



Appropriate Assessment
Draft Screening Report
For the
Howardian Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Management Plan
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Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

1. Introduction

This is the Appropriate Assessment (AA) draft Screening Report on the Howardian Hills AONB Management Plan, which aims to ensure that the Management Plan Objectives, policies and Actions are screened in terms of their potential impact on protected European sites in the Howardian Hills AONB.

The protected European Sites make up the Natura 2000¹ network, which provides an ecological network of protected areas in the territory of the European Union. In May 1992, governments of the European Union adopted legislation designed to protect the most seriously threatened habitats and species across Europe, namely the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC² which complements the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC³ adopted in 1979.

European sites consist of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated under the Habitats Directive; Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated under the Birds Directive and Offshore Marine Site (OMS) (effective from August 2007, there are no OMS at present). All RAMSAR⁴ and potential SPA sites are treated as fully designated as European Sites with regard to assessing the effect of development upon them.

Each EU Member State must compile a list of the best wildlife areas containing the habitats and species listed in the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive. This list must then be submitted to the European Commission, after which an evaluation and selection process on European level will take place in order to become a Natura 2000 site.

Within the boundary of the Howardian Hills AONB there is the following European Site:

- River Derwent SAC

However, Natural England guidance⁵ states that “the AONB Management Plan may affect Natura 2000 sites far outside the AONB. As a rule of thumb, sites within a 10-15km buffer should certainly be taken into consideration.” In this case a decision has been taken to examine a buffer zone of 10km. This 10km boundary takes in the following sites ([Map 1](#));

- North York Moors SAC
- North York Moors SPA
- Strensall Common SAC

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/index_en.htm

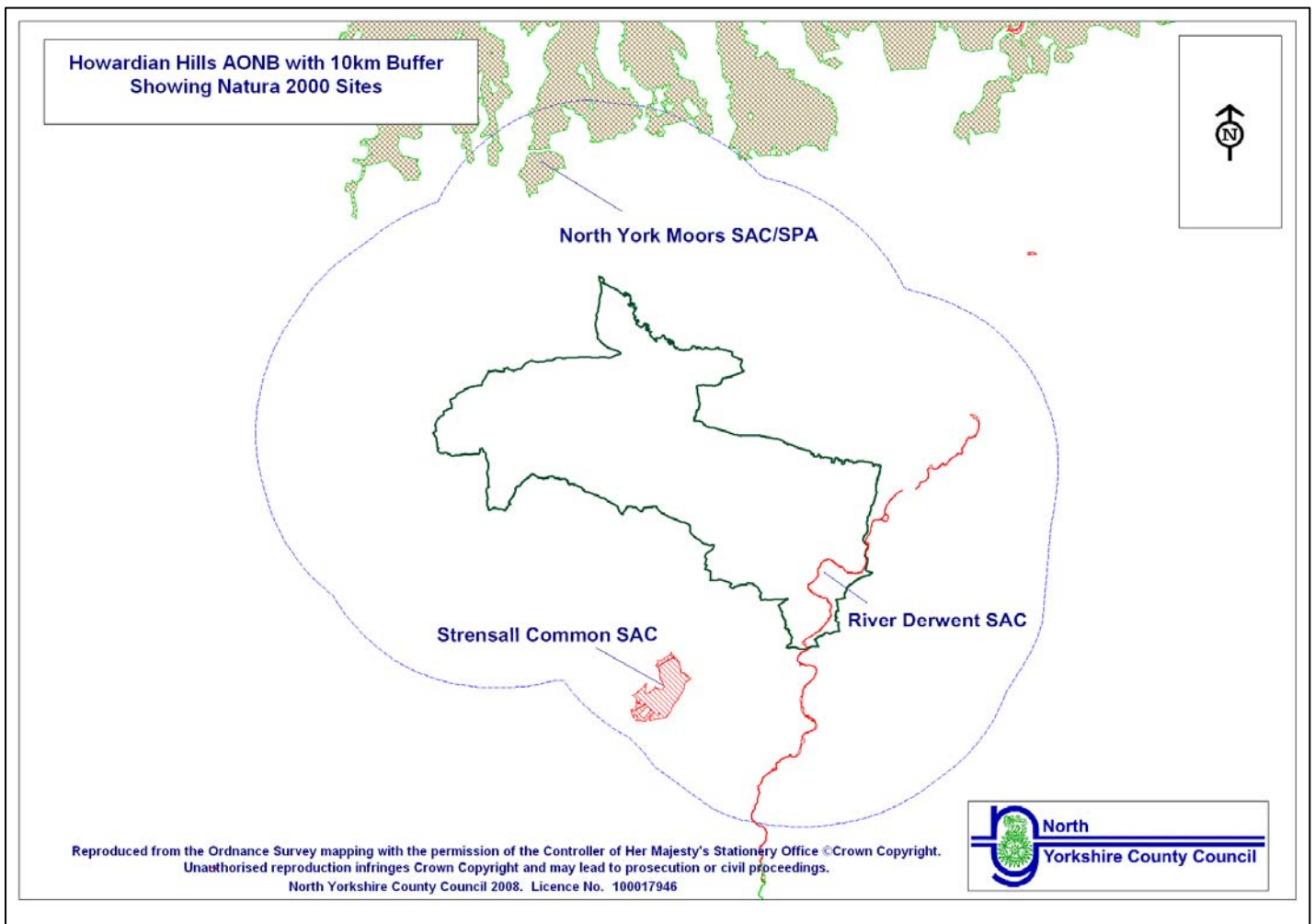
² <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/page-1374>

