

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

Venue: Hovingham Village Hall
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Date: 19 April 2018 at 10.00am

Business

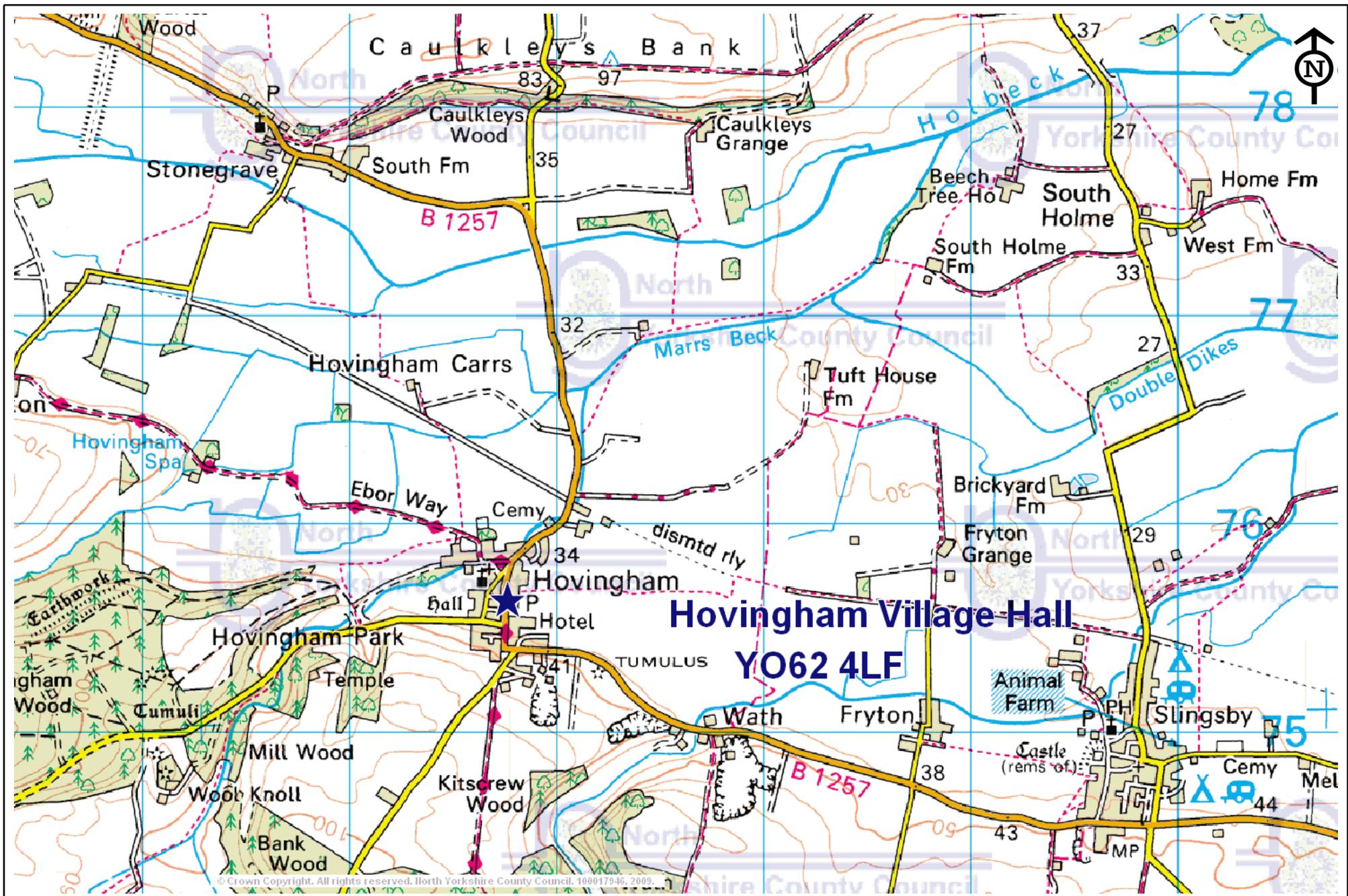
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Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

Membership

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

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Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held at Hovingham Village Hall on 16 November 2017, commencing at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

North Yorkshire County Council: County Councillor Caroline Goodrick
 Ryedale District Council: Councillor Robert Wainwright (Chairman)
 Parish Councils: Chris Stratton (Hambleton) and Sally Brown (Ryedale)
 Country Land and Business Association: Sir William Worsley
 National Farmers Union: Rebecca Hesketh
 Ramblers: Philip Catterall
 Natural England: Ailsa Kirkup

Officers:

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

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

91 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Caroline Patmore, Hambleton District Councillor Christine Cookman, Jim Smith of the Forestry Commission, Liz Small of North Yorkshire County Council and Jennine Nunns, Hambleton District Council

92 Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 April 2017

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

93 Matters Arising

Minute 79 – Matters Arising

The AONB Manager advised that contact was being made with Sight Support Ryedale, in place of Dementia Forward (minute 4 referred).

The new banners were now completed and on display at this meeting (minute 6 referred).

The AONB Manager had attended a meeting the previous week regarding restoration of the former fishermen's car park at Castle Howard to a state more in keeping with the surrounding parkland (minute 11 referred).

Minute 82 – AONB Unit Activity

The AONB Manager reported that Hambleton District Council had confirmed that enforcement action had been taken in relation to Sunley Woods Farm. The JAC recorded their thanks for this.

The AONB Manager also reported that he had checked the time he had spent on planning applications from January to June 2017 and it had taken 6% of his time, not 15% as previously estimated. The JAC recorded their appreciation of the time and effort put into responding to planning applications on behalf of the AONB, and the significance of this as a contribution to the planning process given the development pressures on District Councils.

Minute 85 – AONB Business Plan and Action Programme 2017/18

The AONB Manager updated that there was no progress to report currently regarding the Gilling Castle Lakes Management Plan due to other priorities for the owners. There was a possibility of bidding for funding in 2018/19 to take this forward.

94 JAC Virtual Site Tour of 2016/17 work

JAC members were given a slide presentation of examples of work undertaken in 2016/17.

95 AONB Unit Activity

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

The AONB Officer drew particular attention to the Public Rights of Way improvement project being undertaken in conjunction with the County Council's Countryside Access Service. Although it had taken longer than hoped to get off the ground the project was now up and running. Modern apprentices from the National Park were tackling specific areas on a contract basis. All fingerposts marking where Rights of Way leave the road were now being systematically recorded photographically.

She also highlighted information-sharing with Cranborne Chase AONB in connection with the Turtle Doves project, and community consultation events in connection with the Ryevitalise Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership scheme.

Members discussed the proportion of officer time spent on education. It was stressed that the JAC was in favour of schools and young people's involvement, but that there needed to be careful consideration of the prioritisation of limited staff resources. The AONB Manager confirmed that much of the preparation work was carried out by the Arboretum, with AONB staff present on the day.

The AONB Manager reported that less work had been completed through the Monument Management Scheme than during 2016. Poor weather this year had curtailed the work, and in some cases the bracken control had either not taken place or not been effective. It was planned to take a more resilient approach next year.

He also referred to a meeting with the Police regarding the potential extension of the Ruralwatch scheme into the AONB area and advice about trespass. This would be followed up further. The NFU representative recommended that the AONB network with the active Farmwatch in the East Riding, who could provide useful advice on reporting of issues and providing information to meet Police requirements. She also

referred to a national meeting taking place in December in relation to tackling hare coursing, and invited members to provide any information they were aware of to feed into the meeting as case studies.

Members were concerned about 'crime tourism' and the role of social media, including the live streaming of anti-social activity. It was acknowledged that social media could also be a useful community tool for communicating intelligence in response to such activity.

Members of the JAC were very supportive of crime prevention and deterrent work being pursued by the AONB in a facilitation role.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

96 JAC Planning Consultations

Members noted the comments submitted on behalf of the AONB relating to planning applications since April 2017.

97 AONB Indicators

Members noted a report detailing performance against selected indicators used to measure AONB performance annually. It was noted that Defra was now taking more of an interest in developing new Key Performance Indicators for AONBs.

The AONB Manager provided updated information in relation to indicators 4 and 5 to reflect the total amount spent by the unit, including the use of reserves:

4b – now 96%
4c – now £171,000
5a – now £249,952
5b – now 47% and 21%

Resolved

That the Performance Indicator results contained in Appendix 1 and the updated information above be noted.

98 AONB Budget

Members noted a report detailing final income and expenditure during 2016/17, setting out the current position with the 2017/18 budget and considering the anticipated budgetary requirement for 2018/19.

The AONB Manager reported that there had been a 9% underspend in 2016/17 mostly in relation to projects. The AONB call on reserves had not been as high as anticipated and reserves stood at £71k, with around £4k allocated for 2017/18. 182 volunteer days had been achieved with a value of £10.2k.

The 2017/18 budget was on track, and the AONB Manager also reported that it had been agreed to aim to reduce the reserves balance to around £40k over a period of time, which was felt to be a more appropriate level to reflect the AONB's ongoing liabilities.

For 2018/19 it was proposed to increase staffing, for one year only, to provide an additional day per week in support of the preparation of the new management plan and to deliver a sustained level of project work.

Resolved

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

99 AONB Management Plan Review

The AONB Manager presented a report outlining the suggested programme for reviewing the AONB Management Plan. The Management Plan was a statutory plan which provided the framework for the delivery of the constituent Local Authorities' statutory duty to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the designated landscape.

The new plan would cover the period 2019-2024 and the review timetable was set out in the appendix to the report. Members queried whether there was the need to revise the JAC's meeting timetable to enable discussion of the Plan. However the AONB Manager indicated that consultation with JAC members had moved from a dedicated meeting to a virtual process over a longer timeframe.

It was anticipated that AONB Management Plans would become more important for Defra moving forward post Brexit and for the delivery of agri-environment schemes. Members looked forward to more information on the future direction being available from Defra with the anticipated publication of its 25 year plan. The AONB Manager confirmed that, in common with many organisations, the National Association of AONBs were seeking to work with Defra to help shape the development of the Plan.

Resolved

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

100 National Association for AONBs Activity

The Committee received an update on activity by the National Association for AONBs. The AONB Manager briefed the Committee that he was part of a small national working group involved in looking at new Key Performance Indicators for AONBs to put forward to Defra. It was expected that these would align with the themes of the Defra 25 year plan

It was noted that Outstanding Week – the national celebration of AONBs – took place in September and included walks organised by the Ramblers and events at Yorkshire Arboretum.

101 Reports from Partner Organisations

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

Natural England

There was a possibility of funding for heathland restoration. Ailsa Kirkup agreed to contact the AONB Manager with details.

National Farmers Union

Rebecca Hesketh reported that the farmers' update meeting had been very well received and showed the level of interest.

Ramblers

Phil Catterall reported on very positive joint working with the Countryside Access Team in relation to Rights of Way issues.

Hambleton Parishes

Chris Stratton queried whether the Forestry Commission were planning to plant deciduous trees as part of the work at Wass Bank and the AONB Manager confirmed that he believed that was the case.

He also asked about road safety advice and equipment for volunteer parish working parties. Sally Brown indicated that the local County Council highways area office had provided helpful advice for Ryedale groups and the District Council had provided equipment.

Ryedale District Council

Howard Wallis reported that public consultation was currently taking place on the Ryedale District Council Local Plan Sites Document, prior to submission for public examination. Once adopted this would complete the Ryedale Local Plan.

He also reported on the formation in July of the A64 Partnership, bringing together the County Council, Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, City of York Council and businesses to put pressure on Highways England and government in relation to improvements and to achieve the maximum amount of dualling of the A64 from Hopgrove to Malton. The Local Enterprise Partnership was collating evidence. The AONB would have a role in regard to future plans and consultations. The AONB Manager commented that the new Management Plan would need to take account of this work.

102 Dates of next JAC Meetings

Resolved

That the next meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 19 April and Thursday 15 November 2018 at 10am at Hovingham Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 12.05pm

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19 APRIL 2018**

AONB UNIT ACTIVITY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 2.1 Appendix 1 gives separate details of the work, meetings and site visits that have been carried out by the AONB Manager and AONB Officers in the period 8th November 2017 to 8th April 2018. Appendix 2 gives full details of the wide range of projects that the AONB has assisted during the year. Appendix 3 gives details of the Consultations that the JAC has received during the year.
- 2.2 The Team has continued to be involved in a considerable number of conservation partnerships – the River Rye Group preparing the Stage 2 HLF bid for the Ryevitalise Project, River Derwent Catchment Partnership, the Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP, the North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, the Cornfield Flowers Project and the Turtle Doves project.
- 2.3 Countryside management work has been continuing, through the AONB Project Fund, with several significant roadside wall and hedge restoration projects completed. A programme of restoration and replacement of 13 village name signs in 7 villages has also been completed.
- 2.4 The Geodiversity Audit moved on with the sending out of access permission request paperwork to chase previous letters and also to contact owners of sites in residential gardens. Chaser letters for the second tranche of sites were then sent, followed by processing of all the landowner replies, briefing the surveyor and refining the survey forms after 11 initial site surveys had been completed.
- 2.5 Volunteer activity on practical work during the last six months has focused on carrying out scrub removal/management works, on Terrington Carr SINC, Peel Wood & Grasslands SINC, Littledale SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC and Cawton Fens SINC. The volunteer team was out almost every fortnight during the winter months, although there were some cancellations or switched tasks due to the occasionally severe weather.
- 2.6 Liz Bassindale has been working with the Community First Yorkshire Development Officer, supporting Ward mapping in Hovingham and Ampleforth Wards. Community conservation projects have also been supported at Hovingham Village Hall and Slingsby School. A full list of the work carried out by the CFY officer in the AONB is attached as part of Appendix 1.
- 2.7 The photographing of roadside Public Rights of Way fingerposts has been completed all bar c.3 signs. A second batch of 18 new or replacement signs has been identified and the signs ordered by NYCC.
- 2.8 February and Easter Junior Ranger Clubs were delivered. Full details of the activities and attendance for the 2017/18 activity sessions are shown in Appendix 4.

- 2.9 Copies of the 22 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 The Defra 25 Year Environment Plan and the 'Future for Food, Farming & the Environment in a Green Brexit' consultation paper have been scrutinised to help inform future AONB policy and the revision of the AONB Management Plan.
- 2.11 Forward planning of the Exmoor Ponies grazing project, Himalayan balsam control, AONB Volunteers Work Plan and Junior Ranger Club sessions has been completed.
- 2.12 NAAONB work has principally involved participating in on-line discussions, information-sharing and promotional work. Additional input has been made by Paul Jackson to joint NAAONB/Defra Working Groups on Performance Metrics and the future of agri-environment schemes. Staff also attended national NAAONB meetings including the national Chairmen and Lead Officers' seminar and AGM in November and a Lead Officers' meeting in February.
- 2.13 The Joint Advisory Committee's budget for 2017/18 is projected to be slightly underspent this year. This is principally the result of little work being carried out under the Monument Management Scheme, due to the failure of the 2016 bracken spraying on the sites we had hoped to work on this winter.
As a result the anticipated income wasn't received from Historic England and the small amount of work that was carried out was covered by HE Income in Advance brought forward from 2016/17. The balance of funds carried forward into 2018/19 is therefore predicted to drop quite substantially to approximately £62,800. £9,000 of the 'Reserve Funds' has been allocated within the 2018/19 budget.
- 2.14 A grant allocation proposal and draft work programme for 2018/19 was submitted to Defra in January. The interim claim for payment of the 2017/18 grant was also submitted on schedule in January and payment has been received.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

AONB MANAGER'S REPORT

8th NOVEMBER 2017 – 11th APRIL 2018

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Planning application consultation scrutiny and responses.
- PRow Improvement Programme (joint project with NYCC Countryside Access Service) – photographing wording on roadside fingerposts and carrying out associated sign/stile clearance work; 18 replacement roadside fingerposts identified.
- Representing the AONB Family at meetings with Defra in London, on Key Performance Indicators and future agri-environment schemes.
- AONB Geodiversity Audit – sending out of access permission request paperwork to chase previous letters and also contact owners of sites in residential gardens; sending out chaser letters for second tranche of sites; processing landowner replies.
- Sick Leave and recuperation after hospital operation.
- Writing to Parish Councils and obtaining quotes to refurbish traditional village name signs.
- Preparation & submission of 2018/19 work programme and budget to Defra.
- Preparation and submission of interim Defra grant claim.
- Writing to farmers, landowners and Parish Councils to notify them about a potential Rural Watch scheme for the AONB
- Reading the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan.
- Preparation of workshop session at the NAAONB Lead Officers' meeting on metrics for monitoring AONB Family delivery against the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan.
- Starting to review the current text of the Management Plan topic chapters.

