

HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB ACTION PROGRAMME**2016/17**

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ES1 Better understanding of the AONB's contribution to ecosystem services ES1.1 Matrix of the habitats and Special Qualities of the AONB, plotted against the ecosystem services that they provide. ES1.2 Matrix of generic types of 'project', plotted against the ecosystem services that the AONB provides.	# Refine the matrix, in consultation with the NYCC Environmental Policy Officer. # Compile the matrix.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# No further progress after compilation of draft matrix in Jan '16. # No progress.
ES2 Promote sustainability and support appropriate projects ES2.1 Assess Plans, policies and projects for compliance with the AONB Management Plan. ES2.2 Ecosystems services assessment to guide consultation responses and assess projects that receive assistance from the JAC.	# On-going. # Use matrix prepared as part of ES1.2 above, once it has been completed. # Complete Defra Ecosystem Approach Score Card for BD2020 Outcome 1C (in-house assessment). # Complete Defra Ecosystem Approach Score Card for BD2020 Outcome 1C (external assessment).	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	# NYMNP Management Plan & Local Plan; Ryedale Local Plan VIUA amendments; Hambleton Local Plan Preferred Options & Easingwold Area Plan; Minerals & Waste Joint Plan; NYCC draft Economic Growth Plan; NYCC PRoW prioritisation consultation # 107 planning/development consultations (see D1.2) # No progress. # Completed. # Not requested by Natural England.

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ES3 Climate change trends / scenarios and monitor impacts on the AONB ES3.1 Keep up-to-date on climate change information and scenarios. ES3.2 Monitor the potential impacts of climate change on the AONB.	# On-going. # On-going.					# Continual evaluation of events and predictions to inform possible future scenarios. # Continued observation of impact of weather events on habitats, land-based industries and communities. # Seeking to include Slowing the Flow-type debris dams in selected catchments as part of River Rye HLF project HLF bid (see NE3.5).
NE1 Knowledge of the wildlife resources in the AONB NE1.1 Rolling programme of monitoring surveys on SINC. NE1.2 Detailed surveys of specific BAP habitats or species. NE1.3 Encourage farmers, land managers and communities to monitor wildlife and report sightings. NE1.4 Commission NEYEDC to compile a report of the species records for the AONB.	- # Progress survey of Newburgh Park. # Feed actions achieved in the AONB in 2015/16 into BARS and BD2020 reporting mechanisms. -	XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX			# No substantive progress. # Completed, although BARS2 recording system now discontinued. # iRecord mobile phone app publicised in AONB Newsletter Oct '16.
NE2 Appropriate protection for best nature conservation sites NE2.1 Register of key nature conservation sites. NE2.2 Effective protection (via designation) for the best nature conservation sites. NE2.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key nature conservation sites.	# Participate in discussions to support/develop data management and SINC systems within North Yorkshire. # Continue to participate in the Biodiversity Action Partnership covering the AONB. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# Emergency email SINC Panels being held when needed. Looking to develop criteria for bird-based SINC. Monitoring surveys still being flagged-up as an issue. # Information on 2015/16 SINC management work done in AONB submitted to NYCC in Nov '16. # Facebook page doing well. Promotional stand taken to Scarborough Mere event. Continuation of the Cornfield Flowers project is one of the priorities. RDC started work on bringing the text of the Ryedale BAP up to date with a new Foreword. # No relevant planning applications.

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NE3 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020/WFD targets for priority habitats						
NE3.1 Special Interest Road Verges and Natural Environment Priority Sites to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.	# Continue to facilitate conservation management of grassland SINCs and other sites, by grazing or other means. # Carry out management works on 45 SIRVs. # Continue rhododendron control works in/abutting Grimston Moor SINC.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# 6 sites grazed, at Coulton (2), Cawton (2), Terrington (2). Assessment of management effectiveness and habitat condition carried out. # Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC cut and raked. # Birch coppicing carried out at Terrington Carr SINC. # Bramble management carried out at Dalby Bush Fen SSSI. # 45 SIRVs cut, Feb '17. # Funded FC to continue clearance work using a forestry mulcher.
NE3.2 Extension and buffering of sites identified as Natural Environment Priority Sites.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.
NE3.3 Restoration of habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential.	# Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.					# No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship. # 5 Felling Licence schemes to restore PAWS to native broadleaves: 8.5ha in single operations, 51ha within 10 year Plan. # Supported Highways England funding bid for A64 grass verge enhancement project. # Area cut by volunteers in July & Aug'16.
NE3.4 Creation of new habitat where appropriate, in particular the less-intensive management of farmland.	# Control bracken on area of species-rich grassland in Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC. # Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers. # Plant 20 new individual in-field and boundary trees.	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	# No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship. # 14 individual trees planted: 5 in-field and 9 as part of hedge planting schemes. # Beating-up of previous schemes carried out, to ensure trees mature in the landscape.
NE3.5 Landscape-scale habitat corridors, particularly around the Derwent valley and linking into the NYMNP.	# Continue participation in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership. # Contribute to development of HLF Landscape Partnership Phase 1 bid for the River Rye corridor. # If HLF bid is successful, input into Development phase of project.	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	# Attending Officer Development Group meetings now that Board and new structure established. # Contributed to bid preparation – submitted at end of May '16. Assisted with HLF assessment visit. # Bid successful. Provided input into recruitment process for project staff, who will be starting in April '17.

