

**HOWARDIAN HILLS
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
26 MARCH 2015**

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 6th November 2014 to 18th March 2015. 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. Several significant wall and hedge restoration projects have come forward for consideration – some of these are due to be completed this financial year with others scheduled for next year. The Sustainable Development Fund projects are progressing and are on course for completion.
- 2.3 Volunteer activity on practical tasks during the last six months has focussed on completing rhododendron clearance work in Park Wood adjacent to the Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC and starting work on a cross dyke Scheduled Monument at Newburgh.
- 2.4 The RAY Community Projects Officer has continued to work with a number of local communities to both prepare and implement Parish Plans. A full list of the work carried out by the RAY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1. An AONB Photography Competition has also been organised as part of the RAY programme this year, which resulted in some high quality photographs that we will also be able to use ourselves in publicity material.
- 2.5 Work with Castle Howard, Sustrans, Welcome to Yorkshire and Ryedale District Council has progressed production of a leaflet and web-based information/printable walking and cycling route guides based on the wider Castle Howard Estate.
- 2.6 An initiative with Visit York in partnership with Ryedale DC has resulted in a promotional programme to encourage visitors to stay an extra night and visit the area north of York. Statistics on the impact of this are expected to be received later in the Spring.
- 2.7 A February Junior Ranger Club was delivered, with planning for the next one at Easter 2015 now being undertaken. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2014/15 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.
- 2.8 Photographs from all the chosen Fixed Point sites have now been taken, to provide the baseline dataset for photographic monitoring of the Condition of the AONB landscape.
- 2.9 Copies of the 16 planning/agri-environment scheme consultation responses made since the last meeting of the JAC are attached for information as part of Appendix 3.

- 2.10 A brief for a Monument Management Scheme was prepared and submitted to English Heritage for potential funding. In early March we were invited to submit a full application for funding for a 4-year project, which will pay for a specified amount of AONB staff time to organise volunteers to survey and carry out management works on Scheduled Monuments in the AONB.
- 2.11 Detailed investigation and analysis was carried out to scope alternative locations for the AONB Unit office, to inform a separate report on this agenda.
- 2.12 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in on-line discussions and information-sharing, and attending the national Chairmen and Lead Officers seminar and AGM in November.
- 2.13 The Joint Advisory Committee's annual budget is projected to be fully spent this year. The balance carried forward into 2015/16 is therefore predicted to be approximately £41,700. £5,500 of reserve has been allocated within the 2015/16 budget, but this will be adjusted as necessary once the final grant application is submitted to English Heritage for the Monument Management Scheme and it becomes clearer how much should be allocated to this element of the work programme.
- 2.14 A grant allocation proposal for 2015/16 was submitted to Defra in February and the formal Offer Letter is awaited. The Defra contribution for 2015/16 was confirmed later than usual but encouragingly is at the same level as for 2014/15, in line with the Minister's aspirations expressed at the NAAONB Conference in July 2014. The interim claim for payment of the 2014/15 grant was also submitted on schedule in January and payment is awaited.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

6th NOVEMBER 2014 – 18th MARCH 2015

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Planning application consultation responses.
- Gathering information to prepare a scoping report for possible new locations for the AONB office.
- Developing a Project Brief for a Monuments Management Scheme for submission to English Heritage.
- Becoming involved in the NYCC/RDC Jacobs Study on possible dualling of the A64.
- Answering queries and negotiating with English Heritage to secure funding for a Monument Management Scheme.
- Annual Leave (1 day/wk) and 1-week holiday.

MEETINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November JAC meeting • November Quarterly Work Programme update • Planning applications - Sproxton; Gilling; Malton (x2) • SEP Upland Landscapes priority projects, Harrogate • LEADER - Forestry & Woodland Productivity baseline report; Agri-network development, Helmsley • WACS full departmental meeting, County Hall • Potential office space, North York Moors National Park, Helmsley • Training Skills project, Harrogate (x4) • December Core Partners Group • NY Geodiversity Partnership, Northallerton • A64 dualling study, Malton • SINC Steering Group, Northallerton • RDC Public fracking debate, Malton • DPCR5 / RIIO-ED1 Steering Group, Northallerton • Training Skills project farm business advisor Tenders selection, Helmsley • A64 dualling study final report • NE/FC/AONB joint working on Countryside Stewardship, York • March Quarterly Work Programme update • March Core Partners Group • R. Derwent Catchment Partnership, York

Project round-up meetings with Liz.
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAAONB Chairmen's Conference, London. • NAAONB AGM, London.

MEETINGS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Skills project, Harrogate (x4) • LNP Board, Northallerton • March JAC • Ryedale PROW Local Liaison Group, Helmsley • NYBAG, York • Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 teleconferences • Northern Powergrid RIIO-ED1 Steering Group (x3) • AONB Partnership Group meeting • LEADER Support Group (x2) • June Core Partners Group • North Yorkshire Geodiversity Partnership, County Hall

Project update meetings with Liz.
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications teleconference(s) • National Lead Officers' Meeting, Birmingham • Northern Group AONB Lead Officers' meeting, Northumberland Coast AONB • Northern Group AONB meeting, Northumberland Coast AONB • National Conference, Winchester • Game Fair, Harewood House

SITE VISITS

- Planning application site visits – Scackleton (x3); Bulmer; Sproxton; Gilling; Gilling (x2 visits); Coulton; Crambe; Wiganthorpe; Stonegrave; Newburgh; Kirkham; Hovingham; Oulston; Ampleforth; Cawton
- Rhododendron removal on Scheduled Monument, Oulston
- Land use on Scheduled Monuments, Grimston
- Lake restoration, Gilling Castle Park

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

- Lake restoration, Gilling Castle Park

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Printing and distribution of formal version of AONB Management Plan
- Preparation of November JAC papers.
- NELMS Targeting Statement appraisal and comments
- Preparing an Options spreadsheet for potential new AONB office locations
- Answering queries and negotiating with English Heritage to secure funding for a Monument Management Scheme
- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED
- Volunteers –

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Development of a bid to English Heritage for a Monument Management Scheme, assuming that the Project Brief is accepted.
- Preparing JAC papers for March meeting.
- Volunteers –

RECREATION/ACCESS

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RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

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COMMUNITIES

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COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- Production & distribution of 2013/14 Annual Report
- AONB website re-fresh
- AONB Photo Competition prize-giving, Yorkshire Arboretum

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- AONB website re-fresh
- Ryedale Show, Kirkbymoorside

TRAINING

- Legionella Awareness, Northallerton
- Emergency First Aid, Easingwold
- Fire Warden, County Hall

TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Use of Twitter

MISCELLANEOUS

- 23rd – 27th February – Annual Leave

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

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AONB OFFICER'S REPORT

14TH NOVEMBER 2014 – 26TH March 2015

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Howardian Hills AONB Photography Competition – planning, promotion, gathering photos, judging, exhibition and launch event.
- Project work including visits to assess possible hedge planting and stone walling schemes.
- Volunteers – devising a programme of activities and working with NYCC Volunteer Coordinator to deliver them.
- Howardian Hills Rides and Rambles Leaflet – coordinating the partners to produce the leaflet.
- River Derwent Catchment Partnership Strategy meetings

MEETINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Derwent Partnership meeting • R. Derwent workshop, Sutton on Derwent • LEADER exchange with other LEADER areas, Helmsley • LEADER Agriculture and Tourism, Helmsley • LEADER Support Group, Helmsley • Work programme meeting, AONB Office • LBAP (x2) • Development Officers, Helmsley (x2) • WACS Full staff briefing, Northallerton • Core Partners (x2) • NYCC Volunteer procedures • Website improvements, AONB Team • Website improvements with Bronco, Ripon • Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust – review of 2014 grazing and planning 2015, Thirsk • Raising Cycling in Ryedale • Natural England and FC update meeting, York

Project round-up meetings with Paul.
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

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MEETINGS (FUTURE)
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Project update meetings with Liz.
Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB (FUTURE)
• Northern Group, Northumberland Coast

SITE VISITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Plantation monument works (x2) • Wool Knoll barrow, Hovingham • Planning volunteer work - Dalby Bush Fen SSSI with Natural England • Hedge planting/restoration – Firby/Westow, Yearsley, Newburgh, Scackleton • Stone walling – Yearsley, East Newton • Exmoor pony sites – assessing fencing repairs needed – Coulton and Terrington

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)
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CONSULTATIONS
• SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with a volunteer flora surveyor compiling a Flora of the Howardian Hills • Roman Plantation monument scrub clearance – (joined volunteer task for 1.5 hours) • Assistance to SDF projects including Terrington Village Hall and Playground and Coneysthorpe Village Hall.

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED
- Volunteers – organisation of rhododendron clearance from wood pasture at Park Wood and scrub clearance from Monument at Roman Plantation

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

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RECREATION/ACCESS

- Howardian Hills Rides and Rambles leaflet – progressed with National Trust, Castle Howard, The Yorkshire Arboretum and RDC – nearing completion.

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

- Complete the 12 x route pdfs to go with the above leaflet

COMMUNITIES

- NYCC Introduction to Stronger Communities, Dishforth
- Animal prints education session, Wath Court Nursery
- Junior Rangers planning of sessions (x2)
- Junior Rangers preparation and delivery of session (x1), The Yorkshire Arboretum
- Planning and delivering LBAP Communities and Education Topic Group, Howsham Mill
- Meeting with potential student volunteer, AONB Office

- MSc student working with the AONB Team for 15 days as part of her course
- Meeting with potential student volunteer, AONB Office

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

- Easter Junior Rangers, The Yorkshire Arboretum

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION

- Photo competition – promoting, gathering images, short-listing and judging, organising venue, preparing exhibition and holding the launch event at The Yorkshire Arboretum

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

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TRAINING

- Social media, York (½ day free course)

TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Use of Twitter

MISCELLANEOUS

- Volunteers social and briefing, Appleton le Street

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

- Annual leave – 2 weeks, early June

AONB ASSISTANT'S REPORT

6th NOVEMBER 2014 – 18th MARCH 2015

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Completing audit of the HHAONB website, in preparation for a refresh in the next financial year.
- Planning, promotion and delivery of Junior Rangers session in February and planning of next session in April.
- Assisting with distribution of the Management Plan and Annual Report.
- Assisting with planning, promotion and delivery of Photographic Competition and Exhibition Opening.
- General admin and facilities management for the AONB Unit.
- Annual and compassionate leave.

MEETINGS

- November JAC meeting
- November Quarterly Work Programme
- Volunteers' annual update meeting
- December Core Partners Group
- January NET
- March Quarterly Work Programme
- March Core Partners Group

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

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MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- March NET, Northallerton
- March JAC, Hovingham

Monthly AONB Team meetings.

NAAONB (FUTURE)

- Northern Group AONB meeting, Northumberland Coast AONB

SITE VISITS

- Photographic Exhibition set up, Yorkshire Arboretum

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

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CONSULTATIONS

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PROJECTS

- Volunteers – Hovingham Walks leaflet labelling

PROJECTS (FUTURE)

- Further rationalisation of project files

RECREATION/ACCESS

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RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)

- Assist with promotion of new walks/cycling leaflets
- Reprint of Nunnington Walks leaflet

COMMUNITIES

- Junior Rangers planning and delivery
- LBAP Communities topic group workshop

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)

- Preparation and delivery of Easter Junior Rangers

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION

- AONB website audit and refresh

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)

- AONB Photo Competition prize-giving, Arboretum
- AONB website audit and refresh

TRAINING

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TRAINING (FUTURE)

- Mandatory refresher courses:
Compliments, comments and complaints;
Equality and Diversity
- Servicing HHAONB Twitter Account

MISCELLANEOUS

- 4th – 6th November – Annual Leave
- Early December – Compassionate Leave
- 24th Dec – 2nd Jan – Annual Leave

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)

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Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015

Parish Plans

Terrington Parish plan: Plan progress slowed down due to workload of Chairman, contact made with PC Chairman to encourage them to help with Action Plan etc. Hopefully meeting to be arranged in March 2015.

Oswaldkirk Parish Plan The plan is now complete and a copy is available to view on the Oswaldkirk website, www.oswaldkirk.org

Huttons Ambo – Plan progressing. Advice given by e-mail and attending meetings when requested.

Amotherby: They are doing a refresh of the 2008 plan - questionnaire sent out to all households, response rate around 60%. Collation of results October 2014. Work ongoing on action plan etc.

Slingsby: They are doing a refresh; had 1st steering group meeting 27 Oct 2014, putting together a questionnaire which is now almost complete to go out to residents in March 2015. Attended all Steering Group meetings.

Swinton: Attended Action Group AGM meeting on 26 January 2015. They want to refresh parish plan, Parish Council supportive, next meeting 9 March. To be advertised and a feature put in Swinton Newsletter to get volunteers for Steering Group.

Other activity / contacts with HHAONB

- In partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership & HHAONB organised a Business Pop up Café (11 October 2014). Attended by a number of Business advisors and 10 residents wanting information.
- Attended Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group meeting (10 Feb 2015). General discussion about services etc and alternatives.
- Hovingham Ward Parishes meetings – these are a legacy of the Community Investment Fund and meetings are currently held twice a year with representatives from the Parish Councils, Hovingham, Terrington, Slingsby & Barton Le Street (Parish Meeting), the RDC Ward Cllr Robert Wainwright and NYCC Cllr Clare Wood. Spring meeting on hold until after the RDC Elections.
 - Attended Swinton PC meeting 3 Dec 2014. They had distributed a survey, based on the last parish questionnaire, mainly to gain opinions on further housing proposals for the village. They received a poor response mainly due to lack of information to residents and the short timescale they had to do this. Suggested that they update their parish plan and involve Action Group.
 - Information and possible sources of funding forwarded to Swinton Action Group on Defibrillators for village.
 - Funding Advice to Barton Le Willows VH (forwarded by Liz B).
 - 17 Dec attended HHAONB event at Howsham Mill covering Environment and Eco systems within AONB; well attended by Parishes and partner organisations. Useful networking opportunity.

- Putting together a Directory of Services in villages within HHAONB; almost complete.
- Planned with Liz & Maggie C. the HHAONB Photographic Competition, in order to promote the special qualities of the area. Also helping to organise the Presentation Evening at the Yorkshire Arboretum March 18 2015.

Dealt with general enquiries which have been received from HHAONB residents and groups and these have been addressed or signposted to the relevant officer or organisation.

Regular contact is maintained with the HHAONB Team either through face to face meetings, telephone or e-mail.