MEETINGS

- Castle Howard – discussion of project ideas
- North Yorkshire Police, re-organisation and possible funding for an HHAONB Rural Watch scheme
- November JAC meeting, Hovingham
- November Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- Ryevitalise – interim PAWS project update
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, County Hall
- Highways Heads of Service meeting, County Hall, to discuss HHAONB Design Guidance
- LNP Board Meeting, County Hall
- NYCC Management Plans catch-up/SEA scoping, County Hall
- Ryevitalise Lowland Farmer Champions Group, Nunnington
- February Annual Action Programme Update meeting
- NEY Geology Trust – progress with Geodiversity Audit
- NYMNP – Farmer Clusters & agri-environment catch-up
- March Core Partners Group meeting

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

Team meetings

NAAONB

- Defra Metrics Group, London (supporting NAAONB)
- Chairmen's Conference & AGM, London
- Defra/NAAONB Agri-Environment meeting, London
- Assisting with participation in the Twitter #outstandinghour when available to do so
- Preparation of workshop session at the NAAONB Lead Officers' meeting on metrics for monitoring AONB Family delivery against the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan
- Lead Officers' Meeting, Birmingham

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- April JAC, Hovingham
- Ryevitalise PAWS Restoration event, Hawaby
- Ryevitalise Steering Group meetings
- Procurement keeping-in-touch meeting, County Hall
- Rural Watch meeting, Hovingham

- NYMNP – Farmer Clusters & agri-environment catch-up
- Rural Watch meeting, Hovingham Village Hall
- North & East Public Rights of Way Local Liaison Group, County Hall
- LNP Board meeting
- RIIO-ED1 Undergrounding Steering Group, York
- North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Panel, County Hall
- Native Woodland Partnership, Helmsley

Heritage Services Team meetings, County Hall

1:1 meetings with Liz Small

NAAONB (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to Agri-Environment Group • Input to Defra Metrics Group • Northern AONBs Group strategic meeting – Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB • Northern AONBs Group demonstration day – Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB • National AONBs Conference, Kent • Northern AONBs Group strategic meeting – Howardian Hills AONB • Northern AONBs Group demonstration day – Howardian Hills AONB

SITE VISITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRoW fingerpost photos/cutting back vegetation – High Hutton, Crambe, Howsham, Welburn, Bulmer, Stittenham, Husthwaite, Coxwold, Ampleforth, Crayke, Oulston • Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management project – scoping visits to Burnt Gill at Gilling • Planning application site visits – High Stittenham, Terrington, Crayke, Oulston

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

CONSULTATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing implementation of partnership project with NYCC Countryside Access Service to deliver PRoW improvements in the AONB - photographing wording on roadside fingerposts and carrying out associated sign/stile clearance work; 18 replacement roadside fingerposts identified • AONB Geodiversity Audit – sending out access permission request letters to second tranche of sites, and chaser letters for first tranche of sites; processing landowner replies; assessing initial site surveys / amendments to survey forms; briefing surveyor on main batch of surveys • Supplying information and supporting preparation of Ryevitalise Phase 2 submission • Preparation of December Core Partners Group papers • Writing to Parish Councils, obtaining quotes and procuring refurbishment of traditional village name signs • Preparation & submission of 2018/19 work programme and budget to Defra • Preparation and submission of interim Defra grant claim • Preparation and submission of Q3 MMS report and grant claim • Writing to farmers, landowners and Parish Councils to notify them about a potential Rural Watch scheme for the AONB • Reading the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan • Starting to review the current text of the Management Plan topic chapters • Preparation of April JAC reports • Finalising the Year-end accounts • Organising and publicising a meeting for farmers, landowners and Parish Councils to establish a Rural Watch scheme for the AONB

PROJECTS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plan review (as per the agreed Review programme) • AONB Geodiversity Audit – assessing site survey information and incorporating data into the new draft AONB Management Plan • Installing refurbished traditional direction sign at Barton Hill, following junction improvements • Preparation and submission of Q4 MMS report and grant claim • Making contact with relevant landowners to discuss the River Derwent Villages

<p>Natural Flood Management project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AONB Geodiversity Audit – submitting sites to the Local Geological Sites Panel for assessment/potential non-Statutory designation

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

RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)
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COMMUNITIES
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COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)
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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweets showcasing practical work undertaken by the AONB Team

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweets showcasing practical work undertaken by the AONB Team • Press release on joint HHAONB/NYCC/NYMNP PRoW Improvement Project

TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYCC Dealing with Customer Feedback

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

MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year Appraisals • Christmas shut-down • Sickness absence – hospital operation • Annual Leave 3rd – 11th March • Final Appraisals 2017/18 • Growth, Planning & Trading Standards Service Planning workshop, Northallerton

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appraisal target-setting 2018/19 • NYCC Chief Executive’s Managers Briefing event, Topcliffe

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Liz Bassindale)

2nd November 2017 - 11th April 2018

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Conservation initiatives - River Rye Group, River Derwent Partnership and Scarborough, Ryedale & Howardian Hills LBAP. The River Rye Group – contributing towards production of the LCAP and Project Proformas for the Ryevitalise project HLF Stage 2 bid.
- HLF Turtle Doves Project – sending out landowner access requests for surveys, producing survey packs, planning volunteer training evening, making connections with landowners, organising site meeting at Park House (Autism Plus) which has led to creation of a turtle dove friendly seeded area of land.
- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers and checking completed work. Chasing up end of financial year grant claims.
- Starting to plan the cutting of Himalayan balsam on five sites using the services of two contractors, Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the Moorswork and NYCC Countryside Volunteer Teams.
- Volunteers – planning and delivering autumn and winter tasks. Planning and starting to deliver spring and summer tasks. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets. Over the winter the volunteers have worked on three SINCs and have been removing rhododendron from an area of deciduous woodland.
- Junior Rangers – planning and delivering activities February and Easter. The NYCC Rotters joined us in February and we worked with the Ryevitalise team to develop a rivers session in April.
- Communities – working with Community First Yorkshire Development Officer, particularly supporting Ward mapping.
- Communities – Grants offered to Hovingham Parish Council (wall repairs), Slingsby School (wildlife area) and Hovingham Action Group (sustainable living/recycling survey).
- Working with Francesca to support the elements of the AONB Work Programme that she is delivering.
- The Cornfield Flowers Project (CFP) Facilitation Fund bid was successful and we are starting to develop connections between CFP and Next Steps in Malton.

MEETINGS

- Yorkshire Derwent Partnership, Malton (x1), Howden (x1)
- Ryevitalise LCAP, Helmsley (x4)
- Ryevitalise Steering Group, Helmsley (x1), Malton (x1), Hawby (x1)
- Ryevitalise, The Paradise Initiative, Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Officer, survey area planning, Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Officer, volunteer project introduction meeting planning, Helmsley
- Turtle Dove Officer, finalising survey squares and update, Helmsley (x2)
- Turtle Dove Officer, planning volunteer survey training session planning, Helmsley
- Sustainable tourism and Dark Skies events, Helmsley
- North Yorkshire Police, discussing a Rural Watch for the AONB, Helmsley
- Joint Advisory Committee, Hovingham

- NYCC Countryside Volunteers Coordinator, AONB volunteering review and planning, Sutton Bank
- Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust, Northallerton, reviewing 2017 grazing issues and planning 2018
- Youth Engagement Officer, North York Moors National Park, connections with Ryevitalise and our Junior Rangers at 11+
- Ryevitalise and National Park Education Team, linking Rye project with existing work and identifying opportunities
- Exmoor Ponies, briefing National Park Farm Conservation Officer about our grazing programme
- Ryevitalise, Education proforma development, Helmsley
- NYCC Heritage Services meeting, Northallerton
- Moorswork, volunteering update and future tasks, Malton
- Moorswork, grant application to LNP fund for conservation mower, Helmsley (application was successful)

- Connecting for Nature (LBAP), Malton
- HLF workshop, Leeds
- Ampleforth Abbey HLF application focus group, Ampleforth
- Development Officers, Malton
- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP (quarterly)
- Team updates with PJ and FP

- NAAONB**
- Participation on Twitter in #Outstandinghour on Wednesdays when possible to do so.

- MEETINGS (FUTURE)**
- Dark Skies debrief, venue tbc
 - Turtle Dove Officer, final preparation and delivery of volunteer survey training, The Yorkshire Arboretum
 - Connecting for Nature (LBAP), Scarborough
 - Ryevitalise Steering Group, Malton (x1), Helmsley (x1)
 - Derwent Catchment Partnership, York
 - 1 to 1 meetings with PJ
 - Heritage Services Meetings

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

- SITE VISITS**
- Terrington with landowner, hedge planting project (x3)
 - Terrington Carr SINC, checking scrub to plan volunteer input
 - Coulton Moor, checking rhododendron to plan volunteer input
 - Coulton, with landowner, hedge planting grant and historic building restoration
 - Autism Plus, Gilling East, planning turtle dove seeded area and discussing volunteering and habitat improvement opportunities
 - Grange Bogs SINC, Coulton Fen SINC and Bull Ings SINC, Exmoor pony site boundary checks
 - Cawton Fen SINC, with Natural England and Farm Manager, conservation scrub clearance from fen
 - Dutch House, Crayke, potential grants and volunteer projects to increase wildlife value

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

- PROJECTS**
- Site visit with landowner re. walling grant, Grimston
 - Update from surveyor re. progress with Flora of the Howardian Hills, Helmsley
 - Assisting Francesca with the development of Project Fund applications
 - Advice to Project Fund applicants – application process and making grant offers
 - SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

- PROJECTS (FUTURE)**
- Turtle Dove Officer, preparing survey packs, Helmsley

- RECREATION/ACCESS**
- Site visit with PROW, bridge widening and access improvements, Birkdale/Littledale near Terrington

- RECREATION/ACCESS (FUTURE)**
- Birkdale/Littledale, visit volunteers at end of 2nd day on site to assess progress

- COMMUNITIES**
- Junior Rangers planning meeting, Sheriff Hutton
 - February Junior Rangers activities – complete preparation and deliver session
 - Easter Junior Rangers activities – complete preparation and deliver session
 - Ryevitalise consultation event, Nunnington
 - Headteacher, Hovingham Primary School, Ryevitalise involvement
 - Head of Science, Terrington Hall School, Ryevitalise involvement
 - Headteacher and Class 1 teacher, Slingsby Primary School, Ryevitalise involvement and Wildlife Area grant ideas
 - Teaching Assistant, Terrington Primary School, Ryevitalise involvement

- Teaching Assistant, Foston Primary School, wildlife area improvement (same meeting as above – TA covers both schools)
- Community First Yorkshire, ward mapping, Ampleforth/Gilling East Ward
- Community First Yorkshire Development Officer, update and planning, Pickering

- | COMMUNITIES (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornfield Flowers Project and mental wellbeing (HLF bid), Next Steps, Norton • Foston School, wildlife area planning site visit • Ryevitalise school taster session (to support HLF bid), Hovingham |

- | PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark Skies evening, The Yorkshire Arboretum • Ryedale Show – agreeing which partners are joining us on the stand and their contributions • Production of hedgelaying information sign for landowner, Coulton • Ryevitalise Interpretation Workshop, Hawnby • Ryedale Show, agree stand content with partner organisations and prepare AONB content • Tweets showcasing various aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team |

- | PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryevitalise stand at Countryside Day, Duncombe Park • Ryedale Show, Welburn Hall, Kirkbymoorside • Tweets showcasing different aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MapInfo, Turtle Dove maps, with Paul • Smartphone handover, Malton |

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

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

- | MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One week on leave (May half term) |

AONB OFFICER'S REPORT (Francesca Pert)

2nd November 2017 - 11th April 2018

Work during this period has principally consisted of:

- Providing Project Fund applicants with application guidance, making grant offers and checking completed work. Chasing up end of financial year grant claims.
- Volunteers – planning and delivering three autumn and winter tasks at Peel Wood SINC to remove scrub. Supplying NYCC Countryside Volunteer Officer and Moorswork with task information and signing-in sheets
- Junior Rangers – Supporting LB in the planning and delivery of activities in February and Easter.
- Leaflet Distribution – investigating alternative methods of distributing our main Rides and Rambles leaflet to local accommodation providers. Compiled a list of accommodation providers in and close to the AONB and sent out leaflets with assistance from North York Moors National Park admin staff.
- Exmoor Pony Grazing landowner liaison – issued letters to landowners regarding the 2018 conservation pony grazing schedule.
- Future event planning – booking a stand for the AONB at Ryedale Show and booking a marquee.
- HHAONB Website – keeping the website up to date with news posts and promotion of AONB activities including Junior Rangers.
- Starting to plan the cutting of Himalayan balsam on Wath Beck using a contractor.
- Conservation initiatives - River Rye Group – contributing in meetings and towards production of Project Proformas for the Stage 2 bid.

MEETINGS

- Ryevitalise Steering Group, Malton
- Action Programme meetings with PJ and FP (quarterly)
- Team updates with PJ and LB

NAAONB

- Participation on Twitter in #Outstandinghour on Wednesdays when possible to do so.

MEETINGS (FUTURE)

- 1 to 1 meetings with PJ
- Team update meetings with PJ & LB
- Heritage Services Meetings when in Helmsley

NAAONB (FUTURE)

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

SITE VISITS

- Ganthorpe woodland planting initial site visit

- Harome Sidings site visit with Ryevitalise Officer and Head of Natural Environment from NYMNP
- Cawton Pond and green improvements initial site visit with residents
- Peel Wood SINC post-scrub removal site visit

SITE VISITS (FUTURE)

- Bulmer – final hedge planting inspection
- Ganthorpe – woodland planting inspection
- Sproxton – tree planting beat-up inspection

CONSULTATIONS

- SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR FULL DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

PROJECTS

- Ganthorpe woodland planting project.
- Bulmer phase 3 of hedge planting scheme
- Chasing up tree planting beat-up work left over from 2016/17
- Considering the need for pond restoration work at Harome Sidings
- Scrub removal at Peel Wood SINC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Special Interest Verge cut organised with contractor • Cawton Pond and Green – meeting with residents to discuss possible improvements • Liaising with partners (Environment Agency, York City Council and NYCC Ecologist) about possible project to improve water quality at Oulston Reservoir and create a Crayfish ARC site in the Upper Foss • Repairs to fencing at Terrington Moor SINC, organising contractor to complete • Assisting Liz with the development of Project Fund applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice to Project Fund applicants – application process and making grant offers • SEE SEPARATE TABLE FOR LIST OF PROJECTS GRANT AIDED

PROJECTS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oulston Reservoir SINC scrub control • Updating and compiling the Evidence Base for 2019-2024 Management Plan

RECREATION/ACCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created new separate drop-down menu on HHAONB website for accessible trails and transferred Easy Countryside Trails information to there • Rides and Rambles leaflet distributed to local accommodation providers

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

COMMUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Junior Rangers activities – complete preparation and deliver session • Easter Junior Rangers activities – complete preparation and deliver session

COMMUNITIES (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Junior Rangers promotion & prep

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweets showcasing various aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team • Booked AONB newsletter Royal Mail Door to Door drop • Accommodation provider leaflet distribution address list compiled & efficient mail out system devised with NYMNPA admin team

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/ INTERPRETATION (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweets showcasing different aspects of work undertaken by the AONB Team • Website posts promoting AONB events and activities • Ensuring an 'idiots guide' to the HHAONB website editing suite is up to date • Ryedale Show – Helping LB with any necessary preparation e.g. with quiz and displays • Work with PJ on obtaining STEAM data cut to AONB boundaries

TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wordpress.org: 6 session website editing training, York • Smartphone handover, Northallerton

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

MISCELLANEOUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appraisal • Christmas Closedown leave 27th December • FP photo taken for website

MISCELLANEOUS (FUTURE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ and LB need photos to be taken for website • One week on leave (2nd week in May) • Maternity Leave starting early July

Report to Howardian Hills AONB Committee
1 November 2017 to 31 March 2018

Going Wild in Amotherby

- Three information boards were produced as part of the project. One is displayed in Amotherby Church; another has been presented to Amotherby School by Nigella Ballard, Chair of Amotherby Conservation Churchyard group; the other one will be displayed at shows and events.

Hovingham Ward Planning

- All assets and facilities within the Ward have been recorded and passed to RDC to be digitally mapped.
- Following a meeting of the four parishes (Hovingham, Terrington, Barton-le-Street and Slingsby) it was decided that regular meetings were not necessary. Contact with the parishes has been maintained by contact with the clerks, either by e-mail, telephone or face to face.
- I attended the Hovingham Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting on 14 March 2018.
- The Parishes have been encouraged to do Emergency Plans if they don't already have one, supported by Grace Lawes from NYCC.
- Hayley Johnson, Community-Led Housing Officer from Community First Yorkshire, was invited to attend a meeting of Slingsby PC to explain about the Community-Led Housing project.

Ampleforth Ward

- Asset mapping has also been carried out during March 2018, in the villages of Ampleforth, Gilling East, Oswaldkirk, Wass and Cawton.
- It is planned to do Sheriff Hutton Ward next.