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<p>NE4 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for priority species</p> <p>NE4.1 Key sites for specific species to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE4.2 Restoration or creation of sites where significant ecological potential exists.</p> <p>NE4.3 Identify local Target Areas and encourage co-ordinated management measures.</p>	<p># Manage grassland for knapweed broomrape at Amotherby and Broughton Lane SINC.</p> <p># Send location points of knapweed broomrape colonies to NEYEDC.</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p>		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p># Amotherby Lane SINC cut in Feb '17. Hedges at Broughton Lane cut back Jan '17.</p> <p># Recorded via iRecord app, which feeds submitted information into Ecological Data Centres.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># See NE3.5.</p>
<p>NE5 Implementation of LBAP/BD2020 targets for wildlife within villages</p> <p>NE5.1 Wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating and managing community areas for biodiversity.</p>	-					<p># Funded grassland management at Amotherby churchyard.</p> <p># Funded Amotherby School project to survey wildlife and put up bird boxes, interpretation, etc in churchyard.</p>
<p>NE6 Invasive non-native species</p> <p>NE6.1 Monitor the location and abundance of invasive non-native species.</p> <p>NE6.2 Carry out targeted partnership action to manage invasive non-native species where appropriate.</p>	<p># Continue to manage the length of Wath Beck corridor that has been cut since 2009 (Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># Control Himalayan balsam at River Derwent SSSI; Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC.</p> <p># See NE3.5 above (River Rye, Himalayan balsam).</p> <p># See NE3.1 for actions to control rhododendron.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX			<p># Wath Beck balsam control works completed Jul '16.</p> <p># Himalayan balsam cleared at River Derwent SSSI at Crambeck; Jeffry Bog, Fairy Dell and Mugdale & Barker Woods SINC in Jul/Aug '16.</p> <p># AONB records of Himalayan balsam occurrence and control, and Japanese knotweed occurrence, sent to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.</p> <p># Himalayan balsam control included in successful HLF bid (see NE3.5).</p> <p># See NE3.1.</p>
<p>NE7 Important geodiversity sites and features</p> <p>NE7.1 Develop a network of Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS).</p> <p>NE7.2 Sites identified as RIGS to be in 'favourable' or 'recovering' condition.</p> <p>NE7.3 Resist development proposals that may affect key geodiversity sites.</p>	<p># Progress Local Geological Site mapping and assessment, via the NYLGS Partnership.</p> <p># Carry out management works to improve the condition of 2 sites.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	<p># Quote obtained from consultant to carry out survey. Survey delayed pending outcome of N & E Yorkshire Geology Trust grant funding bid to HLF – survey element subsequently rejected by HLF.</p> <p># No progress, due to delay with survey work.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>

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<p>NE8 Assistance to farmers and land managers</p> <p>NE8.1 Assist farmers and land managers to enter key sites into appropriate agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>NE8.2 Flexible package of assistance to enable owners to identify, manage or enhance biodiversity on their land.</p>	<p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># Support suitable projects, as appropriate.</p>					<p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># Funded replacement of barn owl boxes at Terrington.</p>
<p>NE9 Howardian Hills as a priority area for biodiversity, as part of the NY&Y LNP</p> <p>NE9.1 Participate in the LNP, to identify opportunities for integrated projects.</p>	<p># Attend Board meetings and continue developing joint initiatives with other partners in the LNP or LEP areas.</p>					<p># Joint co-ordinator appointed by East Riding and North Yorkshire LNPs. Attended Sept '16, Dec '16 & Mar '17 Board meetings.</p>
<p>HE1 Understanding of the historic environment and its significance</p> <p>HE1.1 Re-assess the archaeology of the AONB.</p> <p>HE1.2 Consider preparing a Statement of Significance for the AONB.</p> <p>HE1.3 Research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>HE1.4 Regular surveys of built heritage.</p> <p>HE1.5 Promote the recording of local history and traditions.</p> <p>HE1.6 Encourage information to be recorded in the North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Pass information on 2015/16 projects to NYCC Historic Environment Record.</p>		<p>XXXXX</p>			<p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p># Funded York Archaeology Trust community project on recording pottery finds in the AONB.</p> <p># Funded completion of Hovingham & Ampleforth inter-generational project.</p> <p># Completed.</p>