AONB PROJECTS 2014/2015

1st April 2014 – 18th March 2015

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
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Stone supply and walling topstones to finish section of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£2,600	£2,600
K Snowball	High Farm, Brandsby	Repair of 40m of field wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,500	£1,200
Newburgh Priory Estate	Malton Street, Hustwaite	Gapping 75m of roadside hedge	Zone 2B Landscape	AG2.2	£450	£450
Lord St Oswald	East Newton Hall	Repair of 225m of field wall	-	AG2.2, HE2.5	£15,520	£2,000
Kirkham Estate	Westow	Replanting 314m of roadside hedge	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,510	£1,510
V Provins	Scackleton	Restoring 60m of roadside hedge	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	c.£1,250	£300

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Coulton (3), Cawton (2), Terrington (2)	Conservation grazing of 7 SINCs or other important sites	Sites 1.59, 1.60, 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	£1,023	£474
Ampleforth Abbey & College	Ampleforth	Planting 7 black poplars	-	NE4.2	£46	£28 (EA funded)

(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (May)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£125	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (July)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£150	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (Aug)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£500	-
(AONB Unit – Curlew Conservation Contractors)	Wath Beck; Terrington - Howthorpe	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (3.5km)	Inc. Site 1.65	NE6.2	£965	£965
(AONB Unit – Countryside Services)	Wath Beck; Howthorpe - Wath	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam (2.3km)	Inc. Site 1.33	NE6.2	£932	£932
(AONB Volunteers)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.74	NE6.2	£500	-
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE5.1	£520	£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£690	£120
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management	Site 1.38	NE3.1	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – Volunteers)	Fairy Dell SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.17	NE6.2	£450	-
F Hugill & R Eaton	Throstle Nest, Sproxton	Planting 30 in-field and boundary trees	-	NE3.4	£1,310	£1,310 (EA funded)
Westow Cricket Ground	Westow Cricket Ground	Native bulbs for insects	-	NE5.1	£740	£200
(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Oct#1)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£450	-

(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Oct#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£700	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Nov#1)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Nov#2)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£450	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Jan)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£700	-
Ampleforth Abbey & College	Ampleforth	Planting 10 black poplars	-	NE4.2	£150	£100 (EA funded)
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	£1,454	£1,454
(Natural England – AONB Volunteers)	Dalby Bush Fen SSSI	Bramble & scrub management	Site 1.56	NE3.1	£600	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Adj. Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC (Feb)	Rhododendron control	Site 1.5	NE3.3, NE6.2	£500	-
R. Derwent Partnership	River Rye SINC	Production of strategy for the R. Derwent catchment project	Site 1.16	NE3.5	c. £17,000	c.£1,000

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	HE2.5	£182	£182

(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	£168	£168
F Peckitt	North Park, Newburgh Priory	Erection of new fence, to bring new trees into grazed parkland	Site 2.15	HE2.5	£1,612	£806 (50%)
Slingsby Local Heritage Group	Slingsby	Producing local history DVDs	-	HE1.5	£3,400	£150
(AONB Unit – M Aconley)	Wiganthorpe Park, Scackleton	Stone supply and walling topstones onto 250m of Park wall	Site 2.92	HE2.5	£1,760	£1,760
(AONB Volunteers)	Hovingham	Cutting bracken on round barrows (May)	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.5	£175	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Hovingham	Cutting bracken on round barrows (July)	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.5	£150	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Hovingham	Cutting bracken on round barrows (Aug)	Sites 2.36 & 2.37	HE2.5	£150	-
Oswaldkirk PC	Oswaldkirk	Restore 1 traditional village name sign and install 2 new ones made in the traditional style	-	LC1.4, HE2.5	£2,850	£1,500
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Repair broken fence (damaged by local farmer)	Site 2.25	HE2.5	£210	£35
P Turnbull	Newburgh	Repairs to Listed traditional agricultural building	-	HE2.5	£6,162	£1,000
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Bulmer, Firby, Howsham, Crambe	Restoration of 4 traditional direction signs	-	RT4.5	£6,500	£6,000
(AONB Volunteers)	Newburgh	Removing rhododendron from cross dyke	Site 2.12	HE2.5	£650	-

Enjoying the AONB

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Slingsby PC	Slingsby	Installation of new bench	-	RA4.1	£782	£140
Bulmer PC	Bulmer	Replacement of 2 modern village name signs with traditional look-alike ones	-	RA4.1	£1,000	£792

(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	RA4.5	£600	£600
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£644	£644
(Sustrans/Ryedale DC/AONB Unit)	AONB + Vale of Pickering	Production of pdfs of 12 guided route leaflets (walking, road cycling, mountain biking)	-	RA5.3	£2,000	£1,700
(Ryedale DC/Castle Howard/AONB Unit)	Castle Howard area	Production of pdf of 'Hub' leaflet for Castle Howard area	-	RA5.3	£1,510	(within £1,700 above)
(Ryedale DC/Castle Howard)	Castle Howard area	Printing of 'Hub' leaflet for Castle Howard area	-	RA5.3	£650	(within £1,700 above)
(NYMNP/Ryedale DC/AONB Unit)	North York Moors area	Printing of updated Great Outdoors leaflet	-	RA5.3	c.£13,000	£1,000
(AONB Unit)	Howardian Hills	Promotional campaign with Visit York	-	RA2.1	£5,000	£1,250
(AONB Unit – Beecroft Plant)	Various	Installing 3 x 25th Anniversary log benches	-	AP1.3	£460	£447
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort on PRow in the AONB (2 people/week, every other week)	-	RA3.1, RA3.2	£2,400	-
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort – Junior Ranger Club, Ryedale Show, guided walks, PRow Condition surveying, etc.	-	IM1.3	£2,000	-
(AONB Unit)	Howsham Mill; Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club x 4	-	AP2.3	£745	£143
(AONB Volunteers)	Various	Volunteer effort - Schools Twinning Project	-	AP2.3	£2,100	-

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS 2014/2015

1st April 2014 – 18th March 2015

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

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	SDF ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning	-	LC1.2, LC1.3	£4,948	£3,711
Coneysthorpe VH Committee	Coneysthorpe Village Hall	Refurbishment including insulation and lowered ceilings	-	LC1.4	£11,317	£8,150
Terrington Village Hall	Village Hall	Enhancement of outdoor areas – veg growing, artwork with AAONB theme, water butts and composting facilities	-	LC1.4	£11,708	£3,480