³ <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/page-1373>

⁴ <http://www.ramsar.org/>

⁵ The Assessment of AONB Management Plans under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations. Natural England’s guidance on the requirement to undertake so-called “Appropriate Assessment” (November 2007)

Map 1: Howardian Hills AONB with 10km Buffer



2. Evidence Gathering for Appropriate Assessment

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Draft Guidance⁶ on Habitats Regulations Assessment (August 2006) states that it would be best practice to collect information on Appropriate Assessment in relation to:

1. European sites within and outside the plan area potentially affected;
2. The characteristics of these European sites;
3. Their conservation objectives; and
4. Other relevant plans or projects.

The need for this information was also highlighted in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report.

Information on points 1-3 is shown in [Table 1](#), with the list of relevant plans and policies in [Appendix 1](#).

⁶ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planning/appropriateassessments/>

Table 1: Natura 2000 Sites within the Howardian Hills AONB or within 10km of the Boundary

Site	Broad Nature of Qualifying Habitat Types	Qualifying Features	Operations	Potential Ecological Impacts
River Derwent SAC 411.2 ha	Meadows, Woodlands and Freshwater	Watercourses of plain to montane levels with <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batrachion</i> vegetation River lamprey, sea lamprey, bullhead Otter	Flood management	Hydrological change (water level and flow rate), physical damage (barrier effects and habitat fragmentation)
			Nutrient enrichment (sewage)	Habitat loss (smothering)
			Siltation (agricultural runoff)	Physical damage (barrier effects, habitat fragmentation), physical loss (smothering)
			Agricultural and industrial outflow (including sheep dip)	Toxic contamination of water, physical loss damage (barrier effects)
			Alteration of channel structure	Hydrological change (flow rate), physical loss and damage (erosion of silt beds)
			Artificial barriers	Physical damage (barrier effects, habitat fragmentation)
			Water abstraction	Hydrological change (water level and flow rate)
			Waste management	Physical loss (removal and smothering), nutrient deposition and acidification, hydrological change (water level and flow rate)

North York Moors SAC and SPA 44,088 ha	Moorland and Bog	SAC: North Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i>	Agricultural management	Over-grazing – physical loss (removal), physical damage (erosion), habitat fragmentation, non-toxic contamination (nutrient enrichment); Under-grazing – physical loss (smothering, scrub encroachment)
		European dry heaths Blanket bogs (*priority feature)	Agricultural drainage	Hydrological change (water level and flow rate), physical loss and damage (drying and fragmentation)
			Recreational pressure	Physical damage (erosion and fragmentation, accidental fires)
		SPA Breeding Golden plover, merlin	Poor predator control (SPA only)	Loss of species, reduced breeding success
Strensall Common SAC 569.6 ha	Moorland and Bog	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i>	Poor muirburn management	Physical loss (removal), physical damage (habitat fragmentation, accidental fires)
			Lack of scrub management	Physical loss (smothering by scrub encroachment)
		European dry heaths	Over-grazing by sheep	Physical loss (removal), physical damage (erosion, habitat fragmentation), non-toxic contamination (nutrient enrichment)
			Recreational pressure	Physical damage (erosion and fragmentation, accidental fires)
			Golf course management	Toxic contamination (herbicides)

3. Stages of the Appropriate Assessment

DCLG Draft Guidance on Habitats Regulations Assessment (August 2006) suggests a three stage process in order to undertake an AA:

- Stage 1: *Likely Significant Effects* (Screening Report) – this is a screening exercise is to determine if the AONB Management Plan is likely to have a significant effect on any European sites and whether a full AA is needed (see [Section 4](#)).
- Stage 2: *Appropriate Assessment and Ascertaining the Effect on Site Integrity* (AA Report) – this is an exercise that will take place if Natural England considers that certain Objectives, policies and Actions are likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of the site. The emerging AONB Management Plan should be developed to ensure that significant effects on European sites are avoided. This will render Stage 3 unnecessary.
- Stage 3: *Mitigation Measures and Alternative Solutions* – Where the AONB Management Plan is assessed as having an adverse effect on the integrity of the site, alternatives should be examined. Alternatives that avoid adverse affects on European sites should be developed and considered from the earliest stages. However where there are no alternative solutions and adverse impacts still remain, compensation measures are required for any adverse affects. These are permitted only where the plan would be necessary for imperative reasons of over-riding public interest.