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<p>HE2 Sustain and enhance the significance of historic environment</p> <p>HE2.1 Resist development proposals that would be likely to harm the significance of the AONB's heritage assets.</p> <p>HE2.2 Consider introducing Article 4 Directions for Conservation Areas in the AONB.</p> <p>HE2.3 Establish a project to survey and manage Heritage at Risk in the AONB.</p> <p>HE2.4 Prepare conservation/management plans for all designed landscapes.</p> <p>HE2.5 Provide a flexible package of assistance to assist owners with understanding and conserving the historic environment.</p> <p>HE2.6 Encourage farmers and land managers to enter archaeological features and other historic assets into agri-environment schemes.</p> <p>HE2.7 Monitor developments in the understanding of potential climate change impacts on historic environment features.</p>	<p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Implement Year 2 of the Monument Management Scheme, organising and implementing management work on prioritised sites.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Carry out management or repair works on at least 5 Historic Environment Priority Sites or historic features (exc. sites covered by HE2.3 above).</p> <p># Encourage via Countryside Stewardship Scheme consultations and advice to farmers & land managers.</p> <p># On-going.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p># 21 cases. Comments submitted on 3 proposals: 1 modified. Objections or Significant Concerns with 6 proposals: 1 Approved; 5 Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Detailed surveys carried out on 2 SMs; Management Plans prepared for 7 SMs; bracken sprayed on 23 SMs; bramble/brash/scrub cleared on 27 SMs; water trough and feeder removed from 1 SM; 1 SM re-vegetated.</p> <p>–</p> <p># Work completed on 1 Local Priority Site at Dalby. Work completed on 10 other sites/features at Crayke, Ganthorpe, Crambe, Cawton, Yearsley, Oulston, Kirkham, Firby.</p> <p># No consultations received for sites entered into Higher Tier Stewardship.</p> <p># Historic England site visit to SMs at Hovingham Estate.</p> <p># Natural England advice provided to Newburgh Priory Estate on parkland tree planting.</p> <p># On-going.</p>
<p>HE3 Identify non-designated heritage assets and support the development of management strategies</p> <p>HE3.1 Publish criteria and provide assistance to enable local communities to identify important non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>HE3.2 Site-based management strategies to conserve and enhance important non-designated heritage assets.</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>

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LC1 Assist local communities with identifying and implementing projects LC1.1 Lobby Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB. LC1.2 Innovative projects for delivering services to local communities. LC1.3 Prepare/review Parish Plans for AONB villages. LC1.4 Implement projects contained in Parish Plans or identified by communities.	# As necessary, via input to NAAONB consultations. # Continue to liaise with Development Officers in other organisations, to participate in new initiatives as appropriate. # Support RAY/CAVCA initiatives, as appropriate. -					# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Attended regular meetings. # Attended Hovingham Ward Parishes Forum. # Funded Amotherby Ward project and completion of inter-generational project. -
LC2 Voluntary and community engagement with the local natural and historic environment LC2.1 Partnership action for identifying, monitoring, managing, raising awareness of, accessing and enjoying the natural and historic environment.	-					# Funded York Archaeology Trust community project on recording pottery finds in the AONB. # Significant outreach work included in RYE vitalise HLF project. # Funded creation of a bug hotel at Howsham Mill. # Funded Amotherby School project to survey wildlife and put up bird boxes, interpretation, etc in churchyard.
AG1 Government support mechanisms for farm and rural business development AG1.1 Lobby Government to provide satisfactory rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes. AG1.2 Investigate Payment for Ecosystems Services schemes and assess their potential for the AONB. AG1.3 Howardian Hills AONB to remain a priority area for funding from Government agencies.	- # Participate in any joint initiative developed by the LEP Uplands Partnership. # Ensure that the AONB is included as a Target Area within any relevant new strategies/Schemes.					# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Input made to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues. - # Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Howardian Hills re-instated as a Natural England Focus Area, having initially been excluded.

