland scheme
- Nov 15th – Gilling – potential hedge planting projects with landowner
- Nov 17th – Terrington Carr – site visit with Estate Forester
- Nov 23rd – Bonnygate Lane – site visit with landowner
- Dec 16th – Bonnygate Lane – Hedge planting visit with contractor
- Jan 13th – Terrington – Potential barn owl box locations with site owner
- Feb 3rd – Fixed point photography
- Feb 4th – Fixed point photography
- Feb 8th – Fixed point photography
- Feb 9th – Wiganthorpe Park wall and Scackleton Village wall– site meeting with contractor
- Feb 10th – Yearsley to Brandsby Rd – contractor – spraying recently planted hedge
- Feb 14th – Newburgh – wetland scheme discussion with landowner, farmer and RSPB
- March 4th – Scackleton – Hedge planting and barn owl box

FUTURE SITE VISITS

PROJECTS

- Nov 7th – Grimston Moor - Volunteer Task clearing Western hemlock
- Nov 22nd – A64 Whitwell – Gate pillars – hedge trimming with contractor
- Nov 22nd – Thirsk – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust
- Jan 28th – Wiganthorpe Park Wall – assessing capstones
- Jan 30th – Yearsley Moor - Volunteer Task clearing rhododendron
- Feb 2nd – Scackleton – community projects – discussion and site visit with Parish Council
- Feb 13th – Grimston Moor - Volunteer Task clearing Western hemlock
- Feb 23rd – Hovingham – Lime and Ice interpretation at Yearsley Moor
- SDF Projects – advice during delivery and checking completed projects. Direct involvement with the majority of those on the separate table in the form of advice on delivery/minor changes to conditions.

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Mar 13th – Yearsley Moor - Volunteer Task clearing rhododendron
- Mar 27th – Grimston Moor – Volunteer task clearing Western hemlock
- April 14th – Dalby Bush Fen – volunteer task
- May 8th – Volunteer task – location tbc

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Dec 8th – Hovingham – CAMS training with Ranger
- Dec 9th – Hovingham – Maps with Paul, Maggie and Steve (Ranger)
- March 15th – Hovingham – Volunteers and Ranger – training in CAMS data entry
- Four new walk leaflets produced in-house on Publisher for downloading from our website. Copies also to be sent to village shop and pub.
- Three off-road cycle leaflets started.

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Complete the three off-road cycle leaflets.
- Identify location of next walk leaflet.

COMMUNITY WORK

- Slingsby Allotments Group awarded SDF grant
- Crayke Community Arts project planned with RAY and the school. A series of mosaic floor tiles to be installed around the village depicting local images/features.
- Nov 24th – Hovingham – Slingsby Allotments Group
- Feb 1st – Hovingham – event planning with Maggie Farey (RAY)
- Feb 7th – Barton le Street – Village Hall grant discussions
- Feb 28th – Hovingham – Preparation for Slingsby event with Maggie Farey
- Yearsley Moor Lime and Ice Volunteers

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- March 22nd – Slingsby – unveil mosaic
- March 29th – Ampleforth – Community drop-in event
- April 6th – Slingsby “The Good Life 2011” – sustainable gardening for the 21st century
- Build on links with schools, parishes and community groups.
- Continue to build links with existing volunteer schemes in the locality and to develop joint tasks

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Nov 8th – The Arboretum – planning Junior Ranger Club
- Dec 20th – The Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club – ‘Festive Fun’
- Jan 20th – The Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club planning
- Promotional material produced for Easter Junior Ranger Club
- Ongoing contribution to AONB website.
- Content supplied for NYCC Volunteer Newsletter.

FUTURE PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- April 4th – Malton – Malton and Norton Gardening Club evening talk
- April 11th – Castle Howard Arboretum – Junior Ranger Club
- June 1st – Welburn – Junior Ranger Club
- Articles for NYCC Volunteer Newsletters.

EDUCATIONAL/RAISING AWARENESS

- Nov 9th – York – Schools Twinning Project – Volunteer workshop
- Nov 15th – Amotherby School – introduction to school twinning project
- Nov 22nd – Hull – visiting several of the schools to be involved with the twinning
- Dec 11th – AONB – visiting several of the schools to be involved with the twinning
- Jan 25th – York - Schools twinning project – meeting with Project Officer and his line manager
- Jan 27th – Appleton le Street – NYCC/AONB volunteers event
- Feb 18th – York - Schools twinning project – meeting with Project Officer and his line manager

FUTURE EDUCATION/AWARENESS

- March 22nd – York – Schools Twinning Project meeting with Project Officer and his line manager
- May 17th – Currently the date of the first of 18 school twinning visits (Hall Rd, Hull and Amotherby). I plan to attend the first few visits and those where I feel the schools involved might require some extra input. In future years I will only attend selected sessions.
- Continue to develop projects with local schools through working with them both in their school grounds and on field-trips.
- Developing the skills of the Volunteers on a variety of tasks including ongoing PRoW Condition Assessment Training, Community Events and Habitat Management.
- Continue producing content for sustainable living section of the website.

TRAINING

- Feb 25th – York - 1st Aid refresher course

FUTURE TRAINING

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nov 2nd – Birmingham – NAAONB – Funding workshop
- Nov 12th – Leeds – HLF grant claim advice session
- March 2nd-3rd – Northumberland Coast – NAAONB Northern Group
- March 10th – Castle Howard – Forestry and Climate Change

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- March 17th – Northallerton – Waste and Countryside Services Away-Day
- March 23rd (pm) to 25th – Annual leave and possibly a couple more days late March
- June 3rd to 13th – Scotland - Holiday

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

29 OCTOBER 2010 – 21 MARCH 2011

My main duties over the period have been:

- Assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 29 October.
- Organisation and assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 20 December.
- Organisation of Junior Ranger Club session on 11 April.
- Assisting with planning of community events at Ampleforth (29 March) and Slingsby (6 April).
- Assisting with planning for Ryedale Show stand.
- Preparation of Gardening for Wildlife leaflet for sustainable living webpage.
- Assisting with preparation of walks leaflets for Terrington.
- General admin tasks for the unit eg taking minutes, dealing with orders, invoices, post, both incoming and out, file management.
- Uploading and amending of text and information to website.
- Handling telephone and email enquiries to the Unit.
- Dealing with IT issues.

MEETINGS

- 2 November - NET meeting, County Hall
- 5 November – JAC meeting, Hovingham
- 10 November – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 16 December – Core Funders' Group
- 13 January - NET meeting and notes, Wath Court
- 23 February – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- 1 March – NET meeting and site visits, Richmond
- 4 March – Northern AONBs Group Staff meeting, Northumberland Coast
- 17 March – Core Funders' Group
- Monthly AONB Unit meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 31 March – JAC meeting, Brandsby
- 12 May – AONB Unit Action Programme meeting
- Monthly - HHAONB Unit meetings

SITE VISITS

- 16 February – Scar Wood Limekilns – photos for website

FUTURE SITE VISITS

- March/April - Scar Wood Limekilns – further photos for website

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Assisted LB with preparation of in-house walks leaflets for Terrington
- Organised reprint of walks leaflets for Welburn and Hovingham
- Continued supply of walks leaflets to local shops/outlets (ongoing)
- Basic training in CAMS mapping undertaken to help with volunteer footpath condition surveys

FUTURE RECREATION/ACCESS

- Technical support for volunteers undertaking footpath condition surveys

COMMUNITY WORK

- Planning, preparation and assisted with delivery of JRC sessions at Castle Howard Arboretum on 29 October
- Planning, preparation and assisted with delivery of JRC sessions at Castle Howard Arboretum on 20 December
- Planning and preparation of community events at Ampleforth and Slingsby
- Preparation for Easter session of JRC

FUTURE COMMUNITY WORK

- Attending and assisting with delivery of community events at Ampleforth and Slingsby
- Assisting with delivery of Junior Ranger Club session on 11 April

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/
INTERPRETATION

- Further development of Howardian Hills AONB website and links with relevant organisations

FUTURE PROMOTION/
PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Completion of website leaflet on 'gardening for the environment and wildlife'
- Liaise with NYMPA over joint stand at Ryedale Show
- Preparation for Ryedale Show including devising quiz, etc
- Continued distribution of HHAONB leaflets to tourism outlets etc

PROJECTS

- Photographic record of project at Scar Wood Limekilns – to be accessible from website

TRAINING

- CAMS mapping system – half-day workshop with Countryside Ranger

FUTURE TRAINING

- Assertiveness Training
- Mandatory Customer Care course

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16 November – half-yearly appraisal
- 23 November – annual leave
- 23 December – 3 January – annual leave

FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS

- 22 – 24 March – annual leave
- 19 May – Launch of tripartite agreement between DEFRA, NE and AONBs

AONB PROJECTS 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 11th March 2011

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

AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
~	AONB-wide	Native Woodland Development Officer post	-	FW6.5	£32,360	£2,500
RPS Group Ltd	AONB-wide	Digitisation of Phase 1 habitat survey maps	-	NE1.5	£6,650	£6,650
J Butler	Valley Farm, Grimston	Repairing 3m of roadside stone wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£260	£260
M Marshall	Bonnygate Lane, Grimstone	Replanting 200m of gaps in roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,150	£1,000
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard)	Brandsby/ Yearsley	Spaying 510m of new roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£100	£100
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2), Bulmer	Conservation grazing of 7 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20, 1.21	NE5.1, NE6.1	£1,042	£649
(NYCC Area Rangers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron & Western hemlock control	Site 1.7	NE5.4	£500	-
(NYCC Ranger + volunteer)	Hildenley	Clearance of vegetation from 2 quarry faces, to assist with educational activities	-	NE11.2, AP2	£300	-

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Cawton Bank	Fence repairs & installation of stile	Site 1.41	NE5.1	£95	£95
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Littledale SINC	Modifications to water trough, etc	Site 1.20	NE5.1	£129	£129
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE8.2	£1,071	£1,071
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE8.2	£1,230	£1,230
Wath Court Nursery	Hovingham	Bird feeder & bird box camera	-	NE10	£478	£300
Mrs R Watson	Ganthorpe	Planting 15 in-field/boundary trees	Zones 3B & 6 Landscape	NE4.4	£705	£705
M Naylor	Huttons Ambo	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees and 1 copse (100 trees & shrubs)	-	NE4.4	£1,235	£485
Mr & Mrs G McHarg	Crambe	Planting 23 in-field/boundary trees	-	NE4.4	£1,081	£1,081
Mrs E Walker	Yearsley	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees	-	NE4.4	£235	£235
D W Armitage & Sons	High Stittenham	Planting 10 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£470	£0 (CSS)
R Hall	Terrington	Planting 5 in-field/boundary trees and 1 copse (25 trees & shrubs)	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£302	£242 (80%)
M Cranfield	Oulston	Planting 2 copses (150 trees & shrubs)	Zone 4C Landscape	FW6.4	£375	£375
(FWAG)	Swathgill, Coulton	Pond restoration advice and management plan	-	NE6.3, AG2.1	£700	£200

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£200	£100 (50%)
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE5.1	£200	£100
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£700	-
P Johnson	Terrington	Planting 20 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	NE4.4	£1,175	£1,175
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£1,000	-
Huttons Ambo Churchyard group	Huttons Ambo Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE3.1, NE5.4, NE10.1	£60	£30
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£700	-
(NYCC Ranger + volunteers)	Moorside Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.9	NE8.2, AP3.1	£300	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Grimston Moor SINC	Removal of Western hemlock regeneration	Site 1.1	NE5.4, AP3.1	£600	-
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 44 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE5.3	£1,046	£1,046
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	£450	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Piper Hill Plantation SINC	Rhododendron control	Site 1.7	NE5.4, AP3.1	c.£750	-

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE4.5	£156	£156
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5		Included in cost of Gateway signs
(AONB Unit – NYCC Ryedale Area)	Mileposts	Installing 3 posts in verges	Site 2.63	HE4.5, RT4.5	£952	£952
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Spraying scrub regrowth	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£225	£225
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Re-building c.250m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£4,290	£4,290
Mrs L Howard	Rose Cottage Farm, Terrington	Re-building 22m of gaps in Park wall	Site 2.92	HE4.5	£1,300	£650 (50%)
Hovingham Estate	Hovingham Bakery	Restoration of weathervane and wind direction clock	-	HE4.5	£5,000	£1,500
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kiln, Hildenley	Removal of tree and shrub growth	Site 2.49	HE4.5	£220	£220
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Ice house, Hildenley	Removal of tree and shrub growth	-	HE4.5	£220	£220
(AONB Unit – Bayes Tree Services)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Removal of tree and shrub growth	Site 2.50	HE4.5	£430	£430

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Sam Baxter)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Consolidation of kilns	Site 2.50	HE4.5	c.£10,500	c.£9,840
(AONB Unit – Southern Green Ltd)	Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden	Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan	Site 2.16	HE4.4	c.£18,000	£6,649
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateposts, Whitwell-on-the-Hill	Cutting back of hedge and ivy	(Site 2.74)	HE4.5	£90	£90
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	The Heights, Slingsby	Orchard management training course	Site 2.52	HE4.7	£1,701	£800
(NYCC Ranger + volunteers)	Lime kilns, Scar Wood, Gilling	Sorting and stacking stone, prior to restoration works	Site 2.50	HE4.5, AP3.1	£200	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
P Tate	Cawton	Restoration of limekiln (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.65	HE4.5	£4,742	£0 (LEADER funded)
(AONB Unit – David Bayes)	Pond Farm, Crambe	Removal of surrounding trees (Listed Building at Risk)	Site 2.104	HE4.5	£1,850	£1,760

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APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Basics Plus)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	D3.5	£500	£500
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£552	£552
(NYCC)	Caulkleys Bank, Nunnington	Fill potholes in informal parking area	Site 3.8	RA11.1	£200	£0
Westow Parish Council	Kirkham Priory	Restoration/re-surfacing of car park	Site 3.15	RA11.2	£4,112	£3,112
-	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (av. 4 people/week, every other week)	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£5,200	-
-	Wath	Volunteers task – path clearance	-	RA4.5, AP3.1	£100	-