Other Activities

- Continue to have regular meetings with Liz Bassindale.
- Continue to work with Sarah Robinson (NYCC Stronger Communities) to identify HHAONB communities who would qualify and benefit from support & funding.
- Working with Faye Snowden, Ryedale Community Officer, for Amotherby, Hovingham, Ampleforth and Sheriff Hutton Wards.
- Attending Ryedale Development Officer meetings and RDC Parish Liaison meetings.
- Supporting Ryevitalise Project by supplying information and attending event on 6 November at NYMNPA in Helmsley.
- Supported Turtle Doves project.
- Responded to e-mails/telephone calls from residents/PCs/community groups in AONB as required.

AONB PROJECTS 2017/2018

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

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

AONB Enhancement – Natural Environment

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Ryevitalise Partnership	Ryevitalise HLF bid area	Contribution to Project Development phase	-	NE9.1	£56,333 (Year 1)	(Year 1 £1,500 paid in 16/17)
J Pilling	Grimston	Stabilisation & repair of 274m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£27,669	£5,535 (20%)
Mrs Staples	Bulmer	Planting 377m of new field hedge and 4 in-field/boundary trees	Zone 3B Landscape	AG2.2	£5,461	£2,308 (50%)
A Ogden	Coulton	Laying 100m of hedge	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,150	£690
A Ogden	Coulton	Planting-up 43m of hedge gaps	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£248	£140
R Laverick	Grimston	Restoration of 50m of roadside wall	Zone 1 Landscape	AG2.2	£4,900	£3,250 (66%)
Mrs W Watson	Ganthorpe	Planting 1 copse (250 trees & shrubs)	Zone 3B/6 Landscape	AG2.2	£1,725	£860 (50%)
Bulmer PC	Bulmer	Tree surgery to avenue of 37 semi-mature trees	Zone 3B Landscape	NE3.4	£1,080	£350
N Burrows	Coulton	Planting 80m of new hedge	Zone 6 Landscape	AG2.2	£900	£480

APPLICANT/ (CONTRACTOR)	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Terrington Hall School	Terrington	Timber for bird boxes and bird table	-	NE5.1	£850	£100
Carstairs Countryside Trust	Various	Cornfield Flowers Project	-	NE3.4, NE4.2	£2,623	£500

(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Husthwaite	Grassland management	-	NE4.2	£740	£240
(AONB Unit – Yorkshire Exmoor Pony Trust)	Cawton (2), Terrington (2)	Conservation grazing of 4 SINC's or other important sites	Sites 1.41, 1.47, 1.66, 1.20	NE3.1	£694	£267
Turtle Doves Project	Turtle Doves HLF project area	Contribution to Project	-	NE4.3	£5,000 (Year 1)	(Year 1 £1,000 paid in 16/17)
North East Yorkshire Geology Trust	AONB	Geodiversity Audit	-	NE7.1	£15,750 (Year 1)	£13,050
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC	Cutting bracken on semi-improved grassland site (June & August)	Site 1.5	NE3.3	£120	£120
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.58	NE6.2	£600	£600
(AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers)	Jeffry Bog SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.74	NE6.2	£1,050	£1,050
(AONB Unit – The Conservation Volunteers)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£700	£700
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers) + village volunteers	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£940	£240
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	River Derwent SSSI	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.73	NE6.2	£900	£900
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Fairy Dell SINC	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Site 1.17	NE6.2	£840	£240
(AONB Unit – DMD Contracting)	Wath Beck	Cutting/pulling Himalayan balsam	Inc. Sites 1.33 & 1.65	NE6.2	£900	£900
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC	Grassland management	-	NE3.1	£710	£240
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Amotherby Lane SINC	Grassland/scrub management 22	Site 1.38	NE3.1	£120	£120

Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby Churchyard	Habitat management	-	NE5.1	£240	£120 (25%)
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Terrington Carr SINC	Birch management	Site 1.67	NE3.1	£420	£120
(AONB Unit – J R Clifford & Sons)	Various	Management of 45 Special Interest Road Verges	-	NE3.1	c.£1,200	c.£1,200
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Coulton Moor	Rhododendron control	Zone 1 landscape	NE3.3, NE6.2	£1,110	£360
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Littledale SINC	Scrub & rush management, and fencing repairs	Site 1.20	NE3.1	£1,164	£264
(AONB Unit – Castle Howard Estate)	Various	Beat-up failed trees and repair tree guards	-	NE8.2	c.£100	c.£100
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Peel Wood & Grassland SINC	Scrub management	Site 1.11	NE3.1	£2,010	£360
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Cawton Fens SINC	Scrub management	Site 1.47	NE3.1	£420	£120
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Grange Bogs, Bull Ings & Cawton Fens (pt) SINC	Repairs to fencing, to enable continued grazing by Exmoor ponies	Sites 1.59, 1.60 & 1.47	NE3.1	£800	£800

AONB Enhancement - Historic Environment

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	City of Troy Maze, Dalby	Regular maintenance	Site 2.25	HE2.5	£210	£210
(AONB Unit – P & A Gospel Landscapes)	Mileposts	Regular maintenance	Site 2.63	HE2.5, RT4.5	£168	£168
The Yorkshire Arboretum	Yorkshire Arboretum	Restoration of parkland lake	Site 2.74	HE2.5, NE3.3	£11,418	£3,540

(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Coneystorpe	Fabrication of 1 modern replica village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,090	£1,090
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Coulton	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign; fabrication of 1 modern replica	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,930	£1,930
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Welburn	Fabrication of 2 replica village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£2,180	£2,180
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Brandsby	Restoration of 3 traditional village name signs; fabrication of 1 modern replica	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£4,020	£4,020
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Stearsby	Restoration of 1 traditional village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£840	£840
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Dalby	Fabrication of 1 replica village name sign	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,090	£1,090
(AONB Unit – Cleveland Corrosion Control)	Skewsby	Restoration of 2 traditional village name signs	-	HE2.5, LC1.4	£1,680	£1,680
MONUMENT MANAGEMENT SCHEME						
<u>Historic England funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork + Volunteers)	Scackleton	Burning brash after clearance on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.84	HE2.3	£270	£120
<u>AONB funded</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Hovingham	Re-seeding on 1 Scheduled Monument	Site 2.35	HE2.3	£238	£238
(AONB Unit – 4Nature)	Various	Spraying bracken on 14 Scheduled Monuments; evaluating stump regrowth	Sites 2.3, 2.4, 2.11, 2.24, 2.36, 2.37, 2.39, 2.68, 2.69	HE2.3	£820	£820

(AONB Unit – Forestry Commission)	Oulston, Grimston	Spraying bracken on 3 Scheduled Monuments	Sites 2.4, 2.12, 2.20	HE2.3	£250	£0
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AONB Enhancement – Sustainable Development & Rural Economy

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
Rural Action Yorkshire	Amotherby Ward & AONB	Sustainable Rural Communities project, working with communities on community planning; also work on Amotherby Ward plan	-	LC1.2, LC1.3	£13,636	£5,750 (42%)
Sight Support Ryedale	AONB	Support to walking group to visit the AONB at least 4 times	-	RA2.2	£1,461	£1,070
Hovingham Parish Council	Hovingham	Repair to 30m of stone wall at Village Hall	-	LC1.4	£6,720	£2,610
Slingsby May Day Committee	Slingsby	May Day and community events resources	-	LC1.4	£500	£185
Swinton Community Group	Swinton	Printing of Parish Plan	-	LC1.4	£347	£167
Amotherby Churchyard Conservation Group	Amotherby	Plant & bird surveys; bird boxes & feeders; minibeast hotel; display panel (phase 2)	-	NE5.1	£1,483	£200
Slingsby School	Slingsby	Wildlife area (phase 1)	-	NE5.1	£1,000	£1,000
<u>Recreation</u>						
(AONB Unit – Moorswork)	Various	Litter picking (5 visits)	Sites 3.8, 3.14, 3.19	RA4.5	£600	£600
(AONB Unit – P Gospel)	Gateway signs	Strimming	-	AP1.1	£756	£756
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project – 24 replacement roadside fingerposts (installation)	-	RA3.1	£1,660	£220
(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	Bulmer, Welburn, Crambe	PRoW Improvement Project – kissing gate refurbishment, waymarking, minor vegetation clearance, etc. (delivered by NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team)	-	RA3.1	c.£13,250	£3,000

(AONB Unit/NYCC Countryside Access Service)	AONB	PRoW Improvement Project – 18 replacement roadside fingerposts (supply)	-	RA3.1	c.£1,225	£0
<u>Promotion/Rural Economy</u>						
<u>Volunteering</u>						
(AONB Volunteers)	Misc	Volunteer input – shows, Junior Ranger Club, etc	Various	Various	£1,550	-
(Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Tomorrow's Natural Leaders)	Misc	Junior Ranger Club	-	AP2.3	£1,400	-

Young People's activities

APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROJECT	LOCAL PRIORITY	OBJECTIVE	SCHEME COST	JAC ASSISTANCE
(AONB Unit)	Arboretum	Junior Ranger Club x 4	-	AP2.3	£782	£182

AONB CONSULTATIONS (SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS) 2017/2018

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

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

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

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

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

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Creation of wildlife pond)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Change of use of kennels to dog breeding business)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Crambe	Planning application (Demolition of barns, conversion of barns and erection of extension)	(Previously)	Consistent roof materials; Colour of roof sheets	Granted
Ryedale District Council	Coulton	Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings - amended)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Change of use of agricultural building to caravan storage)	No	No caravans to be stored outside; no security lighting	Granted, with relevant Conditions
Forestry Commission	Welburn	Woodland management proposals (1.5ha conifer PAWS to broadleaves)	No	None	-
Forestry Commission	Castle Howard	Woodland management proposals (1ha conifers to broadleaves)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of porch - amended)	(Previously)	None	-
Forestry Commission	Bulmer	Woodland management proposals (0.5ha conifer PAWS to native broadleaves)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of linking extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Conversion of stables to holiday cottage)	No	Colour of boiler flue	Granted
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning Appeal (Erection of 3 dwellings)	(Previously)	Clarifications on Management Plan policies quoted by appellant	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Brandsby	Planning application (Conversion of outbuildings to flat, dwelling & office)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of 4 business units)	No	No details of colour of render and timber cladding, or landscaping species	Granted, with Conditions

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	Thornton-le-Clay	Planning application (Installation of floodlights on riding arena)	No	None	Refused (Light pollution impact on AONB)
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Alterations & erection of Manager's house)	No	No details given of Manager's house – impact on Listed Building & Conservation Area?	Granted, following submission of design of house
Ryedale District Council	Firby	Planning application (Erection of replacement wall & gates)	No	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension & car barn)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Nunnington	Planning application (Erection of link extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of barns to 2 holiday cottages)	No	Amenity area and parking spaces not shown – proximity to Foss Way walk	Granted – amended plans submitted
Ryedale District Council	Oswaldkirk	Planning application (Replacement of 2-storey extension with single storey)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Extension of outbuilding to form kennels)	No	Colour of roof sheets and render finish	Granted
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of additional accommodation and holiday unit)	No	Minor	Granted
Ryedale District Council	Musley Bank	Planning application (Erection of dwelling - revised)	Previously	Object	Pending
Ryedale District Council	Little Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	Object (excessive height and size)	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Husthwaite	Planning application (Change of use for internal & external mobile home storage)	Yes	Minor, re landscaping	Granted

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Erection of two storey extension)	Previously	Object (excessive size and scale, impact on Listed Building & Conservation Area)	Refused
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Removal of time limit restriction on agricultural buildings)	Previously	Object (adequate time allowed to develop business)	Withdrawn (see below)
Ryedale District Council	Grimston	Planning application (Erection of replacement dwelling - revised)	No	None	-
North Yorkshire County Council – Thirsk Area Office	Oulston	Highway works – formation of soakaway on road verge	No	Minor	-
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	No	Significant concerns (hipped roof line)	Granted
Ryedale District Council	Gilling	Planning application (Erection of verandah)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of farm building)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Dalby	Planning application (Erection of cattle shed)	Previously	Minor, re landscaping & colour of roof sheets	Granted, with Conditions re landscaping & roof colour
Ryedale District Council	Broughton	Agricultural Prior Notification (Erection of pig building)	No	Colour of roof sheets	Granted, with advisory re roof colour
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions - revised)	Previously	Significant concerns (size and scale of proposed western wing)	Amended (see below)
Ryedale District Council	Bulmer	Planning application (Erection of extension)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Amendment of wording of Local Occupancy Condition)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Planning application (Conversion of farm buildings into 3 dwellings)	No	Must be linked to conservation of Grade I Listed Building	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of extension, new stables, horse walker; new entrance)	No	None	-

CONSULTING ORGANISATION	LOCATION	PROJECT	SITE VISIT	COMMENTS	DECISION
Ryedale District Council	High Stittenham	Planning application (Erection of extensions)	Yes	Object (excessive size and scale, impact on non-designated heritage asset)	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Yearsley	Agricultural Prior Notification (Widening of forest road)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Stonegrave	Planning application (Erection of 2-storey extensions – re-revised)	Previously	None	(Refused)
Ryedale District Council	Terrington	Planning application (Erection of extension & garage; formation of parking area)	Yes	Significant concerns (roller shutter door; impact of front parking area on Conservation Area)	Granted (garage & parking area deleted)
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Erection of farm building)	Yes	Concerns (size, landscaping needed)	Pending
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Planning application (Outline application for up to 9 dwellings)	Yes	Object (size of proposed development area)	Pending
Fountain Forestry	Brandsby	Certification of Brandsby Woodlands	No	Minor	-
Forestry Commission	Oulston & Coulton	Woodland management proposals	No	Minor	-
Hambleton District Council	Oulston	Agricultural Prior Notification (Widening of forest road)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Swinton	Planning application (Erection of extension, & garage; re-routing of access track)	No	None	-
Ryedale District Council	Low Hutton	Planning application (Erection of outbuilding)	No	None	-
Hambleton District Council	Crayke	Planning application (Permanent retention of agricultural buildings)	Previously	Object (no control over use if not agricultural)	Pending
Ryedale District Council	South Holme	Planning application (Erection of broiler house)	No	None	-

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

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

ORGANISATION	AREA	DOCUMENT	COMMENTS	OUTCOME
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Easingwold Area Plan: Alternative sites	None	
Hambleton District Council	Hambleton District	Local Plan – Local Green Spaces	Support inclusion of proposed sites in Husthwaite	
North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire	Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Addendum of Proposed Changes	None – all amendments suggested in December 2016 have been incorporated in full	
Ryedale District Council	Ryedale District	Local Plan Strategy – Local Sites consultation	Concerns re Housing Allocation site at Amotherby; minor observations re boundary mapping errors (NYCC)	
Heritage Lottery Fund	England	New Strategic Plan	Stress the importance of landscape heritage and landscape-scale working	

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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 16 October 2017 12:51
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02014/FUL: Change of use of barn to caravan storage; Providence Farm, Crayke

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

1. No storage of caravans or motor homes to be permitted other than within the enclosed building which is the subject of this application (i.e. no external storage within open yard areas).
2. No additional security lighting to be installed without prior approval, so as to limit any potential increase in light pollution emanating from the site.

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Paul Jackson

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Sent: 23 October 2017 15:27
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/01091/FUL: Demolition & conversion of farm buildings, erection of extension;
Beck Farm, Crambe

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

1. I note that the design of the proposed two storey extension has been modified to take account of the concerns expressed by myself and Ryedale DC Officers at the pre-application stage. I feel that the revised design is much more sympathetic to the setting of the farmstead and village, and that it reflects vernacular (modern) farm building design much better now.
2. I noted that Drawing PR/08 specifies that the NW roofslope of the two storey extension will be clad with a standing seam zinc roof, whilst Drawing PR/10 shows the SE roofslope to be clad in metal or fibre cement corrugated sheet. Given that the roofs of the other 'farm' buildings are due to be clad in corrugated sheet, I feel that for consistency of visual appearance the two storey extension should be roofed in a uniform corrugated sheet finish.
3. The colour of the roof sheeting should be a dark grey, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey.

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Contact: Paul Jackson

My Reference:

Date: 15 November 2017

Dear Ms Stanmore-Richards

APP/G2713/W/17/3184103: Construction of 3 houses, Cherry Hill, Brandsby

I have the following comments to make in addition to my previous consultation response. These relate to statements made in the Appellant's Statement of Case as they pertain principally to the AONB Management Plan, its Objectives, Local or National planning policy, where I believe that any of these have been mis-represented or mis-interpreted.

Although not a qualified Planning Officer, I have been the AONB Manager since February 2002 and have dealt with every strategic planning and development management consultation since that date. I'm therefore able to give a relevant local perspective, bringing experience gained over many years of working within the AONB.