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AG2 Provide advice and appropriate assistance AG2.1 Provide specialist advice and 'sign-posting' on conservation grants and countryside management within the AONB. AG2.2 Provide a flexible package of assistance for landscape conservation projects.	# Provide advice to farmers & land managers, as appropriate. # Assist 3 landscape conservation projects with AONB funding.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Advice provided to land managers at Welburn; Hovingham; Crambe; Low Hutton; Bulmer. # Attended Campaign for the Farmed Environment event at Sproxtton – Boundaries for Birds # Schemes completed Bulmer, Crambe, Hovingham, Coneysthorpe. 1,876m of new hedge/gaps replanted.
AG3 New farm buildings and infrastructure AG3.1 Construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure to follow the principles of the AONB Farm Buildings Design Guidance.	# Circulate the Design Guidance to local farm building construction companies. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.	XXXXX				# Spreadsheet of contacts compiled. # 16 cases. Comments submitted on 8 proposals: 5 modified, 1 Refused, 1 Decision pending. Objections or Significant Concerns with 1 proposal: 1 Approved.
FW1 Woodland felling, management and creation proposals FW1.1 Continue the consultation procedure between the JAC and Forestry Commission.	# Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary.					# 16 specific woodland management/planting schemes and 3 Woodland Management Plans scrutinised, including a significant 10-yr plan for the Castle Howard Estate's woodland re-structuring in response to the threat of P. ramorum. Comments submitted on 5 proposals. Objections or Significant Concerns with 2 proposals: 2 Approved after modification.
FW2 Multi-objective approach to woodland management FW2.1 Encourage woodland owners to manage their woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard. FW2.2 Encourage woodland owners and managers to enter national grant schemes.	# On-going. # As opportunities arise.					# Historic England advice on SM management provide to Hovingham Estate. -

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FW3 Pests and diseases FW3.1 Keep up-to-date with information on invasive woodland pests and diseases. FW3.2 Encourage vigilance and reporting of suspected sightings. FW3.3 Carry out appropriate mitigation strategies to manage the impacts of pests and diseases.	# Monitor ash dieback and P. ramorum disease situations and take appropriate action as necessary. - -					# Ash Dieback now found in almost all 10km grid squares covering/surrounding the AONB. # No new P. ramorum outbreaks in the AONB or vicinity. - -
FW4 Known provenance trees and shrubs FW4.1 Incorporation of natural regeneration into restocking plans. FW4.2 Use of appropriate provenance nursery stock when restocking. FW4.3 Work with local forest nurseries.	# Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. # Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations. -					# No relevant schemes. # No relevant schemes.
FW5 New areas of woodland FW5.1 Use forestry grant procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# No relevant schemes.
FW6 Markets for wood and timber FW6.1 Support the development of a local woodfuel market. FW6.2 Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries.	# As necessary, via JAC consultations. # Promote initiatives as part of the LEP Uplands Partnership. -					# No relevant schemes. - -
FW7 Grant and advice mechanisms that achieve Management Plan objectives FW7.1 Lobby for grant incentives for priority work within the AONB to be included in the next Rural Development Programme. FW7.2 Support the continuation and evolution of the Native Woodland Development Project.	- # Continue participation in the North York Moors Native Woodland Partnership.					# Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate. # Input made to NAAONB discussions on Brexit issues. # Attended meetings in July, November.

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<p>D1 New development</p> <p>D1.1 Relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies to recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the Special Qualities of the AONB and its setting.</p> <p>D1.2 Maintain effective consultation arrangements between Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.</p>	<p># Monitor all new Policies and Strategies, submitting comments individually or via the NAAONB as appropriate, to ensure that the national significance of the AONB is safeguarded.</p> <p># Input to the Ryedale and Hambleton Local Plans processes as applicable.</p> <p># Input to the North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan as applicable, particularly in relation to emerging policies relating to unconventional gas extraction.</p> <p># Maintain, and respond as necessary to JAC consultations.</p>					<p># Consultations monitored and responses submitted as appropriate.</p> <p># Input to DCLG Broadband Infrastructure PDRs review.</p> <p># Input to Hambleton Local Plan Strategy Preferred Options & Easingwold Area Plan (site allocations).</p> <p># Input to Ryedale Visually Important Undeveloped Areas consultation.</p> <p># Informal input to drafting of revisions. Formal comments submitted to support revisions.</p> <p># 126 consultations received from NYCC, RDC, HDC or external agencies/contractors.</p>
<p>D2 Design of new development and management of existing buildings/features</p> <p>D2.1 High-quality rural design standards to cover the whole AONB.</p> <p>D2.2 Encourage communities to prepare Village Design Statements.</p> <p>D2.3 Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques.</p> <p>D2.4 Appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>					<p>-</p> <p># Input to consultation on Slingsby VDS.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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<p>D3 Mitigation of intrusive features</p> <p>D3.1 Local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of visually intrusive developments.</p> <p>D3.2 Liaison arrangements with Northern Powergrid, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables.</p> <p>D3.3 Maintain links with BT Openreach, to encourage the undergrounding of telephone cables.</p> <p>D3.4 Resist developments that increase the impact of light or noise pollution on the AONB or its setting.</p>	<p>–</p> <p># Continue to attend Liaison Group meetings.</p> <p># Start implementation of at least 1 scheme in the AONB.</p> <p># Evaluate any options for using the National Grid VIP funding for schemes.</p> <p># Continue to liaise with BT Openreach over burying cables, both at Dalby and for new electricity cable undergrounding schemes.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p>		XXXXX		XXXXX	<p>–</p> <p># Attended meetings and conference calls as appropriate.</p> <p># Schemes completed at Cawton and Crambe. Underground works completed at Nunnington (West), overhead lines and poles still to be removed.</p> <p># Negotiated a joint study organised and funded by NYMNPA.</p> <p># Old poles at Dalby now replaced so opportunity lost.</p> <p># Partial undergrounding scheme agreed for Nunnington (West).</p> <p># New liaison arrangements between BT and Northern PowerGrid should lead to much better joint working on new schemes.</p> <p># BT looking retrospectively at Cawton and Crambe schemes to identify potential pole removal.</p> <p># 3 relevant planning consultations. Objections or Significant Concerns with 2 proposals: 2 Approved after modification.</p>
<p>D4 Minerals-working proposals.</p> <p>D4.1 Resist any large-scale minerals-working operations which are not compatible with AONB objectives.</p> <p>D4.2 Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone.</p> <p>D4.3 Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for drystone wall restoration.</p>	<p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.</p> <p># Monitor development proposals and approach owners where appropriate in order to obtain suitable stone.</p>					<p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p> <p># No relevant planning applications.</p>