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Slingsby Primary School	Slingsby Primary School	Create mosaic panel	-	AP2.3	£2,683	£631
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Brandsby	Re-bedding stone and re-pointing sign plinth, Brandsby	-	RT4.5	£78	£78
-	Various	Volunteer effort with Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, etc.	-	AP3.1	£1,850	-
CAN DO Lime & Ice Project	Project area	2010/11 contribution			£152,985	£2,500

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 11th March 2011

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB-wide	Community Planning, Engagement & Development Project (Year 2)	-	LC1	£34,000 (Year 1)	£20,000
Orchards of Hustwaite	Hustwaite	Orchard development and apple processing equipment	-	NE10, HE4.5, SF2.4, LC1.5	£12,259	£7,759
The Arboretum Trust	The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard	Discovery Zone at the Wild about Wood festival	-	RA2.4, AP2.3	£50,355	£8,000
Sustainability 4 Yorkshire	LEADER area	Sustainable Communities project (1 of villages to be within HHAONB)	-	SF1, SF2.3, SF2.4	£76,258	£5,000
Swinton Parish Plan Group	Swinton	Establishing Village Newsletter	-	LC1.5	£486	£236 (50%)
The Arboretum Trust	The Arboretum, Kew at Castle Howard	Outdoor classroom shelters and equipment for proposed Schools Visits Officer (LEADER funded)	-	AP2.3	£11,250	£1,900
Slingsby Allotments Society	Slingsby	Creation of allotments	-	SF2.4, LC1.5, LC1.6	£3,449	£1,452
(AONB Unit – NYMNPA)		Administrative services	-	-	£3,000	£3,000

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly web lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Erection of extension to agricultural building)	No	Dark grey roof sheets	Unsure whether darker colour specified
Hambleton District Council	Whenby	Planning application (Creation of an agricultural pond)	No	Native tree and shrub species to be used	Withdrawn?
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of electricity pole)	No	None (AONB Manager's suggestion)	-
Forestry Commission	Oswaldkirk	Woodland management proposals (Coppicing of riverside trees)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Huttons Ambo	Woodland management proposals (Fell poplars & replant)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of solar panels to roof)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtton	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Colour of roof panels; paint side wall panels	Agreed by applicant

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of stainless steel flue for biomass boiler)	Yes	Flue to be dark-coloured, or visible length to be less	Condition – dull-coloured finish
North Yorkshire County Council	Hovingham	NRSWA consultation (verge planting)	No	Native species of plants or trees to be used	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Slingsby	NRSWA consultation (re-location of milepost)	No	One of our projects	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling – revised details)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Minor – colour of roof sheets, landscaping	Agreed by applicant
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	Yes	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension to form groom's accommodation)	Yes	None	(Refused)
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling/Grimstone	NRSWA consultation (renew 2 gullies)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (install new gully)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Nunnington	NRSWA consultation (CE Electric undergrounding works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Yearsley	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning, FC land)	Yes	Suggested actions to promote heathland regeneration	Felling suggestions accepted; Replanting ?
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Siting of a wind turbine – 15m mast)	Yes	Colour of mast & blades	Condition attached
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of extension to stable block and formation of menage)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping	Refused

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Erection of eco-centre and manager's house – re-submission)	No	None (Previous comments accepted in revised scheme)	?
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	Yes	Strong Objection – inappropriate siting & colour of materials	Refused
Forestry Commission	Howsham	Woodland management proposals (Selective felling of poplars, 2.0ha broadleaf PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Oswaldkirk	NRSWA consultation (re-laying kerbs)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of stables and extension)	(Yes)	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth College	Planning application (Erection of extensions – House Masters' houses, dormitory, Common Rooms)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of extension to stable block and formation of ménage – re-submission)	No	None (Previous comments accepted in revised scheme)	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural storage building and feed store)	Yes	Colour of roof and wall materials; landscaping	Condition attached
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coneysthorpe	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	Species-rich road verges – avoid damage	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (kerbing & haunching)	No	None	-
Network Rail	Crambeck	Erection of 24.5m train communication mast	Yes	Colour of mast, antennae & control cabinet	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions to visitor centre)	(in passing)	Height of western extension	Approved
Highways Agency	Whitwell	Re-alignment of cycle track	Yes	Keep sign clutter to minimum	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Change of use of outbuilding to form holiday cottage)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of greenkeepers equipment shed)	Yes	Colour of wall and roof panels, landscaping	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Erection of a wind turbine – 18m mast)	Yes	Colour of blade	Refused
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	NRSWA consultation (drainage investigation works)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (erect signpost)	No	Size	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Change of agricultural land to a campsite)	Yes	Objection – siting of car parking and utility area; entrances.	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Crambeck	Planning application (Erection of 24.5m train communication mast)	Already been	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building – re-submission)	Yes	Objection – agricultural need; landscape impact	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Huttons Ambo	Planning application (Erection of permanent frame for sign)	Yes	Colour of poles and frame to be dark	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Change of use of land and erection of stables/feed store)	Yes	Colour of walls; landscaping	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Skewsby	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	(Approved)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement)	No	Track improvements; external lighting	Conditions attached
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Unknown until construction
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 4 semi-detached bungalows)	No	None	(Approved)
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of 5 bedroom agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Objection – location on crest of ridge	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling)	No	None	(Approved)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Unknown until construction
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Change of use of former agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings & 1 holiday cottage)	Yes	Colour of window frames to be ‘agricultural’	Withdrawn
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (erect chevron signs on bends)	No	Excessive sign clutter close to Castle Howard Registered Park	?
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Raise roof height of existing garage to form accommodation)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	South Holme	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	No	Support sympathetic colour of materials	?
Forestry Commission	Scackleton	Woodland management proposals (Selective felling, 1.9ha broadleaf plantation to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Hustwaite	Planning application (Formation of camp site and erection of wind turbine – 15m mast)	?	?	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land to domestic; alterations and extensions to dwelling and former agricultural buildings)	?	?	?
North Yorkshire County Council	Coulton	NRSWA consultation (LV overhead works)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of a 5-bedroom dwelling)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Change of agricultural land to a campsite – re-submission)	?	?	?
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Erection of single storey extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of wind turbine – 18m mast)	?	?	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of garden store)	?	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural building)	?	?	?
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of a field shelter)	?	?	?

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
NYCC	County	Draft North Yorkshire & York Landscape Character Assessment	Various detailed points	?
NYCC	County	Minerals & Waste Core Strategy	Various minor points	?
NYCC	County	Local Transport Plan 3	None	?
Ryedale DC	Ryedale District	LDF Draft Core Strategy	Development to release funds for conservation deficits; affordable housing; setting of AONB	

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED 2010/2011

1st April 2010 – 23rd March 2011

ORGANISATION	DOCUMENT
AONB Units	Annual Reports, Newsletters, etc

2010/11 Junior Ranger Club

All Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer at The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard.

August 2010 : Summer Fun in the Howardian Hills

The summer holiday sessions were carried out using the outdoor classroom at The Arboretum.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Sustainable living 'Composting creatures' Thursday 26 th August (am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Story sticks – collecting items from around the Arboretum to attach to their sticks so they can tell the story of their day. ▪ Minibeast hunt – under wood piles and in fallen leaves – finding creatures that compost. ▪ Compost creatures – making habitats for compost creatures in trays – what do they need to survive? ▪ Composting relay – relay race of greens, browns and 'no-no's'. 	5
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Wet and Wild' Thursday 26 th August (pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet a tree and ephemeral art – making large pictures on the ground from natural objects. ▪ Pond dipping – discovering what lives in the main lake, identifying the creatures with key wheels and FSC cards. 	5

October 2010 : Amazing Autumn in the Howardian Hills

The following activities have been arranged for October half-term. The bookings for the summer holidays were low so we have decided that it is time to carry out some promotion of the Junior Ranger Club. Fliers (made in-house and reproduced in A6 on our photocopier to minimise costs) have been sent to all of the primary schools in the AONB. Posters have been sent to primary schools in the surrounding market towns. Bookings, with over a week to go, are already considerably higher than for the summer: to date 22 children have reserved places.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Biodiversity and Landscape 'Amazing Autumn' Friday 29 th October	<p>A collection of activities celebrating autumn in the AONB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seed creatures and cards with seed pictures on them. ▪ Colour change game – why do leaves change colour in the autumn? ▪ Shelter building/hibernation – making child-sized hibernation areas. ▪ Sky/mirror walk – different creatures have eyes in different places in their heads – what different perspectives does this give them on the world? ▪ Back up plans for wet weather – autumn tree and bat cards, clay fungi, pom-pom spiders webs. 	20

December 2010: Festive Fun in the Howardian Hills

Temperatures well below freezing helped with delivery of these winter-themed activities.

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
20 th December	Ice art - which froze outside quicker than it would have done in the freezer! Animal tracks relay. Feed the birds and making bird cake. Willow dream-catchers. Pom-pom spiders. Mirror walk. Stained glass windows with a seasonal nature theme (using tissue paper and black card).	18

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
31 MARCH 2011**

AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2010/11

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2010/11. The Action Programme for 2011/12, combined with a Business Plan, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At each Spring meeting the JAC considers a report detailing the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives. The Action Programme contains details of the progress made against the previous year's targets. The Action Programme covering detailed progress against 2010/11 targets is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Although some of the progress is difficult to measure completely objectively, realistic analysis shows that 79% of the specific targets were either exceeded or fully/partly achieved. Progress was also achieved against a further 6 Objectives for which no specific Targets had been set, with 6 separate actions being completed. Any shading in the table indicates that the information has not been received yet, or responses etc have not been made.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a slightly lower performance than that of the previous year, although from a subjective viewpoint it is felt that we in fact progressed more actions where no progress had been achieved in previous years (despite us setting targets to do so). Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were lower priorities for the AONB Unit. For example, changing the emphasis of the articles in AONB News, in comparison to what we had anticipated, resulted in not achieving approximately 8 targets in one fell swoop! Conversely, developing a new methodology for digitising work completed in the AONB by the JAC is only one action, but the progress has been very significant. The programme of quarterly team meetings to specifically discuss progress against Targets, agree new priorities and assign tasks helped significantly and for many of the Targets the work completed exceeded what we had planned to achieve.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Delivery of the Sustainable Development Fund, allocating £44,000 to projects.
 - Investigation into the principle of ecosystems services and developing a matrix table against which to assess projects and consultation responses.
 - Developing a revised, and much more robust, methodology for digitising the practical conservation work funded by the JAC since 1996, and re-formatting 3 years-worth of data.

- Obtaining information on the possible effects of climate change on the AONB's woodland species and habitats.
- Gathering information from other AONBs and then developing an environmental policy for the AONB Unit's activities.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Achievements this year included:

- Inputting the 2009/10 information into the Biodiversity Action Recording System.
- Digitising the Phase 1 habitat survey maps of the AONB.
- Carrying out 7 workdays with volunteers on 3 SINCs/SSSIs.
- Implementing 8 schemes to plant 88 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs). Work carried-over from winter 2009/10, due to prolonged snow and frost.
- Managing 8 grassland sites (all SINCs bar one).
- Managing 44 Special Interest Road Verges.
- Clearing significant areas of Western hemlock regeneration on Grimston Moor SINC.
- Controlling Himalayan balsam along approx. 5.8km of Wath Beck.
- Preparing 6 Farm Environment Plans.
- Working with a new partnership of farmers in the Newburgh area on an initiative to restore breeding wader numbers.
- Promoting the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 and the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
- Clearing scrub from two geologically-important quarry faces, for educational purposes.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our input to the CAN DO Lime & Ice Project's Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project, with 5-10 volunteers exploring the history of the area.
- Giving advice and developing proposals to improve the management of 10 Scheduled Monuments.
- Securing the funding and letting the contract to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden.
- Completing work on 8 Local Priority Sites or other historic features. The most significant of these were further work completed to restore the roadside stretch of Wiganthorpe Park wall near Scackleton and the restoration of a 3-pot lime kiln near Gilling.
- Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Project money being used to repair a Listed limekiln at Cawton and a variety of other historical features within AONB villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing our involvement with the LEADER Local Action Group and CAN DO Partnership.
- SDF funding for the 2-year Rural Action Yorkshire project of community engagement, planning and development.

- RAY Project Officer has been involved in assisting with significant community projects in at least 3 villages.
- Funding advice and other workshops also held.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Providing HLS/ELS advice to 2 farmers and land managers; preparing 6 Farm Environment Plans for HLS.
- Completing 13 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 200m of hedge gapping-up, 3m of field wall restoration, 275m of wall restoration (Wiganthorpe Park), 88 new hedgerow or in-field trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs).
- Submitting responses to planning consultations for 13 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Continuing to fund the Native Woodland Development Officer post.
- Providing woodland management advice to 3 landowners or managers.
- Scrutinising 5 Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme consultations.
- Submitting 2 Felling Licence Applications and 1 EWGS application for new woodland planting.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 68 development control consultations – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2010 are given in a separate Report on this agenda.
- Overhead electricity wires undergrounded in Nunnington.
- Inputting to the development of the Ryedale Local Development Framework.
- Producing leaflets on household renewable energy technologies.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 14 development control consultations.
- Attending 1 NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Highways Liaison meeting.
- Re-casting 5 new mileposts to replace missing ones and restoring 2 further mileposts; funded by Ryedale DC LEADER Small-Scale Enhancements Project.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Securing funding from LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund, then launching our new Schools Twinning Project.
- Starting a Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network, using volunteers to survey and then input their results.

- A team of at least 4 volunteers working with the NYCC Area Ranger at least 1 day every other week in the AONB on Public Rights of Way maintenance.
- Printing and distributing a Local Information & Walks leaflet for Nunnington/Caulkleys Bank.
- Developing proposals to upgrade the footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status (subsequently declined by the owner).
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Identifying and developing potential circular off-road cycle routes.
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB.
- Providing funding to rationalise and re-surface the car parking area at Kirkham Priory.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Ensuring that outlets had an adequate stock of AONB literature.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2009/10.
- Maintaining the AONB website – 75,000 visits last year, and obtaining media coverage via 16 press mentions.
- Hosting a film crew from the BBC Countryfile programme, together with participating in an item on the Exmoor pony grazing programme. 6 features/ interviews broadcast on Radio York.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Holding 4 guided walks and giving 2 evening talks.
- Holding 6 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 86 children attending.
- Launching the twinning project between primary schools in the AONB, Hull and York.
- Achieving volunteer assistance for 17 tasks or projects, worth at least 205 days or £11,200.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Achievements this year included:

- The Sustainable Development Fund had a budget of £50,000. It was again delivered in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Authority, at a cost of £3,000 this year.
- Utilising the Natural England Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
- Supporting the NAAONB's preparation of information for the transfer to Defra sponsorship.
- The CAN DO Partnership's Lime and Ice Project continued with the Yearsley Moor archaeology project and completion of a circular walks leaflet.
- The partnership with the National Park Authority and Forestry Commission to employ a Native Woodland Development Officer continued.
- Obtaining funding for the schools twinning project from LEADER and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

- Obtaining substantial CAN DO funding for Himalayan balsam control, in-field tree planting, digitisation of the Phase 1 habitat survey maps and restoration of the lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling.
- Obtaining funding from English Heritage and Forestry Commission for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden study.
- The staff of the AONB Unit remained unchanged during 2010/11.

