

Planning and Infrastructure Working Group - Terms of Reference

Objective

- Monitoring influencing and guiding rural growth to ensure decisions positively improve the AONB's natural and built heritage:
 - Influence strategic planning at all levels e.g. Sub regional, Unitary, District and Neighbourhood plans;
 - Influence significant planning and infrastructure proposals in line with the AONB management plan and associated documents;
 - Develop, understand and raise awareness of the relationship between the AONB's natural and built environments.

Proposed group remit for 2018/19

- To advise on the criteria used for determining when the Conservation Board should respond on planning and infrastructure policy consultations and planning applications.
- To advise on the Board's responses to consultations on:
 - National planning and infrastructure policy,
 - local plans,
 - neighbourhood plans and
 - individual planning and infrastructure applications

ensuring that the purposes of AONB designation and the purposes and duty of the Conservation Board are taken into full account and applied consistently across the AONB.

- To review, propose updates to and promote the Board's Planning and Infrastructure related Position Statements, in particular:
 - Neighbourhood Plans
 - Renewable Energy
 - Housing & Development
 - Minerals and Waste Planning
 - Development in the Setting of the AONB
 - Affordable Housing
 - Transport
 - Telecommunications and Broadband
 - Biodiversity and Planning.
- To identify the need for, draft and promote new Position Statements.
- To monitor the operation and need for planning accords with partner organisations.

- To monitor as appropriate compliance with Section 85 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.
- To monitor as appropriate the overall impact of planning and infrastructure development on the AONB.
- To support – and add value to - the work of the Planning and Landscape Officer in delivering the above objectives and remit, whilst helping to ensure that the associated workload does not exceed capacity.

Timescale

- Ongoing from May 2018, with group remit and membership reviewed annually.

Ways of Working

- Formal meetings and group email exchanges.