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D5 Renewable energy installations D5.1 Advice and guidance on renewable energy technologies and installations. D5.2 Support appropriate proposals that follow the '4 Rights' – Technology, Scale, Place and Design. D5.3 Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of 'best practice' projects.	# As required, principally via the PRE-APP Enquiry process. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. –					– # No relevant planning applications. –
D6 Rural business, local employment/training and farm diversification D6.1 Provision and access to ICT, business and rural skills advice, courses, demonstrations, etc. D6.2 Encourage local businesses to develop appropriate new enterprises. D6.3 Maintain a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification projects. D6.4 Support appropriate proposals to re-use farm buildings, where their historic and wildlife value can be safeguarded. D6.5 Support appropriate proposals for developing new workspace within the AONB.	# Continue to promote as part of LEADER and LEP Uplands Partnership. # Continue to promote as part of LEADER and LEP Uplands Partnership. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# Publicised Calls for projects issued by LEADER. # Publicised Calls for projects issued by LEADER. # No Objection in 3 planning consultation responses. # No Objection in 7 planning consultation responses. # No relevant planning applications. # No Objection in 4 planning consultation responses to business-related development.
D7 Modern telecommunications technology D7.1 Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone installations that do not have adverse impacts on the Special Qualities of the AONB.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations.					# 6 relevant planning consultations. Comments submitted on 3 proposals: 3 Approved after modification.

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D8 Local-needs/ affordable housing D8.1 Maintain up-to-date information on housing needs within the AONB. D8.2 Promote the potential benefits of local-needs housing to AONB farmers, landowners and residents.	– –					– # 13 cases of new housing development: 3 Open Market units, 31 Local Needs Occupancy units and 1 Agricultural Workers Dwelling. Objections or Significant Concerns with 4 proposals: 1 Approved; 2 Approved with suggested amendments/Conditions; 1 Refused.
RT1 Solutions to specific traffic routing issues in and around the AONB RT1.1 Support appropriate proposals for a full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction. RT1.2 Monitor freight issues in the AONB, to identify any patterns in HCV through-traffic. RT1.3 Encourage measures to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.	# Monitor associated development proposals and input as necessary. – –					# No relevant schemes. – –
RT2 Traffic and driver behaviour issues RT2.1 Carry out speed-checks in identified problem locations, to investigate reported issues. RT2.2 Local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.	# Monitor information provided via traffic speed surveys carried out in AONB villages. –					# 0 temporary checks carried out; 1 permanent check (B1257, Broughton Road, Malton). –