14.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

14.1 Achievements this year included:

- Developing a list of potential sites for use in fixed-point photography monitoring.
- Gathering baseline information for the majority of the SEA and Condition Indicators.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Contributing 1 article for the Outstanding magazine.
- Attending the national AONB Conference, 2 Northern AONBs meetings and 2 seminars.
- Attending 2 Funding Sub-Group meetings (to advise on the move to Defra sponsorship), the Northern AONBs Chairmens' meeting and a national Lead Officers' meeting.
- Paul Jackson, as a Director on the Board of the NAAONB, attended 5 Board meetings and 1 All-Party Parliamentary Group meeting.

16.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The progress made to date with implementing the Management Plan be noted;
- b) the achievements against Targets for 2010/11 be noted.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2010/11**

The crosses indicate the periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change						
SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Not progressed.
SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.	~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow. ~ Participate in FC Regional Habitat Network Study, providing additional funding for focus on CAN DO area if appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Revised recording methodology developed and 3 years worth of projects re-formatted. ~ Study substantially reduced in scale - Interreg bid failed and RDA funding reduced. No additional AONB funding therefore needed. Small study carried out. ~ Two recent FC reports and maps obtained. Event attended at Castle Howard, Mar '11.
SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.	XXXXX		XXXXX		
Promote sustainability, and support projects						
SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	~ Complete matrix table and then pilot its use to assess projects and consultation responses. ~ Decide how to use the matrix table to record the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services provision.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Table completed but not piloted, as unsure of how useful it would prove to be as a tool.
SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.	~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ See above.
SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.	~ Highlight 1 case study in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Leaflets on Renewable Heat and Renewable Energy finished and uploaded to website. Sustainable Gardening leaflet being planned. ~ Articles on the Campaign for the Farmed Environment and projects at Castle Howard Arboretum and Husthwaite.
SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).	~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved.
SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	~ Formulate and adopt policy.			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved – Policy and Checklist approved (with minor alterations) at Core Funders Group in Mar '11.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. – ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2009/10 into BARS. ~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats. ~ Complete, via CAN DO Partnership.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Scar Wood SINC put forward and surveyed. ~ Hovingham Estate surveyed by volunteer surveyor. ~ Completed. ~ Not progressed. ~ Completed Mar '11, utilising match funding from CAN DO Partnership.
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. – ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Survey of Newburgh Priory park due to take place in Spring '11. ~ Foss Spring Mire put forward, but no SINC Panel capacity currently to allow assessment. ~ No relevant applications.
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINCS. ~ Work with 1 PCC on churchyard management.		XXXXX		XXXXX	~ Work carried out at Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4, Moorside Plantation SINC, Grimston Moor SINC x 2. ~ Work carried out at Amotherby and Huttons Ambo.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats						
NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.	~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC.		XXXXX			~ Advice provided to landowner. ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Piper Hill SINC; 1 day with NYCC Ranger in Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ No relevant schemes.
NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.	~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer.				XXXXX	
NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites.	~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Continue control of Western hemlock adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling.					~ 2.0ha restored in Howsham Wood SINC. ~ No progress – unsure of amount that FC consider still needs clearing. ~ Not progressed.
NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/ species-rich hedges/individual trees.	~ Continue to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ See also SF1.2 above.			XXXXX	XXXXX	
NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ See also SF1.2 above.			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 8 schemes completed, comprising 88 individual trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs). ~ Advice provided for 1 scheme at Newburgh: 3.6ha EWGS application submitted.
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats						
NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.	~ Continue to facilitate conservation grazing of SINC and other sites.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ 7 sites grazed, at Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2) & Bulmer. ~ Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC managed. ~ Water trough arrangements at Littledale improved.
NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.	~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers.					~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Hollin Hill Bogs SINC. ~ 44 SIRVs cut Mar '11.
NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges.	~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs.				XXXXX	~ 2 volunteer task-days completed – significant progress made.
NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath.	~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No relevant schemes.
NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ See also SF1.2 above.					

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest. NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.	~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Assess need for willow control work at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ See also SF1.2 above.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Area around scrapes managed by Castle Howard contractor and NYCC volunteers. ~ Site visited. Potential volunteer task. Include willow control in renewed (HLS) agreement. ~ Low input grassland option included in HLS application for field adjacent to Hollin Hill Bogs SINC. ~ Advice provided to 1 scheme at Coulton. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 1 x HLS scheme submitted. Scoping meeting held for future work on 1 other farm.
Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species. NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites. NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.	~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers. ~ Continue to develop initiative for breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area. ~ Investigate potential for a joint Ryedale & Hambleton LBAP initiative on Farmland Birds.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Site not cut in 10/11 but will be cut autumn '11. ~ Cutting-back of encroaching hedge scrub at Broughton Lane SINC completed Jan '11. ~ xx trees planted at Ampleforth Abbey, adjacent to Holbeck. ~ Cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '11. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ 1 HLS scheme submitted. Scoping meeting held for future work on 1 other farm. ~ Superseded by other initiatives, principally the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
Invasive non-native species NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance. NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.	~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following 2008 & 2009 work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following 2009 work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in 2009. ~ Continue Himalayan balsam control works in Barker & Mugdale Woods SINC. ~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Assume density has reduced, as follow-up work halved in cost again. ~ Site visit carried out. Part of site may not have been sprayed. Further liaison with FC carried out. ~ Achieved Jul '10. 5.8km stretch cut. ~ Advice provided to landowner. ~ 4 volunteer task-days completed in Piper Hill SINC, 1 in Moorside Plantation SINC. Scattered shrubs also removed in Grimston Moor SINC.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
<p>More sympathetic management of farmland</p> <p>NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</p> <p>NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Complete 5 FEPs for land in the AONB.</p> <p>~ Work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Restricted availability of HLS, so no additional targeting carried out.</p> <p>~ FEPs completed for farms at Crayke (3), Whitwell, Newburgh & Hovingham.</p> <p>~ Article included in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ ELS advice provided to farmers at Hovingham & Oulston.</p>
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages</p> <p>NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.</p>	<p>~ Promote the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ Article included in AONB News 2010. Also: footer added to emails; biodiversity-themed quiz held at Ryedale Show; page created on AONB website.</p>
<p>Important geodiversity sites</p> <p>NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS.</p> <p>NE11.3 Resist development proposals.</p>	<p>~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Clear vegetation from 2 quarry faces at Hildenley.</p> <p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Not progressed.</p> <p>~ Completed April '10. Re-growth needs treating.</p> <p>~ No relevant applications.</p>
<p>Assistance to farmers and land managers</p> <p>NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes.</p> <p>NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance.</p> <p>NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ See NE9 and FW2.</p> <p>~ See appropriate Objectives above.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~</p>					
<p>Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB</p> <p>HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey.</p> <p>HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER.</p> <p>HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.</p>	<p>~ Assist with compilation of final report, as necessary.</p> <p>~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan.</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ See HE3.2.</p> <p>~ Discuss options with NYCC.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Final report received and scrutinised Mar '11.</p> <p>~ Postponed until 2011/12, due to delay with final publication of report.</p> <p>~ To be progressed following final publication of HLC Report.</p>
<p>Statutory protection</p> <p>HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable.</p>					<p>~ Legislative framework not progressed by Government.</p>

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Local participation in cultural heritage sites						
HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Western hemlock seedlings removed from round barrow, Grimston Moor.
HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Project proceeding, with AONB input as necessary. Discussion of potential interpretation ideas held Feb '11. ~ Events put on AONB website. Input made to circular walks leaflet for Ampleforth.
Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary.					~ Comments submitted on 3 planning applications affecting sites of interest.
HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ See NE9 above.					
HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Involved EH in management of 1 site at Grimston; Discussed management of 2 sites at Fryton and 5 sites at Yearsley with owners; 1 site at Hovingham included in HLS application; 1 site at Grimston Moor managed.
HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Assist with preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for Gilling Castle.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Completed – contract organised, let and run by AONB Unit.
HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.	~ Explore potential HDC funding for small-scale works, then promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funds for works in all AONB villages. ~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Investigated HDC funds but no real scope. Promotion of LEADER scheme done by RDC.
	~ Start conservation works on lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Work completed on Local Priority Sites at Dalby, Wiganthorpe (2 separate sites), Hildenley, Gilling (2 projects on one site) & Whitwell. Work on other sites/features at Hovingham & Hildenley.
	~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Trees cleared Oct '10 and consolidation works started Mar '11. ~ LEADER grant used for repairs to limekiln at Cawton. ~ Encroaching trees removed from around Pond Farm, Crambe.
HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	–					
HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.	–					~ FWAG orchard management course supported Nov '10.

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<p>Assist local communities with projects</p> <p>LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues.</p> <p>LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/ agency.</p> <p>LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms.</p> <p>LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans.</p> <p>LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects.</p> <p>LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding.</p> <p>LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.</p>	<p>~ As necessary</p> <p>~ Pass on information as necessary, as part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to attend Development Officers meetings.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ SDF support for RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Slingsby and village enhancement works at Huttons Ambo.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Promote LEADER/HDC/AONB funding for village enhancement works.</p> <p>~ Hold 4 advice events in AONB villages.</p> <p>~ As part of RAY Community Engagement Project.</p> <p>~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>~ On-going, as part of Parish Plans process.</p> <p>~ Attended all meetings, every 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>~ Year 2 of SDF grant provided. RAY assistance with Parish Plans at Swinton & Slingsby.</p> <p>~ Allotments created at Slingsby (SDF); Village Hall projects assisted at Nunnington, Barton-le-Street & Slingsby.</p> <p>~ Slingsby arts project completed; works at Huttons Ambo completed using RDC LEADER funds.</p> <p>~ See HE4.5 above.</p> <p>~ Template letter prepared to bring projects & funding to attention of PCs.</p> <p>~ RDC mobile unit visited Westow, Welburn, Slingsby & Terrington; events held in Oswaldkirk & Ampleforth.</p> <p>~ Achieved Mar '11.</p>
<p>Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development</p> <p>AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB.</p> <p>AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</p>	<p>~ As necessary, via NAAONB.</p> <p>–</p> <p>~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above.</p> <p>~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2010.</p>		<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>		<p>~ Monitoring progress on CAP 2013 review & NAAONB responses to consultations.</p> <p>~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Information placed on AONB website.</p>

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<p>Conservation advice and assistance</p> <p>AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB.</p> <p>AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects.</p> <p>AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'.</p> <p>AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.</p>	<p>~ Provide advice to farmers and landowners, etc as necessary.</p> <p>~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.</p> <p>~</p> <p>~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010.</p> <p>~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Tree planting/management advice provided to farmers at Brandsby, Scackleton, Terrington, Dalby, Newburgh, Whitwell & Sproxton.</p> <p>~ Schemes completed at Grimston (2), Hovingham, Ganthorpe, Huttons Ambo, Crambe, Yearsley, High Stittenham, Terrington (3), Oulston & Scackleton. 200m of hedge gaps planted. 3m of field wall overhauled; 275m Park wall restored. 88 individual trees and 4 copses (277 trees & shrubs) planted – see NE4.4 above.</p> <p>~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed.</p> <p>~ FWAG orchard management course supported Nov '10.</p>
<p>Sustainable alternative farm enterprises</p> <p>AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control.</p> <p>AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes.</p> <p>AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Encourage, as opportunities arise.</p> <p>~ Promote the new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2010.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX		<p>~ No objections to 4 projects in planning consultation responses, at Grimston, Howsham, Terrington & Whitwell; Objection to 1 scheme at Dalby (and Reservations with re-submission).</p> <p>~ Emphasis of AONB News changed. Low-key FC launch; FC promotional event cancelled.</p>
<p>New farm buildings and infrastructure</p> <p>AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures.</p> <p>AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.</p>	<p>~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p>~ Comments submitted on proposals subsequently: Approved at Whenby, Yearsley, Sproxton, Gilling, Nunnington, Crayke x 2, South Holme; Objection to 2 schemes, at Dalby (and to re-submission) & Oswaldkirk (much-improved landscaping scheme); Decisions pending at Hushwaite, Coulton.</p> <p>~ Not progressed.</p>
<p>Woodland management proposals</p> <p>FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission.</p> <p>FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.</p>	<p>~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.</p> <p>~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.</p>					<p>~ 5 consultations on specific woodland management/planting schemes received.</p> <p>~ No relevant schemes, although likely to be part of future management of FC land at Yearsley.</p>

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Multi-objective approach to woodland management FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. -					~ Felling Licence Applications prepared for enhancement works in woods at Scackleton & Brandsby. ~ Woodland enhancement options included in HLS application at Whitwell. ~ Advice provided for schemes at Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton & Newburgh.
Local provenance trees and shrubs FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Contact the FC, to obtain information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3) ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Consider propagating a further batch of black poplar cuttings.			XXXXX		~ See SF1.3 above. ~ No relevant schemes. ~ Local provenance oaks used for in-field and boundary tree planting schemes (see NE4.4). ~ Will be part of the PAWS restoration project, at Howsham. ~ Cuttings taken by Castle Howard Nursery for propagation, Mar '11.
Alternative markets for timber products FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Promote new FC incentives for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2010. ~ Promote the Greenbeams website in AONB News 2010. -			XXXXX	XXXXX	~ No relevant applications. ~ Emphasis of AONB News changed. Low-key FC launch. ~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Information put on AONB website instead.
New woodland FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate. ~ Promote the proposed new FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No relevant schemes. ~ Supported Native Woodland Development Officer post and utilised for woodland advice. ~ 1 scheme submitted at Newburgh (3.5ha). ~ See AG3.3 above.

