

# **AONB Partnership Committee Meeting**

to be held at

**10am on Friday 9 September 2022**

## **Hybrid Meeting**

Repton Room at Follaton House and via Zoom

## **Agenda & Papers**



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## **AONB Partnership Committee Membership**

### **Members nominated by local authorities**

Devon County Council	Cllr Roger Croad Cllr Jonathan Hawkins (officer advising: Peter Chamberlain)
Plymouth City Council	Mike Oxford
South Hams District Council	Cllr Nicky Hopwood Cllr Bernard Taylor (officer advising Graham Swiss)
Torbay Council	Cllr Anne Brooks (officer advising Tracy Brooks)

### **Members nominated by statutory agencies**

Environment Agency	Emma Magee
Forestry Commission	Jacob Taylor
Historic England	Ross Simmonds
Natural England	Eamon Crowe

### **Members co-opted by the AONB Partnership Committee**

Independent	John Green (Chair)
National Trust	Richard Snow
Plymouth University	John Martin (Vice Chair)
South West Coast Path Association	Ken Carter

### **Community Representatives**

Amenity groups	Penny Mills
Business community	Gary Jolliffe
Coast and marine sector	Natasha Bradshaw
Community/voluntary groups	Peter Sandover
Environmental organisations (NGOs)	Ed Parr-Ferris
Landowning/farming community	Charles Wreford-Brown
Parish Councils	Liz Hitchins
Tourism community	Laura Campbell

### *AONB Unit staff attending*

AONB Manager	Roger English
AONB Office Manager	Vanessa Gray

## Agenda

Item 1	Public statements	
The formal meeting and live recording to YouTube immediately follows the public statement session		
Item 2 (5 mins)	Introductions & apologies for absence	
Item 3	Declarations of Interests	
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Item 5 (20 mins) (10 mins)	<b>National AONB Matters</b> 5a) Statement of Commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action 5b) National Association for AONBs work	Page 9 Verbal
Item 6 (10 mins) (10 mins) (10 mins)	<b>South Devon AONB Partnership Matters</b> 6a) Draft South Devon AONB Communications Strategy 6b) AONB Partnership Chair – succession planning 6c) Core Funding Group and summary of recent meetings	Page 16 Page 31 Verbal
Item 7 (15 mins) (10 mins)	<b>South Devon AONB Management</b> 7a) AONB Staff Unit priorities, 2022/23 Action Programme and Management Plan Delivery Plan 7b) Review of 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan	To follow Page 35
Item 8 (25 mins)	<b>Partner updates</b> – partner contributions to conserving and enhancing the South Devon AONB and AONB Management Plan priorities – recent, current and year ahead.	Verbal
Item 9	<b>For Information</b> 9a) Planning update	Annex

## ITEM 4      Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH DEVON AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REMOTE VIDEO MEETING VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2022

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

##### Those present were:

Cllr Roger Croad	RC	Devon County Council
Peter Chamberlain	PC	Devon County Council
Cllr Nicky Hopwood	NH	South Hams District Council
Cllr Bernard Taylor	BT	South Hams District Council
Chris Shears	CS	South Hams District Council
Cllr Anne Brooks	AB	Torbay Council
Rob Price	RP	Environment Agency
John Green	Chair	Independent
Richard Snow	RS	National Trust
John Martin	Vice-chair	Plymouth University
Ken Carter	KC	South West Coast Path Association
Penny Mills	PM	Representative: amenity groups
Gary Jolliffe	GJ	Representative: business community
Peter Sandover	PS	Representative: community/voluntary groups
Ed Parr Ferris	EPF	Representative: environmental organisations (NGOs)
Charles Wreford-Brown	CWB	Representative: landowning/farming
Liz Hitchins	LH	Representative: parishes
Roger English	RE	AONB Manager
Vanessa Gray		AONB Office Manager – minute taker

##### Also attending (to present):

Sam Lew	SL	Slapton Adaptation Manager
Nicky Bailey	NB	AONB Community Projects Officer

##### Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Jonathan Hawkins	Devon County Council
Graham Swiss	South Hams District Council – <i>Chris Shears attending</i>
Tracy Brooks	Torbay Council <i>update provided</i>

##### Observers

Observers were requested to follow the meeting live via YouTube

The South West Coast Path Association are warmly welcomed to the South Devon AONB Partnership Committee.

#### 2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS

##### 2.1 No public statements.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE 26 NOVEMBER 2021 PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APPROVAL & ANY MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Two actions from the last meeting are incomplete: to provide a copy of slides from presentations made on Plymouth Sound National Marine Park and Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest.

**ACTION 1 (AONB Manager):** Continue to follow this up with Kathryn Deeney, Plymouth City Council and circulate when received.

- 4.2 The AONB Manager informed Partnership Committee that South Devon AONB is now formally signed up to the joint statement on the historic environment in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Once the last few AONBs have signed up, Historic England will plan a launch event and workshops.
- 4.3 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### 5 PARTNER UPDATES

An opportunity for Partners to update Partnership Committee on their projects contributing to conserve and enhance the South Devon AONB and working towards AONB Management Plan priorities.

- 5.1 Penny Mills, representative for amenity groups

- i. All Amenity Groups welcome the additional planning support resource, can see the impact this has made, and wish it to continue.

- 5.2 Gary Jolliffe, representative for the business community

- i. Would like to be put in touch with key stakeholders

**ACTION 2 (Diane Lethbridge, AONB point of contact for the business representative):** send a list of suggested contacts to Gary.

- 5.3 Peter Sandover, representative for community and voluntary groups

- i. Welcomes the additional planning support resource which is very helpful.
- ii. Currently engaging with voluntary and community groups that have an interest in nature, the coast and arts that have an impact on the AONB.
- iii. National Coastwatch Prawle Point have a smartphone weather app that is of use to Coast Path users<sup>1</sup>
- iv. Salcombe Yacht Club are keen to be involved in future activities. They have previously promoted eel grass areas with an exhibit during Salcombe regatta.
- v. The Island Trust, who were involved in the AONB 60@60 campaign supporting days out for Devon Young Carers, are raising money again to help fund Ocean Discovery days for Devon Young Carers. The Island Trust's continued support is a great result from the 60@60 campaign and for Devon Young Carers.
- vi. Peter provided Partnership Committee with an update on progress with Neighbourhood Plans.

- 5.4 Ed Parr Ferris, representative for environmental organisations (NGOs)

- i. Nature Recovery Network mapping is now available online on the Devon Local Nature Partnership website<sup>2</sup>. Now linking to local nature recovery strategies and Devon Land Use Framework.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nci-prawlepoint.org.uk/app.html>

- ii. Planning Toolkit, helping individuals respond to planning, now available on the Devon Wildlife Trust website<sup>3</sup>.
- iii. Continuing seeding work on the Avon Valley project, now working with Plymouth City Council to establish a seed hub as part of the green minds project. Also hope to work with National Trust on that too. This is working towards a strategic approach to restoration of grassland habitat; doner sites have been an issue in the past.
- iv. Currently pulling together applications for the Landscape Recovery Scheme, higher tier part of ELM. Not aware of any in the AONB currently, deadline for applications is in May.
- v. Flooding and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme, led by DCC, has projects in and around AONB.
- vi. Working to better understand Marine Habitats, especially the near shore environment. Starting conversations with University of Plymouth and University of Exeter and colleagues in East Devon to understand in particular seagrass and kelp beds and see where there may be opportunities for restoration.

5.5 Charles Wreford-Brown, representative for landowning and farming

- i. Member of the South Devon AONB Local Assessment Panel for the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. Attended two of the meetings held to date, considering a number of schemes. Pleased to see the number of farmers coming forward and hoping for an even larger uptake in year 2 of the scheme to carry out environmental works across farms.

5.6 Liz Hitchins, representative for parish councils

- i. Sent a written introduction to all parish councils, receiving two responses including an invitation to attend Stokenham parish council meeting in July.
- ii. Also circulated a separate communication on the Glover Review response consultation.
- iii. Will liaise with Adam Davison, AONB Project Officer, on how to get better contacts with parish councils.

5.7 Peter Chamberlain, Devon County Council

- i. DCC are leading a project called the Emergency Tree Fund, a Woodland Trust funded activity to try to accelerate tree planting especially through local authorities. Within South Hams, over the last few months, 4,300 trees have been planted around a dozen or so sites under the scheme. This activity has included areas within the AONB; there has been a good response in Wembury Parish and in Dartmouth.
- ii. Historic environments work being done through TIDE, developing new types of activities and information on maritime historical interest. Work to link local groups and museums has been completed. Next steps are to upload information on this activity to websites, including Explore South Devon. More activity is taking place over the next few months.
- iii. Leading a programme of activity with all local authorities across Devon for a common approach for the implementation of biodiversity net gain – mandatory from 2024. The latest policy guidance has been produced and circulated.
- iv. DLNP will set out their vision for a trees and woodland strategy for Devon in the coming year.