4. Likely Significant Effects

[Appendix 2 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Matrix](#) shows the screening matrix of the Howardian Hills Management Plan Objectives and Actions, which aims to identify if they will have significant effect on any of the European sites situated within the 10km buffer of the Howardian Hills AONB.

5. Conclusion

The screening exercise indicates that No Likely Significant Effect (NLSE) will arise from the Management Plan Objectives or Actions. The Management Plan has been written to take into consideration the special features of the AONB and in doing this will avoid harmful impact on the SAC/SPA conservation objectives.

The AONB now seeks comments on whether the correct significant effects have been identified in the AA Draft Screening Report. This will indicate if an Appropriate Assessment on the AONB Management Plan is required.

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APPENDIX 1: Relevant Plans and Policies

Plans and Policies
International
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change & Kyoto Protocol (UNFCCC, 1994 & 1997)
World Heritage Convention (UNESCO, 1972)
The Convention on Biological Diversity. Rio de Janeiro (1992)
EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds 79/409/EEC
EC Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats of Wild Fauna and Flora 92/43/EEC
The Conservation Regulations 1994 (Habitats Regulations) Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora
The Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC)
Ambient Air Quality and Management Directive (1966/62/EC)
European Landscape Convention (2000)
National
Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
Environment Act 1995
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
PPS1 Delivering Sustainable Development ODPM (2005)
PPG2 Green Belts ODPM (1995)
PPS7 Sustainable Development in Rural Areas ODPM (2004)
PPS9 Biodiversity and geological conservation ODPM (2004)
PPG13 Transport ODPM (2001)
PPG15 Planning and The Historic Environment ODPM (1994)
PPG16 Archaeology and Planning ODPM (2001)
PPG17 Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation ODPM (2002)
PPG22 Renewable Energy
Energy white Paper – “Meeting the Energy Challenge” DTI 2007
The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - Volume 1 (July 2007)
Rural Strategy 2004 (DEFRA)
CAP Reforms
Local Landscape Character Assessments – Landscape Character Network
Making the Past Part of our Future: English Heritage Strategy 2005–2010
Catchment Flood Management Plans – Environment Agency
Waterways for People, British Waterways (2002)
Natural England Strategic Direction 2008-13
Environment Agency Corporate Plan 2006 - 2009
Conservation Principles Policies and Guidance – For the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment, English Heritage 2008
A Strategy for England’s Trees, Woods and Forests 2007 – Defra
Our Strategy to 2010 and Beyond, National Trust
Quality of Life Counts: Indicators for Sustainable Development for the UK (2004 update) – Defra
UK Biodiversity Action Plan
Regional
Regional Spatial Strategy for Yorkshire and the Humber 2008
Regional Economic Strategy 2006 – 2015, Yorkshire Forward

Regional Environment Enhancement Strategy Yorkshire and Humber Environment Forum (2003)
Regional Sustainable Development Framework, Yorkshire and Humber Assembly (2005)
English Heritage In Yorkshire 2006 - 2008, English Heritage
The Strategic Framework for Trees, Woods and Forests in Yorkshire and the Humber Region (2005)
Yorkshire and Humber Rural Framework
North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (2006 – 2011)
North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Community Strategy (2004 – 2008)
North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement Draft (2008)
North Yorkshire People, Paths & Places 2007 – 2011
The Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshrie
North Yorkshire Access Management Plan (2005) North Yorkshire County Council
North Yorkshire’s Minerals and Waste Local Plans and Emerging Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks
Social Inclusion Strategy for North Yorkshire North Yorkshire County Council (2007 – 2010)
North Yorkshire County Council Countryside Volunteer Policy (2005)
A Strategy for the North Yorkshire Countryside 2008 – 2013 (emerging)
Local
Ryedale Local Plan/Local Development Framework (2007)
Ryedale Biodiversity Action Plan (2007 – 2012)
Ryedale Community Plan – Imagine Ryedale (2003)
Hambleton Local Development Framework (2007)
Hambleton Biodiversity Action Plan (2002)

APPENDIX 2: Appropriate Assessment Screening Matrix

KEY:

NLSE	No Likely Significant Effect	LSE	Likely Significant Effect(s) A likely significant effect on the site's conservation objectives, requiring modification or dropping of the Objective	U	Uncertain Cannot determine if NLSE or LSE, so MAY require modification or dropping of the Objective
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SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE				
Objective SF1: Assess the AONB's contribution to climate change mitigation adaptation and monitor the impacts of climate change on its special qualities	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF1.1: Calculate the 'carbon balance' for land use activity in the AONB</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF1.2: Compile a map of 'green infrastructure' within the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF1.3: Gather information on the potential impacts of climate change on the Special Qualities of the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective SF2: Promote sustainability and support appropriate projects that benefit the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF2.1: Publish and promote tips on sustainable living for residents, businesses and communities.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF2.2: Demonstrate examples of good sustainability practice.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action SF2.3: Use the Sustainable Development Fund to support appropriate projects that benefit the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action SF2.4: Develop an environmental policy to cover the JAC's own activities.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY				
Objective NB1: Continually improve knowledge of the wildlife resources in the AONB and the possible impacts of climate change upon them	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB1.1: Carry out a rolling programme of monitoring surveys on Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs).</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB1.2: Carry out detailed surveys of specific BAP habitats or species as necessary, to fill identified gaps in knowledge.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB1.3: Further develop recording mechanisms to assist farmers, land managers and communities with monitoring wildlife.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB1.4: Research the climate change resilience of key AONB habitats.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB1.5: Digitise the Phase I survey maps of the AONB, to assist with habitat restoration planning and climate change adaptation.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
Objective NB2: Give priority to conservation of the best remaining wildlife sites in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB2.1: Maintain and regularly update a register of key nature conservation sites.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB2.2: Where appropriate, ensure more effective protection for the best nature conservation sites.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB2.3: Monitor and resist development proposals that may affect key nature conservation sites.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB2.4: Ensure farmers and landowners are aware of the existence and importance of sites on their land.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB3: Encourage local participation in the monitoring, adoption and management of nature conservation sites	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB3.1: Work with communities, volunteer groups, schools, interest groups, businesses, land managers and local organisations, to encourage partnership action for monitoring and management of sites.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
Objective NB4: Assist with the implementation of local BAP targets for woodland habitats in the AONB: Ash Woodland; Acid Oak Woodland; Wood Pasture; Parkland; Veteran Trees	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action NB4.1: Ensure that all sites identified as <i>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</i> are in 'favourable conservation management'.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action NB4.2: Encourage the extension and buffering of sites identified as <i>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</i> , to improve their resilience to climate change.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action NB4.3: Encourage the restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites, particularly those identified as <i>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</i> .	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action NB4.4: Encourage the planting of new native woodland, wood pasture, species-rich hedges and individual trees, in appropriate locations.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action NB4.5: Encourage the creation of mosaics of wet woodland and marshy grassland along riparian corridors.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
Objective NB5: Assist with the implementation of local BAP targets for grassland habitats in the AONB: Limestone Grassland; Neutral Grassland; Acidic Grassland; Heathland	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB5.1: Ensure that all existing sites identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u> are in 'favourable conservation management'.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB5.2: Encourage the extension and buffering of sites identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u>, to improve their resilience to climate change.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB5.3: Ensure that all Special Interest Road Verges are in 'favourable conservation management'.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB5.4: Encourage the restoration of grassland and lowland heath habitats that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential, particularly those identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u>.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB5.5: Encourage the creation of new grassland habitats where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
Objective NB6: Assist with the implementation of local BAP targets for wetland habitats in the AONB: Wet Grassland, Fens, Mires, Mesotrophic Lakes, Ponds	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB6.1: Ensure that all existing sites identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u> are in 'favourable conservation management'.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB6.2: Encourage the extension and buffering of sites identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u>, to improve their resilience to climate change.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB6.3: Encourage restoration of sites that have declined in interest but still retain significant ecological potential.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB6.4: Encourage creation of new habitat where conditions are suitable, particularly wet grassland on arable land.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB7: Assist with the implementation of local BAP targets for species considered important in the AONB: Mammals; Birds; Plants; Invertebrates; Fish	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action NB7.1: Ensure that key sites for specific species are in 'favourable conservation management'.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB7.2: Encourage restoration or creation of sites where significant ecological potential exists.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB7.3: Identify local Target Areas and encourage co-ordinated management measures.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB8: Monitor and where appropriate control invasive non-native species in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB8.1: Monitor the location and abundance of invasive non-native species.