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Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	– ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. – ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.					~ Biomass Capital grant scheme, WIG 80 for Under-managed Woodlands and Forestry & Flooding grant schemes given final approval. ~ Work carried out in Grimston Moor, Piper Hill Plantation & Moorside Plantation SINCS. ~ Achieved. High input to in-field/boundary tree planting projects.
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– ~ Compile a list, using the Native Woodland Development Project database. ~ Promote the Landskills programme in AONB News 2010.					~ Lists of all types of contractors obtained from NYMNP. Maintaining separate list of AONB contacts. ~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed.
New development D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					~ Comments submitted; process being monitored. ~ 68 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external contractors.
Design of new development/ management of existing buildings D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Promote as part of the RAY Community Engagement Project. ~ Investigate availability of LEADER funding for VDS'. – – –					~ No comments necessary on this issue. ~ RDC presentation to Thornton-le-Clay PC. ~ LEADER funding potentially available, but probably only for a batch of villages. ~ Weathervane/wind direction clock restored in Hovingham; undergrounding of overhead electricity wires promoted in Oulston & Crayke.

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Mitigation of intrusive features						
D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features.	~ Continue evaluating landscape or biodiversity enhancement measures at sewage works, etc.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Low priority, no further progress.
D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables.	~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Attended meetings in Sept '10 & Mar '11. ~ Scheme completed at Nunnington. Now progressing schemes at Crayke & Oulston.
D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables.	~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Site meeting held at Dalby but not progressed further. May be moved by BT anyway.
D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ Comments submitted on 1 relevant application.
D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Completed, ending Dec '10. ~ No known reportable incidents this year.
Small-scale quarrying for local uses						
D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					~ No relevant applications.
D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ Contact owners of Grimston Grange, if proposed development works commence. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					~ Development at Grimston Grange not started yet. ~ No relevant development proposals; approached farmer at Scackleton to supply cap-stones for Wiganthorpe Park wall.
Renewable energy installations						
D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ No comments necessary on this issue.
D5.2 Support appropriate proposals.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 4 relevant applications (+ 2 pending – presumed no objections). ~ Advice on wind turbines provided to 2 potential applicants, at Terrington & Gilling.
D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Include information on Gilling village hall ground source heat system in AONB News 2010. ~ Produce a leaflet on household renewable energy technologies and place on AONB website.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Included as part of LEADER article. ~ Achieved May '10. Also used at Ryedale Show.

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Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. -					~ 2 potential businesses referred.
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 5 relevant applications.
Modern communications technology D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.			XXXXX		~ Comments submitted on Network Rail mast at Crambeck. ~ Plans obtained for Hambleton area.
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - ~ Include an item in AONB News 2010.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed. Postpone to 2011, in order to include information on the proposed Community Right to Build.
Solutions to traffic routing problems RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary. - - -					~ No input necessary this year.
Traffic and driver behaviour issues RT2.1 Gather information on traffic speeds. RT2.2 Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations. RT2.3 Local events to examine and address issues.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds carried out in 4 AONB villages. ~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Monitoring carried out in ??. ~ Unknown.

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Sustainable modes of transport RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Workplace Travel Plans. RT3.5 Development of next Local Transport Plan.	~ Continue input to development of SCTS' for Malton and Easingwold, as appropriate. ~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton. ~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2010. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Input as necessary.		XXXXX	XXXXX		~ No action needed. ~ Monitored – no apparent progress. ~ No space – emphasis of AONB News changed and RYECAT had had a change of staff. Postpone to 2011. ~ No relevant applications. ~ No action needed.
Maintain character of rural road network RT4.1 Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority. RT4.2 Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB. RT4.3 Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'. RT4.4 Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'. RT4.5 Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ Contribute to development of NYCC Construction Manual. ~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme. ~ Restore 15 traditional direction signs. ~ Restore 1 milepost. ~ Restore 5 village name signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 14 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2 above). ~ Attended 1 NYCC/NYMNP/HHAONB Liaison meeting. ~ Detailed advice provided on 2 consultations. ~ No further progress by NYCC. ~ Not progressed any traditional direction sign restoration projects this year. ~ Not progressed this year. ~ 2 signs restored in Hovingham by RDC LEADER project. ~ 5 new mileposts cast to replace missing ones; 2 mileposts restored; all funded by RDC LEADER project. ~ 1 original sign restored at Hovingham by RDC LEADER project. ~ Helped Amotherby PC with RDC LEADER forms for restoration of village signs and traditional direction sign.
A64 Trunk Road RT5.1 Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary. ~ Input to joint Corridor Study, as appropriate.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Draft study scrutinised.

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Sustainable recreation activities RA1.1 Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB. RA1.2 Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	– ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					~ No objections to 3 relevant applications, at Grimston, Terrington & Husthwaite; Objection to scheme at Dalby (and Reservations with re-submission).
Promote AONB in a sustainable way RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc. RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors. RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations. RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB. RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer. ~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc. – ~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull. ~ Further develop links with local health providers/organisations.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Completed Aug '10. ~ Not progressed. ~ Funding obtained from LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund. Project proceeding on schedule. ~ Not progressed. ~ Details updated on Walking for Health website.
Recreational management measures RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Approached by 2 x PCs but no further progress.
Management of the PRow network RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture. RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition. RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping. RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth. RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network. ~ Begin a Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers. ~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Area Ranger, as necessary. ~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary. ~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train volunteers in path Condition surveying.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	~ On-going. ~ N/A. ~ 2 volunteers trained; Crambe & Howsham completed as a pilot; surveyed and data input to CAMS. ~ Regular reporting of issues, which are generally resolved in a timely manner. ~ No issues identified in 2010. ~ Team of up to 4 NYCC volunteers work in AONB every Thursday. ~ 2 volunteers trained in survey and data entry.

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Definitive Map RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District. RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	– ~ Continue with process of achieving an upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Commence work on route anomaly at Slingsby.					~ Creation Agreement prepared but subsequently declined by Ampleforth Abbey. ~ NYCC planning one Agreement to deal with 10/15 route anomalies on the Castle Howard estate in 2011/12.
Improvements to PRow network RA6.1 Encourage creation of new access routes/areas. RA6.2 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ As opportunities arise. ~ Encourage retention of Crayke circular permissive route and Huttons Ambo permissive area, via HLS applications. ~ Upgrade footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Westow, Slingsby & Hovingham.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Crayke route retained in HLS, with enhanced interpretation; Huttons Ambo area not renewed, due to time delays and loss of access payments in HLS. ~ See RA5.2 above. ~ Westow completed; Howsham in progress ; see RA5.2 re. Slingsby.
Path usage issues RA7.1 Encourage path improvements via management measures. RA7.2 Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc. RA7.3 Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. – ~ As requested.					~ No relevant applications.
Open Access in FC woodland RA8.1 Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.2 Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land. RA8.3 Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	– – ~ As necessary.					

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Guided routes RA9.1 Identify appropriate routes. RA9.2 Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes. RA9.3 Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ See AP2.1 ~ Re-appraise missing links hindering the establishment of a major route around the AONB. ~ Develop circular off-road cycle routes, once route surface issues have been addressed. ~ Assess possible linkages and any verge cutting necessary/appropriate. ~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information & Walks leaflet. ~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflet.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	~ Not progressed. Gilling/Ampleforth link felt to be the most important one to concentrate on. ~ Held meeting with CTC to discuss potential for links towards York; 1 route published in NY Times; potential route around Hovingham suggested by NYCC. ~ Assessment completed. No action needed at present. ~ Completed Jul '10. ~ AONB website amended to give details of specific outlets for each village leaflet. ~ 4 individual route leaflets prepared and published on AONB website. ~ Hovingham & Welburn leaflets re-printed.
Bus routes and other transport services RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	- ~ Discuss with English Heritage for Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RA11.2 below.	XXXXX	XXXXX			~ Not progressed.
Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Work with English Heritage, landowner, NYCC and PC to improve car park surface and management of litter. ~ As opportunities arise.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX		~ Achieved. ~ Completed, ending Dec '10. ~ Usage of car parks monitored Aug '10 (see RA2.1). ~ Car park re-surfacing completed Aug '10, supported by AONB grant.
Water recreation on the Derwent RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As necessary.					~ No relevant applications.

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Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB						
AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Publish and distribute Nunnington Local Information & Walks leaflet. ~ Publish and distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflet. ~ Identify next village for Local Information & Walks leaflet. 	XXXXX				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ See RA9.3.
AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ See RA9.3. ~ Not progressed.
AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club sessions (½ day). ~ Secure grant funding and launch the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull. 		XXXXX	XXXXX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Achieved. Welburn Local History Society (21), Sheriff Hutton Gardening Club (46), volunteers 'super-task' at Sutton Bank (28), Howsham Mill (14), Secrets of Yearsley Moor (10), Castle Howard bat-walk (37). ~ Exceeded. 2 sessions Aug '10; 2 sessions Oct '10; 2 sessions Christmas '10. (86 children).
AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Discuss installation of a board at Kirkham Priory, in conjunction with RT11.2 above. 	XXXXX	XXXXX			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Funding obtained from LEADER and Heritage Lottery Fund. Project proceeding on schedule. ~ Not progressed.
Volunteering						
AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Assisting at Junior Ranger Club (Aug '10, Oct '10, Dec '10); Ryedale Show (Jul '10); rhododendron clearance at Piper Hill Plantation SINC x 4 & Moorside Plantation SINC; clearing quarry faces at Hildenley; Western hemlock clearance on Grimston Moor SINC x 2; stone sorting at Scar Wood limekilns, Gilling; checking walks routes at Terrington; PROW maintenance with NYCC Ranger; Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor project. 17 projects or tasks, worth at least 205 days (£11,200 at SDF volunteering rates).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue arrangements with graduate volunteer(s). ~ Further develop, with Nidderdale AONB, a possible graduate placement programme. 	XXXXX	XXXXX			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Naomi Cox (Dec '09 – Apr '10); no further volunteers. ~ Not progressed.

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Funding and partnership mechanisms IM1.1 Seek funding to implement Management Plan Objectives. IM1.2 Annual meetings of AONB Partnership Group. IM1.3 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Natural England. ~ Ensure full utilisation of Natural England grant allocation. ~ Assist with implementation of CAN DO HLF Lime and Ice Project. ~ Participate in the delivery of the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER initiative, encouraging support for projects within the AONB. ~ Secure funding from LEADER and HLF for the next programme of work with AONB schools. ~ Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, CAN DO, LEADER, etc for specific identified projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Hold a meeting in April 2011. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to use the National Park to provide specialist advice to help deliver the AONB SDF programme. ~ Continue partnership arrangement to employ Native Woodland Development Officer to cover National Park & AONB. ~ Continue to participate in the CAN DO partnership. 	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	 XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Supported, as part of NAAONB Funding Sub-Group, move to Defra sponsorship. ~ Achieved. ~ On-going. ~ On-going. Main fund largely allocated now. Significant number of schemes in the AONB supported by RDC LEADER Small-scale Enhancements project. ~ Achieved. ~ CAN DO funding accessed for Himalayan balsam control, digitisation of AONB Phase 1 habitat mapping, in-field and boundary tree planting, restoration of Scar Wood lime kilns. ~ English Heritage & Forestry Commission funding obtained for Gilling Castle Parkland study. ~ Hambleton DC funding obtained for creating mosaics at Crayke. ~ 18th April '11. ~ Achieved. ~ Achieved. ~ All meetings attended. 	
Business development of AONB Partnership IM2.1 Monitor business development needs and identify improvements. IM2.2 Incorporate improvements into annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Complete the signing of the new Agreement between Natural England and the 3 constituent Local Authorities. ~ Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, March 2011. 	XXXXX			XXXXX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Completed Jul '10. ~ Achieved, for JAC 31st March '11.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 10/11	APRIL - JUNE	JULY – SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 10/11
Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2011. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers, as resources allow. ~ Use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Achieved, for JAC 31 st March '11. ~ Revised recording methodology developed and 3 years worth of projects re-formatted. ~ NE Partnership Indicators reported to JAC Oct '10. ~ 3 Best Practice examples submitted to NE. ~ Achieved.
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage. ~ Investigate the potential to use volunteers. ~ Develop a list of locations for 'fixed point' monitoring. ~ Compile a completed table of data for all Indicators. ~ As necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ Spreadsheet of Management Plan sites compiled; NYMNP monitoring forms/info obtained. ~ Utilise for follow-up surveys, once initial sites/viewpoints established. ~ 'Long-list' compiled and being refined via site visits. ~ GPS purchased to assist with consistency of location. ~ Data compiled for 14 of the 18 Indicators.
National Association for AONBs Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities. Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings. ~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine. ~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. ~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	~ 5 Board meetings attended. 1 APPG meeting. ~ 1 article submitted for Autumn but no edition published (NE communications embargo on NAAONB). ~ 2 Funding Sub-Group meetings attended. Northern Chairmen's meeting. National Lead Officers' meeting. International Year of Biodiversity promotion. ~ Attended June Northern Group meeting (Forest of Bowland AONB); National Conference (Kent); Adaptive & Resilient Landscapes workshop; Non-Exchequer Funding Sources workshop; March Northern Group meeting (Northumberland Coast AONB).
AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.	–					

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
31 MARCH 2011**

AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2011/12

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2011/12.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The AONB Management Plan contains a detailed Action Programme that lists each Objective and Action and identifies a suggested lead agency and partner organisations for implementation.
- 2.2 In addition to setting targets for 2011/12 this report also details some of the mechanisms for achieving the proposed targets, as well as indications of some of the individual projects that may be implemented.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 contains the Action Programme and Targets for 2011/12, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Piloting the matrix table of ecosystem services for evaluating projects.
 - Continuing to run a Sustainable Development Fund, with an anticipated budget of £20,000.
 - Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC. This will be very important for the project below.
 - Attempting to calculate the carbon balance of land use in the AONB, using data from the FWAG CALM assessments.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £18,000, although there is also a share of a c.£34,000 reserve available from 2010/11. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Drystone wall restoration near Brandsby.
 - Drystone wall restoration at Scackleton.
 - In-field tree planting at Sproxton and Dalby.

- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and road verge management.
 - Continuing our programme of planting individual hedgerow and in-field trees.
 - Liaising with the Forestry Commission on replanting proposals for Grimston Moor SINC, to maximise the benefits for heathland regeneration.
 - Trying to re-establish knapweed on Amotherby Lane SINC, to help the knapweed broomrape population.
 - Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron on various SINC and other sites.
 - Completing 2 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently c.£31,000, although there is also a share of a c.£34,000 reserve available from 2010/11. Potential projects to be funded include:

- Continuing works on the Park wall at Scackleton – sourcing and fitting capstones.
- Finishing the repairs to the lime kilns in Scar Wood, Gilling – grant committed.
- Conservation work to the Gate Lodges at Howsham Hall – maybe, depending upon the house sale!
- Restoring traditional direction signs in the Hambleton area of the AONB.
- Restoring Listed gate piers near Welburn village.
- Installing kerbing to protect the Scheduled long barrow near Grimston.

5.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continuing the CAN DO Lime & Ice Yearsley Moor community archaeology project, into its final year and the installation of interpretation material.
- Considering potential work projects arising from the Conservation Management Plan for the Gilling Castle Registered Park & Garden.
- Revising the Landscape Priorities for each Landscape Character Zone of the AONB, following the release of the Historic Landscape Characterisation data.
- Promoting LEADER funding for small-scale enhancement schemes in Ryedale villages.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 The proposed budget for works with local communities is £2,000. No potential projects have been identified as yet.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- The final part of the SDF-funded Community Planning, Engagement and Development project, run by Rural Action Yorkshire.
- Continued involvement in the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £18,000. See paragraph 4.1 above.

7.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Preparing basic design guidance for new farm buildings.
- Completing 2 Farm Environment Plans for farmers/land managers, assisting with ELS/HLS advice and raising awareness of the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Promoting the Forestry Commission's new Floodplain Woodlands and Under-managed Woodlands grant incentives.
- Continuing with management work to control invasive species in targeted locations, principally Himalayan balsam, Western hemlock and rhododendron.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities on development proposals. The amount of work arising from planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive.
- Inputting to the preparation of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as appropriate.
- Continuing liaison with CE Electric on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, pushing for the design and subsequent start of work at Crayke.
- Continuing to control litter and report fly-tipping.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Responding to consultations received from the Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
- Continued attendance at the NYMNP/HHAONB/NYCC Liaison meetings.
- Continued input into the preparation/implementation of the NYCC Service Centre Transportation Strategies and Construction Manual.
- The repair and restoration of at least 5 traditional direction signs.
- Investigating the recording of Special Interest Road Verges and traditional direction signs/mileposts in the National Street Gazetteer.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 The proposed budget for recreation and access works is £1,500, although there is also a share of a c.£34,000 reserve available from 2010/11.

- 11.2 Principal activities for the year include:
- Training and utilising volunteers wherever possible for management works on Rights of Way.
 - Continuing with the Condition Survey of the Public Rights of Way network.
 - Progressing an Agreement to rationalise a number of Public Rights of Way routing anomalies on the Castle Howard estate, which should make one particular bridleway route from Slingsby more attractive to users.
 - Continuing to control litter at ‘hot-spots’.
 - Further developing possible circular routes for off-road cyclists.
 - Monitoring the progress and conclusions of the Panel convened to advise on the future running of the public forest estate.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 The proposed budget for awareness and promotion work is £5,500.

- 12.2 Principal activities for the year include:
- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets have ample supplies of our leaflets.
 - Publishing our 2010/11 Annual Report and AONB News 2011.
 - Maintaining our website, getting press coverage and attending Ryedale Show.
 - Distributing the Local Information and Walks leaflets for Terrington, which are printed as simple sheets and also available from the AONB website.
 - Holding at least 3 guided walks or events and 2 Junior Ranger Club days.
 - Assisting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in delivering a successful first year of our new 4-year schools twinning project.
 - Developing ideas to mark the 25th Anniversary of the AONB designation in 2012, based around an environmental sculpture or simple log seats.
 - As described in the sections above, using volunteers to help wherever possible and appropriate. Also developing an idea for a graduate placement programme in partnership with Nidderdale AONB.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:
- Continuing the Native Woodland Development Officer partnership with the North York Moors National Park and Forestry Commission, with a contribution of £2,500.
 - Continuing involvement with the CAN DO Partnership’s Lime and Ice Project, with a wide variety of community-based activity and interpretation. Continuing to support the Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project.
 - Participating in the LEADER partnership, as described in paragraph 6.2 above.
 - Accessing resources from LEADER and the CAN DO Partnership for specific projects.
 - Investigating SITA Trust funding for rhododendron control/ native woodland restoration in the FC Gilling woodlands.
 - Completing the signing of a new Agreement between Defra and the 3 Local Authorities.
 - Informal confirmation of funding from the 3 Local Authorities has been received, with a 5% cut indicated by North Yorkshire County Council and stand-still contributions from Ryedale and Hambleton District Councils. The reduction in Defra funding remains as previously indicated – 5.4%.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Developing an assessment mechanism of non-statutory Local Priority Sites.
- Gathering baseline data for the remaining four AONB Condition Indicators for which information is still missing.
- Continuing the digitisation of practical conservation work completed/funded by the JAC.
- Continuing to develop a fixed-point photography monitoring project, and compiling a set of baseline photos.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Paul Jackson attending NAAONB Board meetings until October, when he will stand-down from the Board.
- Contributing articles for the Outstanding magazine, if it is published.
- Embracing the AONB Branding initiative where possible.
- Attending Conference, seminars, Northern Group meetings, etc.

16.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- a) The Targets for 2011/12, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.
- b) The continuation of the administrative arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority for the Sustainable Development Fund scheme be noted.
- c) The continuation of the contribution to the Native Woodland Development Officer post be noted.

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME

2011/12

The crosses indicate any specific periods during which the activity is likely to be undertaken.
Targets that have an 'on-going' nature have no time period allocated.

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
AONB's contribution to climate change adaptation/mitigation, and impacts of climate change						
SF1.1 Carbon balance of land use activity in the AONB.	~ Calculate the carbon balance of rural land use in the AONB, using figures from the CALM assessments.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
SF1.2 Map of green infrastructure.	~ Continue to enter JAC-funded activity onto GIS map layers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF1.3 Gather information on the impacts of climate change on the AONB's Special Qualities.	~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Promote sustainability, and support projects						
SF2.1 Ecosystem approach to guide consultation responses and assess projects.	~ Pilot use of matrix table to assess projects and consultation responses.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
SF2.2 Publicise tips on sustainable living.	~ Maintain and update the AONB website page as necessary.					
SF2.3 Demonstrate examples of good sustainability.	~ Include an article on waste recycling in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
SF2.4 Support projects using Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).	~ Continue to operate the SDF as a separate funding pot, to support innovative and best practice projects.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SF2.5 Environmental policy for the JAC's own activities.	-					

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Knowledge of wildlife resources and possible climate change impacts NE1.1 Rolling programme of SINC monitoring. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific habitats or species. NE1.3 Assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife. NE1.4 Research climate change resilience of key AONB habitats. NE1.5 Digitise Phase 1 maps of the AONB.	~ Assist with NYCC monitoring survey, as necessary. ~ Include Foss Spring Mire in 2011 SINC survey. ~ Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2010/11 into BARS. ~ Research the resilience of AONB fen and grassland habitats. -	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	
Key nature conservation sites NE2.1 Maintain and update a register of key sites. NE2.2 Protect best sites through designation. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key sites. NE2.4 Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence of sites.	~ Continue with work with NYMNP and RDC on Heritage Trees. ~ Carry out survey of Newburgh Park. ~ Assess Foss Spring Mire for SINC status. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Local participation in nature conservation sites NE3.1 Local involvement with monitoring and management of wildlife.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 3 SINC. ~ Work with 2 PCCs on churchyard management.		XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Implementation of Local BAP targets for woodland habitats NE4.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE4.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE4.3 Restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites. NE4.4 Creation of new native woodland/wood pasture/species-rich hedges/individual trees. NE4.5 Creation of wet woodland and marshy grassland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue rhododendron control works in Park Wood, Piper Hill and Moorside Plantation SINC. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Encourage via EWGS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. ~ Assess whether further removal of Western hemlock is necessary adjacent to Park Wood SINC, Gilling. ~ Make concerted effort to encourage creation of a new area of wood pasture at Brandsby, to link to veteran tree. ~ Plant 25 new individual in-field and hedgerow trees. ~ Encourage via EWGS/ESS consultations and advice of Native Woodland Development Officer. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for grassland habitats NE5.1 Management of Local Priority Sites. NE5.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites. NE5.3 Special Interest Road Verges. NE5.4 Restoration of grassland and lowland heath. NE5.5 Creation of new grassland habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINC and other sites, by grazing or other means. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Carry out management works on 40 SIRVs. ~ Control Western hemlock and rhododendron on Grimston Moor SINC. ~ Discuss Grimston Moor replanting proposals with FC, to achieve lower stocking density/heathland restoration. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. 	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for wetland habitats</p> <p>NE6.1 Management of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.2 Extension and buffering of Local Priority Sites.</p> <p>NE6.3 Restoration of sites that have declined in interest.</p> <p>NE6.4 Creation of new habitat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage birch at Terrington Carr SINC. ~ Explore willow control options at Adjacent to Sandlands Meadow SINC. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary. 		XXXXX		XXXXX	
<p>Implementation of Local BAP targets for important species</p> <p>NE7.1 Management of key sites for specific species.</p> <p>NE7.2 Restoration or creation of sites.</p> <p>NE7.3 Local Target Areas and co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby Lane SINC. ~ Plant plug plants of knapweed to bolster population of host plant. ~ Plant 10 black poplar cuttings in the Stonegrave area. ~ Encourage via ESS consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. ~ Continue input to initiative on breeding waders in Coxwold/Newburgh area, as necessary. ~ Continue to support the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, encouraging use of options to benefit farmland bird species. 	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	
<p>Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE8.1 Monitor location and abundance.</p> <p>NE8.2 Targeted management efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Monitor condition of Wath Beck corridor, following '08, '09 & '10 work to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Monitor condition of Piper Hill Plantation SINC, following '09 & '10 work to control rhododendron. ~ Re-cut the length of Wath Beck corridor that was cut in '09 & '10 (Himalayan balsam). ~ Experiment with using glyphosate to control Himalayan balsam. ~ Continue rhododendron control in prioritised locations. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
More sympathetic management of farmland NE9.1 Target sites for entry into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. NE9.2 Encourage participation in the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary. ~ Complete 2 FEPs for land in the AONB. ~ Continue to work with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment, to encourage participation. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Implementation of Local BAP targets for wildlife within villages NE10.1 Raise awareness and assist communities with creating and managing areas for wildlife.	–					
Important geodiversity sites NE11.1 Develop a network of RIGS. NE11.2 Manage sites identified as RIGS. NE11.3 Resist development proposals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Assist with NEYGT and NYGP survey programmes, as necessary. – ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. 					
Assistance to farmers and land managers NE12.1 Assist with applications to grant schemes. NE12.2 Flexible package of assistance. NE12.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. NE12.4 Skills training initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ See NE9 and FW2. ~ See appropriate Objectives above. – ~ Support 1 FWAG training course. 		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Knowledge of the cultural heritage of AONB HE1.1 Historic Landscape Characterisation survey. HE1.2 Revise the Local Landscape Priorities, after HLC survey. HE1.3 Research projects. HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage. HE1.5 Recording local history and traditions and passing information to the HER. HE1.6 Annual forum to discuss research and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Input to final Report. ~ Revise the relevant sections in the Management Plan. ~ See HE3.2. – ~ See HE3.2. ~ Pass information on 2009/10 & 2010/11 projects to HER Officer. – 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Statutory protection HE2.1 Input to Heritage Protection Review.	~ As necessary, dependent upon legislative timetable.					

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Local participation in cultural heritage sites						
HE3.1 Local involvement in monitoring and management of cultural heritage features.	~ Carry out management works with volunteers on 2 sites.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	
HE3.2 CAN DO 'Lime and Ice' Project.	~ Continue input to Yearsley Moor Archaeology Project. ~ Participate in other Lime and Ice initiatives being delivered in the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Preserve AONB's historic heritage						
HE4.1 Historic landscape conservation and management advice.	~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary.					
HE4.2 Encourage entry into agri-environment schemes.	~ See NE9 above.					
HE4.3 Heritage Partnership Agreements.	~ Address management issues on 5 SMs at High or Medium Risk. ~ Install kerbing to protect long barrow, Grimstone. ~ Encourage more sympathetic management of Round Barrow cemetery (SMs) on Fryton Moor.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
HE4.4 Conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens.	~ Identify possible projects arising from the Gilling Castle study.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
HE4.5 Flexible package of assistance.	~ Utilise RDC LEADER scheme for works in AONB villages. ~ Carry out management or repair works on 8 Local Priority Sites or historic features. ~ Use AONB resources in partnership with NYCC/RDC LEADER to carry out works on 1 Listed Building at Risk.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
HE4.6 Demonstrate 'best practice'.	~	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
HE4.7 Skills training initiatives.	~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website.					