5.8 Chris Shears, South Hams District Council

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/our-work/nature-recovery-network/nature-recovery-network-map/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/planning-applications-objection-checklist>

- i. Most of the activities we have highlighted in the joint corporate strategy for South Hams [Better Lives For All] support and contribute towards the objectives of the AONB. The strategy is available on the South Hams District Council website.
- 5.9 Cllr Anne Brooks, Torbay Council
- i. Consultation on the updated Local Plan closed on 28 February.
  - ii. There are now four Neighbourhood Forums and three Neighbourhood Plans. When the Neighbourhood Plans are refreshed there will be four, covering the whole of Torbay.
- 5.10 Robert Price, Environment Agency
- i. Provided a presentation to Partnership Committee. A copy will be circulated with the minutes.
- 5.11 John Martin, Vice chair
- i. Previously reported the University of Plymouth led review of the Monitoring Environmental Outcomes in England's Protected Landscapes programme. The report is complete and with Natural England for signoff.
  - ii. Offered to provide a presentation on the outcomes and proposals going forward at a future Partnership Committee meeting.
- 5.12 Richard Snow, National Trust
- i. Thanked the AONB team, incredible progress being made across multiple workstreams. The team is an important conduit connecting everyone together.
- 5.13 Ken Carter, South West Coast Path Association
- i. Thanked the AONB Manager and all Partnership Committee members for inviting South West Coast Path Association to be part of the partnership.
  - ii. SWCPA is involved in discussions on the Landscapes Review. The Association has hosted the development manager for National Trails UK. Similar to the National Association for AONBs, all of the National Trails now have this charity in place that represents them and potentially will work with the new protected landscapes partnership the Government is proposing as part of its response to Glover.
  - iii. Recently met with the Tree Council that advises on Ash die back. Keen to understand the impact of Ash Dieback on the coastal corridor and the potential for closing parts of the trail.
  - iv. Looking for equity of access, particularly easy access routes, making improvements to areas that will enable greater use by Trampers and similar activity.
  - v. The Association has undertaken research with Exeter University on the physical and mental health value of walking the National Trail. The report highlights £75m of savings to the NHS from walking the National Trail. Now following this up by looking at the mental health benefits of walking the Coast Path.
  - vi. Business planning takes place on a five year cycle; the new business plan will begin in 2023.
  - vii. Next year is the SWCPA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 2023 is also the year of the coast (2023).
  - viii. Hoping to see the completion of England Coast Path next year too. Looking at Nature Recovery opportunities to extend schemes and linking AONBs around the region.

## 6A RESPONSES TO LANDSCAPES REVIEW

- 6a.1 The Chair updated the recommendations for this agenda item. Recommendation iii is changed to 'the Partnership supports the process of SDAONB Partnership submitting a consultation response'.
- 6a.2 The AONB Manager introduced this item, highlighting specific sections included in the papers.

- 6a.3 The aim is that, as far as reasonably practical, the 34 AONBs in England should be aligned. There will be some differences, for example SDAONB has coast and estuaries, marine and intertidal environments.
- 6a.4 The AONB Manager thanked everyone that attended the workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> February working towards an SDAONB Partnership response, looking in detail at a range of elements in the Government's response.
- i. The AONB Manager gave a presentation to Partnership Committee, sharing outcomes from the workshop held on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 6a.5 The AONB Manager will draft a SDAONB Partnership response, circulating to Partnership Committee. The AONB Manager requests a rapid response from Partnership given the approaching deadline for responses on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**ACTION 3 (AONB Manager):** Draft and circulate a response to Partnership Committee.

**ACTION 4 (all):** With the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> April in mind, Partnership is requested to respond quickly to the draft SDAONB Partnership response to be circulated by the AONB Manager.

- 6a.6 The Chair asked if anyone had an objection to the three recommendations for this item, noting the earlier amendment to recommendation number iii:

Objections: none

**Decision:** approved

## **7A THE LIFE ON THE EDGE PROJECT**

- 7a.1 Nicky Bailey, AONB Community Projects Officer, gave a presentation on the Life on the Edge project.
- 7a.2 The presentation started with a short film to introduce the project. A full version of the film can be viewed on the South Devon AONB YouTube channel<sup>4</sup>.
- 7a.3 The Chair went through the recommendations for this agenda item.
- i. First recommendation: ask the AONB Community Projects Officer to convene the LotE grants panel and work with the Community Representatives to set up the protocol for decision making and admin:  
**Decision:** Approved
  - ii. Second recommendation: agree a method of the Grants panel feeding back to the Partnership committee:  
**Decision:** Approved - Peter Sandover agreed to be the nominated person that feeds back to Partnership.
  - iii. Third recommendation: agree communication procedures between the Partnership and the LotE Board rep, Ed Parr-Ferris.  
**Decision:** Approved - Ed Parr-Ferris will be the link, feeding back to Partnership Committee
  - iv. Fourth recommendation: Discuss Partnership support role to the LotE project team and Board – funding and audiences:  
**Decision:** Approved - Workshop to be set up. Arrangements to be made once a Life on the Edge project manager is in post.
- 7a.4 Feedback

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFyArlmxfcM&t=505s>



- i. Liz Hitchins, representative for parish councils: Would like to put this on the agenda for the next meeting of the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance chaired by Liz, covers nineteen parish councils around Ivybridge.

**ACTION 5 (Nicky Bailey):** Contact Liz Hitchins to agree arrangements

- ii. Ken Carter, SWCPA: Pleased to be involved as a partner in this project. Viewing this as a good pilot, looking at the region as a whole and how they may manage the coastal corridor going forward. Looking forward to involvement with the project officer when they have been appointed.
- iii. Ed Parr-Ferris, representative for Environmental Organisations: Congratulated the AONB team for securing development phase funding of this size. Lot of work to get this and it is national scale work being led by AONB.

## **7B FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES PROGRAMME**

7b.1 The AONB Manager went through the update for this project provided in the papers.

7b.2 The Chair invited comments and thoughts on the recommendations for this item.

**Decision:** recommendations approved.

## **7C SLAPTON ADAPTATION PROJECT**

7c.1 There are two papers for this item.

i. First paper.

a. Sam Lew, Slapton Adaptation Manager, provided a summary on the project for Partnership Committee.

b. Feedback

- Peter Sandover, representative for community and voluntary groups:
  - The Joint Local Plan was referenced; would encourage to also reference Neighbourhood Plans in the evidence base. There are a number of neighbourhood plans that impact on the Slapton line. Slapton has an emerging plan. They have as much weight as the Local Plan as development plans for those areas.
  - South Pool parish has an emergency plan and others in the surrounding area may also have emergency plans. Suggest Sam also looks at these.

ii. Second paper.

a. The AONB Manager went through the update in the second paper that sets out principles that the Partnership should seek to promote within the adaptation planning process.

b. The Slapton Adaptation Manager has set-up a co-creation workshop on behalf of the Slapton Line Partnership that is coming up shortly. The AONB Manager will attend the workshop to represent the SDAONB Partnership and requests any AONB matters Committee members would like fed into the session are sent to him.

7c.2 The Chair proposed that the recommendations for this item are approved.

**Decision:** recommendations approved.

## **8A UPDATE TO AONB PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

8a.1 The AONB Manager introduced the reasons behind the proposed update to the Terms of Reference.

- 8a.2 Following a conversation with the Chair prior to this meeting, the AONB Manager shared the following updates to the proposed amendments contained in Appendix 1 to item 8a in the papers:
- i. Insert an additional item at 4 (Vii):  
Any independent Chair appointed by invitation, under Part 7 to these Terms of Reference, for the duration of their term.
  - ii. Further amends to the wording Part 9 (iii):  
**One** further member of the Partnership Committee, usually the Chairman, who is not a member of South Hams District Council or Devon County Council. This member represents the Partnership Committee at Core Funding Group meetings and reports back to Partnership at the next available Committee meeting. Where the Chairman is also a member of South Hams District Council or Devon County Council, another Committee member will be chosen.  
**In acting in this capacity, the Partnership Chair will have a single** Core Funding Group vote **and** will be entitled to nominate the Partnership Vice-chair as a substitute in the event of being unable to attend a meeting.

8a.3 Observations and in discussion

- i. Peter Chamberlain:
  - a. Suggests the start of Part 3 to have the following words "and parties" added, so this reads:  
"The AONB Partnership will comprise the following organisations **and parties**".
- ii. A number of Partnership Committee members advocated for hybrid meetings
  - a. Penny Mills has recently attended a North Devon AONB hybrid meeting that worked well using Zoom.
- iii. Chair:
  - a. Suggests in Part 8 viii, fifth bullet: rather than remove 'Remember that' start with **'The'**
  - b. Change all references of Chairman to **Chair**

8a.4 The Chair invited a show of hands to vote on the proposed changes

Objections: none

**Decision:** recommendations approved

## **PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022**

Locations and themes for remaining meetings in 2022 will be announced nearer the time.

- 24 June at 10am, venue tbc
- 25 November at 10am, venue tbc

It is hoped in person meetings can resume, with a hybrid approach adopted where technically feasible.

