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HOWARDIAN HILLS AONB DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019 – 2024

As you may be aware, the statutory AONB Management Plan is currently undergoing its next 5-year Review, in line with the requirements of s.90 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000).

The new Plan retains chapters on the various relevant subjects such as agriculture, forestry, recreation/tourism, historic and natural environments and development/rural economy. For the first time it also includes the concept of natural capital and how this approach might be used over the next Plan period to assist decision-making. The Action Plan at the end translates the words into action, with specific targets for making progress on the Objectives over the next 5 years. Guidelines on Landscape Management and Priority Sites are contained in a separate document, as is a map showing their locations.

After informal discussions, we are now seeking your formal views on what is contained within the draft Management Plan. Does it reflect the current and potential future situation within the AONB, are the Actions realistic, are they right or wrong, what should we add in or take out? All the comments we receive will be considered at the end of the consultation period and the Plan amended where necessary.

The full suite of documents is available on the AONB website at:

<http://www.howardianhills.org.uk/about-us/management-plan-and-work-programme/>

This consists of:

- The draft Management Plan 2019-2024
- The draft Landscape Management & Priority Sites 2019-2024
- The draft Priority Sites 2019-2024 map
- The State of the AONB Report
- A text-only version of the draft Management Plan, with all the 2019 changes highlighted
- A text-only version of the draft Landscape Management & Priority Sites, with all the 2019 changes highlighted
- A Response Form
- The draft SEA Screening Report
- The draft Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report

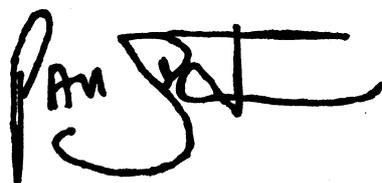
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Any comments you have on the Management Plan and associated documents should be sent to me by email at info@howardianhills.org.uk

For efficiency of handling, please send comments electronically as either a Word document or within the body of an email. Alternatively, there is a short Response Form on the AONB website (address as above), if you would prefer to use that. **Please note that the closing date for comments is Sunday 11th November 2018**, although we would appreciate them earlier if possible. All comments received, and the response to them, will be made available on the AONB website in March 2019.

If you have any comments on the draft SEA or Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Reports then please email them to Hugh.ClearHill@northyorks.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B JACKSON' in a stylized, cursive script.

P B JACKSON
AONB MANAGER