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB8.2: Carry out targeted partnership action to manage invasive non-native species where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB9: Encourage less intensive management of farmland, to create a wider network of complementary semi-natural habitats	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB9.1: Target farmers and land managers to enter key sites, particularly those identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u>, into the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action NB9.2: Encourage farmers and land managers to enter the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB10: Assist with the implementation of local BAP targets for wildlife within villages	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB10.1 Raise awareness of wildlife within villages and assist communities with creating and managing community areas for biodiversity.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective NB11: Provide assistance to farmers and land managers to help them manage their land sympathetically	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB11.1: Assist with applications to grant schemes such as Environmental Stewardship and the English Woodland Grant Scheme.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB11.2: Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid, direct works or management agreements, as appropriate, to enable owners to manage or enhance biodiversity on their land.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB11.3: Demonstrate ‘best practice’ in managing land for nature conservation.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action NB11.4: Support skills training initiatives, where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
CULTURAL HERITAGE				
Objective CHI: Improve the knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Remains • Historic Buildings • Cultural History • The Inter-Relationship of these Feature in the Wider Landscape 	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action CHI.1: Complete a Historic Landscape Characterisation survey of the Howardian Hills.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action CHI.2: Revise the <u>Local Landscape and Cultural Heritage Priorities</u> to take account of the results of the Historic Landscape Characterisation Survey.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action CHI.3: Encourage research projects to address identified gaps in knowledge. Priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industries. • Prehistoric burials. • Patterns of Medieval settlement and farming. • Historic parklands 	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Action CHI.4: Encourage regular surveys of built heritage to identify important or distinctive building groups, individual structures, architectural features and Buildings at Risk.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action CH1.5: Promote the recording of local history and traditions.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH1.6: Convene an annual stakeholders forum to discuss/guide research projects and opportunities.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective CH2: Encourage appropriate statutory protection of all nationally important monuments, buildings and structures in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH2.1: Monitor progress of the Heritage Protection Review and input to the process locally as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective CH3: Encourage local participation in the monitoring, adoption and management of cultural and historic heritage sites	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH3.1: Work with communities, volunteer groups, schools, interest groups, businesses, land managers and local organisations, to encourage partnership action for monitoring and management of features.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH3.2: Deliver the CAN DO 'Lime and Ice Project' initiatives scheduled for the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective CH4: Ensure that the diversity, quality and distinctiveness of the AONB's historic heritage is conserved and enhanced	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.1: Provide proactive historic landscape conservation and management advice to farmers, landowners and land managers.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.2: Encourage farmers and land managers to enter archaeological features into appropriate options in agri-environment schemes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.3: Encourage the preparation of Heritage Partnership Agreements for Heritage Assets, once the new system is introduced.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.4: Encourage the preparation of conservation/management plans for Historic Parks and Gardens, including the identification of iconic views in/out.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.5: Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid or direct works, as appropriate, to assist owners with the repair and conservation of archaeological and historic features, including those identified as <u>Local Cultural Heritage Priorities</u>.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action CH4.6: Demonstrate ‘best practice’ in managing land or features of cultural heritage value.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action CH4.7: Support skills training initiatives, where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
LOCAL COMMUNITIES				
Objective LC1: Assist local communities with identifying and implementing projects that maintain and enhance their character, sustainability and community pride	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.1: Lobby Government on relevant national rural issues, via the NAAONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.2: Pass information and recommendations from community/consultation events to the relevant organisations/agencies.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.3: Work as appropriate with partner organisations to develop innovative ways of delivering services to local people.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.4: Encourage villages to prepare Parish Plans, including within them projects to enhance their community and its environment.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action LC1.5: Encourage implementation of projects contained in Parish Plans or identified during community/consultation events.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.6: Link local communities to sources of advice and/or grant aid for the completion of projects and maintenance of viable community buildings.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action LC1.7: Establish an AONB Village Forum, to link AONB communities and demonstrate co-operative ideas and 'good practice' examples.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
AGRICULTURE				
Objective AG1: Encourage the development and uptake of Government support mechanisms that achieve sustainable farm and rural business development	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG1.1: Work with Government, via the NAAONB, to further develop rural support mechanisms and agri-environment schemes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG1.2: Ensure that the Howardian Hills AONB remains a priority area for funding from Government agencies.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action AG1.3: Promote Government rural support mechanisms to farmers and landowners.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective AG2: Support farm businesses in the AONB by providing conservation advice and appropriate assistance	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG2.1: Provide specialist advice and ‘sign-posting’ on conservation grants, countryside management and farm diversification within the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG2.2: Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid or direct works, as appropriate, for small-scale conservation projects,</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG2.3: Demonstrate examples of ‘best practice’ via the AONB website, events, leaflets, etc.