## ITEM 5 National Matters

### 5A. Statement of Commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action

ITEM FOR	DECISION	REPORT BY	Roger English AONB Manager
<b>SUMMARY</b>	This report introduces Partnership members to the Statement of Commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action and the collaborative work required at a national and local level by AONB Partnerships, Staff Units, and wider partners.		
<b>AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES</b>	<p><b>ALL PLACE:</b> Natural resources &amp; climate; Biodiversity &amp; geodiversity; Historic Environment; Farming and land management; Coast &amp; marine; Rivers &amp; estuaries; Landscape Character.</p> <p><b>ALL PEOPLE:</b> Tourism, access &amp; recreation; Planning &amp; sustainable development; Transport &amp; highways; Rural economy &amp; services; Community &amp; culture.</p> <p><b>ALL PARTNERSHIP:</b> Awareness &amp; communication; Management, organisation &amp; partnerships.</p>		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. note the scope and content of the joint AONB Chairs Statement of Commitment on Climate Action.</li> <li>ii. Endorses the commitments and takes steps to implement</li> </ul>		

### Background

1. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are designated for the nation. The combined climate and biodiversity crisis is one of the biggest challenges we face and whilst AONB teams have moved forward on nature recovery in recent years, the AONB Family was not in a position to clearly state what contributions it brought to facing climate change issues as a collective until recently. Responding to climate change is however fundamental to the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty.
2. Whilst AONB teams are small and cannot alone address the challenge, they cannot ignore it. With their partnerships they can generate influence and help move entire communities in the right direction. Through the orientation of their actions they can also give more weight to the AONB designation and make valuable contributions to County, District and Parish level action plans.
3. To do so, AONB teams and partnerships must have clarity on what climate change means for them and what role they can play in addressing it. They need to be able to convey this ambition to their stakeholders and they need practical guidance to deliver results with their communities and partners.

### Joint Statement

4. Through co-ordination from the NAAONB, AONB chairs have come together to draw a series of commitments they will fulfil in order to contribute to AONB climate action delivery. Our own Chair, John Green has been actively involved in a small working group of AONB Chairs to develop and draft the joint statement now being signed by all AONB Chairs. Through their Statement of Commitment, they endorse a Framework

& Toolkit and commit to promoting it to partnership members and using it to inform strategic priorities.

5. The full Statement of Commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action can be found at Appendix 1 to this item

### Framework and Toolkit

6. A Climate Action Framework and Toolkit has been developed through collaborative working groups involving over 40 staff from across the AONB network, coordinated by the National Association for AONBs and with financial support from Natural England. South Devon AONB Staff have played an active role in three of the five topic working groups.
7. The Framework is aimed both internally and externally as it sets out AONB positions on key climate change related issues. The Toolkit is primarily aimed at AONB staff teams but they are strongly encouraged to share it with their partners and other relevant stakeholders to assist with planning their own climate actions.
8. The Framework is divided into three sections:
  - Purpose and context
  - AONB narratives on key climate change issues
  - The roadmap ahead
9. The roadmap section includes planned directions for each workstream and policy recommendations.

### Areas of Focus

10. Attention is focused on the aspects of climate change upon which we can have direct impact and / or influence. Collaborative AONB climate action is therefore broken down into five workstreams as follows:
  - **Agriculture and Climate Change:** How can we support AONB farming communities to move towards more sustainable practices whilst maintaining food production and security?
  - **Nature-based Solutions:** How to integrate climate and nature recovery action through nature-based solutions in AONBs when there can be no one-size fits all solution?
  - **Building Design and Planning:** How can AONB teams contribute to solving the multi-faceted challenge of making existing and future homes and buildings resilient to climate change whilst minimising GHG emissions?
  - **Renewable Energy:** How can we reconcile landscapes with renewable energy deployment and serve both objectives in a coherent way?
  - **Sustainable Tourism and Transport:** How can we reduce the negative impacts of tourism and transport in AONBs whilst maintaining access to our landscapes?

11. A cross-cutting theme addressed within each of these five workstreams is that of **Behaviour Change**. AONB teams and partnerships can have a strong and positive influence to reach a wide audience, from communities and landowners to businesses and local policy makers. The five workstreams must also address **both adaptation to and mitigation of climate change**. They both form a necessary part of any strategic climate action plan.
12. The circle diagram below illustrates the integrated manner in which the five workstreams are envisioned to support not only climate action, but also nature recovery and inclusive engagement with people, around the holistic concept of place.



## Commitments

13. The joint statement commits to:
- Stimulate debate and generate engagement** across our partnerships for ambitious, tangible climate action across the five workstreams and adapted to our local areas,
  - Empower our partnerships** to explore their full potential in terms of climate action: what they can deliver directly and what they can influence,
  - Each with our own capacity and ability and in alignment with emerging outputs from the Collaborative Programme, **support the creation of a collective, broad-level climate action plan** for all AONBs and **lead the development of a local action plan in our own AONB partnership** by the end of 2022.
  - Bring climate action to our AONB partnerships as a top agenda item at our next partnership meeting and before the end of 2022,**
  - Promote and use the Climate Action Framework and Toolkit** and make it immediately accessible to partnership members, to enable them to take meaningful actions on climate change issues;
  - Facilitate ongoing conversations to include tangible climate action in AONB Management Plans** and associated business and delivery plans, in line with the

present Statement, the Climate Action Framework and Toolkit and the Colchester Declaration;

- g. **Maintain awareness** of other parallel or relevant activities taking place in our local areas, co-ordinating with and supporting these as far as possible;
- h. **Support each other** in fulfilling these commitments through sharing learning and demonstrating collaborative behaviours across the AONB Family.

End.

## APPENDIX 1 to ITEM 5A



### Statement of commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are designated for the precious landscapes they enfold. As such they must make an important contribution to face climate change and its consequences. **AONB teams and partnerships must now more than ever confirm their leading role and ambition in addressing this challenge.**

Climate change mitigation and adaptation will **in part** be delivered by AONB teams, but they are small and cannot do everything. AONB partnerships bring many stakeholders together and this capacity must be harnessed. These stakeholders also extend their reach and activities beyond AONB partnerships thus multiplying this capacity and placing AONBs as **catalysts and trusted partners**. In parallel, AONB teams and partnerships must continue to support **land managers and communities** within AONBs to take their own action.

Rising to this challenge means **working collaboratively** across the national Family of AONB teams, their partners, and their communities, using the AONB designation to influence relevant stakeholders. This ambition will only be achieved if AONBs are supported both in terms of **funding and policy changes** to the levels recommended by the **Landscapes Review**.

This statement of commitment from AONB chairs is the evidence that **AONBs teams and partnerships are ready to act** but it is also a **call for more support** to help them achieve their ambition.

### Context

Through 2021 a subset of AONB staff from across the country, with the support from the National Association for AONBs, has come together to create and take forward a **collaborative climate change action programme** (hereafter 'the Collaborative Programme') aiming to:

1. **Develop a greater, data-based understanding** of climate change and its impacts on AONBs and people, **enabling decision and action**;
2. **Generate a strong evidence base** for an AONB offer and narrative on the inter-connected climate and ecological emergencies;
3. **Generate tangible outputs** at a national and local level.

This Collaborative Programme brings focus on **five workstreams** to enhance the AONB teams' and partnerships' capacity to assess issues and deliver tangible solutions: **Agriculture, Nature-based Solutions, Building Design and Planning, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Tourism and Transport**. They are described in the **Climate Action Framework and Toolkit**.

This Collaborative Programme directly supports the pledge set out in the [Colchester Declaration](#): 'by 2024, to ensure all AONB Management Plans include meaningful measures around climate change mitigation and adaptation, including clear, measurable targets to support Net Zero'.

The Collaborative Programme also acknowledges that it must carefully **align with the 25-Year Environment Plan** and **other relevant policies** developed by central government.

In November 2021 the National Association for AONBs signed the [Protected and Conserved Areas Joint Statement on Climate Change and Biodiversity Crises](#), asserting the crucial role designated landscapes must play in relation to the connected challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Finally, since January 2022, [AONB teams are working to articulate what a 21st century landscape designation looks like](#) and how to get there, in the context of the ongoing consultation on the Government response to the Landscapes Review. **Climate change is a major challenge** of this start of the century and has to be highlighted as **a key priority for national landscapes**, here and now.

## Commitments

**We, as chairs** from AONB partnerships across England and Wales and in conjunction with our Lead Officers, **assert our support for the Climate Action Framework and Toolkit** emerging from the Collaborative Programme. We **reassert our support for the collaborative way of working** fostered by the National Association as a key mechanism to develop and deliver climate solutions urgently and at scale.

We abide by the global commitments set out in the Protected and Conserved Areas Joint Statement. We also acknowledge the imperative to **remain aligned with evolving national policies** connected to climate change issues.

As chairs we are **custodians of the AONB partnerships' power to convene** and are responsible for opening and maintaining space for debate and empowerment. **We support and encourage our Lead Officers and AONB teams to take action forward on climate change.**

We commit to:

- **Stimulate debate and generate engagement** across our partnerships for ambitious, tangible climate action across the five workstreams and adapted to our local areas,
- **Empower our partnerships** to explore their full potential in terms of climate action: what they can deliver directly and what they can influence,
- Each with our own capacity and ability and in alignment with emerging outputs from the Collaborative Programme, **support the creation of a collective, broad-level climate action plan** for all AONBs and **lead the development of a local action plan in our own AONB partnership** by the end of 2022.