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2014/2015

1st April 2014 – 18th March 2015

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Various	Weekly list of Planning Applications	-	-	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Various	Weekly Lists of Planning Applications and Decisions	-	-	-
Forestry Commission	Various	Grants & Licences Public Register	-	-	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of garage/workshop to a dwelling)	No	Significant concerns – outside Development Limit	?
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning application (Erection of a replacement dwelling)	Yes	Object – impact on setting of designated and non-designated heritage assets	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Variation on Condition – change of use from agricultural to garden and erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Scale of soil excavation to implement approved development, retrospective)	No	Minor	Permitted
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Creation of camp site with ancillary toilets and car parking area)	Yes	Landscaping of car parking area; access	Permitted, with Condition re access
Ryedale District Council	Hildenley	Planning application (Erection of extension – revised plans)	No	None	(Permitted)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings and detached garage) (Re-revised plans)	No (previously)	Object – ancillary building still at front of curtilage	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSWA consultation (LV underground works)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission (FE)	Coulton/Yearsley	Woodland management proposals (Felling & thinning)	No	Yes (ride widening; avoid heritage features)	All comments taken on board
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural barn to day centre with car parking, etc)	Yes	Significant concerns. Traffic generation; Car park needs landscaping	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 2 holiday lodges)	Yes	Minor	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Agricultural Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Colour of roof sheets; landscaping needed	Permitted, with Conditions
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning application (Erection of 2 houses)	Yes	Object	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Variation of Conditions, Birch Farm)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Cawton	NRSWA consultation (Replace gullies in verge)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Little Edstone	Planning application (Erection of wind turbine 30m to hub)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Agricultural Notification (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Planning permission needed?	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of a dwelling – renewal of existing consent)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Roof colour; Landscaping needed – strip of trees and shrubs	Permitted, with Conditions

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning Application (Erection of new farm building)	Yes	Roof colour; Landscaping needed – triangular copse	Permitted, with Condition re roof colour
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning Application (Demolition of garage and erection of home office)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of 2-storey extension, garage and stables)	Yes	Object – impact on AONB, Conservation Area and Listed Buildings	Withdrawn
Tesla Exploration Ltd	Eastern part of AONB	3D seismic survey	No	Avoid drilling shot holes in SINCS, SIRVs or buried archaeology	Confirmed those constraints already in place
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Agricultural Notification (Erection of grain silo)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Planning application (Erection of a replacement dwelling - revised)	Yes	None (scheme much improved)	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Temporary siting of a holiday lodge)	No	None	(Refused)
National Grid	Western side of AONB	Visual impact of HV powerlines and possible mitigation	Yes	Two locations put forward for further study	Studies carried out
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural land and erection of shed)	Yes	Concerns about colour of roof materials	Permitted; roof changed to slates
Northern Powergrid	Nunnington	New u/g HV line to Nunnington Hall	No	Avoid damage to tree roots	-
Ryedale District Council	Stittenham	Planning application (Formation of ménage and installation of horse walker)	No	No spoil disposal on rigg & furrow	Permitted with Condition attached, and ditch to be restored to r+f profile

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Erection of a new dwelling - revised)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Erection of a 12.1m wooden pole and broadband dish)	Yes	Minor (minimise removal of trees)	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank, Malton	Planning application (Erection of stabling buildings, office building, horse treadmill)	Yes	Minor – implementation of landscaping Condition	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Conversion of agricultural buildings to dwelling)	No	None	(Permitted)
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	Yes	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Kirkham	Extinguishment of Public Footpath	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Planning application (Erection of 500 dwellings; also employment, community and retail uses)	Yes	Object – inadequate information on potential effect on AONB and its setting	?
Natural England	Crambe	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Hovingham	Planning application (Erection of 3 dwellings)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new farmstead including agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Serious Reservations – justification; inadequate landscaping	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural buildings to holiday cottages – extension of time limit)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of garage/domestic annex)	Yes	Concern at height above natural ground level at northern end	Withdrawn
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (External alterations and raising height of roof)	Yes	Concerns about glazing to apex on southern elevation	Withdrawn

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Terrington	DMMO to address historical mis-mapped route alignment	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	Suggest minor landscaping to north and east	Permitted, with Condition on landscaping
Natural England	Bulmer	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Support	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (External alterations and erection of garage)	Yes	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Extensions and raising height of roof)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Castle Howard Avenue	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	No damage to be done to Special Interest Road Verges	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Erection of frame for temporary event signs)	Yes	Frame to be painted a dark colour	Permitted, with Conditions on painting of frame and colouring of rear face of banners
Forestry Commission	East Newton	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; selective fell 1.4ha broadleaves and mixed)	No	Favour broadleaves; open out footpath near Holbeck	?
Forestry Commission	Hovingham Estate	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.5ha conifer to native broadleaves; 14.1ha of 60.27ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	Support restoration of conifer PAWS to native broadleaves; protection of specific features; buffer Coulton Fen SINC	?
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard (Arboretum)	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha conifer to conifer)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard (Pretty Wood SINC)	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha conifer PAWS to conifer PAWS)	No	Restock with native broadleaves	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Forestry Commission	Westow	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 1.0ha broadleaves to ??)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Sproxton	Planning application (Erection of garden shed)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of a family dwelling)	Yes	Concerns re elevated site and potential size of dwelling	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank, Malton	Planning application (Re-roofing of stable block)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Easthorpe	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Suggest use of non-reflective glass	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Installation of black flue to replace stainless steel)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new farmstead including agricultural workers dwelling – minor revision)	No	No further comments	Refused
Natural England	Scackleton	Higher Level Stewardship agreement	No	Support	-
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Prior Notification (Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling)	No	Prior Notification process not applicable in AONB	Permitted
North Yorkshire County Council	Gilling	NRSWA consultation (Kerbing behind grates)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of stable block)	Yes	Concerns over size, height and location	Refused
Ryedale District Council	Welburn	Planning Application (Erection of 2-storey extension, garage and stables - revised)	Yes	Still have concerns over level of glazing on first floor elevation	Permitted
Ryedale District Council	Whitwell	Planning application (Erection of two semi-detached houses)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Westow	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.6ha conifers to ??)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Castle Howard	Planning application (Erection of 8-bay garage)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Appleton-le-Street	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Forestry Commission	Gilling	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 0.8ha native broadleaves to native broadleaves)	Yes	(Encourage PAWS reversion to native broadleaves)	Conditioned as requested
Hambleton District Council	Thornton-on-the-Hill	Planning application (Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling)	Yes	Object re size & scale of dwelling and highly visible location	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Sub-division and extension of dwelling to form 3 dwellings)	(in passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Construction of replacement ancillary building – re-submission)	Yes	Minor	(Permitted)
North Yorkshire County Council	Swinton	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Protect Special Interest Road verges	?
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of 3 rows of ground-mounted solar PV panels)	Yes	None	-
Forestry Commission	Oswaldkirk	Woodland management proposals (Selective Felling & re-planting; 1.9ha native broadleaves to ??)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of wood fuel store)	Yes (in passing)	Minor	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Agricultural Notification (Erection of agricultural grain store)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extension)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Planning application (Erection of stables)	Yes (in passing)	Screening hedge needed on east side	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Demolition of workshop and erection of lean-to extension to grain store)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Erection of garage with accommodation over)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Wiganthorpe	Planning application (Conversion & extension of agricultural buildings)	Yes	Minor (sustainability of location; occupancy Conditions)	(Permitted)

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of garden room – re-design)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Whitwell	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Malton	Environmental Statement (Erection of 500 dwellings; also employment, community and retail uses)	No	Object	?
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Creation of swimming pond)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Slingsby	NRSWA consultation (Works)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Sub-division and extension of dwelling to form 3 dwellings - revised)	(in passing)	Minor (flue colour)	-
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of garage/domestic annex - revised)	Yes	Additional hedge planting at northern end; black flue	Permitted; black flue, no additional hedging?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of 3 polytunnels)	Yes	Significant Reservations (lack of landscaping)	Withdrawn
Ryedale District Council	Fryton	Planning application (Erection of stables and garaging)	Yes	Minor – hedge to be planted on northern boundary	Permitted, with Condition on hedging
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (Felling 0.3ha broadleaves – Avenue restoration)	(Yes)	Support	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (Felling & replanting 0.3ha broadleaves)	No	None	-
North York Moors National Park Authority	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of new agricultural building – revised, retrospective)	(In passing)	Concerns about bigger size	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Newburgh	Planning application (Installation of 20m mobile phone mast)	Yes	Colour of mast to be dark green and fencing to be dark brown	Permitted, with Conditions on colours