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG2.4: Support skills training initiatives, where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective AG3: Encourage sustainable alternative farm enterprises that conserve and enhance the special features of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG3.1: Adopt a positive approach to planning control for appropriate farm diversification projects.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action AG3.2: Encourage participation in land-based climate change mitigation schemes, such as a regional carbon off-setting programme.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG3.3: Consider developing local climate change adaptation schemes, such as flood alleviation projects.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective AG4: Encourage high standards of design and careful siting of all new farm buildings and infrastructure	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG4.1: Support the construction of new farm buildings and infrastructure where these use high standards of design, careful siting and good landscaping measures.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AG4.2: Produce basic design guidance on the siting, colour of materials and landscaping for new farm buildings and infrastructure.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FORESTRY AND WOODLAND				
Objective FW1: Ensure that all woodland felling and management proposals recognise the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW1.1: Continue the consultation procedure between the JAC and Forestry Commission, for felling and woodland management proposals.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action FW1.2: Encourage ‘continuous cover’ systems where appropriate, to minimise the potential impact of felling on the landscape and biodiversity.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective FW2: Encourage a multi-objective approach to woodland management in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW2.1: Encourage all woodland owners to manage their woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW2.2: Encourage woodland owners and managers to enter the English Woodland Grant Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme, using the full range of available grants as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW2.3: Work with Yorwoods to encourage woodland owners to achieve UKWAS certification.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective FW3: Encourage the use of local provenance trees and shrubs where appropriate when re-stocking	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW3.1: Gain a better understanding of the susceptibility of native tree and shrub species to climate change.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW3.2: Promote the use of local provenance or NW European nursery stock, as appropriate, when restocking.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action FW3.3: Promote the incorporation of natural regeneration of appropriate native tree and shrub species into restocking plans.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW3.4: Work with local forest nurseries to ensure that adequate quantities of local provenance material are available.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective FW4: Encourage the development of alternative markets for wood and timber	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW4.1: Encourage the development and installation of sustainable wood fuel heating systems.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW4.2: Encourage the use of timber from the AONB in local industries, e.g. furniture making, traditional building restoration, etc.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW4.3: Promote and demonstrate the use of on-site processing equipment to convert felled timber into higher-value products.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective FW5: Encourage new areas of woodland where these would conserve or enhance the special qualities of the AONB or improve habitat networks	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW5.1: Use forestry grant procedures to advise on the siting and design of new areas of woodland, within the guidance provided by the <u>Local Landscape Priorities</u></i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action FW5.2: Promote the availability of advice and grant aid schemes for new planting.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective FW6: Encourage the development of grant advice mechanisms that achieve management plan objectives for woodland management	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW6.1: Encourage the Forestry Commission to introduce grant incentives that realistically assist with PAWS restoration tasks.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW6.2: Encourage the Forestry Commission to make incentives available for specific priority work within the AONB, in line with the Regional Forestry Strategy.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW6.3: Ensure that any 'scoring system' for new woodland planting continues to recognise the national importance of the Howardian Hills AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW6.4: Provide a flexible package of assistance including advice, grant aid or direct works, as appropriate, for small-scale conservation projects. Particularly on sites identified as <u>Local Nature and Biodiversity Priorities</u></i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW6.5: Support continuation of the Native Woodland Development Project.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective FW7: Demonstrate best practice in woodland management and encourage a multi-skilled workforce	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW7.1: Organise or assist with local events to demonstrate examples of sympathetic woodland management techniques and machinery.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW7.2: Develop a list of local contractors available to carry out woodland management work in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action FW7.3: Promote relevant woodland training courses and apprenticeship schemes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
DEVELOPMENT				
Objective D1: Ensure that any new development is compatible with the aims of AONB designation and has regard to social, economic and environmental sustainability	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D1.1: Ensure that all relevant Plans, Strategies and Policies recognise, protect and, where appropriate, enhance the <u>Special Qualities</u> of the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D1.2: Maintain effective consultation arrangements between Local Planning Authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective D2: Encourage high standards in both the design of new development within the AONB and the management of existing buildings/features	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D2.1: Ensure consistent high-quality rural design standards covering the whole AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D2.2: Encourage villages to prepare Village Design Statements, to guide the design of future development.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D2.3: Provide guidance on sustainable building restoration techniques, including energy conservation measures.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D2.4: Undertake appraisals to enable the designation of new Conservation Areas and the enhancement of existing ones.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D2.5: Assist with the cost of works to village features identified as priorities in Conservation Area appraisals.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D3: Encourage the mitigation of intrusive features, to enhance the local landscape character or tranquillity of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action D3.1: In co-operation with landowners and developers, encourage local enhancement works to mitigate the impact of visually intrusive developments, including those identified as <u>Local Landscape Priorities</u>.