To these ends, we will:

- **Bring climate action to our AONB partnerships as a top agenda item at our next partnership meeting and before the end of 2022,**
- **Promote and use the Climate Action Framework and Toolkit** and make it **immediately** accessible to partnership members, to enable them to take meaningful actions on climate change issues;
- **Facilitate ongoing conversations to include tangible climate action in AONB Management Plans** and associated business and delivery plans, in line with the present Statement, the Climate Action Framework and Toolkit and the Colchester Declaration;



- **Maintain awareness** of other parallel or relevant activities taking place in our local areas, co-ordinating with and supporting these as far as possible;
- **Support each other** in fulfilling these commitments through sharing learning and demonstrating collaborative behaviours across the AONB Family.

To support us in this process, the Collaboration Advisory Group leading on the Collaborative Programme commits to ensuring a mechanism is in place to provide information and a space for conversation and ongoing collaboration for AONB chairs.

## Signatures

## ITEM 6. South Devon AONB Partnership Matters

### 6A. Draft South Devon AONB Communications Strategy

ITEM FOR	FEEDBACK	REPORT BY	Diane Lethbridge (Communications Officer)
<b>SUMMARY</b>	To set out a Communications Strategy with short, medium and long term objectives.		
<b>AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES</b>	<b>Partnership</b> - principally Awareness and Communication theme <b>Others</b> – underpins and links to all other Management Plan themes		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Partnership members are recommended to: i. Provide their feedback on the draft Communications Strategy		

#### Background

1. The South Devon AONB Communications Plan has not been updated since 2020 as clarity on outcomes following publication of the Landscapes Review was awaited. The last few years of operation also required a shift in emphasis and more reactive responses to deal with the immediate challenges that the pandemic posed for the protected landscape, Staff Unit, Partnership, communities, and visitors.

#### Strategy

2. Given the modest progress made to date on government implementation of the Glover Review, a strategy rather than a plan has been developed at this point in time. In particular, we await decisions yet to be made on how AONBs operate in the future and any changes to national landscape branding.
3. Short, Medium and Long term objectives are provided, noting that long term objectives take us beyond the scope of the current 2019-24 AONB Management Plan and any effective extension of this plan as covered in Item 7b.

The draft Strategy is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### Plan

4. The development of a Communications Plan will follow once the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) has published its refreshed Strategy and new Communications Plan in order that we can align ourselves with the aim of delivering mutually beneficial outcomes. It will include detailed actions regarding individual projects, campaigns, key messages and communications tools.

End.

## APPENDIX 1 to ITEM 6A



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### Communications Strategy

June 2022

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## Background

*The primary purpose of the AONB Partnership is to ensure that the natural beauty of the South Devon AONB is conserved and enhanced for us and future generations.<sup>5</sup>*

This communications strategy has been developed to complement the South Devon AONB Management Plan 2019-2024 and to help the AONB Partnership Committee and AONB Staff Unit to achieve its vision and objectives to conserve and enhance the nationally important landscape of the South Devon AONB. Where this document states *South Devon AONB Partnership* it is referring both to the Partnership Committee and the Staff Unit.

It is prepared in the context of the recent review of England's designated landscapes, which has called for bold action and a new approach to maintain the beauty and appeal of the nation's finest landscapes. This review has significant implications for AONB Partnership's approach to communications over the next few years.

The way the Partnership communicates is important because it affects the way people view the South Devon AONB, how they behave, and consequently how they support our objectives. In a busy world, it is vital that our strategic messages get through to our partners, local businesses, supporters and wider audiences.

Our communications must be strong and consistent – consistent communication is key to helping us grow positive relationships. Closer working at all levels is essential.

The AONB Partnership is built around a shared sense of the central importance of the South Devon AONB – the place. Effective communication requires AONB staff and partners taking responsibility, working jointly, and being able to communicate our messages with ease and confidence. This strategy is an internal document for use by the South Devon AONB Partnership to ensure that communication is embedded in each partner's day-to-day work.

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<sup>5</sup> We are paraphrasing the 'Terms of reference' in this statement.

## Objectives for our communication

It is important to understand at the outset why we are communicating and what it is that we want to achieve. Our communication has five primary purposes:

1. To promote the importance of the designation of the South Devon AONB – the place
2. To increase the recognition and understanding of the benefits of the AONB designation
3. To inspire people to want to love and look after the South Devon AONB
4. To provide equality of access to the South Devon AONB for people of all ages, circumstances and backgrounds
5. To strengthen the profile of the South Devon AONB Partnership and increase the transparency of, and support for, its work.
6. Throughout all of the above we need to align where appropriate to the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB), South West National Landscapes (SWNLs), Devon National Landscapes (Devon NLs) and near neighbour National Landscapes (NLs)

Objectives have been broken down into short-, medium- and long-term objectives.

### Short Term Objectives 2022 - 2023

- We want to develop a strong place brand for South Devon AONB The new place brand will give South Devon AONB a clear identity and story that can be consistently told by all partners.
- We want to improve communication internally within the AONB Partnership with our partners, so they fully understand the objectives of the South Devon AONB and are regularly informed with the latest updates.
- We want to maintain our online presence and work with our partners to co-ordinate our digital messages.

### Medium Term Objectives 2022-2024

- We want to build stronger relationships with local businesses by improving their awareness of South Devon AONB and embedding the AONB in their products, services and ethos.
- We want to ensure that residents understand the importance and benefits of the national landscape designation.
- We want to inspire young people to appreciate and look after the South Devon AONB
- We want everyone to respect local communities, protect the AONB and enjoy the landscape.

### Long Term Objectives 2022 -2026

- We want to proactively share information about South Devon AONB with relevant media outlets, to raise awareness of the AONB in the wider public domain.
- We want the AONB Partnership and the people we work with to speak with one voice about the benefit of the South Devon AONB
- We want to share information about the South Devon AONB with regional media outlets and politicians to raise its profile and seek to influence the agenda for designated landscapes.

## Audience – who do we want to communicate with?

Below is a matrix to capture those groups we communicate with and what level of information they need to meet our collective objectives.

The matrix has two dimensions, which represents a group's level of Influence (along the x axis) and Interest (along the y axis).

The level of Influence depends upon how much influence a partner has over the successful delivery of our projects or initiatives. The level of Interest depends upon how engaged the partner is around the outcome of the project. The matrix shows us how to appropriately engage and involve our partners in a consistent and clear manner.

<b>Keep engaged</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents</li> <li>• Farmers, land managers, land agents</li> <li>• Businesses</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Tourist Information Centres</li> <li>• Schools</li> </ul>	<b>Closely involve</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Partners</li> <li>• Defra</li> <li>• Parish Councils</li> <li>• Community groups</li> </ul>
<b>Keep informed.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors</li> <li>• Young people and schools</li> <li>• Other businesses within and surrounding the AONB</li> <li>• MPs</li> <li>• LNP</li> </ul>	<b>Listen and engage.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAAONBs</li> </ul>

The matrix should be treated as a live document and should be updated regularly as groups will move and change depending on the messages we wish to communicate.

## Targeting communications at the right audience

The table below shows what messages we plan to share with the people and organisations we work with and how we plan to communicate with them. This list is not conclusive and like the matrix, will grow over time.

Who?	Message	How?
All	To promote the importance of the designation. The AONB designation and the special qualities of the area are understood, valued and seen as worthy of protection. A landscape for everyone Protect, respect, enjoy.	Through the implementation of the place brand
AONB Partnership	Have a shared interest in, and are responsible for, conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB.	Meetings and minutes,
Defra	This also applies to using the natural resources of the South Devon AONB sustainably, as well as meeting the needs of the people that visit, live or work in it.  By working together, through an integrated landscape approach, to better ensure the long-term future of AONB and optimize the delivery of multiple goods and services.  Sharing expertise, insight and evidence will generate better outcomes.	AONB e-Newsletter.  Annual Forum  Annual Review.  Partnership awareness  Website and social media.