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Assist local communities with projects LC1.1 Lobby Government on rural issues. LC1.2 Pass information from community/consultation events to the relevant organisation/ agency. LC1.3 Innovative service delivery mechanisms. LC1.4 Encourage Parish Plans. LC1.5 Implementation of identified projects. LC1.6 Link communities to advice on funding. LC1.7 AONB Village Forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary ~ Continue to attend Development Officers' meetings. – – ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Deliver Rural Arts Project at Crayke. ~ Liaise with RAY & other organisations. ~ Promote LEADER/AONB funding for village enhancement works. ~ Contribute to any advice events held in AONB villages. ~ Continue to invite Parish Councils to the AONB Partnership Group meeting. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Government support mechanisms for sustainable farm and rural business development AG1.1 Lobby on the development of rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Funding for the Howardian Hills AONB. AG1.3 Promote rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ As necessary, via NAAONB. In particular, monitor developments in new CAP proposals. ~ Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within relevant strategies/Schemes. ~ As opportunities arise. See also NE9 above. ~ Publicise Farm Crisis Network in AONB News 2011. 		XXXXX	XXXXX		
Conservation advice and assistance AG2.1 Provide specialist advice within the AONB. AG2.2 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. AG2.3 Demonstrate 'best practice'. AG2.4 Skills training initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as necessary. ~ Assist 8 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding. ~ Start 1 major stone wall restoration project. – ~ Support 1 skills-related training course in the AONB. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Sustainable alternative farm enterprises AG3.1 Positive approach to planning control. AG3.2 Participation in regional climate change mitigation schemes. AG3.3 Local climate change adaptation schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Encourage, as opportunities arise. ~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
New farm buildings and infrastructure AG4.1 High standards of design, siting and landscaping measures. AG4.2 Produce basic design guidance.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Produce guidance and circulate to District Councils.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Woodland management proposals FW1.1 Consultation procedure between JAC and Forestry Commission. FW1.2 Encourage 'continuous cover' schemes.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. ~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations.					
Multi-objective approach to woodland management FW2.1 Management in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Use of the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. FW2.3 Encouragement to achieve UKWAS certification.	~ On-going. ~ As opportunities arise. -					
Local provenance trees and shrubs FW3.1 Susceptibility of native trees and shrub species to climate change. FW3.2 Planting stock of appropriate provenance. FW3.3 Incorporation of natural regeneration. FW3.4 Work with local forest nurseries.	~ Continue to gather information on the resilience of AONB woodland habitats. (SF1.3) ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Propagate a further batch of black poplar cuttings at Castle Howard Tree Nursery.		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
Alternative markets for timber products FW4.1 Encourage small-scale woodfuel heating systems and develop a woodfuel market. FW4.2 Use of timber in local industries. FW4.3 Demonstrate on-site processing equipment.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Promote FC incentives/advisory service for appropriate work in under-managed woods in AONB News 2011. – –		XXXXX	XXXXX		
New woodland FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on siting and design. FW5.2 Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As opportunities arise, using Native Woodland Development Officer as appropriate. ~ Promote the FC Floodplain Woodland Creation grant package in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
Grant incentives to achieve Management Plan Objectives FW6.1 Grant incentives for annual PAWS restoration tasks. FW6.2 Grant incentives for specific priority work, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy. FW6.3 'Scoring system' for new woodland. FW6.4 Flexible package of assistance for small-scale conservation projects. FW6.5 Continue Native Woodland Development Project.	– ~ Monitor the prioritisation of regional funding, to maximise opportunities for AONB land managers. – ~ Carry out management work to control Western hemlock and rhododendron on FC land. ~ Continue financial support for Project, ensuring satisfactory input to AONB initiatives.				XXXXX	
Demonstrate best practice/ skilled workforce FW7.1 Local demonstration sites/events. FW7.2 List of local contractors. FW7.3 Promote woodland training courses and apprenticeships.	– – –					

OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12
New development D1.1 Appropriate policies in all relevant Plans and Strategies. D1.2 Consultation arrangements.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Design of new development/ management of existing buildings D2.1 Rural Design standards. D2.2 Village Design Statements. D2.3 Guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques. D2.4 Conservation Area appraisals. D2.5 Assist with works identified in Conservation Area appraisals.	~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. - ~ Publicise National Heritage Training Group courses on AONB website. - -	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Mitigation of intrusive features D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate intrusive features. D3.2 Undergrounding of electricity cables. D3.3 Undergrounding telephone cables. D3.4 Resist increases in light or noise pollution. D3.5 Litter and fly-tipping.	- ~ Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings. ~ Encourage implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB. ~ Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Continue litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Report fly-tipping incidents to the Local Authorities, as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Small-scale quarrying for local uses D4.1 Support appropriate planning applications. D4.2 Supplies of suitable stone for drystone wall restoration.	~ As appropriate, via JAC consultations. ~ Contact owners of Grimston Grange, if proposed development works commence. ~ Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.					

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Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on appropriate technology and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals. D5.3 Promote benefits of appropriate renewable energy and demonstrate examples of 'best practice'.	~ Provide advice to applicants and agents on suitability of proposals. ~ Input to development of the Ryedale LDF Core Strategy, as necessary. ~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Include case study of wind turbine at Lodge Field Farm, Gilling in AONB News 2011 (dependent upon outcome of planning application).	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
Business and diversification opportunities D6.1 Signposting to Business Link. D6.2 Encourage local businesses via the CAN DO Partnership.	~ As appropriate. -					
Re-use of redundant farm buildings D7.1 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					
Modern communications technology D8.1 Broadband and mobile phone installations. D8.2 Liaise with Local Authorities and network operators.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ Obtain annual roll-out plans from District Councils.			XXXXX		
Local needs/affordable housing D9.1 Local Housing Needs Surveys. D9.2 Further develop and adopt measures. D9.3 Promote potential benefits of Local Needs housing.	- - ~ Include an item on the Community Right to Build in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX		
Solutions to traffic routing problems RT1.1 Full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue. RT1.3 Investigate freight traffic issues in the AONB. RT1.4 Freight Quality Partnerships, to address any issues identified.	~ Monitor proposals and input as necessary. - - -					
OBJECTIVE	SPECIFIC TARGET 11/12	APRIL - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC	JAN - MAR	ACHIEVEMENTS 11/12

Traffic and driver behaviour issues						
RT2.1	Gather information on traffic speeds.	~ Monitoring of traffic speeds carried out in 4 AONB villages.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT2.2	Regular programme of speed-checks in problem locations.	~ Speed checks carried out in 2 AONB villages.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT2.3	Local events to examine and address issues.	-				
Sustainable modes of transport						
RT3.1	Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.	~ Continue input to development of SCTSs for Malton and Easingwold, as necessary.				
RT3.2	Implementation of identified measures via SCTSs.	~ Monitor progress of local initiative to improve path from Broughton to Malton.				
RT3.3	Promote the availability of alternative transport services.	~ Publicise RYECAT services in AONB News 2011.		XXXXX	XXXXX	
RT3.4	Workplace Travel Plans.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.				
RT3.5	Development of next Local Transport Plan.	-				
Maintain character of rural road network						
RT4.1	Liaison arrangements between the JAC and highway authority.	~ Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.				
RT4.2	Design guidance for road signage, etc in the AONB.	~ Contribute to continuing development of NYCC Construction Manual.				
RT4.3	Identify and reduce road sign 'clutter'.	~ Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration programme.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RT4.4	Inventory of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Explore options for recording features, for input into National Street Gazetteer.		XXXXX	XXXXX	
RT4.5	Maintenance and restoration of historic 'roadside furniture'.	~ Restore 5 traditional direction signs. ~ Restore 1 milepost. ~ Restore 5 village name signs.	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX
A64 Trunk Road						
RT5.1	Monitor future proposals and provide comments.	~ On-going, with involvement as and when necessary.				
Sustainable recreation activities						
RA1.1	Monitor sustainability of recreational activities in the AONB.	-				
RA1.2	Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational developments.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.				

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Promote AONB in a sustainable way						
RA2.1 Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc.	~ Repeat basic monitoring of car park usage during summer.		XXXXX			
RA2.2 Work with Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for visitors.	~ Establish contacts and methods of distribution, etc.		XXXXX			
RA2.3 Work with local Tourism Associations.	-					
RA2.4 Initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	~ Deliver schools twinning project, with schools in York and Hull.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA2.5 Initiatives to promote health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.	~ Develop further links with local health providers/organisations.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		
Recreational management measures						
RA3.1 Small-scale recreation management works.	~ Install additional/replacement litter bins at Kirkham.	XXXXX	XXXXX			
Management of the PRow network						
RA4.1 Maintenance of path furniture.	~ Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified. ~ Ensure that any new/diverted paths are completed to the same standard as rest of network.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA4.2 Regularly monitor path condition.	~ Continue Condition Survey of the AONB, utilising AONB Volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
RA4.3 Rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.	~ Bring issues to the attention of the NYCC Countryside Ranger, as necessary.					
RA4.4 Prioritised programme for cutting seasonal undergrowth.	~ Monitor the NYCC seasonal cutting programme and liaise with NYCC Countryside Ranger as necessary.	XXXXX	XXXXX			
RA4.5 Community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.	~ Use AONB/NYCC volunteers to tackle identified maintenance issues. ~ Train 4 more volunteers in path Condition surveying.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
		XXXXX	XXXXX			
Definitive Map						
RA5.1 Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.	-					
RA5.2 Identify existing route and status anomalies and lobby for action.	~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath to bridleway at Ampleforth. ~ Commence work on bridleway route anomaly at Slingsby, as part of a wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate.					
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Improvements to PRow network						
RA6.1	Encourage creation of new access routes/areas.	~ As opportunities arise.				
RA6.2	Support appropriate Public Rights of Way route alterations.	~ Continue to pursue upgrade of footpath between Gilling and Ampleforth Station to bridleway status. ~ Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby & Hovingham.				
Path usage issues						
RA7.1	Encourage path improvements via management measures.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.				
RA7.2	Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, cyclists, etc.	-				
RA7.3	Make advisory signage available for control of dogs, shutting gates, etc.	~ As requested.				
Open Access in FC woodland						
RA8.1	Low-key works on freehold Forestry Commission land.	-				
RA8.2	Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land.	~ Input as appropriate to any FC consultation on future management of the public forest estate.				
RA8.3	Assist in negotiations on leasehold sites as appropriate.	~ As necessary.				
Guided routes						
RA9.1	Identify appropriate routes.	~ See AP2.1 ~ Develop circular off-road cycle route from Hovingham, in partnership with NYCC.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
RA9.2	Identify linkages via road verges and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.	-				
RA9.3	Publish and distribute guide leaflets.	~ Publish and distribute/upload Hovingham Ridges Ride cycle route leaflet. ~ Publish and distribute/upload 2 further cycle route leaflets. ~ Distribute Terrington Local Information & Walks leaflets. ~ Install laminated copy of Nunnington leaflet map at Caulkleys Bank.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	

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Bus routes and other transport services RA10.1 Enhancements to public/community transport and Moorsbus networks. RA10.2 Explore options for park-and-ride at larger tourist attractions.	– –					
Informal car parking facilities RA11.1 Carry out appropriate management works. RA11.2 Continue discussions to improve parking facilities at Kirkham Priory. RA11.3 Investigate the use of village car park and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.	~ Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. ~ Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. ~ Encourage management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. ~ (Completed) ~ As opportunities arise.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		
Water recreation on the Derwent RA12.1 Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use. RA12.2 Countryside management measures to resolve local recreational issues.	~ Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. ~ As necessary.					
Forum to discuss recreation, access and tourism issues RA13.1 Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary. RA13.2 Pass information on issues to North Yorkshire Local Access Forum.	– –					

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<p>Awareness and understanding of AONB designation, importance and role of JAC</p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing AONB 'gateway signs' and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP1.3 Provide information via the Annual Report, Newsletter and website.</p> <p>AP1.4 Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at shows.</p> <p>AP1.5 Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AONB designation (Oct 2012).</p> <p>AP1.6 Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey.</p>	<p>~ Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p>~ Investigate installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p>~ Ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p>~ Publish 2010/11 Annual Report.</p> <p>~ Publish AONB News 2011.</p> <p>~ Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated each month.</p> <p>~ Obtain at least 20 media mentions.</p> <p>~ Attend Ryedale Show.</p> <p>~ Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p>~ Continue to scope the options for an environmental sculpture.</p> <p>~ Investigate provision of log seats.</p> <p>~ Establish methodology and recruit volunteers, for survey in Summer 2012.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Awareness of Special Qualities of AONB</p> <p>AP2.1 Information leaflets for individual AONB villages.</p> <p>AP2.2 Annual programme of guided walks and talks.</p> <p>AP2.3 Programme of activities with local schools and communities.</p> <p>AP2.4 Install information boards at suitable sites.</p>	<p>~ See RA9.3.</p> <p>~ Hold at least 3 guided walks or talks.</p> <p>~ Hold 2 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p> <p>~ Deliver the schools twinning project with schools in York and Hull.</p> <p>–</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
<p>Volunteering</p> <p>AP3.1 Involve volunteers to assist with delivery of tasks and activities.</p>	<p>~ Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.</p> <p>~ Further develop, with Nidderdale AONB, a possible graduate placement programme.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	

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Monitor performance of AONB Partnership and AONB Unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor Partnership performance using Natural England Indicators. MN1.3 Measure customer satisfaction with AONB Unit via regular questionnaires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Annual Action Programme update to JAC, March 2012. ~ Continue to enter grant-aided schemes onto GIS map layers. ~ Continue to use NE Partnership Indicators to measure performance of JAC and AONB Partnership. ~ Continue to send out questionnaires to grant recipients. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
Monitor Condition of AONB MN2.1 Develop a mechanism to assess the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites. MN2.2 Consider developing a 'fixed point photography' monitoring system. MN2.3 Establish baseline data for AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.4 Information on Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle. MN2.5 Provide information to assist the Countryside Quality Counts programme and monitor the results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Discuss possible assessment mechanisms with NYCC and English Heritage ~ Use assessment mechanism to 'score' condition of sites. ~ Establish baseline photos for chosen locations. ~ Complete the table of data, for all Indicators. ~ As necessary. 	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	
National Association for AONBs Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities. Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Attend NAAONB Board meetings. ~ Write 2 articles for 'Outstanding' magazine. ~ Adopt AONB Family branding identity, as appropriate. ~ Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. ~ Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate. 	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	
AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.	–					

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
31 MARCH 2011**

DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2010.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the spring meeting, the JAC receives an annual report on the number and type of planning applications determined within the AONB during the previous year. This procedure was started for the first time in 1998 and gives an impression of the degree of development pressure within the AONB.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT DURING 2010

3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2010 appears in Appendix 1. Details have been included of all applications within the period which were approved or refused by the two principal local planning authorities – Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils. Details have not been included of applications which were withdrawn or where a decision was still pending at the end of the year.

3.2 It is clearly important not to read too much into this information. Nothing can be deduced about the scale of development or its visual impact. Nevertheless the following appear to be the most significant conclusions:

- The AONB is still under relatively little development pressure; the numbers of applications have risen since a very low point in 2009 but are still only 60% of what they were 3 years ago. The profile of applications across the categories is fairly normal, but just with lower levels of activity.
- 91% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is consistent with the 5-year average of 90%.
- Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications understandably being seen in the larger villages (albeit with reduced numbers across the board). Dalby-cum-Skewsby is the only parish where a higher-than-normal level of activity was seen, which is principally due to two new development sites.
- Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. The only category showing any above-average activity was Agriculture, where there continues to be a steady stream of new farm buildings being erected.