Sustainable Development, Para 8.14

One part of this case hinges on whether the development is located on a site that could be considered to be sustainable. The Statement of Case (SoC) contends that Crayke village is 2.8km distant and that residents of these houses would be able to walk there. Crayke doesn't have any shop facilities and the road leading from Brandsby to Crayke is particularly busy in a Howardian Hills context, being the route from the southern part of the AONB to Easingwold. The road has blind bends, there is no footway and the grass verges are minimal. To expect that owners of £500k+ executive houses with 4 parking spaces will choose to walk to Crayke is far-fetched to say the least. It is also somewhat disingenuous to imply that walking along that road is commonplace. In over 15 years of working in the AONB I have never seen a pedestrian on this stretch of road, and your site visit will confirm the dangers anyone attempting to walk along this stretch of road would face.

Local vernacular design

The SoC indicates that the design of the individual dwellings would be vernacular but fails to address whether the location or layout is vernacular in a wider context. The settlement pattern of the AONB is strongly nucleated, with the large majority of dwellings being within villages or hamlets. Development in the open countryside is almost entirely restricted to individual farms, or dwellings such as lodge houses that were part of designed landscapes. Brandsby is one of the very few villages that extends over a number of adjacent 'sub-settlements', for example as at Rectory Corner and to a much lesser extent Cherry Hill. However, all of this modern housing was developed prior to AONB designation in 1987, under very different policy objectives, and a similar pattern of development would be highly unlikely to be permitted today. Seeking to justify modern development on the grounds of perpetuating a pattern of development that would not be permitted by the current policy framework is not a valid approach.

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Compliance with the NPPF

Whilst the SoC correctly identifies Paras 14 and 115 as being pertinent in this case, it skirts around the direct link between them and their hierarchical relationship.

Para 14 indicates that sustainable proposals should be approved “unless specific policies in this Framework indicate that development should be restricted”. Footnote 9 of Para 14 indicates that AONBs are one area to which this restriction applies. Para 115 states that “Great weight should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty.” The wording of NPPF clearly intends that if the requirements of Para 115 are not met then this overrides the general presumption in favour contained in Para 14.

As indicated below, I do not believe that this proposal would “conserve the landscape or scenic beauty” of the AONB, so therefore it cannot be considered to be compliant with NPPF. If the location is adjudged not to be sustainable then Refusal Reason 1 is clearly upheld.

Hambleton Local Plan Policy CP4 ii

I find the SoC somewhat disingenuous in its dealing with this important Local Plan policy. The full correct wording of the sub-clause of the Policy is: [Developments in settlements or the countryside will only be supported when an exceptional case can be made in terms of Policies CP1 and CP2 and where]... “*It is necessary* to secure a significant improvement to the environment or the conservation of a feature of acknowledged importance” (my italicisation). This policy is quite clearly designed to be an ‘enabling’ one and I do not find it to be misleading. It potentially allows development of a site where permission would not normally be granted, and where it is considered justifiable in order to improve an existing eyesore or conserve/enhance (for example) a heritage asset. The policy wording quite clearly sets an initial bar, in that the development must be considered “necessary” in order to achieve significant improvement of another specified objective. I have never considered the Cherry Hill nursery site to be an eyesore, even when it was a working business. I therefore do not feel that this proposal passes the test of being “necessary”, and the LPA were clearly of the same opinion. On the contrary, I believe that it would have a detrimental impact on the AONB landscape.

I therefore find that Refusal Reasons 1–3 are upheld.

AONB Management Plan Objectives and Refusal Reason 4

- Objectives in the AONB Management Plan legally apply to the AONB and any development that may affect its setting – the site’s proximity to the AONB boundary is entirely irrelevant.
- Para 8.40 of the SoC is factually incorrect. Although the Officer’s Report refers to Objective LC1 (for reasons about which I too am unclear) the Decision Notice itself simply refers to “the AONB Management Plan” *without specifying any particular Objective*. This is in contrast to Refusal Reasons 1–3, which mirror the Officer’s Report and specify the individual Policies which the LPA believes the proposal does not meet. As written in the Decision Notice therefore, the proposal must be adjudged against the whole Management Plan and all its Objectives.
- In response to the analysis and claimed compliance with the Objectives highlighted in the SoC I would make the following observations:
 - i. D1 – I don’t believe that the site is in a sustainable location;
 - ii. D2 – This is an outline application so compliance with this Objective cannot be assessed at this point in time;
 - iii. D3 – I do not, and have never, considered the nursery site to be an intrusive feature in the AONB landscape. Actions D3.2 and 3.3 indicate intrusive features that we are particularly interested in addressing; others we have looked at over the years include sewage works and large agricultural buildings. The proposal might actually be considered contrary to Action D3.4, in that it could significantly increase light pollution in an area where there is currently very little.
- As the author of the current and all previous Statutory AONB Management Plans I can categorically say that para 8.45 of the SoC interprets the Key Vision Aim of achieving a more diverse mix of housing units/tenures in completely the wrong way. The Vision Aim clearly needs to be referenced to the only policy in the Management Plan that relates directly to housing, i.e. Objective D8. This encourages the increased provision of local-needs/affordable housing in the AONB.

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It is also pertinent to refer to the Evidence Base which underpins the Management Plan and from which the Management Plan Objectives are shaped (http://www.howardianhills.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Howardian-Hills-AONB-Management-Plan-Evidence-Base_Feb-20141.pdf). On p26 this indicates that (using 2011 statistics supplied by Defra) the Average House Price of all dwelling types in the Howardian Hills AONB was £315,000, in comparison to £155,000 for Yorkshire & the Humber (Y&H) as a whole. The Howardian Hills also had an Average House Price/Average Income Ratio of 8.8, in comparison to 5.0 for Y&H Overall and 5.7 for Y&H Rural.

A development of 3 executive houses clearly does not comply with our Key Vision Aim of achieving a more diverse mix of housing units and tenures.

- In conclusion I find that the proposal is contrary to the aims and specific Objectives of the statutory AONB Management Plan, therefore Refusal Reason 4 *as it is written in the Decision Notice* is upheld.

In conclusion, I believe that the proposal has been correctly adjudged by the LPA to be contrary to NPPF, Local Plan and AONB Management Plan policies and that this Appeal should therefore be Dismissed.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jackson
AONB MANAGER
On behalf of the Howardian Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee

Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 15 November 2017 17:30
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/01216/MREM

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 5:30 PM on 15 Nov 2017 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/01216/MREM
Address: The Courtyard Swinton Lane Swinton Malton
North Yorkshire
Proposal: Erection of 4no. business units (Use Class B1) -
outline approval 13/01469/MOUT dated
31.03.2014 refers
Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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Comments Details

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

Comments:

- 1) The units that will be most visible in the AONB landscape or close-up from Swinton Lane are Units 1 - 3.
- 2) I wasn't able to find a colour specified for the render finish - this should be of an applicable colour to match other buildings on the site, which are largely of limestone construction.
- 3) I wasn't able to find a colour specified for the timber cladding - if the colour drawings are accurate I am taking this to be larch, which will weather to a silvery grey.
- 4) I wasn't able to find a species mix for any of the proposed hedge or shrub screening areas - this should use native species as far as is practicable, but acknowledging that this will be in heavy shade under the existing tree canopy.

Paul Jackson

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 11 December 2017 16:05
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02368/FUL: conversion of barns to two holiday cottages

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

1. The popular Foss Walk route uses the Public Footpath which runs along the farm track immediately to the south of the two barns proposed for conversion. Works should not interfere with the Public Right of Way.
2. The plan doesn't appear to show an area allocated for parking in association with the proposed holiday units. I would assume that this will be within the yard area to the north (as the access doors are in that elevation) but this should be clarified in order to ensure that there isn't any impact on the Public Footpath to the south, or that the parking area isn't in a location that could cause an adverse visual impact on the AONB.
3. No external amenity space is shown and again this should be clarified as necessary to ensure that there aren't any adverse impacts on the Public Footpath to the south.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 18 December 2017 16:39
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02455/FUL: Additional domestic rooms and holiday letting facility; Providence Farm, Crayke

I have the following observations to make on this proposal:

1. The application site is adjacent to the AONB, with the boundary being the road, and hence potential impact on the AONB and its setting needs to be considered.
2. The proposed extension is large in comparison to the host building, but the farmhouse itself is of a modern design and does not therefore exhibit any local vernacular features.
3. As the extension is designed to look like an agricultural building, set against the backdrop of other agricultural buildings, on balance I feel that the size and scale proposed can be accommodated without causing undue visual impact on the AONB or its setting.
4. The roof sheets should be of a dark grey colour, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Anthracite Grey, so as to harmonise with the roofs of the existing buildings.
5. The flue and cowl of the woodburning stove should have a black anodised rather than stainless steel finish, in order to minimise flicker reflections.

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From: Paul Jackson
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To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02062/FUL: Conversion & extension of outbuilding, Redcar Farm, Gilling

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

1. There didn't appear to be a colour specified for the render on the walls of the building – this should be of a cream colour to complement the natural stone of the farmhouse.
2. There didn't appear to be a colour specified for the roof sheets – these should be of a dark grey colour, approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey.

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Development Management
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Contact: Paul Jackson

My Reference:

Date: 4 January 2017

Dear Sirs

17/01417/FUL: Erection of detached 5 bedroom dwelling, Musley Bank, Malton

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

1. The application proposes the construction of an additional house within the grounds of the existing Musley Bank House, which is itself within a small hamlet of residential and commercial properties. A similar application for this site (15/01027/FUL) was submitted in 2015 and Refused. The analysis provided below indicates that the Reasons for Refusal given in Decemkber 2015 are still valid.
2. The existing Musley Bank House sits within parkland-style landscaped surroundings, such that it can be considered to comprise one of the significant number of both large and much smaller 'country houses with associated designed parkland' found in the AONB. This remarkable concentration of country houses and designed parkland is one of the specific Special Qualities which led to the Howardian Hills being designated as an AONB. It is accepted that the parkland hasn't been formally designed and isn't of any historic value, but this mirrors the character of the AONB whereby even small country houses (e.g. Dalby Hall, Brandsby Lodge) are set within very modest grounds incorporating features found in much larger parklands.
3. Musley Bank House has been accepted within the supporting documentation as a 'non-designated heritage asset' and therefore the impact of the proposed development on the existing house and its 'modern' parkland needs to be carefully considered.
4. I believe that the principal and significant adverse impacts on the AONB landscape would be:
 - a) The three large expanses of glass are not vernacular features typical of the locality or the wider Howardian Hills area and they would be significant visual features in their own right. Experience of similar designs shows that significant glare can be created from such expanses of glass, particularly when they are south-facing, which draws attention to buildings that might otherwise be less easy to see.

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- b) I believe that the size of the proposed dwelling, non-vernacular design features and location within the parkland curtilage of the existing Musley Bank House would be so significant and visually dominant as to effectively ‘take over’ the parkland that currently complements the original House. This would adversely affect the setting of Musley Bank House and the visual effect experienced by users of the Public Bridleway to the south would be that the parkland and hence the setting of the House had been compromised. This would be to the detriment of the local landscape character and one of the Special Qualities for which the AONB was designated.
5. Paragraph 55 of the NPPF states that Local Planning Authorities should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances, one of which is defined as: *“The exceptional quality or innovative nature of the design of the dwelling. Such a design should:*
- *be truly outstanding or innovative, helping to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas;*
 - *reflect the highest standards in architecture;*
 - *significantly enhance its immediate setting; and*
 - *be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area.”*
- The inclusion of the word “and” at the end of the third bullet point indicates that any proposal should meet **all** of these requirements.
6. For the reasons detailed in Paragraph 4 above I believe that this proposal fails the test of the last two criteria. It would have a significant adverse visual impact on its immediate setting (the non-designated heritage asset of Musley Bank House and its parkland), and its design isn’t sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area. Bullet point three of NPPF Paragraph 55 is very clear – designs must not simply have a neutral effect on their immediate setting but must enhance them significantly. I believe that this proposal conspicuously fails that test.
7. Paragraph 14 of the NPPF indicates that there should be a *“presumption in favour of sustainable development ... unless ... specific policies in this Framework indicate that development should be restricted.”* Footnote 9 to Para. 14 specifies that the NPPF policies relating to AONBs fall into this category.
8. Paragraph 115 of the NPPF states that *“Great weight should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. The conservation of wildlife and cultural heritage are important considerations in all these areas.”* This Paragraph carries considerable weight in the planning balance and is the policy articulation of the Statutory Duty imposed on all Public Bodies by Section 85 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000) to have regard to the purposes of AONB designation.
9. The Ryedale Local Plan Strategy was prepared and Adopted after the publication of the NPPF and has been subject to scrutiny at Public Inquiry. Its policies therefore provide the local context and interpretation for the NPPF, as required by Paragraph 12 of NPPF – *“This National Planning Policy Framework does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making. Proposed development that accords with an up-to-date Local Plan should be approved, and proposed development that conflicts should be refused unless other material considerations indicate otherwise. ...”*

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10. No reference has been made in the supporting documentation to Policy SP2 of the Ryedale Local Plan Strategy, which states that *"The sources of new housing that will contribute to the supply of new homes across the District are as follows:*

Wider Countryside locations:

- *New build dwellings necessary to support the land-based economy where an essential need for residential development in that location can be justified.*
- *Conversion of redundant or disused traditional rural buildings and where this would lead to an enhancement to the immediate setting for Local Needs Occupancy.*
- *Change of use of tourist accommodation (not including caravans, cabins or chalets) where appropriate and restricted to Local Needs Occupancy.*
- *Replacement dwellings."*

The proposal doesn't appear to comply with any of the exceptions contained in Policy SP2.

11. Evidence has been put forward in the supporting documentation relating to a purportedly similar development at Ruswarp. This is not in fact similar at all – that proposal was not within an AONB or National Park (and hence the restrictive nature of NPPF Paragraphs 14 (+ Footnote 9) and 115 did not apply), and neither did the Local Planning Authority have an Adopted and up-to-date (NPPF-compliant) Local Plan that specified a detailed settlement hierarchy.

In conclusion, I would **OBJECT** to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The development would have a demonstrable adverse visual impact on the Special Qualities of the AONB by reason of its size, scale, design and location.
2. The development isn't in my view compliant with Paragraph 55 of the NPPF, which in these particular circumstances is also over-ridden by Paragraphs 14, 115 and 12 of the NPPF.
3. The development doesn't meet any of the exception criteria contained in the relevant section of Policy SP2 of the Adopted Ryedale Local Plan Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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AONB MANAGER

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Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 17/01448/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 1:04 PM on 10 Jan 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 17/01448/HOUSE

Address: Almond Cottage Flat Top Farm Road Terrington
Malton YO60 6PA

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to the rear elevation including additional domestic accommodation at second floor level with Juliet balcony.