National Association of AONBs	<p>South Devon AONB is proud to be part of the AONB family and shares the central purpose of the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty.</p> <p>Work with the association and other AONBs to drive ambition, collaboration and delivery for designated landscapes, and realise the recommendations in the Glover Review once the response to the consultation has been issued.</p>	<p>Membership of the NAAONB.</p> <p>Attendance at Annual AONB Conference, Chairmen's Conference, Lead Officers' meetings, regional AONB workshops.</p> <p>Joint working.</p> <p>Inputting to joint reports</p>
Local Residents  Parish Councils	<p>The AONB is one of England's finest landscapes.</p> <p>It is constantly changing, and active steps are needed to look after it.</p> <p>Ensure local residents understand the importance and benefits of the national landscape designation.</p>	<p>AONB e-Newsletter.</p> <p>Annual Forum</p> <p>Annual Review.</p> <p>Website and social media.</p> <p>Parish Council/community newsletters.</p> <p>Consultations</p>
Farmers, landowners, land agents	<p>The choices made when managing the land will impact on the special qualities of the South Devon AONB which is a National Landscape and a cherished national asset.</p> <p>The landscape provides many public benefits, including natural and cultural capital.</p>	<p>Participating in joint activities.</p> <p>Targeted events.</p> <p>Through their representative organisations in the AONB Partnership.</p>

Businesses (all)	<p>The special qualities of the South Devon AONB can be used to develop and promote products, services or activities.</p> <p>The performance of businesses can benefit from a relationship with the AONB.</p> <p>Advocate the 'protect/respect/enjoy' ethos of the AONB to customers and staff.</p>	<p>Develop South Devon AONB Sense of Place Resources.</p> <p>AONB e-newsletter.</p> <p>Website and social media</p> <p>Business communications from Devon County Council</p>
Volunteers	<p>One of England's finest landscapes and a much-loved national asset is 'on the doorstep.'</p> <p>Volunteers are essential to the future of South Devon AONB and conserving its natural beauty.</p> <p>Being involved is fun, social and rewarding.</p> <p>Being involved enables skills and expertise to be shared.</p> <p>There are many roles to get involved in, depending on project. There is something for everyone's ability and time availability.</p>	<p>Participating in volunteer activities.</p> <p>AONB e-Newsletter.</p> <p>Annual Forum</p> <p>Annual Review.</p> <p>Website and social media.</p>
Attractions TICs DMOs	<p>South Devon AONB is a National Landscape.</p> <p>It offers wonderful opportunities for open-air recreation and discovering nature and heritage.</p>	<p>Targeted training for front of house staff.</p> <p>Information and interpretation provision.</p> <p>Joint publicity awareness campaigns.</p>

	<p>Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the AONB. Everyone should take a few moments to plan this journey to reduce impact, including carbon footprint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use public transport where possible</li> <li>• Tread lightly and keep to designated paths and routes</li> <li>• Respect other users and property during a visit</li> <li>• Leave no trace – take home all belongings and litter</li> </ul> <p>Be Proud to Protect South Devon AONB</p>	Co-ordinated messages through website and social media
Schools Young People	<p>South Devon AONB is a special place.</p> <p>It offers lots of opportunities for outdoor activities, learning about heritage and nature.</p> <p>Getting involved locally will help to address global sustainability issues.</p>	<p>Resources pack</p> <p>Educational school visits to the South Devon AONB</p>
Visitors	<p>Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the AONB. Everyone should take a few moments to plan this journey to reduce impact, including carbon footprint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use public transport where possible</li> <li>• Tread lightly and keep to designated paths and routes</li> <li>• Respect other users and property during a visit</li> <li>• Leave no trace – take home all belongings and litter</li> </ul> <p>Be Proud to Protect South Devon AONB</p>	<p>Proud to Protect code of conduct/Countryside Code.</p> <p>Information leaflets, interpretation and signage.</p> <p>Attractions/TICs</p> <p>Joint working with the AONB Partnership</p>

<p>South Hams District Council Parish Councils</p>	<p>South Devon AONB the place, delivers great environmental, social and cultural benefits – some benefits are felt way beyond its boundary.</p> <p>Council priorities can be delivered through the AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>Partnership working and a landscape approach can meet the needs of all partners.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership maximises benefits for the area and society. It also delivers excellent value for money.</p>	<p>Member Briefings and presentations.</p> <p>Consultations.</p> <p>Annual Forum</p> <p>AONB e-Newsletter.</p> <p>Website and social media.</p>
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## Strategy – How will we achieve our objectives?

We can only achieve our objectives by working in partnership.

In this section we look at our overarching key messages and how we plan to achieve our short-, medium- and long-term objectives.

### Key messages:

Our key message is to conserve and enhance ‘A National Landscape’ whilst promoting the South Devon as a ‘Landscape for Everyone’ to enjoy.

- South Devon AONB is A National Landscape
- The AONB is a living, working landscape loved for its rugged cliffs, sandy coves, peaceful countryside and picturesque villages and a vibrant present in which social and economic wellbeing is successfully integrated with the conservation and enhancement of the special qualities of the area.

- South Devon AONB is *A Landscape for Everyone* - to ensure that all parts of society can enjoy the outstanding landscape and protect its special qualities. People are encouraged to act responsibly in the countryside and to respect other users – Protect, Respect, Enjoy.
- Everyone shares a responsibility for keeping the South Devon AONB special – working together, in a collaborative culture, we are better able to respond to the challenges we face.

## Our Action Plan

How we plan to deliver our short-term objectives (2022-2023)	What?	Who?
We will develop in collaboration with our partners a place brand for South Devon AONB that conveys it is a special place.	<p>Develop place brand concept and design alongside brand guidelines.</p> <p>Implement the place brand – applying the identity to websites, social media, posters and other publicity, signage and interpretation.</p> <p>Work with DMOs to promote awareness of the South Devon's AONB designation and increase place brand awareness through 'good visitor' messages and campaigns.</p>	<p>AONB Staff Team</p> <p>AONB Partnership</p> <p>South Hams District Council</p> <p>Devon County Council</p> <p>Torbay Council</p> <p>Plymouth City Council</p>
Strengthen communication channels with AONB Partnership and partners to enable regular updates.	<p>Continue to promote the quarterly AONB e-newsletter to keep partners up to date with what's happening, always focusing on our objectives.</p> <p>Produce a Partnership Bulletin</p>	

Enhance our digital presence.	<p>We already have a strong following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram so will update our messages through these platforms. We will share a mix of photographs, infographics and interesting facts about the AONB that will spark conversation.</p> <p>We will aim to post on our social media channels at least once every week.</p> <p>We will identify specific project specific social media campaigns e.g. Life on the Edge, Farming in Protected Landscapes, Coastal Heritage</p> <p>Using our AONB network, we will encourage our partners to share our social media posts on their pages to increase its reach.</p>	
We will raise awareness of the AONB and the benefits it provides through coordinated public awareness campaigns across our partnership network.	We will agree a calendar of awareness campaigns and creative messages to share on our social media platforms, websites and other appropriate platforms.	
The AONB website will remain the focus for information about the AONB and the work of the AONB Partnership.	<p>We will keep the AONB website up to date and aim to post news items at least once every two weeks.</p> <p>Using our network, we will encourage our partners to share news items on their websites to increase their reach.</p>	
<b>How we plan to deliver our medium-term objectives (2022-2024)</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>

We will continue to reach out and connect to all parts of society, especially under-represented communities.	<p>Through using place branding to increase the awareness of the designation of the S Devon AONB by means of 'good visitor' messages and campaigns.</p> <p>Revise our current Communications Action Plan to include specific measures for engaging these new audiences.</p> <p>Create an annual award to recognise an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the S Devon AONB.</p>	
We will build stronger relationships with local businesses by improving their awareness of AONB and embedding the AONB in their products, services and ethos.	<p>As part of the development of a place brand for AONB, we will prepare sense of place resources for businesses.</p> <p>We will invite all known businesses on and near the AONB to register to use the resources.</p>	
We will inspire young people to appreciate and look after AONB	We will target our educational packages to young people through digital methods such as direct email, social media advertising and newsletters from our local partners.	
<b>How we plan to deliver our long-term objectives (2022-2025)</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>
We will focus our efforts on gaining local press and media coverage. We will get creative and release at least six media stories annually with the	We will work with the AONB Partnership and partners to find stories that we can develop into press and media releases on a monthly basis.	

intention of raising awareness of the AONB, as well as highlighting the importance to protect and conserve it.	We will update these on our website and ask our partners to share the press release with their contacts in the media.	
We will raise AONB's profile nationally, and work with the National Association for AONBs and AONB family to drive forward our collective ambition for designated landscapes.	With the National Association for AONB's and the AONB family, we will contribute towards national press, research, papers and advocacy to promote AONBs and help deliver the outcomes of the Glover Review.	

## Scoring our success

In order to make sure that we are achieving our objectives, we will be checking several measurable statistics such as:

- Social media – following/ engagement / shares / sentiment
- Media score – (+/-)
- Website visits
- Business engagement
- Input into digital consultations



**6B. AONB Partnership Chair – succession planning**

ITEM FOR	INFORMATION & DECISION	REPORT BY	Roger English (AONB Manager)
<b>SUMMARY</b>	In preparation for our current Chair and Vice Chair reaching the end of their second terms, this paper proposes a process to enable appropriate action to be taken and ensure timely succession of the AONB Chair and Vice Chair roles in advance of June 2023. Views of the Partnership are sought on how to proceed.		
<b>AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES</b>	Management, Organisation and Partnerships		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>AONB Partnership members are recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve the proposed recruitment process outlined in this report for appointment of an independent Chair and Vice Chair ready for June 2023 to serve for a period of two years as provided for in Section 7 of the South Devon AONB Partnership constitution;</li> <li>ii. Indicate to the AONB Manager their interest in standing for either role of South Devon AONB Chair and/or Vice Chair.</li> <li>iii. Assist with wider promotion and advocacy of the roles should that step be required.</li> </ul>		

**Background**

1. Our current independent Chair has been in position for a little over 3 years since May 2019. John Green has provided invaluable guidance to the AONB Manager, Staff Unit and chaired the Partnership throughout an exceptionally challenging period. John has indicated his intent to step down at the end of his second term and a new Chair of the Partnership is required ready for June 2023
2. The role of AONB Chair is increasingly important both within and outside of Partnership meetings, representing and championing the South Devon AONB in national and local AONB work.

