

# North Devon Coast AONB Management Plan Review



## Statement of Consultation and Community Involvement

### Introduction

This Statement of Consultation and Community Involvement sets out in broad detail how the North Devon Coast AONB Partnership will consult on the review of the existing 2014-2019 North Devon Coast AONB Management Plan.

The AONB Partnership has agreed that a ‘light touch’ review should be undertaken and not a wholesale change to the Plan that is working well and delivering positive outcomes across the AONB. There are minor amendments to existing objectives or policies to make the document more concise, more comprehensible and to better reflect current context and terminology. Most changes are in restructuring and updating the evidence or context and forces for change to inform priority actions for delivery of the objectives and policies.

### The AONB Management Plan

The revised AONB Management Plan will comprise two parts:

Part 1 is the main strategy document, setting out the vision, context, objectives, policies, priority actions and indicators.

Part 2 will contain the supporting documents: State of the AONB report 2014-2018, environmental assessment screening, evidence documentation and statements of consultation and approvals.

(N.B. Details on the delivery of the Plan will be included in the AONB’s Annual Business Plan produced early each year)

We will consult internally and externally on the draft main strategy document (Part 1), confirming the context is relevant and up to date and the evidence and forces for change are appropriate.

This Statement of Consultation and Community Involvement sets out the minimum we will apply in undertaking consultation and engagement with the public and the table below shows how we intend to consult at each stage of the review. We may add to the process below and any updates will be posted on the AONB website.

Key	
Completed	
On-going	
Planned	

When	Task	Method	Position
Aug/Sept 2017	Local authorities to confirm AONB Partnership to undertake Review	Pro-forma letter with signed form to Local Authorities from AONB Manager to communicate intention and seek agreement to undertake Review	Secured
Sept 2017	Partnership to inform Natural England of intention to Review Plan.	Written communication to Natural England	Complete

Sept – Dec 2017	AONB Partnership Members, Local Authorities and Natural England to indicate scope and requirements of the Review	Formal communications, Briefing paper to AONB Partnership, Workshop with Natural England team	Complete
Jan – May 2018	Begin to implement Review	Carry out analysis to determine changes / revision requirements taking account of the views of partners and stakeholders and new research/evidence. Local and national guidance provided. Statement of Community Involvement	Policies workshop with AONB Partnership
June – July 2018	Local Experts Debates	Professionals, agencies and local experts brought together to debate and update forces for change and priority actions on six themes, and discussion with North Devon Catchment Partnership	Responses received
September 2018	Summary of revised policies and Plan format to Partnership	Presentation to Partnership and locality committees Consider SEA and HRA screening	Complete
Sept – Oct 2018	Finalise evidence	Obtain updated monitoring and reporting evidence Produce State of the AONB report	Complete
October 2018	Produce Consultation Draft and SEA Screening report	Approval of Consultation Draft through local authority representation on Partnership and with statutory consultees	On-going
Oct - Dec 2018	6 week Public Consultation on revised Plan	Publish Consultation Draft and make available for comment via websites / libraries/ parishes etc.	Open 22/10/18 to 3/12/18
December 2018	Local Authority and Public consultation responses	Formal and public responses received and considered	
Dec 2018 - Jan 2019	Final Draft prepared taking account of consultation comments	Report to Partnership in January 2018 outlining consultation feedback and proposed amendments / changes for approval. Confirmation of LA approval route	
Jan 2019	Consult NE on final draft	Formal comment and confirmation of final draft	
Feb to Mar 2019	Local Authorities Adopt Plan	Through Committee / Delegated Decision	
Mar 2019	Plan Adoption	Publicised through local media and Adoption Report	