

**HOWARDIAN HILLS  
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY  
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
11 APRIL 2019**

**AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive details of the progress of the AONB Management Plan review since the last meeting of the JAC, and the next steps.

**2.0 PROGRESS TO DATE**

- 2.1 In accordance with the revised Programme attached as Appendix 1, and following discussion at the JAC, the full table of comments and proposed changes to the draft Plan was circulated to the JAC and Core Partners Group for final observations.
- 2.2 The full schedule was sent to Natural England, as required by their guidance, in early December. No further comments were received on the proposals.
- 2.3 The revisions were incorporated into the Plan during late December and early January, and the final Plan text was sent to the JAC Chairman for final approval.
- 2.4 The Plan was sent to the three constituent Local Authorities on 18<sup>th</sup> January, to enable them to take it through their respective Committee procedures for formal adoption.
- 2.5 On 29<sup>th</sup> March the text-only version of the revised Plan, together with the supporting documents, was published on the AONB website. A notification email was sent to Defra and the three Local Authorities.

**3.0 NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1 The formal designed versions of the Management Plan and accompanying documents will be produced between May and August, and then posted to the AONB website. A very limited number of printed copies (c.50) will be produced, for the JAC and AONB Team to use on a day-to-day basis.
- 3.2 The State of the AONB Report will be updated to include the work carried out by the JAC during 2018/19, so that it becomes a full record of work completed during the previous Management Plan period.

**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
By 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Revised Topic Sections sent to Topic Groups for initial comments (by 29 <sup>th</sup> June). Update Evidence Base statistics	AONB Manager AONB Team
9 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Topic Group meetings held, as necessary; refining of SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments	AONB Manager; NYCC
27 <sup>th</sup> July 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
10 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Text to County Print for design/artwork	AONB Manager
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Draft Plan and Local Sites document sent to print	AONB Manager
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Finalising of SEA and Habitats Regulations Assessments and State of the AONB Report. Preparation of the Local Sites map	AONB Manager
1 <sup>st</sup> October – 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Formal public and stakeholder consultation	JAC, Local Authorities, partner organisations
October/November	Compilation and assessment of comments received from consultees	AONB Manager + AONB Officer
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Presentation of Issues Summary table (with draft indicative responses) and full table of comments received to JAC meeting	AONB Manager
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Circulation of full table of comments received and proposed Plan amendments to Core Partners Group and JAC (by email)	AONB Manager
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Send draft Plan and Schedule of proposed changes to Natural England	AONB Manager

Late December 2018 /early January 2019	Revision of final Plan	AONB Manager
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Approval of final Management Plan	JAC Chairman
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Circulation of Final Management Plan text to constituent Local Authorities	AONB Manager
February & March 2019	Adoption of new Plan by constituent Local Authorities	NYCC/HDC/RDC
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Deadline for Plan to be adopted by constituent Local Authorities and sent to Defra	NYCC/HDC/RDC; AONB Manager
April – August 2019	Final formatting, artwork, printing and distribution of Management Plan documents/weblinks	AONB Manager