**Constitution: Partnership Chair and Vice Chair roles**

3. Part 7 of the South Devon AONB Terms of Reference relates to the Appointment of the Partnership Committee Chair and Vice Chair roles.

**PART 7: Appointment of Partnership Committee Chair [and Vice Chair]**

- i. *The Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership Committee will be elected from the membership of the Partnership Committee, normally for a two year period.*
- ii. *Alternatively, the Chair may be appointed by invitation of the Partnership Committee from the wider community as an independent chair. In the latter case, it would be expected that any such independent chair would be a respected individual with significant relevant experience or skills and a good knowledge and understanding of the AONB and its issues. An independent chair, if so appointed, would serve as a full member of the Partnership Committee for the duration of his or her period of office, but would not be entitled to appoint a substitute in the event of being unable to attend a Partnership Committee meeting.*

- iii. In either case, the Chair would be expected to act as a “champion” for the AONB at local, regional and national level; to be committed to the purposes of AONB designation and management, to act as an effective chair of the Partnership Committee meetings and the AONB Annual Conference; and to provide support and guidance to the AONB Manager and staff team.*
4. Partnership members will recall that an independent Chair was first sought in 2015. Both subsequent Chairs have served terms that extended beyond the initial 2 year term noted in the Partnership Constitution.

### ***The role of the Chair\****

*The Chair is appointed by the AONB Partnership Committee. The Chair’s principal responsibilities are:*

- *Chairing the Partnership Committee meetings, held three times per year usually on a Friday morning in March, June, and November.*
- *Chairing the South Devon AONB annual community conference.*
- *Attending Core Funding Group meetings held 2-3 times per year, usually in February, (May optional) and September*
- *Acting as a “champion” in representing the AONB at national, regional and local levels, including where possible at NAAONB Landscapes for Life Conference and Chairs’ Conference*
- *Ensuring that positive relationships are fostered with a range of stakeholders, including core funding organisations, to ensure the AONB Partnership retains a positive high profile within the area.*
- *Ensuring that the Partnership Committee monitors the AONB Staff Unit’s progress in preparing and delivering the AONB Management Plan and that Committee members have regular and relevant information on strategic and financial issues.*
- *Keeping under review the structure, composition, and workings of the AONB Partnership so that it continues to be representative of the different interest groups and to operate effectively.*
- *Providing guidance and support to the Manager and staff of the AONB Unit.*

*\*Adapted from the 2015 Chair recruitment Information Pack*

### **Proposed Process**

- A1 Expressions of interest for the role of Chair and Vice Chair are invited from current Partnership Committee members by 9am Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September (2 weeks)
- A2 Subject to expressions of interest being received, these will be followed up with a request for further information in the form of personal statements to be returned by 9am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (3 weeks)
- A3 Personal statements to be circulated to all members of the AONB Partnership with a request that email votes be returned by 9am Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (2 weeks)
- B1 Should it not be possible for any reason to fill either or both of Chair / Vice Chair positions via the internal route, it is proposed to follow a similar process

to that undertaken in 2015 involving a widely publicised open recruitment and selection process, against role profiles. Process to be overseen by a small working group (to be defined) of current Partnership members with support from an AONB/National Park peer and the AONB Manager. Advertisements to be placed in early November with interviews likely in early January 2023.

- B2 Recommendations of working group circulated by email to the full AONB Partnership and formal vote concluded by email on those recommendations.
- B3 Newly selected Chair to attend the March 2023 meeting of the Partnership as an observer, aid handover and formally take up the position following close of the meeting.

## **ITEM 7.     South Devon AONB Management**

### **7A.     AONB Staff Unit priorities, 2022/23 Action Programme and Management Plan Delivery Plan**

**This item is to follow**

## 7B. Review of 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan

ITEM FOR	DECISION	REPORT BY	Roger English (AONB Manager)
<b>SUMMARY</b>	The scale and number of in-progress reforms have significant implications for protected landscape management planning at this time. This paper sets out proposed changes to the process and timetable for review of the 2019-24 South Devon AONB Management Plan.		
<b>AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN THEMES</b>	Principal theme – Management, Organisation and Partnerships Other relevant themes - All		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	AONB Partnership members are recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approve the principle of delaying a substantive Management Plan review for one year</li> <li>ii. Approve the indicative revised schedule for AONB Management Plan production</li> </ul>		

### Background

1. The current South Devon AONB Management Plan was adopted in March 2019 following a light touch review in 2018. There is a legal requirement to review and have an updated plan published within five years, meaning that a revised plan would normally need to be in place by end of March 2024.
2. However, there has been widespread change since 2018/19 and the scale and scope of the rapidly evolving legislative, policy and management framework for AONBs has significant implications for protected landscape management planning at this time. A revised plan to meet the normal timetable risks being substantively adrift from the principal legislative and policy drivers anticipated over the next 12-18 month period. In the wording of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act it is therefore not considered expedient to review the AONB Management Plan at this time.

### Option of delaying a substantive review

3. Defra have confirmed (see Letter from Lord Benyon, Appendix 1 to this item) that our Partnership has the option to delay publication of the AONB Management Plan by up to one year from the original planned review date
4. The purpose of this optional delay is to give Partnerships time to digest new outcome-based targets (due to be published in January 2023), new Management Plan guidance (due to be published in Spring 2023), and Landscapes Review, and to embed these more easily into their Plans. Delay of up to a year would also provide some additional time to account for possible slippage of these publication dates.
5. Defra considers that that any Partnerships wishing to utilise the option of delaying a substantive review will still need to undertake a very light touch review to ensure compliance with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, but will not need to consult extensively. Defra judges that Partnerships could simply agree and publish

one page of text that sets out their intentions for the next Management Plan and that the current plan period will be extended.

6. A review of this nature would allow Partnerships to carry over their existing Management Plan by demonstrating they have considered the next Plan in compliance with the law. Support for this approach would be required from all four Local Authorities with responsibility for the South Devon AONB, along with sign-off in accordance with decision-making procedures for each Council.
7. Around 20 other AONB Partnerships are broadly aligned with the same Management Plan cycle as the South Devon AONB with many indicating that they also wish to delay their substantive reviews by a year.

### **Rationale**

8. In the absence of a definitive and detailed government response to proposals made by the Landscapes Review, a one year delay will enable alignment of a substantive Management Plan review with the development and publication of key drivers including:
  - Significant changes to the purposes of designation for England's protected landscapes
  - new guidance on the structure and production of strengthened protected landscape Management Plans
  - new Strategy for England's protected landscapes
  - an outcomes framework for protected landscapes to include new targets and monitoring requirements
  - establishment of a new National Landscapes, Parks and Trails Partnership and AONB branding changes
  - completion of a review of options for AONB governance
  - a refreshed 25 year Environment Plan
  - Heritage Coasts review 2022
  - Planning reform
  - Devon and Plymouth Local Nature Recovery Strategies
  - Further development and roll-out of new funding mechanisms for environmental management and nature recovery including: Environmental Land Management, Biodiversity Net Gain, Carbon credits and other forms of natural capital financing
  - AONB management role in delivering Environment Act 2021 and Net Zero Strategy requirements

9. In particular, the publication or substantive iteration of the first four bulleted items are seen as an in-combination trigger point. When reached, this would enable meaningful progression of a Management Plan review.

### Proposed timetable

10. The route to adoption of this very light touch review, effectively delaying a substantive review by one year, will differ by local authority. Following initial discussions with local authority colleagues, it is anticipated that this would be a delegated decision that falls under the schemes of delegation for each Council, However this requires confirmation for each Council.
11. The subsequent substantive review to produce a 2025-2030 AONB Management Plan would likely revert to requiring a more rigorous local authority approval process.

### Indicative revised schedule for Management Plan review

Activities	Schedule
Confirm LA support for 1 year delay and sign-off process and notify Natural England	Summer 2022
Appraisal of current plan and preparation of review statement	Autumn 2022
LA sign-off of extending duration of current Management Plan by 1 year	Winter 22/23 to Spring 23
Triggers met for a substantive review	Anticipated during 2023
Local authorities to confirm AONB Partnership to undertake review	Autumn 2023
Inform Natural England	Autumn 2023
Initial appraisal	Autumn 2023
Policy review and current version consultation	Autumn 2023
Consult Partnership on scope of review	November 2023
Context and topic papers prepared	Winter 2023/24
Stakeholder workshops	Spring 2024
Development of consultation draft	Spring 2024
Partnership approval of consultation draft	June 2024
Public consultation (8 weeks)	July/August 2024
Prepare final draft	Autumn 2024

Consult Natural England	Autumn 2024
Final text-only plan prepared for adoption	Autumn 2024
AONB Partnership adoption	November 2024
Local Authority adoption	Winter 2024/25
Design and publication	Winter 2024/25
New substantively reviewed Management Plan in place	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025


12. State of AONB analysis and reporting is programmed to run 2022/23 – 2023/24 and will be used to inform the substantive review

13. Environmental Assessments / Environmental Outcomes report as required at the time will be iterated alongside substantive review stages.

End.



## APPENDIX 1 to ITEM 7B

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Dear colleagues,

I am writing to confirm a decision by Defra, effective today, to give you and your partners an option to delay the publication of upcoming Management Plans by up to 1 year from their original planned review date, after new Management Plan guidance and new Protected Landscapes outcomes are published.

I am addressing this letter specifically to those Protected Landscape Management Plan Partnerships (hereafter: "Partnerships") that are required by law to review their next Management Plan in 2023 or 2024. For awareness, I have copied this letter to Protected Landscapes bodies who will not be affected by this option to delay and can proceed with their current review timetable as planned.

Please allow me to explain the rationale for this, and to reassure you that you are under no obligation to delay the publication of your next Management Plan if you would prefer not to and/or if a delay is unsuited to your management planning cycle.

The government committed to strengthen Management Plans in its [response to the Landscapes Review](#). We have already begun work to implement non-legislative change during 2022. For example, we are working with Natural England, National Parks England, and the National Association of AONBs to update the Management Plan guidance for both National Parks and AONBs. We are also working to ensure that new ambitious outcomes are agreed for the role of Protected Landscapes in delivering on the government's goals, aligned with the revised 25 Year Environment Plan and interim environmental targets under the Environment Act 2021 and the Net Zero Strategy.

We recognise the scale and significant implications of these reforms for management planning. We have also listened carefully to those of you who have voiced support for a more flexible and less prescriptive approach to management planning during our consultation on the Landscapes Review Response, which ended on 9 April.

We have therefore decided to grant you an option to delay publication of your next Management Plan. In practice, this option to delay will only apply to Partnerships that are required by law to review their next Management Plan in 2023 or 2024 and will therefore apply to Partnerships who currently find themselves in the middle or nearing the end of their five-year Management Plan cycle. Protected Landscapes that are due to publish their next Management Plan from 2025 onwards will not be affected by the delay and will work to the same timelines as planned.



The purpose of this optional delay is to give Partnerships time to digest new outcome-based targets (due to be published in January 2023), new Management Plan guidance (due to be published in Spring 2023), and new policies outlined in the government's response to the Landscapes Review, and to embed these more easily into their Plans.

Defra considers that any Partnerships wishing to delay their next Plan would still need to respect their five-year review cycles as stipulated by the Environment Act 1995 (for National Park Management Plans) and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (for AONB Management Plans). In order to comply with the law without compromising the integrity of future Management Plans, Defra judges that Partnerships could simply produce a light-touch review in which they commit to produce a new Management Plan after the new guidance is published.

Defra has considered what a light-touch review might look like and advises the following: Partnerships would agree and publish one page of text setting out their intentions for the next Management Plan. This could include a brief vision statement, a summary of how the Management Plan will be structured, and a summary of the Partnerships' objectives over the next five-year review period (carrying forward actions and/or adding new ones for the year affected by the delay). Producing a light-touch review of this nature would allow Partnerships to carry over their existing Plan by demonstrating they have considered the next Plan, in compliance with the law. Partnerships would not need to consult extensively to produce this light-touch review, as we expect it would be pitched as a continuation/extension of the current Plan.

We remain committed, however, to ensuring substantive Management Plan reviews are conducted. We therefore ask all Protected Landscapes electing to delay their next Management Plan to complete a review of that Plan no later than 31 December 2025. We will consider any requests for an additional, exceptional extension on a case-by-case basis. Although we are committed to ensuring the management planning process is more flexible going forwards, we envisage this being a one-off delay in light of the wide-ranging and significant reforms we are proposing to make.

Let me be clear that any Plans that have recently been published will remain valid and effective for their current cycle in full (that is, five years from the date of publication). We recognise the considerable work that has gone into these Plans and want to assure you that any new targets, guidance, or policies can be embedded at a later stage, either during your current cycle or as part of the next five-year review.

Once again, I would like to reassure you that this delay is optional; it is entirely up to you, as Partnerships, whether to exercise it.

I hope that this option to delay can help to ensure a smooth and flexible transition as we roll out reforms to strengthen Management Plans. As we begin this process of longer-term reforms to Management Plans, we would like to explore how we can better harmonise Management Plan cycles so that we can promote partnership working and coordination of plan implementation across the 44 Protected Landscapes, while respecting local circumstances. I look forward to your input as we develop this work.

Management Plans are vital strategic documents and I am grateful for your tireless work to draft, develop and deliver them. My officials and I look forward to continuing to work with you on multiple programmes of work linked to Management Plans, including updating the new Management Plan guidance, setting new targets for Protected Landscapes, and developing the National Landscapes Partnership and the National Landscapes Strategy.

I would be grateful if you could share this letter among your Partnerships and wider networks to ensure they are informed.

I have also copied this letter to Tony Juniper, Chair of Natural England, Philip Hygate, Chair of the National Association of AONBs, and Andrew McCloy, Chair of National Parks England.

Yours ever,



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South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## **AONB Partnership Committee Meeting**

to be held at

**10am on Friday, 9 September 2022**

**Hybrid Meeting**

Repton Room at Follaton House and via Zoom

**Annexes to Meeting Papers**



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## **Annex 1 to Agenda item 9a: Summary of Development Management and other Planning Activity** *updated 30 August 2022*

### **Purpose**

1. This report provides a brief update on Local planning authority development management consultations since the March 2022 AONB Partnership meeting pertinent to the South Devon AONB.

### **Key Activity**

#### **Planning Caseload**

2. In 2021/2022, Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) formally consulted the AONB Unit on 83 applications. In addition, the AONB Unit was consulted on three neighbourhood plans, seven felling licences, one transport strategy, five new woodland creation proposals, a reservoir consultation under the Water Industry Act, a Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment for Torbay, a Local Plan Housing Update Growth Options consultation for TORBAY and a planning validation checklist for South Hams District Council.
3. To date in 2022/2023 (to 30.8.22), Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) formally consulted the AONB Unit on 20 applications. In addition, the AONB Unit was consulted on five felling licences, one woodland creation proposal, a screening opinion and six pre-applications.
4. Summary of activity since the last update:
  - 34 cases that LPAs have determined
  - 17 completed responses on cases that LPAs/MMO are yet to determine
  - 13 cases under consideration with responses currently in development
  - 6 pre- application responded to / response in development
5. Note the 17 applications with completed responses and an LPA decision as at the March PCM are treated as closed and are not reported again in the table below. Wording in 'normal' text signifies this appeared on the last planning update, with any changes/updates noted in '**bold**' text
6. The following table lists the planning cases relevant to the period:

App Ref	Application Type	Decision	In accordance with AONB advice / guidance	AONB Major	Comments
<b>34 Applications - LPA decision made</b>					
1602/21/ FUL	Land At Sx 893 507 Castle Road Kingswear New livestock building	Withdrawn	Y	N	AONB objected
1340/21/FUL	Plot 5, Staddon Heights, Wembury Change of use, field to dog training & facilities	Refusal	Y	N	
4151/21/FUL	South Efford House Aveton Gifford Demolish care home, construct 6 Residential Dwellings	Refusal	Y	Y	
P/2021/0173	Riviera Bay Holiday Park, Brixham Replace facilities building & relocate 7 lodges	Approved With Legal Agreement		N	

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3165/21/VAR	Rear of 62 Staddiscombe Road Plymstock Removal of conditions	Conditional approval		N	Related application 1129/21/FUL
CN/2021/0073	Land to South of White Roack Paignton Discharge of appeal conditions	Approved		N	Planning ref P/2017/1133
P/2021/0811	Land at Churston Court Farm, Churston Change of use from agricultural to storage	Refusal		N	
3571/21/FUL	Skyfall, Warfleet, Dartmouth Replace detached dwelling	Conditional approval		N	
P/2021/1238	Land Off Northfields Lane, Brixham Split land from holiday accommodation use, construct single storey dwelling	Refusal		N	
4476/21/ARC	Noss Marina, Bridge Road, Kingswear Application for approval of details reserved by condition 21 of Planning Permission 0504/20/VAR	Discharge approved		Y	
4751/21/FUL	Homefield Farm, Sherford Change of use: commercial buildings & dwelling house to 3 holiday lets. Demolish retail unit, replace commercial building with 1 self-build dwelling house.	Refusal		N	
0043/22/VAR	The Cove Guest House, Torcross Application for variation of condition 2 of planning consent 53/3160/11/F	Refusal		N	resubmission of 1411/21/VAR
0398/22/HHO	Beach House East Portlemouth application for erection of outbuilding	Withdrawn	Y	N	AONB objected
MLA/2021/00453	Dinah's Side Dittisham 3716 - Dinah's Side - Pipework	Work completed	Verbal advice		
P/2022/0112	Land To The South Of White Rock Paignton Variation of Appeal Conditions relating to application P/2017/1133 MOA. Conditions: 1 - Approved Plans, 9 - Landscaping Scheme, 13 - Ecology Land Management, 14 - Details of Habitat Boxes & Wildlife Info Boards, 21 - Works to Public Highway, 27 - s278 Agreement, 33 - Identification of School Land/Playing Fields.	Approved With Legal Agreement			Major Variation of Condition
0412/22/OPA	The Boatyard Old Mill Creek Dartmouth Outline application with some matters reserved for proposed on site security building with managers accommodation as live work unit	Withdrawn			
0370/22/FUL	71 Yealm Road Newton Ferrers application for a new boathouse	Withdrawn			
22/00219/FUL	Chelson Meadow Plymouth Installation and operation of a Solar Farm (approx. 13 MW)	Conditional approval	Y	N	