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
North Yorkshire County Council	Brandsby	NRSWA consultation (Replacement of Ryedale boundary sign)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Installation of roof-mounted solar PV panels)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Kirkham	Agricultural Notification (Re-surfacing of woodland track)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Agricultural Notification (Erection of agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Construction of a new dwelling)	Yes	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Scackleton	Planning application (Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling & extension to garden)	Yes	Minor – stone wall, entrance kerbing	Permitted, with Conditions on stone and kerbing
Ryedale District Council	Cawton	Planning application (Extension to agricultural building)	Yes	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council	Ampleforth	NRSWA consultation (Drainage works)	No	Avoid damage to hedge and SIRV	?
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Construction of a manege)	Yes	No lighting to be installed	?
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of new farmstead including agricultural workers dwelling)	No (involved in PRE-APP)	Concerns – new development in open countryside	?
Ryedale District Council	Sproxtun	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling – revised details)	No	Minor – flues to be black	?
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Concerns about loss of form of original dwelling	?
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (Felling 2.25ha conifer PAWS & replanting conifer)	No	Reversion to native broadleaves adjacent to Wath Wood SINC	No amendments agreed
Ryedale District Council	Howsham	Planning application (Change of use to include social, training and corporate events)	No	Concerns at increased disturbance by visitors	?

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Ryedale District Council	Ampleforth	Planning application (Erection of 6 light industrial units – revised details)	Yes	Materials colours; holly underplanting needed	?
Forestry Commission	Brandsby Estate	Woodland management proposals (Felling & re-planting; 17.57ha conifers to conifers?; 4.94ha of conifer PAWS to ??)	No	Thin any trees off Scheduled Monuments; restore heathland on edges; protect limekilns and stone walls; restore 3.45ha of PAWS in Toft Wood SINC	?
Ryedale District Council	Grimstone	Planning application (Extensions to garage)	Yes (in passing)	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Removal of Condition on use of grain dryer)	No	Develop suitable substitute wording	-

AONB CONSULTATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS (STRATEGIES, ETC) 2014/2015

1st April 2014 – 18th March 2015

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton	Settlement Hierarchy & Housing Development interim Policy Guidance Note	None	
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton	Revised Sustainable Development SPD	None	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire, York & North York Moors National Park	Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Supplementary Sites	None	

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Contact: Paul Jackson

My Reference:

Date: 11 November 2014

Dear Sirs

14/01430/FUL: Construction of an agricultural workers dwelling; Thornton on the Hill

I have the following observations to make on this application:

1. Impact on the AONB landscape

- The proposed dwelling is large in scale and would be highly visible from the nearby Malton Street to the north – this is a well-used public road accessing the village of Husthwaite from the east.
- The 'mature hedges' mentioned in the accompanying documentation are relatively young and approximately 2m tall, and I don't feel that they would provide any significant screening when the site is viewed from Malton Street.
- The accompanying documentation fails to recognise the size and scale of the proposed dwelling and its potential negative impact on the AONB landscape.

2. Size, scale and design

- The proposed dwelling does not follow a local vernacular tradition, contrary to the statement in the accompanying documentation. The only other square 'farmhouse' that I can find within the relevant vicinity is Oulston Hall, which I would suggest is not a valid comparison.
- I feel that the size and scale of the proposed farmhouse are excessive in relation to both the location and the proposed purpose. As mentioned above, the only other square building in the vicinity is Oulston Hall, and the proposed dwelling is some 2m bigger in both width and depth than the Hall. I would suggest that that is a completely inappropriate scale for a sensitive open countryside location within an AONB.
- The justification for the number of bedrooms appears to be the perceived need to accommodate temporary veterinary students within the farmhouse. I would suggest that, whilst a laudable contribution to education, this is a spurious and irrelevant factor when considering the size of dwelling necessary. It would be normal for student accommodation on farms (if proved to be essential) to be provided in the form of a mobile home or similar.
- Given that the dwelling is purportedly for a livestock farm, especially one specialising in pigs, I find it very strange that the floor plan layout appears to ignore the requirements of day-to-day farm working. I would expect to see a Boot Room, Farm Office and Toilet & Shower in a location that was easily accessible from the outside during the working day, maybe within a separate single storey wing or annex.

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The floor plan doesn't appear to make any concessions to farmhouse use, with the Boot Room, Toilet and 'Study' all separated by corridors and hence impracticable for accessing in dirty working clothes.

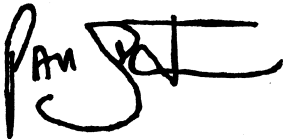
In conclusion I would wish to **OBJECT** in the strongest terms to the proposal as currently presented. Whilst the principle of a permanent farmhouse is not necessarily an issue (subject to the LPA being satisfied as to the long-term viability of the farm business, etc) the current proposals are inappropriate for the location and would have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape.

In assisting the LPA with Determining this case, Officers may wish to refer to two recent cases for very similar proposals in the Ryedale District:

- 13/01246/FUL: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling; Lodge Farm, Scackleton. Ryedale District Council were particularly concerned to ensure that the size, scale and floor plan layout for this dwelling were appropriate for the proposed use and the sensitive location, and two previous schemes had been rejected before final Approval was gained.
- 14/00734/MFUL: Establishment of a farmstead, with 4 bedroom agricultural workers dwelling, barns, etc; Cawton Road, Gilling East. In this case, Ryedale District Council appointed external consultants to assess whether the significant size of farmhouse proposed was commensurate with the needs of looking after livestock on the proposed farmstead. Their conclusion that no evidence had been provided by the applicant to justify why such a significant dwelling was necessary was one of the reasons for Refusal.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B Jackson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P B JACKSON
AONB MANAGER

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 14 November 2014 17:05
To: planning@hambleton.gov.uk
Cc: Helen Laws
Subject: 14/02090/FUL: Construction of a replacement ancillary building, The Old Rectory, Dalby

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

1. I welcome the re-location of the black biomass boiler flue to the outside roof slope. It will also appear less prominent than in the previous proposals, due to the higher ridge height.
2. The higher ridge height has also allowed an only slightly reduced triangular window to be incorporated, due to the fact that the glass now takes up a smaller proportion of the gable end than in the previous proposals. This revised scheme gives a better balance between brickwork wall and glazing.
3. Notwithstanding the above comments, it is important to ensure that the proposed building still retains a sub-dominant form in relation to the Old Rectory itself, to preserve the building hierarchy within the courtyard.

I also however need to clarify three things in relation to the points of justification put forward in paragraph 10.6 of the Design & Access statement, comparing the glazing proposed for the southern gable with the fenestration in the adjacent Dalby Hall.