Case Officer: Joshua Murphy

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Comments Details

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

- 1) The proposal is almost identical to a plan submitted for the adjacent Deep Dene in 2015 (see 15/01171/HOUSE). The initial plan submitted as part of that application was amended in order to address issues of size and scale in relation to the host dwelling, with the final approved design having a ridge line corresponding to that of the existing rear extensions on the two adjacent cottages (one of which is Almond Cottage).
- 2) I don't have an objection in principle to raising the current rear extension to two storeys, but the proposed ridge height is excessively high and would create an extension that would not appear subservient to its host building. The row of cottages is easily visible from the adjacent public road and an extension of this height would demonstrably upset the visual balance of the row.
- 3) The proposal would also create a large blank brick facade easily visible from the public road, the visual impact of which would be exacerbated by the fact that the adjacent cottage to the west (Rosedene) is set at a lower level. An extension of this size, scale and design would have a negative visual impact on the vernacular row of cottages,

and hence by definition on the AONB landscape.
4) I therefore wish to OBJECT to the proposal in its current form, due to the size, scale and design of the proposed extension and its negative visual impact on the Special Qualities of the AONB.
Paul Jackson

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 24 January 2018 17:37
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02679/FUL: Alterations to form en-suite and new rear extension: Gardeners Cottage, Oulston

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

1. No objection to the formation of the en-suite bathroom.
2. I do however wish to object to the proposed rear extension. I note that the applicants appear to be different to the ones who submitted application 16/01126/FUL, in which a two-storey extension was comprehensively rejected by myself, the Parish Council, local residents and the LPA. A revised design for a more sympathetic single-storey extension was submitted and subsequently Approved.
3. The points made in relation to the initial design proposed in 2016 are exactly the same as the grounds on which I object to the current proposal, namely:
 - o The proposed extension is of a size, scale, design and materials such that it would have a significant adverse visual impact on the Listed Building, the setting of the Listed Building, the Oulston Conservation Area and thereby on the AONB landscape.
 - o The extension would be significantly visible from the adjacent public road and would appear as a large and incongruous structure poorly related in scale and design to the buildings around it.
 - o As such the proposal is I feel contrary to both local and national planning policy and should therefore be rejected.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 24 January 2018 17:02
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02700/FUL: Change of use of land and buildings to permit caravan storage; Sunley Woods Farm, Husthwaite

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

1. In responses to the previous applications for storage and repair of caravans and log cabins at this farm, I indicated that I would wish to see a more appropriate landscaping scheme proposed but that I didn't have an objection in principle.
2. This proposal differs however in that no repair activity is proposed – the permission sought is solely for storage and it must therefore be considered whether it is appropriate for a simple storage activity to be carried out in the AONB (rather than outside the AONB in a more accessible industrial estate-type location).
3. I note that landscaping proposed as part of the previous application has been planted around the perimeter of the current (unauthorised) caravan storage area and that this appears to have taken well. The caravans are tightly packed within the yard area, which to some extent creates a roofscape that mirrors that of the existing farm buildings, but with the lighter-coloured caravans standing out more during these winter months when the tree screening is bare.
4. In relation to the current proposals, I don't feel that the proposed outdoor storage areas would have a detrimental visual impact on the AONB landscape. The indoor storage obviously doesn't alter the current visual picture as the grain store building is already present.
5. With respect to the landscaping proposals for the area between the farm and the road, the overhead electricity lines will limit the height of any tree planting along the existing hedge that the powerlines straddle. The taller trees may therefore need to be planted in the hedge on the north east corner of the plan, so as to provide effective screening when approaching from the Coxwold direction. The hedge immediately north of the main outdoor storage area is also quite thin at the base, particularly during the winter, and this would benefit from a row of holly bushes planted along the inside.
6. As the proposal is now for storage only, it could be expected that vehicle movements might be fewer in comparison to a repair business. It is assumed that caravans will generally be moved in after harvest and stay there until the following spring. This would minimise any traffic movements associated with the change of use.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 31 January 2018 13:41
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 18/00002/MRC: Removal of Condition 1, OS Field 2064, Crayke Lane, Crayke

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

1. This site has always been contentious as it's isolated in open countryside, within the AONB, and involved the erection of unauthorised structures initially. As such the LPA would have been fully justified in Refusing consent and taking Enforcement Action to ensure their removal. It however followed a well-established protocol of permitting temporary planning permission for two years, in order to give the applicant an opportunity to develop an agricultural smallholding and legitimise the use of the site. Unfortunately the applicant does not appear to have made use of this time to develop the business, and hence provide adequate evidence that would support an application for more permanent retention.
2. Evidence of the intended operation of a small new agricultural 'business' was submitted to support the original planning application, and this played a significant part in the granting of the temporary permission. Notwithstanding the existence of the time limit Condition, it doesn't appear that the applicant has developed the smallholding business as he indicated that he would, and hence the justification for the initial grant of consent no longer applies.
3. The Decision Notice is quite clear in granting temporary permission for the buildings for two years. An Appeal mechanism is available to challenge all Conditions attached to a grant of Planning Consent. If the applicant failed to fully read the Decision Notice at the time, which appears to be the case, then that isn't the fault of the LPA nor a valid reason for removing the Condition.
4. Whilst I didn't consider originally that the structures had a significant detrimental impact on the AONB landscape, and that opinion hasn't changed, I feel that the applicant has been allowed a sufficient period of time to develop their business and legitimise the use of this site. That opportunity appears to have been missed and the Condition imposed by the original Consent should remain in force.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 26 March 2018 16:26
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/00304/FUL: Permanent retention of timber barn & stables: OS Field 2064, Crayke

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

1. As I've indicated in the past, the buildings on this site are relatively unobtrusive and don't impact significantly on the AONB landscape.
2. They were however put up without planning consent, for equestrian use and in a location that wouldn't normally be permitted in an AONB. A reasonable attempt by the LPA to allow the applicant time to develop an agricultural business (and thus help support an application for permanent retention) doesn't seem to have been successful.
3. My concern is that, if this application is permitted, then the LPA will have little or no control over the use of the buildings. Non-agricultural buildings would not normally be permitted here, and there is no guarantee that the future use would be agricultural (bearing in mind that no new business has been developed in the last 2 years). If the buildings aren't going to be used for agriculture, or that use can't be guaranteed, then they have no legitimate purpose and should be removed.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 09 February 2018 17:05
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/01483/HOUSE: Erection of extension, 2 Main Street, Gilling East

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

- 1) Although Gilling isn't a Conservation Area, and none of the 7 former Estate properties along this stretch of the Main Street are Listed, the 6 semi-detached houses in particular form a very strong vernacular feature and to a large extent uniquely define the character of the centre of Gilling village. As such I consider them to constitute 'non-designated heritage assets'.
- 2) Many of the cottages have been altered to some extent, with extended porches (both vertically and horizontally) and rear extensions.
- 3) I have no objection to the rearward extension, linking the dwelling to the outhouse.
- 4) I have no objection to extending the porch both horizontally and vertically, as these modifications have already been carried out on Nos. 3 and 4 respectively and they have not significantly adversely impacted on the very strong symmetrical rooflines of the 3 blocks of cottages.
- 5) I have significant concerns however about the proposed hipped roof. I believe that this will break the current symmetry displayed by the 3 blocks of cottages and adversely affect the sense of proportion and separation space between them. This would adversely affect their heritage value and setting right in the centre of Gilling village. The Fairfax Arms is an extremely popular pub and the extended roofline would be visible to significant numbers of static receptors (people sitting in the pub garden and the new orangery restaurant area).
- 6) A porch extended horizontally and vertically as per No. 4 Main Street, with the same sloping roof profile, would in my view be an appropriate compromise that would not adversely affect the current strong symmetry of the rooflines.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 13 February 2018 10:55
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 17/02595/FUL: Construction of agricultural building, Cliff Field House, Dalby

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. The farm has been considering the erection of a building to house cattle over the winter for quite a number of years. A planning application for an alternative site near Dalby Hall was Refused some years ago and I advised that a site near the existing grain store would be preferable. I therefore have no objections to the proposed siting of the building.
2. The plans indicate that Anthracite Grey roof sheets will be used. As this can be quite a generic term, with the actual shade varying considerably, the sheets should be of a colour approximating to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey.
3. The new building will be visible from the public road on the higher ground near the City of Troy turf maze to the west – the maze is a very popular place with both residents and tourists alike. The building will be edge-on to this view, but in order to break-up the outline from this viewpoint a strip of medium-sized native species trees and shrubs (e.g. hawthorn, field maple, crab apple, hazel) should be planted along the western side of the proposed new building.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 19 February 2018 15:45
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00038/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 3:46 PM on 19 Feb 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00038/HOUSE
Address: Lodge House Spring Hill Stonegrave
Helmsley YO62 4LL
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to east elevation and part two storey/part single storey extension to west elevation

Case Officer: Alan Hunter

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Comments Details

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

1) I note that the revised scheme has been submitted without the benefit of the PREAPP advice that was requested. My response therefore mirrors the comments I submitted in relation to the PREAPP:

a) No objection to the principle of creating additional domestic accommodation to cater for the care needs of the applicants' son.
b) No objection to the 'cross-wing' proposed for the eastern end of the existing dwelling, as this would be largely screened by existing vegetation and landform.

Comments: c) No objection to raising the height of the existing single storey rear extension to two storeys.
d) I still have significant concerns however about the 'cross-wing' extension proposed for the western elevation. The principal purpose of the second storey of this extension appears to be the creation of a significantly large master bedroom suite that occupies approximately one third of the total second storey floor area. Whilst I don't have any objection to creating a larger principal bedroom the extent proposed strikes me as excessive, particularly as it

plays no part in supporting the rationale of such a significant increase in the footprint of the building, i.e. to provide accommodation and care facilities for the applicants' son. It also completely alters the facade presented to the public highway when viewed from the west. Currently this is a gable end, and in my view any extension proposed for this elevation of the dwelling should retain the gable-end design rather than presenting what will appear almost like a new dwelling. A two storey in-line extension would minimise the visual impact whilst still providing the ground floor accommodation required by the applicants' son. It would also allow the creation of a new master bedroom suite, albeit slightly smaller than planned, but the proposed increase in floor space of the property as a whole is already significant and I feel that some compromises will need to be made if the property is to be extended in a way that doesn't cause unacceptable visual harm to the AONB landscape.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 13 March 2018 16:37
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00038/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 4:36 PM on 13 Mar 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00038/HOUSE

Address: Lodge House Spring Hill Stonegrave
Helmsley YO62 4LL

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to east elevation and part two storey/part single storey extension to west elevation

Case Officer: Alan Hunter

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Comments Details

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

1) I feel that the revised design for the western elevation will make that element much less conspicuous when viewed from the public road, and hence this has addressed the concerns expressed in my

Comments: previous response.

2) A point I've made previously has related to selecting an appropriate colour of render finish for the dwelling, as this will be applied to all elevations. A cream stone-colour to match the local stone used in other nearby buildings would be the most appropriate.

Paul Jackson



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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 26 February 2018 16:31
To: 'planning@hambleton.gov.uk'
Subject: 18/00097/OUT: Conversion of agricultural buildings to up to 3 dwellings

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

1. A Public Footpath runs through the development site and the route of this would need to remain unobstructed at all times, or be formally diverted.
2. In terms of the visual aspect of the proposed conversions I don't feel that they would have an adverse visual impact on the AONB landscape. The Registered Park & Garden of Newburgh Priory wouldn't be affected, nor I feel its setting.
3. In terms of policy, these open-market dwellings would be in a location that would normally be considered unsustainable and contrary to the Local Plan's Settlement Hierarchy. The part that this development plays in the implementation of the Newburgh Priory Estate Plan, with its long term goal of providing revenue to maintain the Grade I Listed Buildings, is however important.
4. The principle of Enabling Development is one that all the large Estates in the AONB will be considering, to address the significant conservation deficits that exist for the repair and maintenance of their Grade I Listed buildings and parklands. These buildings and parklands form one of the most visible Special Qualities for which the Howardian Hills AONB was designated.
5. As such I would not wish to object to the proposal, as long as it is absolutely tied by legal agreement to the Affordable Housing being proposed in Coxwold, and the repair and maintenance of the heritage assets of Newburgh Priory.

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Paul Jackson

From: dm@ryedale.gov.uk
Sent: 01 March 2018 11:49
To: Paul Jackson
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 18/00088/HOUSE

Mr Paul Jackson,

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Comments were submitted at 11:47 AM on 01 Mar 2018 from Mr Paul Jackson (paul.jackson@northyorks.gov.uk) on behalf of Paul Jackson AONB Manager.

Application Summary

Reference: 18/00088/HOUSE

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

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

Case Officer: Niamh Bonner

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Comments Details

I have the following comments to make on these proposals:

1. No objection to the erection of the timber garage/workshop building.
2. No objection to the principle of extending the dwelling to provide additional domestic accommodation.
3. I do however wish to lodge an Objection to the size and scale of the proposed extensions. The two semi-detached cottages at High Stittenham are set in open countryside, demonstrate a very strong local vernacular architecture and are largely unaltered. Both the front and rear elevations of the cottages are highly visible from the adjacent Public Right of Way, and they form a very distinctive local feature. As such I would consider them, as a pair, to be a non-designated heritage asset in the context of the AONB.

Comments: 4. The existing small garage extension on 2 Woodend Cottages does not significantly detract from the vernacular character and indicates that an appropriately sized single-storey extension could potentially be incorporated successfully. The proposed design however, with new cross-wing

extensions and gable-ends, completely destroys the southern, northern and eastern elevations of the pair of cottages, which must be looked at as a whole design. The new 2-storey extension would introduce new gable ends to the front and rear elevations, whilst the proposed eastern elevation would change the character of the cottages entirely, destroying the very strong design form of the three tall chimney stacks.

5. I also don't believe that the use of timber boarding is appropriate in this context. None of the examples illustrated in the Design & Access Statement are comparable with the situation at Woodend Cottages. The 2-storey extension is to a modern non-vernacular house; Welburn Village Hall is a modern design new-build; and the single storey extension (in Strensall) is designed to look like an attached barn. Other approved extensions in the AONB where timber cladding has been used have been to create extensions that were purposely designed to look like 'converted barns'. That is not the case here – the extensions are clearly part of the 'domestic dwelling' in design terms – and the timber cladding doesn't make the unacceptable size and scale of the proposed extensions any more acceptable.

6. I believe that a modest 2-storey extension to the rear cross-wing, together with a single-storey wrap-around extension to the eastern and northern elevations would be a much more appropriate proposal.
Paul Jackson



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From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 22 March 2018 14:34
To: 'dm@ryedale.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Emma Woodland'
Subject: Sideways, Terrington

Importance: High

I have the following comments to make on these proposals:

- 1) No objections to the single storey extension or the re-building of the former cowshed.
- 2) I don't feel that a roller shutter door on the northern (road frontage) elevation of the garage is appropriate. In order to harmonise with existing outbuildings in this context within the Terrington Conservation Area I feel that a timber door would be more appropriate.
- 3) It appears that the property currently has two (albeit tight) off-road parking spaces off North Back Lane. It's unclear why there is a need to in effect create a total of 4-5 parking spaces (2 off the village green, 1 in the garage and 1-2 between the garage and the back lane). Fernie Cottage to the east is one of very few on this side of the Main Street that has parking within its curtilage, and to the front of the property. I don't believe that this provides a sufficient justification for creating a new parking area in front of Sideways.
- 4) I am significantly concerned that this proposal would result in a considerable erosion of the strong façade along the north side of Main Street, and that this would have a negative visual impact on the Terrington Conservation Area. Construction would involve the loss of approximately 65% of a traditional dry-stone wall frontage (which probably pre-dates the construction of both Sideways and Fernie Cottage). Although car parking along the Main Street inevitably detracts from the appearance of the Conservation Area, the houses on both sides of the road are at an elevated level and therefore the height and distance separation still allows appreciation of the vernacular buildings. Creating parking areas for vehicles immediately in front of the dwellings brings them much more into visual conflict and would negatively impact on the perception of the vernacular buildings on either side. I also feel that the proposed resin-bonded gravel finish would be too formal in this setting and therefore not appropriate. Limestone chippings would be the local vernacular material.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 22 March 2018 16:20
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/00359/FUL: Construction of agricultural building; Water Hall Farm, Crayke

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

1. Water Hall Farm has developed its stock of farm buildings over a number of years, with relatively low-height buildings with dark-stained Yorkshire boarded walls and dark grey roof sheets. This has created a relatively compact, uniform and unobtrusive range of buildings.
2. Whilst I don't have an objection to the principle of constructing an additional building, the one now proposed is considerably bigger and taller than the existing ones on the site. The nearest buildings to the south are approximately 4.9m high at the ridge, according to the originally Approved plans, whereas this one is proposed as over 8.1m. I am concerned that this will fundamentally alter the visual perception of the farm steading within the landscape.
3. Should the LPA be minded to approve the application, a Condition should be imposed in relation to the colour of the roof sheets. The shade of 'Anthracite Grey' can vary between manufacturers, and therefore the roof sheets should be Conditioned to ensure that the colour approximates to BS4800 10A11 Charcoal Grey. If the application is approved, it will be vital to ensure that the roof sheets are indeed a dark grey colour.
4. Should the application be approved then a suitable landscaping scheme would also be required. The building will be significantly visible from the Public Footpath to the north and west, and a belt of hedgerow-species shrubs might therefore be applicable for the north and west sides. On the east side the existing hedgerow could be allowed to grow taller, hence providing enhanced screening from the Brandsby to Crayke road.

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Paul Jackson

From: Paul Jackson
Sent: 22 March 2018 13:25
To: 'GEN - Planning Emails'
Subject: 18/00144/OUT: Outline application for erection of up to 9 residential dwellings; Oulston Hall Farm, Oulston

I have the following comments to make on this proposal:

- 1) No objection to the principle of using the area of the farm buildings and part of the associated yard for new housing.
- 2) The design concept of creating a 'farmhouse' with 'former farm buildings' would be an appropriate approach in this location.
- 3) I do however wish to Object to the extent of the proposed development (i.e. the Red Line area). The eastern edge of Oulston village is very sharply defined by the curtilages of the houses along the main street, and when viewed from the Public Rights of Way network to the east (including the Foss Way Regional Walk), the village has a very pronounced 'development limit'. In addition, the eastern side of the village has good remaining evidence of the strip-farming field system that would have been common in the area.
- 4) In my view the boundary of the development, including domestic curtilages and any ancillary outbuildings, should therefore broadly follow the very defined line of the curtilages to the north and south of the site. This would ensure that development does not encroach out into the open countryside, which would have a negative visual impact on the AONB landscape, compromise the setting of the Oulston Conservation Area, and compromise the settings of the non-designated heritage assets of both Oulston Hall and the remnant strip-field farming pattern adjacent to the Hall.