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D3.2: Continue liaison arrangements with CE Electric, to prioritise and implement the undergrounding of electricity cables in prominent locations.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D3.3: Establish links with BT Openreach, to encourage the undergrounding of telephone cables in prominent locations.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D3.4: Resist any developments that increase the level of noise heard within or from the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D3.5: Monitor the levels of litter and fly-tipping within the AONB and take action as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D4: Encourage the supply of local stone for building and dry stone wall restoration work	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D4.1: Support appropriate proposals for small-scale quarrying of stone for local uses.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action D4.2: Safeguard/obtain supplies of suitable local stone for dry stone wall restoration.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D5: Support appropriate renewable energy installations that do not have adverse impacts on the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D5.1: Provide advice and guidance on renewable energy technologies and installations likely to be appropriate in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D5.2: Support appropriate proposals that follow the ‘4 Rights’ – Technology, Scale, Place, and Design.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D5.3: Promote the benefits of appropriate renewable energy developments and demonstrate examples of ‘best practice’ projects via the AONB website, events, leaflets, etc.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D6: Support business and diversification opportunities linked to the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D6.1: ‘Sign-post’ enquirers to the Business Link service.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D6.2: Encourage local businesses to develop appropriate enterprises, via the CAN DO Partnership.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective D7: Encourage the sustainable re-use of redundant farm buildings	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D7.1: Support appropriate proposals to re-use both traditional and modern farm buildings, where their cultural heritage and wildlife value can be safeguarded.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D8: Encourage the expansion of modern communications technology, whilst safeguarding the AONB landscape	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D8.1: Support the provision of high-speed broadband and mobile phone installations that do not have adverse impacts on the <u>Special Qualities</u> of the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D8.2: Liaise with Local Planning Authorities and network operators, via the process of annual roll-out plans.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective D9: Encourage the increased provision of local needs/affordable housing in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D9.1: Carry out and update local Housing Needs Surveys and subsequently use these when determining applications for new housing.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action D9.2: Further develop and adopt measures for the provision of housing to reflect local needs, including affordable housing.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action D9.3: Promote the potential benefits of 'local needs' housing to AONB farmers, landowners and residents.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
ROADS, TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC MANGEMENT				
Objective RT1: Develop solutions to specific traffic routing problems in and around the AONB, to discourage through-traffic and ensure that other traffic uses the most appropriate route	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT1.1: Work with local partners to promote the need for a full-movement interchange at the A64/B1257 junction.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT1.2: Place an 'Access only' weight restriction on the Castle Howard Avenue, in conjunction with Objective RT1.1 above.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT1.3: Investigate freight issues in the AONB, to identify patterns in HCV through-traffic.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT1.4: Use Freight Quality Partnerships to address any issues raised during freight monitoring.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective RT2: Develop initiatives to monitor and address traffic and driver behaviour issues in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT2.1: Gather information on traffic speeds, to identify problem locations.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT2.2: Carry out a regular programme of speed-checks in identified problem locations, to address issues.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT2.3: Consider organising local events that examine and address traffic and driver behaviour issues, in identified problem locations.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RT3: Promote the use of sustainable modes of transport as alternatives to the private car	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT3.1: Identify transport service, infrastructure and accessibility improvements.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT3.2: Develop and implement identified measures as appropriate, via SCTSs or other mechanisms.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT3.3: Promote the availability of alternative transport services in AONB literature, in local villages and at visitor attractions.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action RT3.4: Encourage the preparation of Workplace Travel Plans for employment bases in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT3.5: Ensure that the next Local Transport Plan for North Yorkshire contributes to AONB Management Plan Objectives, where appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RT4: Maintain the existing rural character of the road network in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT4.1: Continue liaison arrangements between the Joint Advisory Committee and highway authority (and its agents) for all proposals in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT4.2: Ensure that the NYCC Construction Manual contains appropriate guidance on the design of road signage, minor improvements, traffic calming measures, etc in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT4.3: Identify examples of road sign clutter and seek improvements.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT4.4: Compile an inventory of historic 'roadside furniture', to record current features and determine future conservation priorities.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action RT4.5: Continue a maintenance and restoration programme for historic features identified as needing action.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RT5: Ensure any proposals for improvement of the A64 trunk road through the AONB are fully justified, adopt appropriate local standards of design, make maximum use of the existing road and have minimum environmental impact	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RT5.1: Monitor future proposals and provide comments to the Highways Agency, highway authority and Ryedale District Council on any new schemes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
RECREATION, ACCESS AND TOURISM				
Objective RA1: Encourage sustainable recreational activities that do not conflict with the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA1.1: Monitor the sustainability of recreational activities within the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA1.2: Use planning policies to encourage appropriate recreational business developments.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA2: Promote the attractions and special qualities of the AONB in a sustainable way	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