1. Dalby Hall was re-built in the 1960s but the AONB wasn't designated until 1987, so the comparison is invalid because the work was carried out under a completely different planning policy framework.
2. The photo shown on the right is taken from private land within the grounds of Dalby Hall. A full-on frontal view such as this is not seen from the adjacent Public Footpath, nor in such detail in long distance views.
3. Even with only a glancing view of the frontage as is obtained from the Public Footpath, if the substantial demolition and re-build in the current format had been proposed now it would have elicited a strong objection on the grounds of significant detrimental impact on the historic heritage of the AONB and the AONB landscape.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 13 November 2014 15:35
To: planning@hambleton.gov.uk
Subject: 14/02111/FUL: Installation of 3no rows of ground mounted solar panels; Daffy Lodge, Crayke

I have the following observations to make on these proposals:

- Although not within the Howardian Hills AONB, the proposed development is of a nature that could potentially impact on the setting of the AONB.
- The principal public viewpoint from the AONB is likely to be the well-used seat near Crayke Castle, which gives wide-ranging views south over the Vale of York. Any ground-level views from the roads in the vicinity are obscured by existing trees and hedges, combined with the low height of the installation and a slight dip in the topography.
- Although the application site will be partially visible from the seat by Crayke Castle, with the western end obscured by topography and a mature oak tree, I don't feel that it will form a significant detrimental element within the wide view available from this point. I don't therefore feel that the proposal will have a significant adverse impact on the setting of the AONB.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 10 December 2014 10:41
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 14/01159/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 10:41 AM on 10 Dec 2014 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 14/01159/FUL

Address: Gayle House Broughton Road Broughton
Malton North Yorkshire YO17 6QG

Proposal: Erection of detached block of 2 no. stables,
tractor store, hay store and general
storage area for private domestic use.

Case Officer: Rachel May

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals: 1) I would like to see a new mixed hedge planted along the east side of the stables area as well, to screen views of the development from the westbound B1257. If only one hedge was deemed to be a proportionate requirement, then I feel that an east side one would provide the more significant screening. 2) It appears that the applicant has purchased a section of the adjoining arable field which will then be fenced and turned into pasture. If the applicant wished to plant new native mixed hedging (not subject to any Planning Condition) along either the roadside boundary fence and/or the new dividing fence then there may be some AONB grant available to support this. Email info@howardianhills.org.uk. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 23 December 2014 15:55
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 14/01260/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 3:55 PM on 23 Dec 2014 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 14/01260/FUL
Address: Gardeners Cottage Wiganthorpe Terrington
Malton
Proposal: Change of use and alteration of agricultural outbuildings to form additional domestic accommodation and domestic storage to include erection of 2 no. single storey extensions
Case Officer: Rachel May

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make on these proposals: 1) The external elevation of the walled garden is only visible in long distance views from near the southern end of New Road in Terrington. Significant screening is provided by mature trees from the majority of viewpoints. 2) The visual impact on the AONB would I feel be minimal, as the only external element is the new glass-fronted extension on the footprint of the former greenhouse. The large majority of the development, including parking and domestic curtilage, would be inside the walled garden. 3) I do however have some concerns about the sustainability of the location for the proposed occupant, and how the dwelling might be used in future years. The location is very isolated, when it might be supposed that the proposed occupant would need to be closer to sources of emergency help if needed? A dwelling adapted in the way proposed could be an asset in a rural area such as the Howardian Hills, enabling someone to live as part of the local community, but I'm not sure that this would be the correct place for such a dwelling. Local Plan Strategy policy

indicates that a dwelling such as this would only be permitted for Local Needs Occupancy, but it doesn't appear that any information has been put forward on this aspect. Paul Jackson

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Contact: Paul Jackson

My Reference:

Date: 8 January 2015

Dear Sirs

14/00678/MOUT: Outline application for the demolition of outbuildings and erection of mixed use residential-led development; Castle Howard Road, Malton

I have the following observations to make in relation to the Environmental Statement and Planning Statement Addendum:

1. After spending a considerable amount of time engaging in the process, I'm rather disappointed by these reports. It is my belief that the photomontage from the particularly important Viewpoint 7 has been 'altered' so as to hide the 'tower/orientation feature' behind existing trees, and I cannot accept the conclusions that the overall residual impact is Minor Adverse and that the site is not highly visible from the AONB.
2. There appears to be a significant under-representation of how the AONB landscape is experienced in this location. Repeated reference is made to "*glimpsed*" views, the "*peripheral nature*" of viewpoints and the site only being "*clearly visible from one location on the boundary of the AONB*". Para 2.18 states that "*it is not possible to simultaneously view both the AONB and the proposed development site at any of the viewpoints. In fact to view the site one has to turn one's back on the AONB*". Given that Viewpoint 7 is 450m inside the AONB, and therefore one has to look *over* the AONB to view the application site, it is difficult to give any credence to this last statement.
3. The reports consistently fail to recognise that the AONB and the application site are viewed as a continuum as users make their way along the Public Rights of Way network. The views of the application site are not experienced solely from single viewpoints, nor do users look at the ground in front of them the whole time whilst walking. The 'experiential' dimension of how the AONB and its adjoining area are perceived by users has therefore been overlooked. Whilst going south towards Braygate Street, walkers experience the wooded boundary of the AONB and the arable landscape with trees and hedges running up to the treed western boundary of Malton town (the 'setting' of the AONB). Likewise when going eastwards from Viewpoint 7 towards Middlecave Road, users experience a changing panoply of the AONB's fields and belts of trees, looking beyond these towards the edge of Malton (and thus the application site).

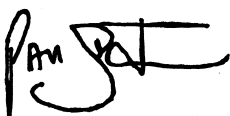
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Whilst the Viewpoints by their very nature have to be specific, they are not exclusive and the application site is viewed along a much wider front than is implied in the reports or can be represented by the Viewpoints.

4. I'm afraid that I do not accept that the photomontage showing the proposed development from Viewpoint 7 is an accurate representation of the indicative layout that has consistently been presented by the applicants. Careful examination of both documents shows that, in relation to the two immovable reference points of the electricity pylon and Tree Group 4 (see Tree Survey), the main tower/orientation feature should be visible in the photomontage almost directly behind the pylon. The fact however is that, even if the photomontages were proved to be accurate representations of the indicative layout, the tower/orientation feature would still be clearly visible (and skylined) when viewed from much of the Public Right of Way route that goes eastwards from Viewpoint 7, past Viewpoint 4 and thence to Middlecave Road.
5. I do however feel that the photomontages in Plates 9 and 11 give a good representation of the adverse visual impact that would be created by a near continuous skyline of houses higher than two storeys. I cannot however concur with the assessment that the scale of change between 'Existing' and 'After 10 years' growth', as shown in Plates 9 and 11, is only 'Moderate'. Plate 11 gives a particularly stark demonstration of the adverse visual impact of buildings higher than two storeys, and it should also be remembered that views from the edge of Malton towards the AONB (Viewpoints 14 to 12 and onwards towards VP11), will be completely blocked. This would constitute further significant adverse visual impact on the setting of the AONB, as observers gain the impression of entering the AONB before they cross the formal boundary line.
6. The overall conclusion of Minor Adverse impact would, with reference to Table 3 on p.4 of the Environmental Statement, in essence reduce the potential impact on the nationally designated AONB landscape to one of significance in only a "local context". Taking into account Point 5 above in relation to the impact of the buildings higher than two storeys, I don't consider that, even after 10 years of growth with the landscaping, the significance of the impact is any less than **Moderate Adverse**.
7. Many of the points made above, e.g. in relation to impact on the setting of the AONB when viewed from both the AONB and Malton directions, could be mitigated to some extent by amendments to the heights of the proposed dwelling units and omission of the 'tower' structures. It's unfortunate that the Environmental Statement has sought to downplay the potentially very real adverse impacts of the development, rather than give any proper consideration to amending the building heights as a mitigation strategy.