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2017/18 Junior Ranger Activities

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

Easter 2017:

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

May half-term 2017:

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

October 2017:

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

February 2018:

Ranger Day	Activities	No of children
Wonderful Winter Wednesday 14 th February The Yorkshire Arboretum	Visit by Yorkshire Rotters to teach the children about composting and reducing food waste. The smoothie bike was very popular and the children made wormeries to take home. Hawfinch-themed crafts. Winter trees – outdoors looking at shapes and indoors Klimt-style art and bubble wrap trees Dark skies themed activities	26

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DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AONB

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To receive details of planning applications determined within the AONB during 2017.

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 2017

3.1 A summary of planning applications determined during 2017 appears in Appendix 1. Details have been included of all applications within the period which were approved or refused by the two principal local planning authorities – Hambleton and Ryedale District Councils. Details have not been included of applications which were withdrawn or where a decision was still pending at the end of the year.

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

- The AONB is still under relatively little development pressure, certainly when compared to many other AONBs. The number of applications in 2017 was an increase on the previous year, but still lower than the rolling 5-year average.
- 93% of applications determined were approved, a figure that is consistent with the 5-year average of 91%. Planning control in the AONB is still allowing the vast majority of applications to proceed, whilst also preventing those that are not of the highest quality necessary to be permitted within an AONB.
- Development continues to be spread across nearly all villages, but with higher numbers of applications generally being seen in the larger villages. Activity in most Ryedale villages in 2017 has been fairly consistent with the 5-year average, with Nunnington and Terrington seeing more applications than average, whilst the Hambleton villages have seen below average activity across the board. This is the opposite trend to that observed in 2016.
- Most pressure was for small-scale householder applications e.g. residential extensions. Aside from the generally lower numbers of applications in the Hambleton area, no categories of development showed any significant variation from the 5-year average.
- The AONB continues to be under relatively little tourism and recreational development pressure, with the number of applications in 2017 being approximately consistent with the 5-year average.

- A relatively small number of significant applications and cases were seen in 2017/18, and mostly these were at the end of the year in 2018. Ones that can be highlighted include – the erection of extensions to three different properties in Stonegrave, the erection of a new dwelling at Musley Bank, the erection of a three storey extension at Little Terrington, the erection of a two-storey extension to a Listed Building in Oulston, the erection of significant extensions to a cottage at High Stittenham, retention of smallholder buildings near Crayke, conversion of farm buildings (linked to the conservation deficit at Newburgh Priory) at Yearsley and outline permission for up to 9 dwellings (linked to the conservation deficit at Newburgh Priory) at Oulston.
- Information for the Hambleton area indicates that in 2017 one application was Withdrawn before a Decision was made – for conversion of a residential annex into a separate dwelling at Brandsby.

3.3 In the financial year 2017/18, which does not precisely overlap with the calendar year 2017, 97 planning application consultations were scrutinised, having either been referred in accordance with the agreed consultation procedure or called-up by the AONB Manager. These involved 84 individual cases, with 13 'repeat' consultations in cases where comments had been submitted previously and proposals were amended and re-consulted as a consequence:

- The AONB Manager submitted comments in 29 instances.
- Objections/Significant Concerns were lodged in 12 of these responses, in relation to 9 cases.
- Of these, the Local Planning Authority: Approved 1 scheme; Refused 1 scheme; 7 cases are still pending a Decision.
- A further 7 schemes were amended in response to less significant comments submitted by the AONB Manager.
- This has been a quieter year than the two previous ones. In the 2016/17 year the AONB Manager scrutinised 126 applications, with 121 scrutinised in 2015/16. Fewer responses were also necessary, and there were fewer significant or contentious cases.

In many cases the comments submitted were relatively minor in nature, but nonetheless important in order to ensure that the AONB landscape, wildlife and historic heritage is conserved appropriately. Many of the comments made relate to the colour of materials and wall/roof finishes. Although a Condition is often placed on the development by the District Council, it is only once the development takes place that we can see whether our comments have truly been successful or not. Members should note that we have very little control over the workload generated by this area of our work, as it is dependent upon the number and type of applications submitted.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received for information.

Appendix 1

Howardian Hills AONB						
Applications Determined by Parish						
						5yr Average
<u>Ryedale Parishes</u>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013-2017
Ampleforth	12	5	9	5	6	7
Bulmer	2	2	0	2	2	2
Cawton	4	4	3	0	0	2
Coneysthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coulton	3	1	3	2	3	2
Crambe	4	3	2	0	0	2
Gilling East	8	6	12	2	8	7
Grimstone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henderskelfe	0	2	1	0	0	1
Hovingham	9	4	6	7	8	7
Howsham	3	1	2	1	1	2
Huttons Ambo	7	3	5	9	3	5
Nunnington	5	4	4	0	6	4
Oswaldkirk	10	3	6	5	5	6
Scackleton	1	3	1	4	1	2
Sheriff Hutton (High Stittenham)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sproxton	4	3	4	3	0	3
Stonegrave	1	0	2	0	3	1
Terrington	4	1	6	3	13	5
Welburn	14	7	10	9	9	10
Whitwell-on-the Hill	0	2	0	0	1	1
Street villages	~	~	~	~	2	2
Total Ryedale	92	54	77	52	71	69
<u>Hambleton Parishes</u>						
Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	14	7	4	5	5	7
Coxwold	0	0	1	0	2	1
Crayke	12	6	4	5	3	6
Dalby-cum-Skewsby	3	2	4	0	3	2
Husthwaite	5	7	1	1	0	3
Newburgh	0	1	0	0	1	0
Oulston	1	0	0	1	1	1
Thornton-on-the-Hill	0	1	2	2	0	1
Whenby	3	2	0	1	0	1
Yearsley	1	5	9	7	6	6
Total Hambleton	39	31	25	22	21	28
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB	131	85	102	74	92	97

Howardian Hills AONB											
Applications Determined by											
Type of Development											
(Number of applications and % approved)											
Ryedale Parishes		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5yr Average				
							2013-2017				
Residential - New Build		7	9	4	3	7	6				
		71%	78%	50%	100%	100%					
Residential - Conversions		2	0	3	4	7	3				
		0%	~	100%	100%	71%					
Holiday - Conversions		0	0	1	0	0	0				
		~	~	100%	~	~					
Householder		42	21	44	25	37	34				
		93%	90%	86%	88%	97%					
Retail		0	0	0	0	1	0				
		~	~	~	~	100%					
Business & Commercial		6	1	2	3	4	3				
		100%	0%	100%	100%	100%					
Minerals & Waste		0	0	0	0	0	0				
		~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation		3	1	1	2	1	2				
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Community Facilities		0	1	0	1	0	0				
		~	100%	~	100%	~					
Agriculture		7	3	7	5	4	5				
		100%	66%	100%	80%	100%					
Agricultural Prior Notifications		2	5	4	4	1	3				
Other		24	18	12	8	9	14				
		92%	88%	92%	100%	100%					
Equestrian		1	0	3	1	0	1				
		100%	~	100%	100%	~					
Total Ryedale		94	59	81	56	71	72				
		90%	85%	88%	92%	96%					
Hambleton Parishes											
Residential - New Build		0	1	3	4	2	2				
		~	0%	66%	75%	50%					
Residential - Conversions		2	1	1	2	1	1				
		100%	100%	100%	100%	0%					
Holiday - Conversions		2	1	2	0	0	1				
		50%	100%	100%	~	~					
Householder		19	22	15	12	11	16				
		100%	100%	93%	100%	100%					
Retail		0	0	0	0	0	0				
		~	~	~	~	~					
Business & Commercial		3	0	0	1	3	1				
		100%	~	~	0%	100%					
Minerals & Waste		0	0	0	0	0	0				
		~	~	~	~	~					
Tourism & Recreation		1	2	0	0	1	1				
		100%	100%	~	~	0%					
Community Facilities		0	0	0	0	0	0				
		~	~	~	~	~					
Agriculture		10	4	4	3	0	4				
		100%	75%	100%	67%	~					
Agricultural Prior Notifications		0	1	2	3	3	2				
Other		2	0	0	0	0	0				
		100%	~	~	~	~					
Total Hambleton		39	32	27	25	21	29				
		97%	94%	92%	86%	83%					
TOTAL HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB		133	91	108	81	92	101				
		92%	88%	90%	90%	93%	91%				

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AONB ACTION PROGRAMME 2017/18

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of progress made on implementing the AONB Management Plan during 2017/18. The Action Programme for 2018/19, incorporating business planning requirements, is covered under a separate Report on this agenda.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At each Spring meeting the JAC considers a summary report outlining the progress achieved on the Management Plan objectives in the previous year. The Action Programme contains full details of the progress made and has been circulated to Members by email.
- 2.2 A detailed Red/Amber/Green system is used to monitor progress against annual targets, and analysis shows that 82% of the specific targets were fully achieved, 4% were 25-75% achieved, 6% were less than 25% achieved and 8% were not progressed at all.
- 2.3 Statistically this is a very similar performance to the previous year. Targets where no action was completed were largely those that were overtaken by events, relied heavily on action from partner organisations or were/became lower relative priorities for the AONB Unit during the year.
- 2.4 The principal target that we had hoped to achieve more progress on was the restoration of a couple of traditional direction signs. Many of the remaining 'missed' targets will be covered during the Management Plan review process.

3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- 3.1 Achievements this year included:
- Inputting to important local plans such as the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies and the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, to assess conformity with the AONB Management Plan.
 - Defra funding awarded to Hovingham and Gilling villages, as part of the Ryedale Villages Natural Flood Management Project run by the River Derwent Partnership.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 Achievements this year included:
- Continuing to participate in the Biodiversity Action Partnership for Ryedale, Scarborough and the AONB.
 - Carrying out 18 workdays with volunteers on 7 SINCs or SSSIs.
 - Managing a total of 14 grassland sites (all SSSI/SINC bar two).
 - Managing 45 Special Interest Road Verges.
 - Carrying out Himalayan balsam control works at Jeffry Bog SINC, Fairy Dell SINC, Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC, River Derwent SSSI and along Wath Beck.
 - Carrying out rotational scrub management at Terrington Carr SINC, as well as scrub removal at Peel Wood & Grasslands SINC, Littledale SINC, Amotherby Lane SINC and Cawton Fens SINC.
 - Carrying out clearance of rhododendron on Coulton Moor.

- Contributing significantly to the development of the HLF-funded Ryevitalise Project, with attendance at Steering Group meetings, preparation of several of the sub-project proformas and input to the Landscape Conservation Action Plan.
- Contributing significantly to the development of the HLF-funded Turtle Doves Project within the AONB, with site visits arranged, schools involved and volunteers trained for Spring 2018 surveying.
- Providing funding for nature areas at Amotherby Churchyard and Slingsby School.
- Continuing involvement with the North Yorkshire Local Geological Sites Partnership and also commissioning a Geodiversity Audit to survey and map the AONB's most important geodiversity sites. An initial test-run of 11 site surveys was completed, with the remaining c.75 site surveys to be completed by early summer 2018.
- Attending meetings of the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership, and agreeing a contribution to a continuation funding package.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Achievements this year included:

- Completing work on 2 Local Priority Sites, and 7 other sites/features.
- Restoring traditional village name signs in Coneysthorpe, Coulton, Welburn, Brandsby, Stearsby, Dalby and Skewsby with the refurbishment of 7 old signs and the casting of 6 new replicas.
- Year 3 of the Monument Management Scheme, which is principally funded by Historic England, was a major disappointment. Site visits in July 2017 indicated that bracken spraying on many of the largest sites in 2016 appeared to have been ineffective. Bracken was still head-high and this prevented any possible re-vegetation trials being considered for winter 2017/18. Although bracken was sprayed on 14 SMs in 2017, the weather conditions were so wet that efficiency may well have been compromised on some sites, and again some of the largest sites simply couldn't be sprayed. Bramble and scrub regrowth following cutting in winter 2016/17 was checked on 8 SMs, with stump treatment thankfully showing to have been c.95% successful.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 Achievements this year included:

- Involvement in Ward Mapping/Planning Project with Hovingham and Ampleforth Wards.
- Community projects funded in 3 villages and advice provided to 3 other projects
- Community First Yorkshire project supported with an SDF grant (see separate report for work achieved by the CFY project officer).
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.
- Holding a meeting with North Yorkshire Police to discuss extending a Rural Watch Initiative from the Yorkshire Wolds into the Howardian Hills.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 Achievements this year included:

- Completing 6 landscape enhancement schemes, involving 500m of hedge planting/gapping-up, 100m of hedge laying, 324m of wall restoration and the planting of 1 new copse.
- Inputting to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues, as well as evaluating reports, news and opinions from other organisations. Involvement also in NAAONB/Defra working groups and promoting our Management Plan as a potential foundation document for a new agri-environment scheme tailored to the AONB.

- Holding a Farmers' Update event in Helmsley. Presentations were given on Catchment Sensitive Farming and the Ryevitalise Project; also by the NFU and Farm Advisory Service. 85 attendees; 30% of them Young Farmers; c.30% from the AONB.
- Circulating the New Farm Buildings & Infrastructure Design Guidance to local farm building construction companies.
- Scrutinising planning consultations for 13 new agricultural buildings or infrastructure.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 5 Forestry Commission Felling Licence consultations and 1 Woodland Management Plan consultation.
- Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership
- Monitoring the situation with tree diseases, particularly following some follow-up Plant Health felling in Yearsley Woods.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY

9.1 Achievements this year included:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB.
- Inputting to the Ryedale Local Plan: Local Sites Consultation; Hambleton Local Plan: Easingwold Area Plan Alternative Sites and Local Green Spaces; North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan: Addendum of Proposed Changes.
- Scrutinising a total of 98 development control consultations across all categories – full details of Development statistics for the AONB in 2017 are given in a separate Report on the agenda.
- Scrutinising 5 planning consultations relating to small business development in the AONB.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding. Schemes were completed at Nunnington (with final removal of the poles) and Ganthorpe.
- A partial undergrounding scheme for BT overhead lines was agreed for Nunnington (West) in 2016 but has yet to be implemented. BT has also looked retrospectively at the Cawton and Crambe schemes and has initiated a removal scheme at Cawton.
- Attending the first meeting of the Ryevitalise Lowland Farmer Cluster, looking at training needs for local farm businesses.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 1 development control consultation.
- Updating the AONB Design Guidance for Highways Works and presenting it to the Highways Asset Management Heads of Service meeting for discussion and adoption.
- Developing a simplified methodology for restoration of traditional direction signs.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 Achievements this year included:

- Scrutinising 3 relevant development control consultations.
- Monitoring recreational 'hot-spot' pressures at various sites.

- Progressing a major project to assist NYCC with resolving Public Rights of Way issues in the AONB:
 - 99% of all roadside fingerposts have been photographed, to record the distance and destination information. Overhanging or encroaching vegetation was also cut back as necessary at the same time.
 - 24 new/replacement fingerposts have been made and installed, with the next batch of 18 also made and awaiting installation.
 - Packages of work have been completed by the NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team at Bulmer and Welburn. Works to the River Derwent path at Crambe are scheduled for late Spring, when ground conditions allow.
- Uploading the Easy Countryside Trails leaflets to a newly created page on the AONB website and promoting the routes to various groups, including parents with young children via the Ryedale Mumbler website. Grant support provided to Sight Support Ryedale, to use and provide reviews of the Trails (which were universally good).
- Litter picking at 'hot-spots' throughout the AONB and monitoring fly-tipping.

12.0 AWARENESS AND PROMOTION

12.1 Achievements this year included:

- Maintaining a neat appearance around the AONB gateway signs.
- Publishing AONB News and our Annual Report for 2016/17.
- Attending the Ryedale Show.
- Completing the design and production of 7 new display banners.
- Mailed out supplies of our 'Rides & Rambles' leaflet to accommodation providers in the AONB.
- Maintaining and adding to the AONB website.
- Maintaining a presence on Twitter, publicising the practical work being carried out in the AONB and re-Tweeting as appropriate.
- Holding 4 Junior Ranger Club sessions throughout the year, with 94 children attending.
- Presentations given to York Ornithological Club and the Welburn Gardening Club.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Achievements this year included:

- Utilising the Defra Single Pot funding arrangements to ensure maximum leverage of funds into the AONB.
- Assisting with development of the main Ryevitalise Project programme documents (ecological surveys, data mapping, LCAP) and individual projects: Wooded Wonders, Education, Citizen Science, Walking routes, farmer champions, volunteering, Paradise Initiative, Trout in the Classroom.
- £3k secured from HDC & RDC as a contribution to the Geodiversity Audit; £50k secured from Defra by River Derwent Partnership for Natural Flood Management project, with 2 of the 4 villages involved being in the AONB; successful application written for LNP funding, to enable Moorswork to buy a fen mower.
- Successful out-sourcing of work to: carry out a Geodiversity Audit. Significant assistance also provided to major projects that should bring significant and widespread funding/benefits to the AONB: HLF Ryevitalise Project, HLF Turtle Doves Project, Cornfield Flowers Project.
- Joint working with the North York Moors National Park on: Native Woodland Partnership; Dark Skies Week; developing the RYEvitalise project for Stage 2 HLF Landscape Partnership funding; HLF Turtle Doves Project; technical help with the AONB Monument Management Scheme; post-Brexit agri-environment scheme development.