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RT3 Sustainable modes of transport RT3.1 Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements. RT3.2 Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate. RT3.3 Promote the availability of alternative transport services. RT3.4 Next Local Transport Plan for North Yorkshire to contribute to the implementation of AONB Management Plan Objectives.	# Monitor any new initiatives, and encourage via community development work. - - -					- - - -
RT4 Rural character of the road network RT4.1 Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and highway authority. RT4.2 Distribute the Howardian Hills Area Profile to relevant teams within the highway authority. RT4.3 Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements. RT4.4 Specific locations of historic roadside furniture to be recorded on the National Street Gazetteer. RT4.5 Traditional direction signs, mileposts and other historic structures to be maintained and appropriately managed.	# Maintain, and respond to JAC consultations as necessary. - # Rationalise signs where possible as part of traditional direction sign restoration work. - # Restore 2 traditional direction signs.			XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	# 2 consultations received (included in total shown in D1.2). # Meeting held with NYCC Assistant Director to agree principles on road verge management during kerbing works and adoption of best practice guidance for works within the AONB. - - # Re-instated recently restored sign at Firby following demolition by HGV.
RT5 A64 trunk road RT5.1 Improvements to the A64 to have regard to the Special Qualities of the AONB. RT5.2 Monitor future proposals and provide comments to the Highways Agency.	- -					- # Situation monitored . # Work on Barton Hill junction potentially starting in Aug '17.

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RA1 Sustainable recreational activities RA1.1 Support appropriate recreational business developments. RA1.2 Monitor the levels and sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.	# Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. -					# No Objection in 3 planning consultation responses. -
RA2 Promote attractions and Special Qualities of the AONB RA2.1 Promote sustainable tourism and recreational activities in the Howardian Hills. RA2.2 Initiatives to encourage Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.	# Continue input to joint initiatives with NYMNPA, YDNPA/Nidderdale AONB, Ryedale DC, Welcome to Yorkshire, Visit York and YNY&ER LEP. # Progress the development of Easy Access routes and leaflets.					# Local Growth Fund bid submitted for Tourism Business Networks – successful and recruitment process started. # Phase 3 of VY project being implemented – input into preparation of 7 'Theme/Route itineraries'. # Text on VY and Ryedale DC websites updated. # Dark Skies event held at Yorkshire Arboretum, as part of National Parks' Dark Skies Week. # Provided information to VY about AONB cycle routes for visit by bloggers for women's cycling website. # Discussions continuing about a leaflet covering the wider area of the whole Castle Howard Estate, focussing on wildlife. # iFootpath contracted to carry out the work – 6 routes developed and available on the iFootpath website. PDF versions to be uploaded to AONB website in Apr '17. # Further discussions held with Sight Support Ryedale re potential project.

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RA3 Condition and network of Public Rights of Way						
RA3.1 Maintenance and improvement of path furniture in the AONB, as appropriate.	# Continue with minor improvement works as they are identified.					# NYCC focus is principally on maintenance and resolving reported Issues.
RA3.2 Rectify identified path condition problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.	# Bring individual and seasonal cutting issues to the attention of NYCC PROW staff, as necessary. # Develop co-ordination mechanism to assist with resolution of PROW issues within the AONB.	XXXXX	XXXXX			# Issues identified or reported to the AONB Team forwarded to NYCC. # 4 Pilot parishes chosen; ground-truthing surveys carried out by volunteers.
RA3.3 Path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.	# Promote as appropriate, via JAC consultations.					# 24 new/replacement roadside signposts ordered, to replace broken or missing ones. # Ride widening promoted as part of comments submitted on Castle Howard 10 year plan.
RA3.4 Correct identification of all Public Rights of Way routes on the Definitive Map by 2026.	-					-
RA3.5 Bring 'missing routes' and 'route status inconsistencies' to the attention of the highway authority and lobby for action.	-					-
RA3.6 Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements.	# Complete bridleway diversion at Slingsby, as part of wider package of rationalisations on the Castle Howard Estate. # Progress route re-alignments/creations /extinguishments at Howsham, Ampleforth, Slingsby, Hovingham.					# Re-survey of package being carried out, as original proposals date from several years ago and management regime at Castle Howard has changed. # Missing link at Howsham being progressed as part of a whole-route package through to Badger Bank; no progress with Ampleforth issue; Slingsby & Hovingham routes are part of the Castle Howard package.
RA3.7 Creation of new access routes/areas.	-					-