- The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourist and recreational development pressure, although one significant application was Withdrawn (and hence doesn't appear in the figures). This application has been re-submitted in 2011, and there is one other known application just outside the boundary of the AONB.
- A number of significant applications and cases can be highlighted from the past year – applications for a new agricultural building at Dalby and a new farmhouse at Oswaldkirk; creation of a campsite at Dalby; and the erection of an 18m wind turbine at Husthwaite (Refused) and 15m at Yearsley (Approved). More applications for on-farm wind turbines in the 12-15m category are expected in the future, as the AONB Manager is increasingly providing advice to potential applicants/agents.

3.3 In the financial year 2010/11, which obviously does not quite overlap with the calendar year 2010, 48 applications were scrutinised by the JAC, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. The AONB Manager submitted comments on 22 of these consultations (with 4 more schemes 'in-hand' also likely to require comments); objections/strong reservations were lodged in 4 of those responses (with 1 more Objection possible from the 'in-hand' cases); the District Council followed the JAC's recommendations of refusal, or the applicants Withdrew the plans, in 3 out of the cases where a decision was required (1 case still pending a Decision). This has been a fairly average year for planning applications, although they do seem to come along in batches. In many cases the comments submitted were relatively minor in nature, but nonetheless important in order to get a 'good result' for the AONB landscape. Many of the comments made relate to the colour of materials and wall/roof finishes. Although a Condition is often placed on the development by the District Council, it is only once the development takes place that we can see whether our comments have truly been successful or not. Members should note that we have very little control over the workload generated by this area of our work, as it is dependent upon the number and type of applications submitted.

3.4 Copies of the 12 planning consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information. The latest information on the outcome of these applications is contained in Appendix 3 of Item 3 on the Agenda.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

APPENDIX 1

Howardian Hills AONB											
Applications Determined by											
Type of Development											
(Number of applications and % approved)											
	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		5yr Average
Ryedale Parishes											2006-2010
Residential - New Build	10		15		16		2		5		10
		90%		60%		88%		50%		100%	
Residential - Conversions	11		14		15		1		1		8
		91%		86%		66%		100%		100%	
Holiday - Conversions	2		1		1		0		0		1
		50%		100%		100%		~		~	
Householder	59		68		67		49		38		56
		95%		87%		87%		98%		87%	
Retail	2		0		0		0		0		0
		100%		~		~		~		~	
Business and Commercial	1		1		1		2		4		2
		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%	
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Tourism and Recreation	3		2		0		2		1		2
		100%		100%		~		50%		100%	
Community Facilities	0		1		0		0		0		0
		~		100%		~		~		~	
Agriculture	5		7		0		0		2		3
		60%		71%		~		~		50%	
Other	37		16		26		14		15		22
		95%		100%		96%		100%		100%	
Equestrian									4		4
									75%		
Total Ryedale	130		125		126		70		70		104
		92%		85%		87%		96%		90%	
Hambleton Parishes	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		5yr Average
											2006-2010
Residential - New Build	1		1		2		1		0		1
		100%		0%		100%		100%		~	
Residential - Conversions	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Holiday - Conversions	0		0		1		0		0		0
		~		~		100%		~		~	
Householder	15		19		16		6		15		14
		93%		95%		94%		83%		100%	
Retail	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Business and Commercial	0		0		1		0		0		0
		~		~		100%		~		~	
Minerals and Waste	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Tourism and Recreation	1		0		0		0		0		0
		100%		~		~		~		~	
Community Facilities	0		0		0		0		0		0
		~		~		~		~		~	
Agriculture	3		3		2		1		5		3
		67%		33%		50%		100%		80%	
Other	4		0		6		1		2		3
		100%		~		66%		100%		100%	
Total Hambleton	24		23		28		9		22		21
		92%		83%		86%		89%		95%	
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONE	154		148		154		79		92		125
		92%		84%		86%		95%		91%	90%

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Howardian Hills AONB						
Applications Determined by Parish						
						5yr Average
<u>Ryedale Parishes</u>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006-2010
Ampleforth	12	7	16	7	8	10
Bulmer	6	7	3	1	2	4
Cawton	2	3	5	2	1	3
Coneysthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coulton	3	8	5	2	0	4
Crambe	0	4	6	0	1	2
Gilling East	10	9	12	12	10	11
Grimstone	0	1	12	3	0	3
Henderskelfe	2	2	2	1	0	1
Hovingham	19	6	8	4	3	8
Howsham	5	6	3	4	2	4
Huttons Ambo	6	8	5	5	6	6
Nunnington	2	6	7	4	4	5
Oswaldkirk	8	9	5	3	8	7
Scackleton	2	6	2	5	2	3
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	5	2	5	1	0	3
Sproxton	3	8	2	3	6	4
Stonegrave	5	6	6	0	0	3
Terrington	17	15	16	7	12	13
Welburn	22	5	6	6	5	9
Whitwell-on-the Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Ryedale	129	118	126	70	70	103
<u>Hambleton Parishes</u>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	6	7	8	1	0	4
Coxwold	1	0	0	0	1	0
Crayke	12	7	6	3	8	7
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	1	2	0	3	5	2
Hustwaite	0	1	4	0	2	1
Newburgh	2	0	0	0	0	0
Oulston	0	4	4	1	3	2
Thornton-on-the-Hill	1	0	1	0	1	1
Whenby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yearsley	1	2	5	1	2	2
Total Hambleton	24	23	28	9	22	21
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	153	141	154	79	92	124

From: Paul Jackson
To: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Date: 29/10/2010 11:09
Subject: 10/01043/FUL: Erection of greenkeepers equipment store, Gilling Castle

Dear Sirs

I visited the site on 27th October and have the following comments to make:

- ~ The site is located within the Registered Park and Garden area of Gilling Castle, close to two distinctive features of the designed parkland (The Avenue and the woodland belt linking The Avenue to Crow Wood).
- ~ It is however on a piece of ground that is in effect outside the line of both The Avenue and the woodland strip and so would not in my view affect their integrity.
- ~ The roof and wall panels should be a dark colour with a matt finish - dark green or dark grey being the most suitable options.
- ~ The fuel storage tank should also be of a dark colour - dark green or black.
- ~ Given that some pruning of trees will be necessary to carry out the development, and that there are potentially long-distance views of the site from the B1363, I would like to see a small amount of screening planting on the external south eastern and south western boundaries of the site. Only 6-10 plants would be required, of bushy hedgerow species such as hawthorn and hazel. This would bolster the natural regeneration of scrub species that is already present on the site - beech would not be appropriate as this would blur the currently very distinct outlines of The Avenue and woodland belt.
- ~ I wonder whether this development would enable the removal of any of the sheds/containers near the south western tip of the formal garden/ 9th Tee area, that are used in connection with the golf course. These are situated in a more open position within the designed parkland landscape and a reduction in the scale of built development in this location would be of benefit to the historic landscape.

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My Reference: 3.1

Your Reference: 10/02385/FUL

Date: 8th November 2010

Dear Sir

Change of use of agricultural land to a campsite

I am responding on behalf of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee to your consultation regarding the above proposal.

The application involves the formation of a campsite in a field that is currently part grassland and part young woodland.

I visited the site on 8th November and have the following comments to make:

- Objective RA1 of the 2009-2014 AONB Management Plan states that the Joint Advisory Committee will: "ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE AONB". More specifically, Objective RA1.2 indicates that we will: "Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational business developments".
- There are a number of existing providers of camping/caravanning facilities in the AONB, ranging from the large 'mobile home' type facility at Coneysthorpe to 5-van Caravan Club Certificated Locations on farms. In general these are relatively unobtrusive and provide a good range of accommodation for people wishing to visit the AONB and not stay in a hotel/B&B.
- The principle of a campsite is therefore acceptable; the issue being whether one can be incorporated satisfactorily into the AONB landscape at this particular location.
- It is clear that the tree planting scheme has been laid out with a use such as this in mind. Whilst this might seem a bit presumptuous, it does mean that there is established landscaping in place and growing successfully.
- The tallest trees are currently c.5m tall and would therefore screen the smaller 5m bell tents. The taller central tent would become hidden behind trees in approximately 2 years time, when the trees grow up, and eventually a woodland setting will be created. The tree species are all relatively fast-growing ones (birch, cherry, alder) and rates of 1m/year have been achieved to date.

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- Tents – the colour of the central tent is given as brown, but no colours are specified for the smaller bell tents. All tents should be of a dark colour, to minimise landscape impact. It is indicated that the luxury tents are “fully set up and serviced”. It is unclear whether this would include electric lighting and if so from where the power would be obtained. Solar lighting would provide energy for walkways, but mains electric or generators would be needed if 10 tents were to be serviced.
- Lighting – whilst low-level solar lighting may be acceptable during the tourist (summer) season, it should be disabled during the off-season in order to prevent further light pollution. A 500W floodlight with motion sensor would be inappropriate next to Bonnygate Lane, as it would be difficult to adjust it to prevent it being set off by passing traffic.
- Signage – an arched sign spanning the gateway would be inappropriate in this rural setting.
- Entrances – whilst it may be the intention to keep hard surfacing for cars within the site to a minimum, Highway Authority regulations will require the creation of a full-spec entrance splay with a bound surface (normally tarmac). The creation of two such entrances, over the wide verges of Bonnygate Lane, would introduce unacceptable suburban elements into the open countryside.
- Car parking – whilst the cars may be partially hidden behind the existing hedge, I feel that the creation of what would in effect be a linear carpark along the roadside edge of the field would be unacceptable in visual terms.
- Utility units – again, the siting of these adjacent to the road would increase the visual impact and I don't believe that that would be adequately mitigated by the existing roadside hedge. The number of toilets contained within each unit is not given, but must be presumed to be adequate for the level of visitor occupation.
- Natural & historic environment – the woodland to the south of the proposed campsite, Stearsby Hagg, is a Site of importance for Nature Conservation and also contains a Scheduled Monument in its north eastern corner. Damage to the biodiversity value of the wood and the Scheduled Monument should be avoided if it is intended to access this woodland as indicated in the application.
- Travel – the site is located next to the National By-Way and may attract overnight stays from cyclists using this route. In that respect the site is to be welcomed, as it would provide a facility currently lacking in the AONB. However, visitors using the luxury tents will need to access the site by road, along narrow lanes from either direction. The nearest shops are in Terrington, Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton, which would all require car trips. The provision of food packs would however assist in reducing car travel.
- Having looked at the site, many of the above issues could be addressed by altering the layout of the facilities. My principal concerns relate to the entrance and exit, car parking area and utility units. By using the farm track as an entrance, via the 3rd gateway currently allocated for staff and service vehicles, the approach ambience could be significantly enhanced. There is ample space for car parking to the right of that gateway, in the south west corner of the site. Likewise, the utility units and waste/recycling area could be sited to the left of the gateway, which would significantly increase the amount of visual screening. The front gateway and gap in the planting would then need to be planted-up to bolster the screening from the road. Whilst these measures would address the landscape impact of the development, they would not of course address any concerns in relation to other issues such as highway access along the adjacent road network, use of Stearsby Hagg wood, etc.

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In conclusion, whilst the principle of the proposed development may have some merit, we **OBJECT** to the scheme due to the number of significantly intrusive elements currently contained within it.

Yours sincerely

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Your Reference: 10/02329/FUL

Date: 8th November 2010

Dear Sir

Installation of 1 no. wind turbine (18m mast); Angram Hall, Husthwaite

I am responding on behalf of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee to your consultation regarding the above proposal.

The application involves the erection of an 11kW wind turbine with an 18m mast.

I visited the site on 27th October and again on 3rd November and have the following comments to make:

- Although located outside the designated boundary of the AONB the proposed wind turbine will be significantly visible from views within the AONB, most specifically from the Beacon Banks area east of Husthwaite. I note that the Environmental Impact Visualisation Report has chosen viewpoints that are largely on flat ground with intervening hedge and tree features and has not selected a viewpoint from a ridge within a nationally designated landscape that is only 1.6km away. I would consider this to be a serious omission and wonder why it has been missed out, particularly when other viewpoints up to 5km (in other directions) have been chosen.
- Objective D5 of the 2009-2014 AONB Management Plan states that the Joint Advisory Committee will: "SUPPORT APPROPRIATE RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE AONB". More specifically, Objective D5.2 indicates that we will: "Support appropriate proposals that follow the '4 Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design." These four aspects are considered in the paragraphs below.
- Technology – The location is one that could be expected to be potentially suitable for a wind turbine development, especially as there are currently two turbines in the near vicinity.
- Scale – An 18m mast would not necessarily be considered excessive in this location.
- Place – The site is on a small knoll relatively close to the farm buildings and is therefore visually associated with them.

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- Design – Comparing the views of the Proven turbine near Elphin Bridge and the new 11kW Gaia turbine at Wildon Grange from Beacon Banks in Husthwaite, I would strongly disagree with the assertion in the first sentence of paragraph 3.5.5 of the Environmental Appraisal. The galvanized mast and black hub and blades of the Proven turbine are significantly less intrusive in the landscape than the all-white Gaia turbine. Even when viewed from the end of the Wildon Grange farm road, on a dull day, the white Gaia turbine appears silhouetted as dark grey against a sky backdrop. The choice of light grey and white for the hub and blades of this proposed turbine is therefore I believe inappropriate in a location so close to the AONB boundary. I am happy with galvanized steel for the tower but the nacelle, hub and blades must be of a black colour. The Environmental Impact Visualisation Report actually supports this opinion, in that Location 4 is the “closest visual receptor” (but only of the viewpoints chosen of course) and even from there the turbine is considered to be below the skyline. Given that white offers no significant advantage in skyline views, and significantly more impact than black when viewed against trees and fields, then black must be the chosen option.
- Should the development be Approved, a Condition requiring full removal at the end of its working life should be imposed.

In conclusion, the AONB Committee does not object as such to the proposed development, although the turbine head and blades should be of a dark-coloured finish. If no conclusion can be reached on the colours we would recommend a short site visit to Husthwaite to compare the impacts of the two existing turbines.