SAC/SPA Site	North York Moors SPA	North York Moors SAC	River Derwent SAC	Strensall Common SAC
<i>Action RA2.1: Gather information on visitor numbers, activity, etc to assess the demand for different types of promotional material.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA2.2: Work with the Area Tourism Partnership to provide information for use by tourists and visitors.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA2.3: Work with local Tourism Associations, to discuss joint-working and promotion.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA2.4: Develop initiatives to enable Under-Represented Groups to enjoy the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA2.5: Develop initiatives to promote the health benefits of outdoor recreation in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA3: Carry out recreational management measures as appropriate, to address problems and enhance enjoyment by the public	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA3.1: Carry out small-scale management works as necessary, particularly on sites identified as <u>Local Recreation Priorities</u>.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA4: Manage the Public Rights of Way network to a high standard	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action RA4.1: Ensure the maintenance of all path furniture in the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA4.2: Regularly monitor the condition of all paths.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA4.3: Liaise with local landowners to quickly rectify identified problems, including seasonal overgrowth and ploughing/cropping.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA4.4: Develop a prioritised programme to cut seasonal undergrowth on paths.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA4.5: Continue to encourage wider community involvement in path monitoring and maintenance.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA5: Encourage the correct identification of all public rights of way routes on the definitive map by 2015	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA5.1: Complete the Definitive Map review for the Ryedale District.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA5.2: Bring ‘missing routes’ and ‘route status inconsistencies’ to the attention of the highway authority and lobby for action.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA6: Encourage appropriate local improvements to the public rights of way network	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action RA6.1: Encourage the creation of new access routes/areas where the Public Rights of Way network is less developed and there appears to be a desire for increased access.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA6.2: Support appropriate Public Rights of Way diversion, creation and extinguishment orders/agreements in response to particular local issues.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA7: Manage path usage issues arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between different types of path user • Between path users and land managers 	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA7.1: Encourage path improvements, particularly via management measures such as ride-widening and the use of alternative routes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA7.2: Monitor use of footpaths by horse riders, off-road cyclists and motorised vehicles.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA7.3: Make advisory signage/guidance available to farmers and land managers to help resolve particular problems, e.g. control of dogs, closure of gates and keeping to paths, etc.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA8: Improve open access opportunities in forestry commission woodland	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action RA8.1: Encourage low-key countryside management works to improve recreation management on freehold Forestry Commission land.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA8.2: Encourage the Dedication of leasehold Forestry Commission land as Open Access.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA8.3: Assist in negotiations between the Forestry Commission and landowners on leasehold land, as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA9: Establish guided routes around the AONB for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkers • Touring cyclists • Horse riders • Off-road cyclists 	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA9.1: Identify appropriate routes, linked to public transport or Moorsbus routes, local shops, etc.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA9.2: Identify road verges that could be used to link Public Rights of Way (to create circular routes), and encourage appropriate cutting regimes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA9.3: Publish and distribute guide leaflets.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective RA10: Enhance the network of bus routes and other transport services that can be used for accessing leisure opportunities	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA10.1: Enhance the network of public/community transport and Moorsbus services, both within and linking to the AONB.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA10.2: Explore options for establishing park-and-ride facilities to service or link the larger tourist attractions.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA11: Manage informal car parking arrangements in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA11.1: Carry out appropriate management works to sites used for car parking, including those identified as <u>Local Recreation Priorities</u>.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA11.2: Continue discussions to improve parking management at Kirkham Priory.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA11.3: Investigate the use of designated village parking areas and toilet facilities by recreational visitors.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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Objective RA12: Resist proposals for formal water recreation on the river Derwent and manage other forms of recreational activity in the Derwent valley to minimise disturbance to wildlife	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA12.1: Use planning and other policy controls to discourage recreational use of the river.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA12.2: Undertake small-scale countryside management works to resolve local recreational issues.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective RA13: Maintain a forum to discuss tourism, recreation and access issues in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA13.1: Hold meetings of the Forum as necessary.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action RA13.2: Pass information on issues to the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum, as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
AWARENESS AND PROMOTION				
Objective API: Raise awareness and understanding of the AONB designation, its importance and the role of the JAC	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action API.1: Maintain the existing 'gateway signs' on roads entering the AONB and seek to install signs on the A64.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action AP1.2: Publish and distribute information about the AONB, at popular tourist destinations, in village shops and in tourist accommodation.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP1.3: Provide information on the AONB and the work of the Joint Advisory Committee via the Annual Report, AONB Newsletter and AONB website.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP1.4: Maintain a high public profile in the local media and at appropriate local events/shows.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP1.5: Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AONB designation, in 2012.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP1.6: Carry out a follow-up Visitors and Users survey, to assess the impact of the JAC's awareness-raising initiatives</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective AP2: Promote awareness of the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP2.1: Prepare and distribute leaflets for individual AONB villages, detailing sites of biodiversity and cultural heritage interest.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP2.2: Continue the annual programme of guided walks and talks.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP2.3: Develop the programme of activities with local schools and communities, as a successor to the AONB Discovery Project.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action AP2.4: Install information boards at suitable sites.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective AP3: Continue the volunteering mechanism in the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action AP3.1: Involve volunteers wherever possible, to assist with the delivery of appropriate tasks and activities.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION				
Objective IM1: Consolidate and develop funding and partnership mechanisms to achieve management plan objectives	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action IM1.1: Seek appropriate sources of funding and assistance to implement Management Plan Objectives.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action IM1.2: Hold annual meetings of the AONB Partnership Group, to discuss progress and foster partnership working.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action IM1.3: Continue partnership arrangements with the North York Moors National Park Authority, as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective IM2: Monitor the business development needs of the AONB partnership	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action IM2.1: Monitor the business development of the AONB partnership and identify improvements as appropriate.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action IM2.2: Incorporate suggested improvements into the annual Action Programme and Budget approval processes.</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE AONB PARTNERSHIP AND AONB UNIT				
Objective MN1: Monitor the performance of the AONB Partnership and the AONB Unit	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN1.1: Report annual progress on achievement of Management Plan Objectives to the JAC and AONB Partnership</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN1.2: Monitor Partnership performance using the Natural England Partnership Indicators</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN1.3: Measure customer satisfaction with the AONB Unit (both users and non-users) via regular questionnaires</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
Objective MN2: Monitor the condition of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN2.1: Develop a robust mechanism for assessing the Condition of non-Statutory Local Priority Sites</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN2.2: Consider setting up a 'fixed point' photography system, using volunteers</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN2.3: Establish baseline data for the AONB Condition Indicators</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

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<i>Action MN2.4: Compile a report information on AONB Condition Indicators on a 5-yearly cycle</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
<i>Action MN2.5: Provide information to assist the CQC programme and use the results to monitor landscape change</i>	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE