

## DORSET AONB

### DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION: FEEDBACK FORM

This feedback form is designed to provide a consistent framework for comments on the Draft Dorset AONB Management Plan.

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Please tick the box which best describes you/your organisation

Parish / Town Council	<b>Yes</b>		Community partnership	
Local Authority			Local interest group	
Statutory Agency			Non-Government Organisation	
Local Business			Landowner / farmer	
Local Resident			Other (pls describe)	

Chideock Parish is a small rural parish in West Dorset, which is a district the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and is characterised by small market towns and widely spread rural villages.

There are approximately 520 electors in the Parish and, in common with many other parishes, the population base is aging, with many retired people resident in the Parish.

Chideock has a Conservation Area and many Listed Buildings. Being in a highly desirable area on the South West coast with the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, many properties are second homes and the high house prices are unaffordable for local working families. The second home property proportion is one of the highest in Dorset, and comparable to similar areas of Devon and Cornwall.

The village has a Parish Plan and a website, and the Parish Council participates actively in the Local Area Partnership.

#### YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PLAN

##### OUR VISION

To what extent do you agree with the vision?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	<b>Yes</b>			

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- The Vision is now well-honed over many years, but lacks a connection with
  - a) delivery and
  - b) progress to date.
- The Vision and the Delivery Plan need to be more closely linked, with an annual progress report.

## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- In its fourth edition, the Plan is well established, and amendments are now becoming minor refinements which have a diminishing return, so effort should be transferred to monitoring progress on delivery against Annual Targets.
- The Local Character Assessment and relevant sections of the Strategic Environment Assessment should be put to Town and Parish Councils annually.
- The Delivery Plan should be annual and put to Parishes and Towns.

## CHAPTER 2. AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- In its fourth edition, there is nothing substantive which can be added to this statement of fact.
- The statement of fact that "delivery ..... is coordinated by the Dorset AONB Partnership" now needs to be shifted up a gear to give the "dedicated staff team" more resources for monitoring delivery on an annual basis and reporting to Parishes and Towns.
- This Parish would support calls to DEFRA and Local Authorities to fund additional monitoring and enforcement.

## CHAPTER 3. THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- In delivery terms, the AONB team need to be automatically consulted on all planning applications, and their comments given more weight.
- The AONB team needs a mechanism whereby Parishes and Towns can obtain their support and expertise in commenting on specific, individual applications.

## CHAPTER 4. KEY EXTERNAL INFLUENCES FOR THE AONB

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- The transition to a Unitary authority and implementation of the EU withdrawal legislation will have significant implications, so an annual delivery review is essential for the next 2 - 3 years at the very least.
- This Parish is concerned at funding constraints implied in 4.3 and 4.2.

## CHAPTER 5. KEY CONCEPTS WITHIN THIS PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- In its fourth edition, the key concepts are well refined, so the focus can shift towards delivery and implementation monitoring of the key goals.
- This Parish is concerned that replacement or replication of the European Landscape Convention may require additional unanticipated budget and resources.
- A post April / May 2019 review should be produced for information and clarity.

## CHAPTER 6. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

To what extent do you agree with this draft statement of significance as an accurate description of the outstanding qualities that underpin the Dorset AONB designation?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	Yes			

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- In its fourth edition, this statement is very highly refined.
- However, the section (6.1.1) on Landscape is short, especially compared to the Cultural Landscape (6.4.1) and lacks the connection with "Natural Beauty" dealt with in 6.4.1.
- 6.1.1 should deal with Treescape, Skyline and all the other aspects of "Natural Landscape", perhaps with a particular emphasis on trees and hedgerows in their shaping of the landscape and framing of the Built Environment.
- 6.3 acknowledges the AONB as a "living textbook". The National Trust use the word "palimpsest" which has the highly relevant connotation of removing the old to make room for the new. Some additions to 6.1 might address the mechanism for balancing conservation / enhancement / restoration / creation.

## CHAPTER 7. LANDSCAPE & SEASCAPE CHARACTER

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- Beyond the fourth edition, it is now time to more directly involve Towns and Parishes in their specific NCA (for Chideock this appears to be the National Character Area 139 / Marshwood) and the specific LCA (Wooded Hills), as well as, in the case of Seatown, the Coast Landscape and Seascape Character Assessment.
- At the very least, the AONB team should provide direct support to Parishes to enable them to annually review their specific NCAs/LCAs.
- In the case of Wooded Hills, there needs to be a specific Treescape Assessment which brings together Tree Officers and Parishes to produce an annual review.

## CHAPTER 8. NATURAL CAPITAL

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- A report annually on progress towards achieving the 17% land and inland water conservation target by 2020 is essential so that Parishes can understand what
  - a) the plan is, and
  - b) what Parishes can do to assist.
- A long-term incorporation of values of benefits of natural capital needs to be implemented for each and every element of natural capital and public goods.

## CHAPTER 9. THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

(Introductory text only)

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- The "policy context" acknowledges, neatly and simply, the key challenges but fails to link the pressure of these challenges to specific local actions to deal with them and take advantage of the opportunities.
- This is essential for striking a balance between visitor numbers and impacts on the AONB and local communities and requires an on-going annual report of visitor numbers for each community, an assessment of impacts, and a plan for mitigation and management.