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P/2022/0107	Land Opposite Due South, Gillard Road, Brixham Demolition of garage & storage building and construction of one holiday let house, with new access position, parking area and associated bin/bike storage.	Approved with legal agreement	Y		
0851/22/FUL	Land at Yalton East Portlemouth Provision of Salcombe yawl landing stage into the Salcombe estuary with provision of WC	Withdrawn	Y		AONB objected
0761/20/OPA	Vicarage Park Land North of Westentown Kingston 12 new houses	Refusal	Objection	Y	Resubmission of 4068/17/OPA
3120/21/FUL	Development site Norton Cross to Townstal Road Dartmouth Attenuation basis, pumping stations, open space etc	Conditional approval	No comments	N	
P/2020/0966	Wall Park Touring and Century Road Camping site Brixham Replace 24 touring pitches with 10 holiday statics/lodges	Refusal	Objection	N	
4421/21/FUL	Land at Spirewell Farm Traine Road Wembury Single storey three bedroom dwelling	Withdrawn	Objection	N	
3186/20/VAR	The High Nature Centre East Portlemouth Variation of conditions 3, 5 and 23 of planning consent 20/0785/12/F	Conditional approval	-	N	Committee date 6.7.22, delegated approval
P/2021/0890	Land At Upton Manor Farm Camp Site St Marys Road Brixham Construction of 130 residential dwellings	Refusal	-	Y	Major Outline Application Limestone cavern information supplied by member of the public  READVERTISED – Revised plans (ends 8.6.22) AONB Objected to original plans
0832/22/OPA	Land off Bovisand Lane Down Thomas Outline application with all matters reserved for 5 detached dwellings	Withdrawn	-		Determination 5.7.22
3403/21/HHO	Avonmouth Folly Hill Bigbury on Sea Regularisation of garden terracing	Conditional approval	Objection	N	
3078/21/VAR	Development site Norton Cross to Townstal Road Dartmouth Variation of condition	Conditional approval	Neutral	N	Recommended wider buffer at SE edge to better protect views from AONB & ensure special qualities unharmed
3118/21/ARM	Development site Norton Cross to Townstal Road Dartmouth Approval of reserved matters	Conditional approval	Neutral	N	Recommended design of SE site revisited to provide wider buffer to S & ensure area managed as open space
1303/21/FUL	Land At SX 680402 east of Thornlea View Hope Cove Erection of 10 dwellings	Refusal	Objection	N	
3122/21/VAR	Land at Garden Mill Derby Road Kingsbridge Variation of condition 7 of outline application 28/1560/15/O (appeal ref: APP/K1128/W/16/3156062) to allow for revised dwelling design and layout	Appeal dismissed (refusal)	-	N	Appeal APP/K1128/W/22/3296573
4031/21/FUL	Sand Pebbles Hotel Hope Cove READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans) Redevelopment of the existing hotel with owners accommodation to 7-holiday lets and 5 residential units	Refusal	-	N	READVERTISED – Revised plans  (AONB Objected to original plans)

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2110/22/VAR	The Cove Guest House Torcross Application for variation of condition 1	Refusal	-		Planning consent 1411/21/VAR, comments due 4.8.22
<b>17 Applications - Response submitted - LPA still to determine</b>					
2167/19/FUL	Gara Rock Hotel East Portlemouth READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) 3 additional holiday units within Gara Rock Resort	-	Objection	N	Application re-advertised, number of units reduced. Revisions and further information on compliance with earlier landscape conditions awaited
1159/21/FUL	Land at West End Garage, Salcombe 22 dwellings	-	Objection	Y	Revised plans Jul 2022
P/2021/0658	Brokenbury, Churston Ferrers Formation of a solar farm & associated equipment to include installation of fencing, CCTV, landscaping & ecological mitigation.	-	No objection	N	
2817/21/ARM	Noss Marina Details of reserved matters and discharge of conditions	-	Advice provided	Y	
3053/21/ARM	Noss Marina Approval of reserved matters	-	Advice provided	Y	
3054/21/ARM	Noss Marina Approval of reserved matters	-	Advice provided	Y	
3119/21/FUL	Development site Norton Cross to Townstal Road Dartmouth 32 residential units	-	No comments	N	
3335/21/FUL	Site at land west of Collaton Park Newton Ferrers 125 homes	-	Objection	Y	Committee date 25.5.22, approved
3953/21/FUL	101 Yealm Road Newton Ferrers Demolish two-storey detached buildings & garage. Erect 2 four bed family homes and extension of quay to east of site providing new landing ramp for dwelling 2	-	Objection	N	
4763/21/ARM	Site at SX775424 East of Creek Close Frogmore Application for reserved matters: access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale following outline approval 3880/17/OPA for the erection of 8 dwellings	-	Holding objection	N	Resubmission of 1430/21/ARM)  Committee date 6.7.22, approved
0141/22/FUL	Vipers Quay, Dittisham Repair jetty, including rebuild stone wall on northface and parts on east and west sides, remove and replace concrete base, remove part concrete slab on north end to drainage channel to facilitate work and replace afterwards	-	No objection - subject to conditions	N	Reconsulted on 29 Mar
2786/20/FUL	West Buckland Barn Bantham READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans and amended development description) Erection of new agricultural store	-	Objection	N	
22/00086/FUL	Land At Bovisand Lane Staddiscombe Demolish 2 agricultural buildings and erect 2 dwellings (bungalows)	-	Objection	N	
P/2021/1180	Land To The North Of, Totnes Road, Collaton St Mary Reserved Matters relating to Outline Application P/2019/0604. Matters for approval: Details of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale, as stated in Appeal Condition 01.	-	Neutral	N	Major Reserved Matters Application



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P/2022/0339	Site Adjacent To Brixham Cricket Club Change of use from agricultural land to outdoor football pitch.	-	Objection	N	
MLA/2022/00167	SALCOMBE - The proposed replacement/rehabilitation of 19 sewer lateral connections on the foreshore sewer	-	No objection with conditions	N	
2254/22/HHO	Waterside East Portlemouth Replace lean-to with single storey side extension; build 2-storey rear extension and extend guest annexe plus new swimming pool		Holding objection	N	Awareness raised by SHS
<b>13 Applications - Responses in development</b>					
0868/20/ARM	Development Site SX612502 North Of Church Hill Holbeton Application for approval of reserved matters construct 14 dwellings	-	-	N	Following outline approval 25/1720/15/O; resubmission of 0127/19/ARM <b>READVERTISED – Revised plans Aug</b>
2089/20/FUL	Fish Hoek South Town Dartmouth Alter and extend 2 dwellings and erect 2 new dwellings	-	-	N	Related to withdrawn application no. 2781/18/FUL
4158/19/FUL	Development Site At Sx 734 439, Land to Northwest of junction between Ropewalk and Kingsway Park Ropewalk Kingsbridge 15 dwellings	-	-	N	READVERTISED – Revised plans
MLA/2021/00454	Dittisham Pier repair work	-	-	N	
4774/21/FUL	Burgh Island Hotel, Bigbury On Sea Extend and refurbish Hotel and associated buildings; develop new staff accommodation, extend Pilchard Inn, extend Bay View Cafe	-	-	N	Poss Heritage Coast NPPF 177 Major <b>Reconsulted 9May22 - readvertised, revised plans</b>
0510/22/VAR	Bovisand Harbour (Fort Bovisand), Wembury Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 3814/20/VAR	-	-	N	
0915/22/FUL	Land off Bantham Beach Road Bantham Erection of replacement beach shower/toilet block, replacement village sewage treatment plant, new residents/mooring holders car park and newparking, ANPR system and associated signage on the beach road and car park	-	-	N	
1178/22/ARM	Land Off Townstal Road Dartmouth Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 15_51/1710/14/O (Appeal APP/K1128/W/15/3039104) as varied by application reference 2609/19/VAR and 0479/21/VAR relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of 46No. apartment extra care/assisted living scheme (Class C2) with provision of parking, gardens, access and associated works	-	-	N	
2982/21/FUL	Land Opposite Butts Park Newton Ferrers Erection of 20 residential units	-	-	Y	READVERTISED – Revised plans, (AONB Objected to original plans)
1516/22/CLP	Salcombe Retreat Malborough Proposed Siting of 52 Static Caravans	-	-	N	Raised by member of the public Resubmission of 1485/21/CLP
2305/22/FUL	Battisborough Point Battisborough Cross Replacement dwelling	-	-	N	
2468/22/VAR	Telecommunication Mast Wembury Point Application for variation of condition 2	-	-	N	of planning consent 3612/19/FUL

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1577/22/FUL	Atlantic Marine Drive Bigbury On Sea Demolish existing property and build three apartments	-	-	N	

## Recommendations

7. The Partnership Committee is recommended to:
  - i. Note the level of resource commitment currently applied to the type of development management consultations, bearing in mind the recently updated AONB Planning Protocol (adopted March 2020), in addition to strategic and neighbourhood plan demand across the local planning authority areas. Keep this under review.
  - ii. Continue to provide early notification of significant planning matters to the AONB Manager to enable timely and appropriate action to be taken.