In conclusion, the applicants have in my view failed to provide a fully accurate document, or one that adequately assesses the potential impact of the development, and I therefore feel that the **Objection** lodged in my letter of 30th July 2014 must still stand. Although the application is only in Outline, the slavish adherence to the indicative layout really gives me no option other than to consider this as if it were a Full application. Contrary to the conclusions of the Environmental Statement, I believe that the photomontages (even allowing for any possible inaccuracies) indicate that this development would have a major adverse impact on the AONB and its setting.

Yours sincerely



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 08 January 2015 13:06
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 14/01364/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 1:06 PM on 08 Jan 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 14/01364/FUL

Address: Grimston Lodge Moor Lane Gilling East
Helmsley YO62 4HR

Proposal: Erection of detached building comprising single garage and additional domestic accommodation with demolition of existing single garage

Case Officer: Helen Bloomer

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals: 1) The removal of the unsightly modern garage from the frontage of the vernacular lodge dwelling is supported. 2) The change in material finish on the eastern elevation, from part stone/part timber cladding to all stone, is welcomed. 3) The reduction in overall height of the building is also welcomed, as I feel it will sit better within its setting than the previous design. 4) The flue pipe for the log burning stove should have a black anodised finish rather than stainless steel, so as not to detract from the vernacular character of the main house. 5) Although the reduction in height of the proposed building will help to bed it into the site better, I still feel that it is rather open to views when approached from the north. This is due to a slight westwards bend in the road, which gives views straight onto the northern elevation, combined with the open metal railing fence and the lack of vegetation during the winter months. I would therefore like to see some consideration given to extending the beech hedge northwards to the northern garden boundary, to provide some mitigation. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 16 January 2015 16:45
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 14/01210/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:44 PM on 16 Jan 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 14/01210/FUL
Address: Land At Gilling East Helmsley North
Yorkshire
Proposal: Erection of 3no. polytunnels for
horticultural use
Case Officer: Matthew Mortonson

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals: 1) I'm afraid that the Design & Access Statement is very poor in three specific areas, leading to a potential mis-representation of the existing site and also a failure to consider important planning policies that relate to the site in general. 2) The application site is NOT hedged on the east and west boundaries, as stated. It is hedged to the north along the old railway, and the former farm buildings occupy most of the southern boundary. The western boundary has a strip of mature trees along most of its length, but otherwise it and the eastern boundary are open post and wire fences. These provide no visual screening to the application site when viewed from the public road to the east or the Public Footpath to the west. 3) The Design & Access Statement fails to identify that the application site is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and as a consequence any potential visual impact on the nationally designated landscape cannot have been assessed adequately. 4) Likewise, the DAS fails to indicate that the wooded bank to the south of the application site is a Grade II Registered Park & Garden (Gilling Castle) and again as a consequence the potential impact on the setting of the

historic parkland cannot have been assessed adequately. 5) Despite these significant shortcomings, I don't have an objection to the proposals in principle. I don't however consider that they are acceptable in their current format, with no screening landscape proposals for a site that is significantly visible from close public viewpoints both to the east and the west. 6) As such therefore I consider that a southwards extension to the belt of trees on the western boundary (to seal off views from the west) and a new hedge planted along the length of the eastern boundary are the minimum landscaping measures needed. By their nature and positioning these would not have an adverse impact on light reaching the proposed polytunnels. 7) In conclusion I have Significant Reservations about this scheme in its current format, due to the open nature of the current site boundaries, the lack of any proposed screening landscaping and consequently an adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 16 January 2015 17:08
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 14/01372/FUL: Erection of detached stabling, etc; High Baxton Howe, Fryton

I have the following observations to make on these proposals:

1. The most significant views of the proposed development are likely to arise from the east, from both the Public Bridleway directly adjacent to the site and in longer views from the Public Bridleway approaching from Hall Moor.
2. The proposed structure is however sunk approximately 1m below the surrounding general ground level, so will benefit from some screening due to differential ground levels.
3. On consideration I feel that the proposed natural slate is the better roof covering, despite this often being used in the AONB for principal houses rather than outbuildings. The majority of the house and all the former foldyard are roofed in pantiles and a further area of pantiles might be too much. The use of slate would therefore reduce the visual impact of the proposed building and blend it better into the surrounding land and vegetation.
4. I would however like to see a new native species hedgerow planted along the northern boundary of the proposed new curtilage as a Condition of any Approval, as this would in time significantly screen the new building from views from the east.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 16 January 2015 16:03
To: 'Conservancy, Yorkshire and North East'
Subject: 12/120/14-15: FLA, Castle Howard Estate

I have the following observations to make on these proposals:

1. This scheme is part of the major restoration proposals for The Avenue at Castle Howard and would remove two areas of nondescript broadleaved planting that are somewhat at odds with the highly designed nature of the parkland in this location.
2. The details of the restoration scheme were explained to me at a meeting at which Chris Waterfield was also present, so I have a fairly good understanding of the overall design concept.
3. At the above meeting it was also indicated that the compensatory planting could comprise, at least in part, restoration of former parkland landscape features such as copses and individual trees to the west of The Avenue. Given the significant improvement to the Grade I Registered Park and Garden that would accrue from this I hope that the FC will be able to look favourably on a more 'extended' spacing for replacement tree planting, should this be necessary to achieve an appropriate parkland restoration scheme.
4. In conclusion I support this proposal, as it offers very significant improvements to the AONB landscape for minimal loss in biodiversity value.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 02 February 2015 15:00
To: planning@hambleton.gov.uk
Cc: Helen Laws
Subject: 14/02605/FUL: Installation of 20m high mobile phone mast; High Leys, Newburgh

I have the following observations to make on this application:

1. The proposed mast will be visible in long distance views from the Coxwold/Husthwaite road and in medium distance views from the Coxwold/Oulston road. Whilst skylined in views from the former position, the proposed mast will be more back-dropped by vegetation when viewed from the second location, making the colour of the mast particularly important.
2. The proposed mast will sit within a 'line' of trees consisting of the group of trees adjacent to High Leys Farm and the edge of Beacon Banks Wood to the south west. The closest tree to the application site in the High Leys clump is approximately 20m tall, with the tallest tree in that clump being approx. 24m tall. The individual trees to the southwest are somewhat shorter, until the height increases again on the edge of Beacon Banks Wood.
3. Although the drawings show the outline of the mast in green I'm unclear as to what colour the mast is proposed to be. Other masts in the AONB have a dark green finish and this has been particularly effective in preventing contrast with surrounding vegetation. When viewed from longer distances even light grey finishes appear as very dark when viewed against a backdrop of sky, so if Approved I would wish to see the mast colour Conditioned as a dark green as this is a more natural colour than galvanised grey and would help the mast blend into the landscape when viewed from the east.
4. For a similar reason, the close-boarded timber fence of the equipment compound should be stained in a dark brown colour, so as to ensure it blends with the hedgerow behind it.
5. In conclusion, I have some concerns about the open nature of the site and the relative scarcity of nearby trees to provide some better screening/disruption of views. The application of Conditions on the colour of materials, as outlined above, would however be a significant measure to mitigate this negative visual impact.