### 9.1 THE WORKING LANDSCAPE

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	<b>Yes</b>			

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
		<b>Yes</b>		

Please list the kind of actions or projects you'd like to see to deliver on these policies

- Unfortunately, "Management of Land and Sea" is not in the direct control of the AONB team, and therefore the objectives need to be set in terms of the extent to which delivery bodies have adopted the AONB objectives.
- A stronger integration with Local Plan Policies is essential for this.
- It would appear that Local Plan Policy (LPP) ENV1 (i) delivers this in principle
- But AONB Management Plan (AMP) policies would bring in more specific clarity if TWL1a and TWL1b were incorporated into LPP ENV1.

Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

- Joint working with West Dorset District Parishes and Towns through an AONB supported group within Local Area Partnerships (for example BLAP, the Bridport Local Area Partnership), or similar organisations, would provide considerable expertise and energy and form an exemplar for joint community working.
- This would also deliver directly on AMP Policy WOW1a.

## 9.2 EXPLORING, UNDERSTANDING, ENGAGING

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	<b>Yes</b>			

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
		<b>Yes</b>		

Please list the kind of actions or projects you'd like to see to deliver on these policies

- Unfortunately, there is inadequate provision for the practical, local management of visitor numbers and impacts based on an actual and up-to-date (and regularly updated) evidence base, including the direct involvement of the local Parish / Town Council.
- The emerging LPPs in the August 2018 LP Review, particularly ECON9, ECON10 and ECON11 might be amended to include specific provision to set up, and annually update a review of visitor numbers, and impacts on local communities, where the local communities are directly involved through the Parish / Town Council.
- AMP Policy EUE2 needs and additional entry on the list which makes specific provision for the management of visitor numbers and the impact on local communities, with the involvement of the Parish / Town Council.

Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

- Or not deliver, as the case may be.
- This Parish in West Dorset is most concerned at the move hinted at in 9.2.3 "For Parishes to manage and prioritise maintenance of their own Public Rights of Way". The key delivery element is funding, and this Parish will strongly resist any attempt or policy to require Parishes to fund PROWs, particularly smaller Parishes.
  - Parishes with Precepts less than £10,000 per annum do not have management or funding capacity, and those with Precepts up to £25,000 per annum are much more likely to be able to provide "support and encouragement" to higher authorities rather than "manage and prioritise", far less fund.
  - However, it is reasonable to involve Parishes directly in programmes for management and maintenance of PROWs by the Local Highways Authority.

### 9.3 PLANNING FOR LANDSCAPE QUALITY

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	<b>Yes</b>			

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
		<b>Yes</b>		

Please list the kind of actions or projects you'd like to see to deliver on these policies

- Specific inclusion of "Landscape Gain" in the LPP ENV section.
- A reworking of AMP Policies PLQ1 series to align the LPP ENV wordings to fully incorporate the "positive contribution" as at PLQ1d.
- All planning applications relevant to AONB and Heritage Coast automatically referred to the AONB team, and a specific Planning Liaison Officer funded and employed within the AONB team, not only to comment on Applications, but also to advise Parishes.
- The incorporation of PLQ2d directly into the emerging LPP ENV section.
- A clearer, specific definition of "Benefits" in PLQ2f, perhaps with reference to "Planning Gain".

Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

- Joint working with WDDC, the AONB team and West Dorset Local Area Partnerships, to improve the wording of both the LPP and the AMP policies.
- Joint working with Tree Officers or a Treescape Plan and Policies, particularly, but not exclusively, for the "Wooded Hills" areas.
- PLQ1b needs to be reworked to specify in detail the protection and enhancement of "Treescapes", and to incorporate this into LLP ENV wording.
- This Parish seeks to work with Tree Officers to produce a specific review of the Chideock Treescape, and more generally to work with neighbouring Parishes and BLAP to produce a review for the "Wooded Hills".

### 9.4 WAYS OF WORKING

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	<b>Yes</b>			

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
		<b>Yes</b>		

Please list the kind of actions or projects you'd like to see to deliver on these policies

- An immediate evaluation of the effect of Local Government Reorganisation on the way the Unitary Authority will work with the lower tier of Councils (i.e. Parishes and Towns) and what financial pressures will mean for the level of Precept Parishes have to raise to help the AONB team deliver its Mission and AMP policies.
- Note that Parishes / Towns decide their budgets annually in October / November.
- This Parish would like more detailed information on how at WOW2b to use Landscape and Seascape Character Assessments as an integral part of Parish Council work on an on-going basis, and how the AONB team might assist.
- This Parish is also keen to work with others to develop a Treescape Assessment process.

Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

- This Parish has a website and a Parish News magazine is delivered monthly to every household.
- A monthly piece on AONB issues and planning, provided by the AONB team, could be published to encourage and foster local participation.
- Typically, pieces of this nature from other organisations are usually one third to half a page of an A5 sheet.

## CHAPTER 10. ACTION PLANNING

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

- This Parish welcomes “Community and Partnership Participation” in rolling action plans developed annually each September or thereabouts.
- Notification of publication (as opposed to development month) will be much appreciated, and the expectation is a September 2019 plan.

## CHAPTER 11. ORGANISATIONS ENDORSING THIS PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

The second entry is likely an error – for Dorset LEP read Devon?  
Should Local Area Partnerships, or similar bodies, be officially consulted?

## How to submit this form

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**Thank you for taking part**