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RA4 Recreational management measures RA4.1 Small-scale management works. RA4.2 Discourage unsustainable recreational use of the Derwent valley. RA4.3 Low-key countryside management works on Forestry Commission land. RA4.4 Development/ use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors. RA4.5 Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.	# Continue grass cutting regime at Badger Bank. # Complete any further management of parking area at Bell Bottom Wood, Coneysthorpe, to maximise space available. # Ensure Kirkham Priory car park is appropriately maintained. # Respond as necessary, via JAC consultations. # Install plaques on the Yearsley Moor seats to signpost to further information. - # Continue programme of litter clearance at car parks throughout the AONB. # Report fly-tipping incidents to the District Councils, as necessary.	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX	# Completed # Completed. # Maintenance work by Parish Council being pushed, but without success. # No relevant planning applications. # Information leaflet being prepared and will be posted on AONB website. FC unwilling to fit plaques to seats due to sensitivities of landowner. - # Completed, ending Mar '17. # 2 incidents at Nunnington cleared immediately before they were reported.
RA5 Routes for different user groups and provide self-guided information RA5.1 Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport where possible. RA5.2 Identify and develop easy-access paths. RA5.3 Publish guide leaflets and information.	- # Carry out further development work on potential routes. # Work with Castle Howard Estate to promote/develop use of the wider estate.	XXXXX	XXXXX			- # iFootpath contracted to carry out the work – 6 routes developed and available on the iFootpath website. PDF versions to be uploaded to AONB website in Apr '17. # Consultants engaged by Castle Howard to prepare information material. Information/interpretation material now awaited. # Promoted grass verge link from Fisherman's Car Park to Avenue, in response to closure of Fisherman's Car Park. # Promoted permissive bridleway for Gaterley Road.

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<p>AP1 Awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role of the Joint Advisory Committee</p> <p>AP1.1 Maintain the existing 'gateway signs' on roads entering the AONB and seek to install signs on the A64.</p> <p>AP1.2 Provide information on the work of the JAC.</p> <p>AP1.3 Maintain a public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.</p>	<p># Ensure 'gateway sign' sites are adequately maintained.</p> <p># Continue investigating installing 'gateway signs' on the A64.</p> <p># Publish 2015/16 Annual Report.</p> <p># Publish AONB News 2016.</p> <p># Continue publicising the AONB and initiatives/projects via Twitter.</p> <p># Attend Ryedale Show.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>		<p># Achieved.</p> <p># No progress.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Sept '16.</p> <p># Published and distributed, Oct '16.</p> <p># Achieved.</p> <p># Substantial publicity achieved for the Photo competition exhibition.</p> <p># Achieved; RAY, NYCC Stronger Communities and NYCC Emergency Planning sharing the AONB stand.</p>
<p>AP2 Awareness of the Special Qualities of the AONB</p> <p>AP2.1 Publish and distribute information about the AONB.</p> <p>AP2.2 Deliver guided walks, talks and demonstrations to explain the Special Qualities of the AONB and promote appropriate management techniques.</p> <p>AP2.3 Continue a programme of activities with local schools, young people and communities.</p>	<p># Evaluate options for new delivery mechanism to ensure that TICs and local accommodation providers, shops, etc have adequate supplies of relevant AONB leaflets.</p> <p># Progress the preparation of a Geodiversity leaflet for the AONB.</p> <p># Ensure that AONB website is running properly and is updated appropriately.</p> <p># Use AONB display at 3 venues/events.</p> <p># Update display banners.</p> <p># Hold at least 3 Junior Ranger Club full-day sessions.</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p> <p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p>XXXXX</p>	<p># Info obtained from RDC.</p> <p># Quote obtained from consultant to prepare leaflet. Delayed pending outcome of N & E Yorkshire Geology Trust grant funding bid to HLF for survey work – survey element subsequently rejected by HLF.</p> <p># Audit of issues carried out. Minor typos corrected but layout issues remain to be addressed.</p> <p># No statistics available at present.</p> <p># Displays not used in '16/17.</p> <p># Production of 7 new banners 90% completed.</p> <p># Talk given to Marton Gardening Club (24).</p> <p># Presentations given to NYCC Hambleton and Ryedale Area Committees.</p> <p># May '16, Oct '16, Dec '16, Feb '17. (104 children).</p>