- Achieving volunteer assistance with 17 projects or tasks, worth at least 139 days (£7,870 at SDF volunteering rates). 124 days were spent on site management tasks; 15 days on Junior Ranger Club, helping at shows, misc.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 No work carried out this year.

15.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

15.1 Achievements this year included:

- Attending the national AONB Forum in Winchester.
- Attending 2 x Northern AONBs Group meetings.
- Attending the NAAONB Chairmens' seminar and AGM event.
- Participating in peer-to-peer and on-line collaborative working initiatives, to share and receive knowledge around the AONB Family.
- Participating in specific meetings with Defra, as part of a small AONB Family Working Group, on Performance Metrics and Future Agri-Environment Schemes.

16.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Review schedule approved by the JAC and work started on scoping the amount of revision needed to Objectives and Actions.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the achievements against Targets for 2017/18 be noted.

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AONB BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PROGRAMME 2018/19

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree details of proposed activity to implement the AONB Management Plan during 2018/19.

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 2018/19 this report also details some of the mechanisms for achieving the proposed targets, as well as indications of some of the individual projects that may be implemented.
- 2.3 The Action Programme and Targets for 2018/19, together with an indicative timetabling of tasks, has been circulated to Members by email.

3.0 THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- 3.1 Principal activities for the year include:
- Compiling a matrix of the AONB's Natural Capital assets and associated ecosystem services, as part of the Management Plan review process. This will replace Objective ES1 of the current Management Plan.

4.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 The proposed budget for landscape and biodiversity works is £25,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Projects to be funded include:
- Completing the comprehensive project to identify, survey, map and record features of geodiversity interest in the AONB, including commissioning the North & East Yorkshire Datacentre to digitise the site boundaries of Potential Local Geological Sites.
 - Hedge restoration schemes (subject to integration with grants available from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme).
 - Continuing control of Himalayan balsam along Wath Beck and at Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINCs. This is a particularly suitable task for the AONB Volunteers.
 - Continuing financial contributions to the Development phase of the Ryevitalise project, and then contributing to Stage 2 should the bid be successful.
 - Continuing financial contributions to the partnerships concentrating on turtle doves and cornfield flowers, and to the Local Nature Partnership.
- 4.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop and possibly pilot new models for supporting rural conservation work post-Brexit.

- Supporting a survey of turtle doves being conducted in the AONB in Spring 2018.
- Continuing to work with Ryedale DC, Scarborough BC and Hambleton DC in a Biodiversity Action Partnership for the joint area.
- Arranging for the Special Interest Road Verges dataset to be uploaded to the National Street Gazetteer.
- Continuing our programmes of Exmoor pony grazing, SINC management and Special Interest Road Verge management.
- Carrying out targeted control of Himalayan balsam, rhododendron and bracken on various SINC and other sites.
- Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
- Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships, inputting to the Development Phase of the Heritage Lottery Funded Ryevitalise project and then the Implementation phase should the phase 2 grant be approved.
- Completing the survey of geodiversity sites within the AONB, seeking ratification of the best sites as Local Geological Sites and incorporating the information into the revised Management Plan.
- Continuing to participate in the North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership (LNP).
- Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important wildlife sites, as appropriate.

5.0 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- 5.1 The proposed budget for works to conserve and enhance historic environment features is currently £20,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. Potential projects to be funded include:
- Carrying out management works on Scheduled Monuments. This may take more or less of the budget, which may also be increased from its current proposed level dependent upon the amount of work proposed for this year of the Monument Management Scheme.
 - Restoration of the Top Pond at Gilling Castle.
 - Continuing our programme of village name sign restoration by restoring signs along the B1257.
 - Repairs to a Listed Building at Risk near Oulston.
- 5.2 Other activities for the year include:
- Delivering the fourth year of the Monument Management Scheme, funded by Historic England, utilising volunteers wherever possible but also engaging contractors and external assistance in order to maximise draw-down of Historic England grant. Completing work originally scheduled for Year 3 but postponed due to poor weather.
 - Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for supporting rural conservation work post-Brexit.
 - Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
 - Responding to planning applications potentially affecting important heritage sites, as appropriate.

6.0 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

6.1 The budget for small-scale works in local villages is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

6.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Continued participation in the Ryedale Ward mapping/planning project, and rolling this out to further Wards if applicable.
- Continued liaison with the principal organisations involved in community work in the AONB, via the regular Community Development Officers' meetings.
- Input to the Derwent Villages Natural Flood Management Project, to reduce flooding impact on Gilling and Hovingham villages.
- Convening a public meeting to facilitate the potential formation of a Rural Watch initiative for the Howardian Hills, to be led by North Yorkshire Police and local communities.

7.0 AGRICULTURE

7.1 The proposed combined budget for both landscape and biodiversity works is £25,000, although there would also be further additional funds available from Reserves if necessary. See paragraph 4.1 above for current project ideas.

7.2 Other activities for the year include:

- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural and rural support post-Brexit.
- Continuing dialogue with the North York Moors National Park Authority on potential joint working opportunities, e.g. Farmer Clusters, environmental land management scheme design & delivery, etc.
- Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

8.0 FORESTRY AND WOODLAND

8.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Promoting the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to farmers and land managers and identifying new opportunities and methods for assisting them with conservation works.
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for supporting forestry and woodland management post-Brexit.
- Monitoring the incidence of Ash Dieback Disease and other plant health issues.
- Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.
- Continuing to provide advice and, where appropriate, financial assistance to woodland managers.
- Responding to consultations and requests for advice, as appropriate.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT & THE RURAL ECONOMY

9.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Monitoring and inputting as necessary to national policy consultations received by the NAAONB.
- Responding to consultations received from the Local Planning Authorities and other bodies on development proposals. The amount of work arising from

planning consultations is impossible to predict, as our input is entirely reactive, but this is an important area of work and is a high priority.

- Inputting to the continuing development of the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plan Strategies, as applicable.
- Inputting to the continuing development of the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, as applicable.
- Continuing liaison with Northern Powergrid on overhead electricity cable undergrounding, to ensure continued sustained progress during the RIIO-ED1 period. Villages/schemes where work should start in 2018/19 include Oswaldkirk and Low Easthorpe.
- Monitoring the progress of activity relating to hydraulic fracturing, both at Kirby Misperton and in the southern half of the AONB in relation to potential seismic surveying.
- Continuing to take opportunities to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership.

10.0 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

10.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Responding to consultations received from the Highway Authority on works within the carriageway that might have biodiversity, historic environment or landscape implications.
- Arranging for the Special Interest Road Verges dataset to be uploaded to the National Street Gazetteer.
- Promoting the removal of redundant brown tourism signs relating to Farming Flashback near Ampleforth.
- Monitoring progress of initiatives to dual the remaining section of the A64 within the AONB, including agreeing wording for an updated Objective for the 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan.

11.0 RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM

11.1 The budget for recreation and access works is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

11.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing to work in partnership with the other Protected Landscapes in North Yorkshire to deliver projects that access Local Enterprise Partnership funding for recreational/tourism projects, including input to the Destination Partnerships project.
- Scoping the option obtaining STEAM tourism visitor data cut to the AONB's boundaries, to help assess the impact of promotional activity and assist with Management Plan review.
- Continued delivery of a joint project with NYCC Countryside Access Service and the NYMNPA Modern Apprentices Team to blitz path furniture repairs in targeted Parishes.
- Recording destination/distance information for all the new roadside fingerposts erected last year and in 2018/19.
- Implementation of Public Rights of Way route creation/diversion packages at Castle Howard and Howsham.
- Continuing to maintain selected informal car parking areas, control litter at 'hot-spots' and report fly-tipping incidents.

12.0 AWARENESS & PROMOTION

12.1 The budget for awareness and promotion work is included within the £20,000 earmarked for projects supporting Sustainable Development and the Rural Economy.

12.2 Principal activities for the year include:

- Ensuring that the gateway signs are maintained and that outlets are supplied with copies of our leaflets when requested. Re-supply outlets in March 2018, as necessary.
- Publishing our 2017/18 Annual Report and AONB News 2018.
- Maintaining our website, attending Ryedale Show and distributing information/promoting the AONB via Twitter.
- Holding at least 3 Junior Ranger Club days, using mechanisms for delivery that maintain standards but minimise the input required from AONB Unit staff.
- Incorporating new education activities within the AONB into Phase 2 of the Ryevitalise Project.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 Principal initiatives this year include:

- Participating in any work needed to promote the importance of AONB management and ensure the continuation/maximisation of grant support from Defra.
- Participating via the NAAONB in work to develop new models for agricultural, conservation and rural support post-Brexit.
- Taking in-year opportunities where appropriate to obtain small amounts of grant support for specific projects.
- Delivering the fourth year of the Monument Management Scheme, funded by Historic England.
- Continuing our participation in the River Derwent and particularly River Rye partnerships, inputting to the Development Phase of the Heritage Lottery Funded Ryevitalise project and then the Implementation phase should the phase 2 grant be approved. Also contributing to new partnerships concentrating on turtle doves and cornfield flowers.
- Continuing to work in partnership with the other Protected Landscapes in North Yorkshire to deliver projects that access Local Enterprise Partnership funding for recreational/tourism projects, including input to the Destination Partnerships project.
- Utilising Reserves appropriately, to supplement the annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit resource commensurate with future work priorities and income.
- Continuing to take opportunities to support jobs, skills and sustainable economic growth locally, as part of the joint Protected Landscapes Growth Plan submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Continuing participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership, to make best use of new opportunities presented in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, LEADER Local Development Strategy, etc.
- Using volunteers to help deliver AONB Management Plan Objectives wherever possible and appropriate.
- Keeping delivery mechanisms under review and making changes/improvements where applicable.

14.0 MONITORING

14.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Evaluating options to develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-designated Priority Sites, to feed into Management Plan review.
- Updating the Condition Indicators as part of the AONB Management Plan review process.
- Compiling a new 'State of the AONB' report as part of the AONB Management Plan review process.

15.0 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

15.1 Activity planned for this year, as the steps in the full review of the Management Plan, involves:

- Reviewing and updating the Management Plan text.
- Convening up to 7 Topic Groups, either as physical meetings or electronically
- Reviewing and updating the 'State of the AONB' report.
- Reviewing and updating the SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments.
- Carrying out public consultation on the draft revised Management Plan.
- Evaluating responses and incorporating into final Management Plan as appropriate.
- Providing final Management Plan text to Local Authorities for Adoption.
- Sending Adopted Management Plan text to Defra.

16.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AONBs

16.1 Principal activities for the year include:

- Continuing to represent the conservation interests of the Howardian Hills AONB and participating in peer-to-peer learning projects, sharing of information, etc.
- Attending seminars, Northern Group meetings, AONB technical events, etc.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Targets for 2018/19, as contained in the Action Programme, be approved.

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AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2.1 The formal notification of the intention to review the Management Plan was sent to the constituent local authorities and relevant organisations, as required by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act, on 15th December 2017.
- 2.2 Initial scoping work has been carried out to assess the degree to which the current Key Facts, General Principles, Key Issues, Objectives and Actions will need revision. In general terms, it is felt by the Team that all the sections listed above (apart from the Key Issues for the next 5 years) require relatively minor amendments.
- 2.3 Clearly one of the key factors for the Natural Environment, Historic Environment and Agriculture chapters, (although impinging on other topics as well) will be the progress and outcome of trade deals and changes to farm support mechanisms during and after the Brexit process. Current feeling is that, following the various announcements and policy consultation documents issued by Defra, the process of transition in the area of farm support may not be fully completed within the lifetime of the next Management Plan (i.e. before April 2024) and hence new Objectives and Actions need to reflect this transition stage rather than what may be the final position.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 In accordance with the revised Programme attached as Appendix 1, initial work will be done during April and May on revising the text of the individual topic chapters, and on compiling updated statistics for the 'State of the AONB' report. Scoping of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessments will also be started.
- 3.2 In a change from previous years, it is felt that it would be more efficient to hold Topic Group meetings as necessary *after* the initial revision work has been done. This would allow consultees to comment on a proposed text, as well as the number of Topic Group meetings to potentially be reduced if consensus emerged solely from the written consultation.
- 3.3 Following these informal consultation phases the revised chapters will be sent back to the Topic Group members, to ensure that their input has been accurately represented and that nothing has been missed. The revised chapters will also be circulated to JAC members. It is planned to do this by 6th August.
- 3.4 Following any further comments, the chapters and supporting information (Landscape Management & Priority Sites section, State of the AONB document, Action Plan, etc) will be further revised and the document prepared for public and stakeholder consultation.

- 3.5 The formal consultation period is proposed as 1st October to 15th November. In previous years special consultation events have been held but their attendance has at times been disappointing. It is not currently the intention to hold any events for this review of the Plan, but if a demand and suitable mechanism emerges as the Plan review process proceeds, then events will be arranged.
- 3.6 Following the end of the consultation period all the comments received will be compiled into a table, showing the comment and the amendments proposed to the Plan (if applicable). This table will be circulated to the JAC and Core Partners Group in January 2019, for their comments. It might be envisaged that a significant number of comments will be received on the topic of fracking, which will need more specific policy consideration within the next Management Plan.
- 3.7 Following any comments received from this final consultation, the final revisions will be made to the Plan. These will be discussed with the JAC Chairman, who will provide the final sign-off of the revised Plan.
- 3.8 The Plan will then be sent to the three constituent Local Authorities in time for formal adoption by 31st March 2019, and to Defra.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

2019 – 2024 AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW TIMETABLE

Date	Action	Who
October 2017	Timetable and scoping for new Plan	AONB Manager & Core Partners Group
November 2017	Provisional timetable approved	JAC
November 2017	Notice to Review letter issued to Local Authorities	AONB Manager
April 2018	Book timeslot with Print Unit for design and production of Consultation Draft	AONB Manager
April/May 2018	Revision of Key Facts, General Principles, Objectives and Actions for each Topic section	AONB Manager
April/May 2018	Initial Scoping Review of SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments	NYCC
4 th June 2018	Revised Topic Sections sent to Topic Groups for initial comments. Update Evidence Base statistics	AONB Manager AONB Team
9 th – 20 th July 2018	Topic Group meetings held, as necessary; refining of SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments	AONB Manager; NYCC
6 th August 2018	Draft Plan chapters circulated to JAC and Topic Groups for final pre-consultation comments	AONB Manager
August 2018	Final revision of Draft Plan, following feedback	AONB Manager
31 st August 2018	Text to County Print for design/artwork	AONB Manager
1 st October – 16 th November 2018	Formal public and stakeholder consultation	JAC, Local Authorities, partner organisations
November/ December 2018	Compilation and assessment of comments received from consultees	AONB Manager
January 2019	Circulation of proposed amendments to Core Partners Group and JAC (by email)	AONB Manager
January/February 2019	Revision of final Plan, following feedback	AONB Manager
15 th February 2019	Approval of final Management Plan	JAC Chairman
February & March 2019	Adoption of new Plan by constituent Local Authorities	NYCC, HDC. RDC
31 st March 2019	Deadline for Plan to be adopted by constituent Local Authorities and sent to Defra	NYCC, HDC, RDC; AONB Manager
May – September 2019	Final formatting, artwork, printing and distribution of Management Plan document/CDs	AONB Manager

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**DEFRA CONSULTATION PAPER - HEALTH AND HARMONY: THE FUTURE FOR FOOD,
FARMING, AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN A GREEN BREXIT**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To receive selected details of the Government's recent consultation paper, released in February following the publication of the 25 Year Environment Plan in January.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In his Foreword to the Consultation Paper, Environment Secretary Michael Gove writes that "Leaving the European Union (EU) provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform agriculture. This paper outlines how we plan to change the way we use the land, so as better to promote health and harmony."
- 2.2 The Paper contains many ideas about how this could be achieved, and seeks views from members of the public, industry representatives and stakeholder organisations on the best mechanisms for delivery. It makes clear that this is the start of a conversation, rather than a conclusion.
- 2.3 A summary of the key points of the Consultation Paper, prepared by the High Weald AONB Unit, is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 KEY SECTIONS

- 3.1 The Paper covers a number of topics, with a correspondingly large number of questions about which options the Government might pursue to achieve its aims under each one. In that respect it is somewhat vague/over-whelming, due to the sheer number of potential options. The principal areas for discussion relevant to the work of the JAC, and the questions posed in the consultation, are outlined in the sections below.
- 3.2 It is not intended that the JAC should necessarily discuss all these sections in detail. However, agriculture is fundamental to the character of the AONB because of its inextricable link to sustainable land management. It is therefore felt that the JAC should have an opportunity to discuss and comment on those sections where it sees fit.
- 3.3 **Reform within the current Countryside Stewardship Scheme.** The Government has some flexibility within the existing EU rules and will continue to review opportunities to make it easier to apply for the Basic Payment Scheme, as well as reducing evidence burdens on the customer. It will also make it easier to apply for Countryside Stewardship and significantly improve the applicant experience, hopefully leading to increases in uptake and benefits to the environment. It will also use this opportunity to pilot new approaches to inform the development of a future environmental land management scheme. In 2018 it has already introduced four basic non-competitive 'packages' of options, as well as trialling an on-line application process for the Arable package. In 2019 it hopes to go further with the introduction of more 'packages', extending on-line applications and simplifying the application and evidencing processes.