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From: Paul Jackson
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Date: 11/02/2011 16:13
Subject: 10/01477/FUL: Change of use and alteration of agricultural buildings, Whitwell-on-the-Hill

I have only one minor observation to make on this application:

The window and door frames of farm building conversions often look more appropriate if they can use a colour scheme that relates to their former agricultural use (rather than being stained hardwood or white-painted softwood).

I observed that the current frames use a dark green colour scheme, which may be an existing or old 'estate colour'. I would suggest that this is an appropriate colour to use for the frames of the converted buildings, should the scheme be Approved.

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Date: 11th November 2010

Dear Sir

Revised application for the construction of an agricultural building; The Avenue, Dalby

I am responding on behalf of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee to your consultation regarding the above proposal.

The application involves the erection of a building for the housing of cattle, in a different location to that proposed in a previous application.

I visited the site on 10th August with the applicant and agent, visiting again on 8th November to assess this revised application, and have the following comments to make:

1. Objective AG4.1 of the 2009 – 2014 AONB Management Plan states: “Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these are appropriate in scale and use high standards of design, careful siting and good landscaping measures”. We judge all proposals against this policy, looking at potential impacts on the landscape, biodiversity, historic environment and recreation value both within the AONB and beyond its boundaries if appropriate.
2. Following refusal of the previous application (ref. 10/01489/FUL) I met the applicant and agent on site. The observations I gave were as follows:
 - That the corner of the field (where it is now proposed to site the building) would have a better backdrop of trees and would in my view be less intrusive in the landscape than the site proposed in the first application.
 - The colours of the building should be dark – green or grey, so as to reduce visual impact.
 - The adjacent rows of trees to the north and west were fully-stocked, so no additional planting would be necessary/could be accommodated.
 - The revised location was very close to Dalby Hall and I supported the agent’s statement that he intended to consult with the owners there.
 - That, even if a revised application incorporated these observations on siting and colour of materials, my consultation response would still be “Serious Reservations”, due to the construction of a building of that size in such a prominent location.

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3. The views I gave on the revised location and colour of materials were predicated on two basic principles:
 1. That the building was in essence a 'field shelter'. It was not designed for permanent housing of cattle, but as a shelter for them during poor weather and to assist with veterinary treatment.
 2. That the agricultural need for the building in that location had been accepted (as essential) by the District Council and therefore my main objective was to achieve the best mitigation I could. Unfortunately I had not had an opportunity to study the Decision Notice from the previous application and therefore asked the agent for the reasons for Refusal. He indicated that the agricultural need had been accepted and that the application had only been Refused because of the Joint Advisory Committee's objection to the siting. I naturally accepted this, as clearly if it proved not to be correct then any advice or opinions I gave at the site visit would have to be considered null and void...
4. I naturally made a mental note to study the Decision Notice should a revised application be submitted, and Reason 2 of the Decision Notice states:
"It is not considered that the agricultural justification set out within the application has proved an essential need for the building in this location sufficient to override the presumption against such development within the Howardian hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty contrary to the Local Development Framework Policies..."
5. **It is apparent therefore that the basis upon which I offered my opinions at the site visit with the applicant and agent on 10th August was incorrect, and these cannot now be considered to represent my views on this current application.**
6. On a point of detail, the elevations shown on the plan appear to be incorrect and relating to the previous application. The building has been turned through 90° and so the gable ends are now the north and south elevations.
7. Landscape – whilst the colours of the proposed materials would be significantly less intrusive than those proposed in the first application, the dimensions of this building still mean that it would have a significant impact upon the AONB landscape, as reflected in my view of "Serious Reservations" about even this revised location. My email of 2nd September to the agent indicates that I felt that they should consider reducing the size of the building.
8. Biodiversity – the field is improved grassland and therefore there would not be any loss of important habitat. Adjacent mature and semi-mature trees will provide habitat for a variety of species, but it is unlikely that they would be affected by the proposals.
9. Historic environment – it is understood that there may be some features associated with a former settlement at Dalby in this field, but the County Archaeologist will provide details and any suggested mitigation measures if these are considered to be of significance.
10. Recreation – the building is further from the Public Footpath that runs through this field than the previously proposed site was. The road past the site does however form part of the National Byway and therefore the concerns raised above in relation to landscape impact would apply, as a feature that would affect enjoyment of the AONB landscape.

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11. This application, like its predecessor, has raised considerable concern in Dalby and Skewsby villages. As a result it was raised at the recent meeting of the AONB Joint Advisory Committee (JAC). Whilst the issue of agricultural justification is not normally one on which the JAC would submit comments, agricultural specialists on the JAC have offered the following observations on the application:
1. It appears that approximately 40 cattle (half of the herd of 80) will be out-wintered on this block of grassland. Citing figures from Defra guidance and the John Nix Farm Management Pocket Book, they have suggested that the building appears to be significantly larger than it needs to be to accommodate this number of cattle.
 2. The number of cattle out-wintered in the field could not be increased in order to utilise the additional shed space, as the application states that the current level of grazing is already causing concern over poaching of the ground.
 3. Paragraph 2.4 of the Design and Access Statement states "In order that poaching may be prevented it is essential to construct an agricultural building so that the cattle can be housed during the winter months when the field is wet and poaching takes place". If the proposed building is of the 'field shelter' type then the cattle will still have access to the open grassland and therefore poaching could still occur. The Design and Access Statement appears to point firmly towards the cattle being shut in the proposed building, i.e. housed during the winter months, in which case such buildings should normally be sited at the farmstead where light, water, feed and labour are more readily available.
 4. The case for a shed of the proposed size does not appear to be supported by the letter from the applicant's veterinarian, which states that "A shed to house poorly stock would help with the welfare of the animals in the field and from a veterinary viewpoint is essential". It is presumed that only a small proportion of the cattle in the field would be poorly at any one time and therefore that a building with cover and handling facilities for a small number of cows is what the veterinarian is recommending. The letter does not appear to support the need for a building to house the whole herd.
12. **Given the concerns identified above we would urge the District Council to carefully examine the need for a shed of this size in this location, in order to determine whether it is essential or not. Whatever the outcome of those investigations, we still consider that the building would have a significant impact on the AONB landscape.**

In conclusion the AONB Committee recommends that the application should be **REFUSED**, for the same reasons as the previous application.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: 10/02643/APN; Construction of agricultural storage building, Mosswood Lane, Crayke

Although I haven't had an opportunity to visit the site, my generic comment for new farm buildings within or near to the AONB boundary is that the roof sheets should be of a DARK matt grey colour. Often the "grey" colour given in applications proves to be very light and takes many years to weather to a darker hue.

I'd be grateful if this comment could be taken on board, if the proposed building is considered to have a potential impact on the setting of the AONB or views from it.

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From: Paul Jackson
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Date: 17/11/2010 16:54
Subject: 10/01212/ADV; Erection of permanent frame for display sign, A64 Low Hutton

I visited the site on 17th November and have the following observations to make:

The site is very close to the location of the original sign, which is still there buried in the scrub regrowth.

The sign will have a backdrop of tall hawthorn bushes when viewed travelling east on the A64 (its main viewpoint, obviously!). As the proposal is for the sign frame to remain permanently on site throughout the year, I would prefer it to have a black or dark green finish in order to blend it into the landscape better.

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Subject: 10/01045/FUL; Erection of stables, Wandales Lane, Bulmer

I visited the site on 17th November and have the following comments to make:

Siting of stable block - no observations.

Colour of materials - the walls should be stained/creosoted a dark colour and the white roof ridge strip should be painted black, to match the rest of the roof.

Landscaping - it appeared that the boundary hedge was probably in the ownership of the applicant. The large gap in the hedge behind the stable block should be completely filled from end to end with a native hedge species mix, to screen the stable block from views on the public footpath to the east of the application site.

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From: Paul Jackson
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Date: 22/11/2010 12:07
Subject: 10/01221/FUL; Demolition of dwelling, etc; High Baxton Howe, Slingsby

I have the following minor observations to make on this application:

~ The application states that the property is approached down a rough farm track. Developing the site to the 'up-market' level proposed may lead to a desire to improve and tarmac this track. Whilst maintenance and repair will clearly be necessary during the construction phase, in such a remote location the track ought to remain in essence a farm track rather than becoming a 'driveway'. As a Public Bridleway the permission of the Highway Authority would also be necessary if any changes to the surface were proposed.

~ Linked to the point above, any lighting associated with the development should be restricted to the curtilage of the property itself. Lighting along the access track would not be acceptable in this location.

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Date: 30th December 2010

Dear Sir

Erection of agricultural workers dwelling; Birch Farm, Oswaldkirk

I am responding on behalf of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee to your consultation regarding the above proposal.

This application involves the erection of a new agricultural workers dwelling to service an extensive set of modern agricultural buildings.

I visited the site on 23rd December and have the following comments to make:

- My understanding of the history of the Birch Farm site is that the range of new agricultural buildings has gradually been developed, originally being managed from Birch Farm itself as an extension of the farm steading. As a Condition of planning consent for one of the new buildings, The Terrace in Oswaldkirk ceased to be the access route to the farm and the new farm road immediately to the west of Leysthorpe Hall was constructed. The range of traditional buildings associated with Birch Farm was converted to residential use and subsequently sold, as has been Leysthorpe Hall and I believe the original Birch Farm house.
- There is now therefore the situation of a substantial farm and local business without any residential accommodation associated with it. For the future sustainability of farming in the AONB it is important that there are cohesive farm units that can form the basis of profitable operations.
- Pre-application discussions were held with the Agent on 11th October 2010, so I have had a considerable amount of time before the application was lodged to consider the various issues.
- Principle – the need for establishing a new agricultural workers dwelling is accepted, although it could be argued that if all houses associated with a farm are sold, then it shouldn't be expected that permission to construct a new one should be automatically forthcoming. None of the houses mentioned above however served the purpose of satisfactorily controlling access to the yard of modern buildings once the new farm road had been built, and a location along that new access road is the obvious choice of location. I would however expect any new house to be located in proximity to the farm buildings, so that visually it forms part of the same area of built development.
- Design – no observations.

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- Biodiversity – no known interest on the application site. The proposed tree planting will have some small benefits for biodiversity, as scattered planting is proposed rather than the creation of a woodland area as with Leysthorpe Hall.
- Historic environment – no known interest, although the NYCC County Archaeologist will provide a more detailed response if anything shows-up during their assessment of the application.
- Recreation – the new farm road is also a Public Footpath and the route of the Ebor Way follows it. I do not feel that this application would cause any adverse impact on users of the route.
- Landscape – this is I believe the principle issue of consideration for this application. I feel that the location of a substantial new house and ancillary buildings on the crest of the ridge as proposed would have a seriously detrimental impact on the nationally designated landscape of the AONB. Existing development along the ridge consists of Leysthorpe Hall, which is enclosed by woodland and hence does not appear as a building within the landscape, a pair of semi-detached cottages and a house of modest proportions. The proposed development would introduce a significant new structure/landform into the landscape, in a location that would be highly prominent when viewed from the south, both between Gilling East and Cawton and particularly from the B1363 between Gilling East and Oswaldkirk.
- As indicated above, I accept the principle of the need for a new dwelling, but not in the location proposed. During my site visit it became apparent that there is a potential alternative site approximately half way down the farm access road that would serve the purpose equally well. This is at the foot of the steep slope, so reducing the need for significant cut-and-fill operations to form level platforms. At the same time however it is above the lowest point of the field and hence any waterlogging issues. This site is on almost the same contour level as the original Birch Farm house, providing continuity and integration within the landscape whilst still serving the purposes of farm management and security.

In conclusion, whilst accepting the principle and all other factors, we **OBJECT** to the proposed development on the grounds of seriously detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

Erection of agricultural workers dwelling; Birch Farm, Oswaldkirk

Further to my consultation response of 30th December 2010, subsequent discussions and a site meeting with the applicant and his agent, I am now able to provide a revised response to this application.

I have received copies of the two plans showing the revised landscaping proposals – 1023309/05 Rev B and 1023309/07 Rev B. As you know I have been closely involved in developing these proposals.

Notwithstanding the improvements in the landscaping scheme, I still consider that it will be a significant new development in a prominent location. **However**, considering the scheme as a whole, and looking at the quality of design, the principle of the location and the upgraded landscaping scheme, I feel that we now have a more balanced application that better reflects the national context of the Howardian Hills AONB designation. Whilst I therefore continue to have **reservations** about the scheme, the AONB Joint Advisory Committee does not wish to sustain the strong objection indicated in our letter of 30th December 2010.

Should the application be Approved, the landscaping proposals outlined on the above two drawings should be included as a Condition. I have also indicated that I am happy to work with the applicant or his agent to prepare the more detailed planting plan that will be necessary when it comes to implementation of the landscaping proposals.

It should also go without saying that the dwelling should be subject to an Agricultural Occupancy Condition, to ensure that it is only used in connection with agricultural activity.

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Subject: 10/02961/FUL: Construction of an agricultural storage building, Rose Cottage, Crayke

Although I have not had an opportunity to visit the application site, which is just outside the designated boundary of the Howardian Hills AONB, I recall an application for a new building at this property in 2005 or early 2006.

In common with recent applications for new agricultural buildings in the vicinity of Crayke, and comments I made on the original application, my principal area of interest is the colour of materials and visual impact when viewed from within the AONB.

Having checked the Plastisol colour chart, I am happy that the Juniper Green colour would be very suitable for the walls of the building.

Natural Grey fibre cement sheets however will appear very pale until they weather into a darker grey. If the adjacent buildings had Natural Grey sheets to begin with the likelihood now is that they have weathered to a much darker grey (which reduces their impact within the landscape), but they take quite a number of years to reach that darker colour.

I would therefore consider that a darker grey colour (Marley Eternit Farmscape Anthracite or similar) should be used for the roof and that, if Approved, this should be a Condition of the Consent.

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Subject: 11/00045/FUL; Erection of agricultural building, South Holme

Although a reasonable distance outside the AONB boundary, we routinely submit observations on particularly applications for new modern farm buildings that may be viewed from within the AONB.

In this case the applicants have clearly given thought to the potential visual impact of the building and have chosen appropriate colours for the wall and roof sheeting materials.

I am therefore pleased to be able to say that I have no further observations to make on the proposals.

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