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Paul Jackson

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Sent: 18 February 2015 12:58
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/00042/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 12:57 PM on 18 Feb 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 15/00042/FUL

Address: Building At Town End Farm Scackleton
Lane Scackleton

Proposal: Change of use and alteration of agricultural building and land to form a three bedroom dwelling with garden areas and parking (part retrospective application)

Case Officer: Helen Bloomer

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Comments Details

I have the following observations to make in relation to these proposals: 1) The new boundary wall of the proposed extended domestic curtilage should be of the same stone type and construction as the existing wall that is to be demolished. Any new stone should match the reclaimed stone and the construction should ideally be dry-stone rather than mortared, to reflect its heritage as a field wall. 2) The entrance kerbing should be Conditioned as Conservation kerbing (with Harvest Buff being the most appropriate colour) so as to harmonise with the natural stone construction of the garden walls and converted agricultural building. Standard concrete kerbing would create a significant adverse visual impact. 3) The woodwork on the remaining stone barns appears to have been a dark red colour and it may be applicable to consider this for the windows of the external facing elevations, to reflect the agricultural heritage of the building. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 16 March 2015 17:25
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/00144/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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

Comments were submitted at 5:24 PM on 16 Mar 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 15/00144/HOUSE

Address: Flat Top Cottage Flat Top Farm Road
Terrington Malton YO60 6PB

Proposal: Erection of a part two storey/part single storey rear extension following removal of existing single storey rear flat roof extension together with installation of 3no. additional first floor windows to west elevation

Case Officer: Charlotte Cornforth

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make on these proposals: 1) The most visible external aspect when viewed from adjacent public roads is the north westerly one. Although the existing extensions may not be particularly sympathetic, the strong visual profile of the western gable wall and catslide roof of the original dwelling are still easily distinguishable. 2) I'm concerned that the new extensions, and in particular the 'wrap-around' single storey extension, will rather cut through the remaining vernacular features of the original dwelling so that there will be few traces of any original form left. The catslide appearance of the rear roofslope will be lost and in addition the strong visual element of the western gable wall will be cut by a part-length single storey lean-to extension. 3) Should the scheme be Approved the colour of the painted render finish should be Conditioned to ensure that it is sympathetic to the natural stone construction of the original building. Paul Jackson

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 18 March 2015 16:40
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/00146/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:39 PM on 18 Mar 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 15/00146/FUL

Address: Howsham Mill Howsham Hall Road
Howsham Malton YO60 7PA

Proposal: Extension of approved uses to include hire of building for social events, corporate meetings and training courses in addition to existing use as educational resource centre with bunking facility

Case Officer: Helen Bloomer

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following observations to make on these proposals: 1) Whilst we have been heavily involved at certain stages of the rescue of Howsham Mill, and have provided grant aid for certain projects such as the restoration of the waterwheel, provision of interpretive panels and construction of the composting toilets, I have some concerns about the extent to which the proposed change of use may lead to increased disturbance in an open countryside location adjacent to the generally very tranquil River Derwent SAC. This encompasses an increased number of visitors, together with increased pressure on relatively limited car parking space. 2) In principle however I would support the broadening of the range of uses to which the building can be put, in order to ensure its future viability and to allow more people to enjoy its unique setting. I therefore wonder whether quotas for a certain number of specified types of event might be applied by way of a Condition on any Approval, so as to reach a sustainable compromise. Paul Jackson

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From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 17 March 2015 16:00
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 15/00153/FUL

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:58 PM on 17 Mar 2015 from paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk.

Application Summary

Reference: 15/00153/FUL

Address: Land North Of Sewage Works Mill Lane
Ampleforth

Proposal: Erection of 6no. light industrial units (Use Class B1) with associated parking and alterations to access track to include widening of the entrance and formation of passing places (revised details to refusal 14/00114/FUL dated 16.09.2014).

Case Officer: Alan Hunter

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Comments Details

Comments: I have the following comments to make on these proposals. My comments are in essence a repeat of those submitted in response to the previous proposals: 1) Whilst it would be normal to expect units such as these to be directly adjacent to or within a settlement, in this instance the main issue is whether they would have a significantly detrimental impact on the AONB landscape in the proposed location. 2) The main view from adjacent public viewpoints is likely to be from Mill Lane directly to the west, near the entrance drive to Watergate House. From here the units will be on a ridge with sky behind (accepting that the view currently is during winter and without any leaf on the tree belt within which the units would sit). Nevertheless, the visual impact of the two rows of units, together with the adjacent car parking, should be considered from the perspective of all the seasons, as it will appear to be in 'open' countryside (i.e. detached from any other current development). This is especially important given that the elevation of the units viewed from the west will be

considerably taller than that viewed from the east, due to the design/fall in ground level, and that at one point the screening tree belt will be reduced to one row only. 3)

Notwithstanding the above concerns, I feel that the impacts could be mitigated to a satisfactory level by careful choice of materials colour and additional underplanting of native evergreen shrubs within the woodland areas directly to the west of the proposed units and car parking area. 4) In conclusion, I don't feel that the development would have a significant visual impact on the AONB, subject to Conditions relating to materials colour and woodland management, and small units such as these would diversify the range of business premises available within the AONB. 5)

Suggested materials colours. Roof sheets - dark grey, dark green or dark brown. Walls - timber boarding stained a dark brown colour. Doors - dark grey. 6) Woodland management. A Condition relating to the future management of the woodland area should be imposed, including the requirement to underplant significant areas of holly within the woodland in order to screen it from Mill Lane. The hedge to the east of the access track/site should also be covered by Condition if possible, as this provides significant screening of the site from views within and around Ampleforth village. Paul Jackson

2014/15 Junior Ranger Club

Most of the Junior Ranger Club sessions this year have been delivered with the Education Officer from The Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard. One was delivered at Howsham Mill with their Education and Events Officer.

Easter 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 16 th April The Yorkshire Arboretum	Springtime fun Egg marbling, pond dipping, minibeast trail, spring wordsearches, spring blossom tree pictures (spring colours), rabbits and hares, colour palettes (spring greens), spring themed iced biscuits, growing grass in CD cases (roots and shoots demo to take home).	21

May 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 28 th May Howsham Mill	Island explorers Howsham Mill wordsearch, nature walk around the island, intro to the Mill and renewable energy, water wheel building team challenge, glass painting (creatures found in the River Derwent), chapatti making (linking with flour production), giant Howsham Mill collage.	15

October 2014 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 29 th October The Yorkshire Arboretum	Amazing Autumn Fantastic fungi – fungi foray, spore prints, balloon fly agarics. Apple tree art – bark rubbings and apple prints. Autumn leaves – acetate framed pictures. Nuts and seeds relay. Weather – plastic bag kites, wind socks and plastic bottle rain gauges. Rain sticks. Thunder game – cloud attack. Pond dipping.	18

February 2015 :

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children attending
Wednesday 18 th February The Yorkshire Arboretum	Winter Discovery Making a small bird drinking scrape by the bird hide. Birdwatching walk. Stick men. Winter-themed crafts – tree skeletons, snowflakes, plaster of Paris animal prints, printing, peppermint cream snowflakes. Water/snow cycle – relay game.	12