

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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Other (pls describe)		

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
X				

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

<p>We supports the vision set out for the Dorset AONB.</p> <p>The challenge for this and subsequent reviews of the AONB management plan is to develop an action plan that is proportionate to the challenge of realising the vision.</p>
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

No

CHAPTER 2. AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

We are aware that the recent revised National Planning Policy Framework included changes to the wording of text related to AONBs and their status in planning. It appears that the new Paragraph 172 of the NPPF weakens the protection AONB designation offers to wildlife and cultural heritage by attributing 'great weight' in planning to the conservation and enhancement of landscape and scenic beauty in AONBs. Great weight to wildlife and cultural heritage being restricted to National Parks and the Broads.

The AONB Statement of Significance is clear about the importance of wildlife and cultural heritage and cultural associations to the AONB. For Burton Bradstock, the heritage significance of fishing and ropemaking together with the internationally recognised biodiversity of the Bride valley World Heritage Coast are of intrinsic value and make a significant contribution to the special character of the area and of the AONB.

A clear definition of 'natural beauty' in the AONB management plan would help ensure that the importance of both wildlife and cultural heritage is not undermined by the change to NPPF wording and that the AONB designation can legitimately challenge developments that might 'harm' the wildlife and cultural assets of the Bride valley.

CHAPTER 3. THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

No

CHAPTER 4. KEY EXTERNAL INFLUENCES FOR THE AONB

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

For Burton Bradstock Parish the protection of the Defined Development Boundary is critical and we are concerned that with growing pressures on the Local Planning Authority to deliver nationally defined housing numbers we will see an increase in speculative housing proposals for market housing impacting on our parish.

We are also concerned about the affordability of homes in our parish and the difficulties local families have in finding homes that meet their needs. A Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust (BB CLT) has recently been established to help promote solutions to our defined local housing needs.

As a coastal village surrounded by AONB designated landscape it will always be a challenge to find exemption sites for non market housing. We hope that we the AONB will be supportive of our BB CLT and that the AONB team will work with the BB CLT to find suitable sites for much needed local needs housing.

CHAPTER 5. KEY CONCEPTS WITHIN THIS PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

We support the key concepts that underpin the AONB management plan, in particular, we support the core principle of ecosystem services as an effective framework to ensure that the benefits we derive from the natural environment (ecosystem services) are safeguarded and enhanced.

We support the plans adoption of the 'landscape' approach - a clear understanding of the landscape character of Burton Bradstock and it's relationship to the coast and the Bride Valley should be used to guide local activity and ensure that planning decisions and management practices conserve and enhance the distinct character and quality of the local landscapes we enjoy and which have been recognised by the AONB designation.

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
X				

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

We suggests that consideration be given to including a definition of 'natural beauty' that makes it clear that wildlife and cultural heritage are integral elements of 'natural beauty' and should therefore be offered the highest levels of protection across the AONB.

CHAPTER 7. LANDSCAPE & SEASCAPE CHARACTER

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

No

CHAPTER 8. NATURAL CAPITAL

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

We supports the use of natural capital accounting principles to better understand and safeguard natural and cultural assets.

CHAPTER 9. THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

(Introductory text only)

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

We agree with and support the policy framework set out in the AONB management plan - Our concern is that the scale of the challenge and the resources deployed to deliver the policies are wholly inadequate - (See comments under Action Planning).

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
X				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
X				

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

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Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

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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
X				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
X				

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Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

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
X				

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
X				

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

Good plan making and quality planning decisions are required to ensure that the special qualities of the AONB area are not slowly eroded by the cumulative impact of poor small scale developments . Good planning requires sound and accessible data, shared appreciation of impacts and strong collaboration between stakeholders engaged in the planning process.

As a Parish Council we are often frustrated by the seeming lack of regard given to our views on development proposals in our parish. This is especially true when it comes to 'conserving and enhancing' the AONB. As we move to the new arrangements for unitary Authorities in Dorset it will be important to ensure that local voices aren't completely lost in planning decision making. The Local Planning Authority, AONB team and local communities need to improve data and evidence gathering and sharing so that the full impact of development proposals can be understood and the best possible planning solution can be arrived at in all cases.

We are not convinced that the in the current climate of regulation withdrawal, organisational change and austerity programmes that good planning outcomes, for our parish or the AONB can be achieved consistently.

Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

Burton Bradstock Parish Plan and Conservation Area Assessment are important documents that should be referenced in decision making processes.

9.4 WAYS OF WORKING

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

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Please list any actions you or your organisation could help deliver

We would welcome greater engagement with the AONB partnership and are open to more active participation in AONB working groups. At present we feel the Dorset AONB Partnership lacks visibility in our area and that the AONB team should think about having events/ meetings focused on the distinct character areas that make up the AONB.

We are conscious that our parishioners may need more support and information about the AONB and it's management to become more engaged in and advocates for effective management of AONB assets.

CHAPTER 10. ACTION PLANNING

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

As stated above we find it difficult to reconcile the laudable ambitions of the Dorset AONB management plan set out in the vision and policy frame with the actions and projects set out to deliver the ambitions.

Whilst we understand why the AONB partnership chooses to produce a rolling, annual action plan the separation of plan making from action planning does not help a reader understand how plan objectives will be achieved. Further, it is our view that the lack of robust target setting and action planning weakens the impact, credibility and status of the AONB management plan.

We would like to see a more extensive and realistic articulation of the scale of the response required to 'conserve and enhance' the AONB, faced as it is by a range of significant challenges, all identified in the AONB management plan, not least the need to scale up responses to climate change and react to the ever growing pressures for housing development.

We would like to see the setting of targets for the five year management plan and some mechanism for measuring and reporting on progress with policy delivery - a simple traffic light system or direction of travel symbol to indicate where policy progress is being made and where policy progress is struggling. It is hard to review a management plan without data on how policies, actions and projects have performed over the previous management plan period.

CHAPTER 11. ORGANISATIONS ENDORSING THIS PLAN

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

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Thank you for taking part