- 3.4 **The ‘agricultural transition’ period.** This will last for a number of years after the formal Implementation Period, during which Direct Payments will gradually be phased-out and a new environmental land management system introduced.

Consultation questions:

What is the best way of applying reductions to Direct Payments? Please select your preferred option from the following:

- a) *Apply progressive reductions, with higher percentage reductions applied to amounts in higher payment bands **
- b) *Apply a cap to the largest payments*
- c) *Other (please specify)*

** please provide views on the payment bands and percentage reductions we should apply.*

What conditions should be attached to Direct Payments during the ‘agricultural transition’? Please select your preferred options from the following:

- a) *Retain and simplify the current requirements by removing all of the greening rules*
- b) *Retain and simplify cross-compliance rules and their enforcement*
- c) *Make payments to current recipients, who are allowed to leave the land, using the payment to help them do so*
- d) *Other (please specify)*

What are the factors that should drive the profile for reducing Direct Payments during the ‘agricultural transition’?

How long should the ‘agricultural transition’ period be?

- 3.5 **Farming excellence and profitability.** The Government believes that, across the industry, there are opportunities to go further and improve productivity, profitability and performance through research, adoption of best practice, investment in new tools and technologies and via the adoption of new business models. Individual business decisions are felt to be key to future progress and boosting the economic performance of farming, and the government wants to play its part and help to make that happen:

Consultation questions:

How can we improve the take-up of knowledge and advice by farmers and land managers? Please rank your top three options by order of preference:

- a) *Encouraging benchmarking and farmer-to-farmer learning*
- b) *Working with industry to improve standards and coordination*
- c) *Better access to skills providers and resources*
- d) *Developing formal incentives to encourage training and career development*
- e) *Making Continuing Professional Development (CPD) a condition of any future grants or loans*
- f) *Other (please specify)*

Consultation questions (cont'd...):

What are the main barriers to new capital investment that can boost profitability and improve animal and plant health on-farm? Please rank your top three options by order of the biggest issues:

- a) *Insufficient access to support and advice*
- b) *Uncertainty about the future and where to target new investment*
- c) *Difficulties with securing finance from private lenders*
- d) *Investments in buildings, innovation or new equipment are prohibitively expensive*
- e) *Underlying profitability of the business*
- f) *'Social' issues (such as lack of succession or security of tenure)*
- g) *Other (please specify)*

What are the most effective ways to support new entrants and encourage more young people into a career in farming and land management?

Does existing tenancy law present barriers to new entrants, productivity and investment?

- 3.6 **Public money for public goods.** The Government proposes that their new agricultural policy should be underpinned by payment of public money for the provision of public goods. The consultation asks respondents to rank those public goods that they feel are most important.

Consultation questions

Which of the environmental outcomes listed below do you consider to be the most important public goods that government should support? Please rank your top three options by order of importance:

- a) *Improved soil health*
- b) *Improved water quality*
- c) *Better air quality*
- d) *Increased biodiversity*
- e) *Climate change mitigation*
- f) *Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment*

Of the other options listed below, which do you consider to be the most important public goods that government should support? Please rank your top three options by order of importance:

- a) *World-class animal welfare*
- b) *High animal health standards*
- c) *Protection of crops, tree, plant and bee health*
- d) *Improved productivity and competitiveness*
- e) *Preserving rural resilience and traditional farming and landscapes in the uplands*
- f) *Public access to the countryside*

Are there any other public goods which you think the government should support?

- 3.7 **Enhancing the environment.** During an ‘agricultural transition’ period, the Government will prepare to move to a new system which puts environmental outcomes at the heart of government support. Throughout this period they plan to learn from the past and build on effective elements currently in place under Countryside Stewardship. They plan to work with farmers, land managers and environmental experts to trial new approaches, as well as investigating innovative mechanisms with the potential to improve environmental outcomes. They also indicate that no-one in an existing scheme will be unfairly disadvantaged when new arrangements come into force.

Consultation questions

From the list below, please select which outcomes would be best achieved by incentivising action across a number of farms or other land parcels in a future environmental land management system:

- a) *Recreation*
- b) *Water quality*
- c) *Flood mitigation*
- d) *Habitat restoration*
- e) *Species recovery*
- f) *Soil quality*
- g) *Cultural heritage*
- h) *Carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas reduction*
- i) *Air quality*
- j) *Woodlands and forestry*
- k) *Other (please specify)*

What role should outcome-based payments have in a new environmental land management system?

How can an approach to a new environmental land management system be developed that balances national and local priorities for environmental outcomes?

How can farmers and land managers work together or with third parties to deliver environmental outcomes?

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members’ comments and views are requested on:

- a) Any specific points they wish to be input to a National Association for AONBs response.
- b) Whether the Committee also wishes the AONB Manager to submit a separate Howardian Hills AONB JAC response.



Information Note

Consultation on “Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming, and the environment in a Green Brexit” February 2018

1. Introduction

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is inviting views on the Government’s proposals for future agricultural policy stating that *“leaving the European Union and the Common Agricultural Policy will give us the chance for reform.”*

The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 8th May 2018.

The consultation paper and the supporting documents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-for-food-farming-and-the-environment>

The Government is requesting views on the policy ideas set out in the consultation paper on a new, post-Common Agricultural Policy domestic settlement for agriculture. This consultation is the first step towards a new agricultural policy outside of the EU with the intention of securing a *“bright future for farming and the environment.”*

2. Leaving the Common Agricultural Policy

The CAP has shaped approaches to farming for the last 40 years and some of the world’s first agri-environment schemes, which contributed to a range of improvements for the British countryside. Significant reforms shifted the CAP away from the ‘butter mountains’ and ‘wine lakes’ of the 1980s and the decoupling of Direct Payments from production has reduced some of the incentives to produce in an environmentally-harmful way.

Despite this, the Government believes the CAP remains flawed e.g. land-based subsidies undermine incentives for widespread productivity improvement and are bad value for taxpayers. Efforts to enhance our environment have failed to reward some public goods adequately, such as measures to improve water quality and soil health.

3. The Government’s ambition for farming and the environment

The Government is aiming for *“a more dynamic, more self-reliant agriculture industry”* and also *“a reformed agricultural and land management policy to deliver a better and richer environment in England.”* They believe this can be achieved by incentivising methods of farming that create new habitats for wildlife, increase biodiversity, reduce flood risk, better mitigate climate change, and improve air quality by reducing agricultural emissions.

The Government is expecting to achieve this by ensuring that public money is spent on public goods, such as restoring peat bog and measures which sequester carbon from the atmosphere; protecting iconic aspects of the rural heritage; and reducing disease by better monitoring of animal health and welfare.

4. An ‘agricultural transition’

The Government states it will maintain the same total cash funding for the sector until the end of the current parliament: this includes all EU and Exchequer funding provided for farm support under the current CAP. The UK will formally leave the European Union in March 2019. The government anticipates that it will agree an implementation

period for the whole country with the EU lasting for around another two years. Once the UK has moved away from the CAP, there will be an *'agricultural transition'* period in England of a number of years to give farmers time to prepare for new trading relationships and a new environmental land management system.

5. The proposals for England

In England, Direct Payments will continue during the *'agricultural transition'* but in order to support farmers to prepare for change, the Government says it will need to free-up funds. This will be done by: applying reductions to Direct Payments (either by capping or via a percentage reduction across the board); and funding *"pilots of environmental land management schemes and to help farmers unlock their full potential for sustainable production"*.

The Government believes there is a huge opportunity for UK agriculture to improve its competitiveness by developing the next generation of food and farming technology, adopting the latest agronomic techniques, reducing the impact of pests and diseases, investing in skills and equipment, and collaborating with other farmers and processors.

It wants future agricultural policy to create the conditions to ensure farmers improve their productivity and add value to their products, so they can become more profitable and competitive. To do this, the Government proposes to reduce and phase out Direct Payments in England completely by the end of the *'agricultural transition'* period.

Some sectors may find it more difficult than others to adapt – for example, those located in the most remote, wild, and beautiful parts of England, and the Government appears to recognise this together with the environmental and cultural value of rural landscapes and traditional ways of life. It says it will explore possible options on how to best support such areas.

The Government is looking at how to simplify existing schemes – such as Countryside Stewardship schemes and cross-compliance - during the *'agricultural transition'* period, as well as exploring the removal or reduction of *"current ineffective greening requirements"*, before it moves to a new regulatory regime.

6. A new environmental land management system

The main proposal is a new agricultural policy to be underpinned by payment of public money for the provision of public goods, which could include environmental enhancement and protection, better animal and plant health, animal welfare, improved public access, rural resilience, and productivity.

The Government believes this new environmental land management system will help it deliver its manifesto commitment to be the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than it inherited it and that farming is crucial to achieving the goals set out in the recently published 25 Year Environment Plan.

The new environmental land management system will pay farmers and land managers for environmentally beneficial outcomes and ensure an effective application of the *'polluter pays'* principle.

It will be underpinned by natural capital principles (i.e. the benefits the natural environment provides for people and wildlife are properly valued) and these will be used to inform decisions on future land management.

The Government is proposing it will consult with others on the design of new and ambitious schemes and pilot them in preparation for the introduction of the new system.

7. Animal welfare

Rather than significantly increasing legislation, pilot schemes that offer targeted payments to farmers who ensure higher welfare are proposed.

8. Plant and animal health

There is a recognition that preventing and tackling pests and diseases in trees, plants and animals has wider benefits for productivity, the environment, tackling climate change and public health, and the Government wants to see a substantial reduction in regular disease outbreaks within localised areas.

9. Smarter regulation and enforcement

The Government believes that parts of the current enforcement system impose disproportionate penalties or provide insufficient scope for farmers to remedy under-performance, so they propose a new enforcement system whilst also maintaining a robust approach. A review of the inspections regime will be undertaken.

Also proposed is support for industry initiatives to improve animal and plant health, including through better information-sharing and by funding innovative approaches to improving farm animal welfare.

10. Managing risk and volatility

The Government states that the best way of improving resilience in the farming sector is to support increases in farm productivity, promote better animal and plant health, and make sure farmers have access to the tools they need to effectively manage their risk. It will consult on the wider development of insurance schemes, futures contracts and other risk management tools, and how government can encourage their adoption. It will also consider how to improve the government response to major crises.

11. Helping rural communities prosper

The Government acknowledges that agriculture exists within broader rural communities and economies and that businesses in rural areas (including farms) face particular challenges, which include reduced physical and digital connectivity. It proposes to work on improving rural broadband and 4G and on the design of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to support rural businesses.

12. International trade

There is a proposal to build on the GREAT Britain campaign and develop a British brand to highlight the origin and the environmental credentials to consumers. The Government states it is fully committed to maintaining high standards of consumer, worker, and environmental protection in trade agreements.

13. A skilled workforce

The Government says it will stimulate a forward-thinking agricultural industry that invests in the future through innovative practice and automation and that it wants to attract more graduates and a higher proportion of the domestic workforce into agriculture, food processing and forestry.

14. A new statutory framework

The Government states the farming industry needs a new statutory framework to allow it to deliver many of the reforms set out in the consultation paper and it will introduce an Agriculture Bill that sets out a long-term domestic policy.

A High Weald AONB Partnership information note, March 2018

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NAAONB UPDATE

NAAONB Chairman's Conference

The Landscapes for Life Chairmen's Conference took place on Thursday 23rd November 2017 in London. The Chairmen's Conference built on the work from the previous year, focusing on 'Brexit and Landscape'. In the morning, attendees heard from

- The Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Under Secretary of State, DEFRA
- Howard Davies, NAAONB Chief Executive – the work being done by the NAAONB and the AONB Family offer
- Jim Bailey, Chair, North York Moors National Park Authority – farming in the English National Parks post-Brexit
- Sally Marsh, Director, High Weald AONB Partnership – linking Natural Beauty with farming and agriculture
- John Davies, Vice President, NFU Cymru – the changes required to make a success of post Brexit agriculture
- Graeme Willis, Senior Rural Policy Campaigner, CPRE – the challenges of marginal farming and what Protected Landscapes can do to support farmers
- Teresa Dent, Chief Executive, GWCT – the hub approach as a solution to Brexit, citing the work of the Marlborough Downs NIA

In the afternoon, there were presentations on work already progressing from Cranborne Chase AONB, Dorset AONB and Kent Downs AONB. Attendees subsequently broke into small groups to consider the challenges raised in the morning, some of the solutions already being offered by the Protected Landscapes and what can be achieved by working collaboratively as a Protected Landscapes Family.

Landscapes for Life 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report for the NAAONB is published here

<http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Annual-Report-2017.pdf>.

The Report provides examples of work under four themes: Landscapes for Nature, Landscapes for People, Landscapes for Business and Landscapes for Culture. The Howardian Hills AONB Monument Management Scheme is included as a case study in the Landscapes for Culture section.

Latest News

The NAAONB 'Latest News' bulletin, for December 2017, is available to download here

<http://www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Latest-news-from-the-NAAONB-December2017.pdf>.

A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment

The NAAONB welcomed the UK Government's long-awaited 25-year Environment Plan, launched in January. It sets out the Government's goals for improving the environment, within a generation, and leaving it in a better state than we found it. The Plan forms the culmination of over 2 years of close work and consultation with environmental bodies, including the NAAONB.

Chapter 2 of the Plan 'Recovering nature and enhancing the beauty of landscapes' states:
 "...the creation of designated landscapes – which also include Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty AONBs – has been among the outstanding environmental

achievements of the past 100 years. They provide a patchwork of stunning, and protected, landscapes. In England, a quarter of our landscape is designated in this way, around 10% as National Parks and 15% as AONBs. We will make sure they continue to be conserved and enhanced, while recognising that they are living landscapes that support rural communities.”

Under Section 2 ‘Conserving and enhancing natural beauty’ the Plan goes on to say:

“Over the next 25 years we want to make sure they [*National Parks & AONBs*] are not only conserved but enhanced. Many of the policies set out in the rest of the Plan will contribute to making all areas more beautiful....

Reviewing National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty:

The UK’s first National Parks were created by an Act of Parliament in 1949 following the government’s 1947 Hobhouse Report, which remains the basis for most protected landscape designation in England today. Now, 70 years on, the Government will commission a review for the 21st Century. This will consider coverage of designations, how designated areas deliver their responsibilities, how designated areas are financed, and whether there is scope for expansion. It will also consider opportunities to enhance the environment in existing designations, and expand on the existing eight-point plan for National Parks to connect more people with the natural environment.

Actions we will take include:

- Commissioning a 21st Century ‘Hobhouse’ Review of National Parks and AONBs.
- Working with National Park Authorities and AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards to deliver environmental enhancement, including through demonstrator projects, and engaging with communities through their statutory management plans.”

NAAONB Chairman, Philip Hygate, said

“The National Association for AONBs welcomes the 25-year plan and sees it as an opportunity for AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards to work even more collaboratively with Government to provide rich and diverse landscapes that conserve and enhance the UK’s wildlife. Using our powers to convene, AONB Partnerships and Conservation Boards have long engaged with and supported anyone who cares about our landscapes. We recognise that maintaining vibrant, healthy and diverse local communities is essential to the future of AONBs and we will continue to work to improve the connection between people and nature. Part of this work is recognising that, as dynamic, living landscapes, AONBs are important for the UK’s economy, so we will strengthen our relationships with landowners, farmers and other businesses to ensure a robust and sustainable local economy after Brexit. We are confident that Management Plans, consulted on locally, and produced by the AONB Partnerships/Conservation Boards, provide the tools and opportunities to deliver the Government’s plans.”

AONB Lead officers’ meeting

The AONB Manager joined 25 other AONB lead officers in Birmingham to debate how AONB Management Plans might assist in the development of a post-Brexit agri-environmental support scheme. AONB Management Plans are statutory documents with a democratic basis rooted in evidence, and which provide a locally-led, strategic articulation of the character and qualities of these nationally designated places. This puts them in a good place to both inform and help develop a more locally targeted post-Brexit environmental land management scheme. The Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan is particularly well-placed to do this, due to the comprehensive information contained in the Landscape Management & Priority Sites section of the Plan. The discussions and conclusions from the meeting will be fed back to Defra by the NAAONB.