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<p>IM1 Funding and partnership mechanisms</p> <p>IM1.1 Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.</p> <p>IM1.2 Partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Lobby as necessary, via the NAAONB, to ensure that AONBs are adequately funded by Defra. # Ensure full utilisation of Defra grant allocation. # Participate in the new North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER programme. # Access additional resources from County & District Councils, FC, EA, HE, etc for specific identified projects. # Deliver Year 2 of the HE-funded Monument Management Scheme for Scheduled Monuments (see HE2.3). # Continue participation in the Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership. # Contribute to development of a HLF Landscape Partnership bid for the River Rye corridor. # If HLF bid is successful, input into Development phase of project. # Continue input to the Moors & More project and other similar tourism development initiatives. # Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget. # Keep AONB grant processes and assistance options under review as the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, LEP and LEADER programmes develop, in order to maintain effectiveness and efficiency. # Continue to develop joint Protected Landscapes engagement with the LEP via the LEP Uplands Partnership. 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Provided data for AONB Family Annual Report. # Achieved. # Involved in Steering Group, with Defra approval to proceed issued in Oct '16. # No new funding streams accessed this year. # Detailed surveys carried out on 2 SMs; Management Plans prepared for 7 SMs; bracken sprayed on 23 SMs; bramble/brush/scrub cleared on 27 SMs; water trough and feeder removed from 1 SM; 1 SM re-vegetated. # Attending Officer Development Group meetings now that Board and new structure established. # Contributed to bid preparation – submitted at end of May '16. Assisted with HLF assessment visit. # Bid successful. Provided input into recruitment process for project staff, who will be starting in April '17. # Local Growth Fund bid submitted for Tourism Business Networks – successful and recruitment process started. # £14k of previous year's £23k underspend utilised for projects in '16/17. # Situation kept under review, but RDPE schemes embargoed for a significant part of the year following the Brexit vote. # Local Growth Fund bid submitted for Tourism Business Networks – successful. # Joint working on: Native Woodland Partnership; scoping study of NP/AONB western fringe for National Grid LEI funding; development of funding bids for Turtle Doves and Cornfield Flowers; Dark Skies Week; developing the RYEvitalise project for Stage 1 HLF Landscape Partnership funding; technical help with the AONB Monument Management Scheme; article in NP Out & About Guide.

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IM1.3 Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.	# Complete at least 1 project per calendar quarter using volunteers.	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	# Volunteers assisted with: Junior Ranger Club (x4); Ryedale Show; Himalayan balsam clearance at Fairy Dell SINC and River Derwent SSSI; bracken control on Yearsley Moor Woodlands SINC grassland; scrub management Dalby Bush Fen SSSI (x2); birch management at Terrington Carr SINC (x2); grassland management at Appleton-le-Street Churchyard SINC. Step repairs at Terrington. MMS tasks: survey of 2 sites at Coneysthorpe/Fryton; removing scrub and brash from 12 monuments at Grimston (x5), Scackleton, Hovingham (x4), Welburn, Brandsby. 27 projects or tasks, worth at least 182 days (£10,200 at SDF volunteering rates). 160 days on site management tasks; 22 days on Junior Ranger Club, shows, misc.
IM2 Business model IM2.1 Monitor the business requirements and model of the AONB partnership and identify improvements as appropriate. IM2.2 Incorporate suggested improvements into the annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.	# Utilise Reserves appropriately, to supplement annual projects budget and maintain an AONB Unit resource commensurate with future work priorities and income. # Complete re-structure of AONB Staff Unit resources, including engaging new administrative and project delivery support as appropriate. # Develop new ways of working based on more 'commissioning' of discrete projects. # Prepare annual Business Plan / Action Programme for JAC, April 2017.	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XXXXX		XXXXX	# Reserves Policy developed and balance reduced during '16/17 by funding more projects. # Completed. Unit re-structure came into effect on 1 st May '16. Two one day per week Fixed Term Contract posts recruited to in Sept '16. # Successful out-sourcing of work to prepare Easy Access routes; scope possibilities for accessing National Grid funding to screen the impact of major power lines; prepare site management plans for Scheduled Monuments. Contracts to carry out surveys of geological sites and prepare a geodiversity leaflet obtained but held in reserve pending the outcome of a major HLF bid. # Completed.

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MN1 Performance of the AONB partnership and AONB unit MN1.1 Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives. MN1.2 Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership.	# Provide Annual Action Programme update to JAC, April 2017. # Report NE Partnership Indicators measuring performance of JAC and AONB Partnership.			XXXXX	XXXXX	# Completed. # Completed.
MN2 Condition of the AONB MN2.1 Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-designated Priority Sites. MN2.2 Establish baseline data for the AONB Condition Indicators. MN2.3 Compile a 'State of the AONB' Report. MN2.4 Maintain a 'fixed-point photography' system for monitoring visual landscape change.	- - - -					- - - -
National Association for AONBs Maintain input into NAAONB Board and Association activities. Keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in relation to AONB management.	# Continue to participate in NAAONB initiatives. # Attend training seminars, Northern Group meetings, Conferences, etc as appropriate.					# Attended Chairmen's seminar & NAAONB AGM (London), Communications Officers meeting (Birmingham) and Lead Officers' meeting (Birmingham). Monitored discussions on Basecamp and posted information/input to relevant ones; Participated in Communications Officers' phone-ins, Outstanding Week, #outstandinghour, renewal of AONB State Aids Notifications, development of AONB Family Key Performance Indicators, preparation of AONB Family Annual Report. # Attended National Conference (Shropshire); Northern Group AONBs meetings – Forest of Bowland (May); Solway Coast (September).
AONB Management Plan Review AONB Management Plan.	-					