

Item 9.1.1 Table 4 The Lincolnshire Wolds AONB 5 Year Action Plan 2013 – 2018

Theme 1: Protecting the Wolds Natural Heritage – Biodiversity (section 4.2.1)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target	
BO To protect, enhance and where appropriate restore the biodiversity of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB, aiding the development and relevant delivery of the Lincolnshire & UK Biodiversity Action Plans.	BP1 To survey and monitor key habitats and species within the AONB in line with Lincolnshire and UK Biodiversity Action Plan targets and other national and international aspirations.	BA1 Review and develop further baseline data to increase understanding and improve monitoring of the biodiversity of the AONB.	LWCS	Other relevant JAC partners GLNP	Ongoing	
		BA2 Encourage community/voluntary biodiversity recording.	LNU LWT LWCS	Other relevant JAC partners	Ongoing	
		BA3 Continue to research the spread and impact of invasive species on the biodiversity of the AONB.	EA	Other relevant JAC partners GLNP LWT NE	Ongoing	
	BP2 (see also Policy CCP3) To develop and promote a landscape-scale approach to habitat conservation, restoration and creation, helping habitats and species to develop resilience to future climate change through increased habitat linkages and providing for enhanced ecosystem service networks.	BA4 Implement Actions: GA3, WBA2, RSPA1-2, RSPA11, SA5, FWA6, FWA12, TCA10-11.	LWT NE	Other relevant JAC partners	Ongoing	
		BP3 To support and encourage agricultural guidance and good practices that protect, enhance and restore wildlife habitats across the AONB.	BA5 Implement Actions: GA3, WBA3, HTA3, RSPA1-2, RSPA4, RSPA6, RSPA9, AFA1, SA4, FWA1, FWA5, FWA12.	NE	Defra	Ongoing
		BP4 To develop and promote general awareness and appreciation of the wildlife of the AONB and maximise the benefits with wider socio-economic gains.	BA6 Implement Actions: GA4, GA6, VLA3, VLA7-8, WBA1, WBA8, HTA4, HTA6, RSPA5-7 & AFA3.	NE	GLNP	Ongoing

Biodiversity - Meadow, Pasture and Wet Grassland (section 4.2.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target	
<p>GO To increase the extent and quality of wildlife-friendly grasslands across the AONB, targeting areas close to Local Wildlife Sites, watercourses, important road verges, archaeological sites, historic parkland and settlements.</p> <p>(See also LBAP Lowland calcareous grassland HAP p80-84 Lowland meadows HAP p85-88)</p>	<p>GP1 To help maintain, enhance and where appropriate restore, extend or connect grasslands of high wildlife, historic and landscape value.</p>	<p>GA1 Restore and maintain favourable conservation status to all grassland SSSI sites in the AONB.</p>	NE	Landowners	All sites by 2018	
		<p>GA2 Restore and maintain positive conservation management across all grassland Local Wildlife Sites.</p>	LWCS LWT	Landowners NE	90% by 2018	
		<p>GA3 (see also FWA6) Promote, advise and encourage farmers and landowners uptake in agri-environment measures to increase the extent of biodiversity rich grasslands.</p>	NE	Landowners LWT	35 ha by 2018	
	<p>GP2 To raise community awareness of the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Wolds' grassland.</p> <p>GP3 To support initiatives to encourage grazing of less productive grasslands, including calcareous grassland.</p> <p>GP4 To promote to land managers the additional benefits of good grassland management including carbon sink, climate change and flood alleviation impacts.</p>	<p>GA4 (see also VLA8 & TCA12) Facilitate local events to increase awareness of the Wolds' grassland including via the God's Acre project.</p> <p>GA5 (as FWA5) Encourage support networks for local graziers to aid future livestock management, including access to specialist advice on rare breeds.</p> <p>GA6 (see also VLA8) Research and coordinate specialist training/awareness opportunities in tandem with GA4.</p>	LWCS	LWT NE	LWCS Defra LWT	3 events by 2018 Ongoing
		<p>GA6 (see also VLA8) Research and coordinate specialist training/awareness opportunities in tandem with GA4.</p>	LWCS	GLNP LCC LWT NE	1 event by 2018	

Biodiversity - Grass Verges and Green Lanes (section 4.2.3)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target	
<p>VLO To retain, restore and encourage positive management of the distinctive grass verges along the AONB's roadsides and green lanes.</p> <p><i>(Links with LBAP Lowland calcareous grassland HAP p80-84 Lowland meadows HAP p85-88)</i></p>	<p>VLP1 To help maintain, enhance and where appropriate restore, extend, or connect grass verges for their wildlife and landscape value.</p>	<p>VLA1 Continue to survey and monitor all Roadside Nature Reserves (RNRs) in the AONB.</p>	LWT	Local specialists LCC LINU NE	Ongoing on a 3 year cycle	
		<p>VLA2 Restore RNRs to favourable conservation status.</p>	LWT	LCC NELC Landowners	100% by 2018	
		<p>VLA3 (see also VLA7) Promote and support, via Life on the Verge, an online recording system to review the grass verge network.</p>	LWT	GLNP LWCS Local specialists Volunteers	100% surveyed by 2014	
			<p>VLA4 Review and encourage suitable verge cutting management to enhance biodiversity, avoiding compromising vehicle sight lines.</p>	LCC NELC	LWT LWCS Landowners Specialist contractors	50 km by 2018
			<p>VLA5 Minimise litter and fly-tipping on road verges and green lanes with an awareness campaign and deal with any incidents promptly.</p>	ELDC NELC WLDC	LCC EA	Ongoing + 1 x publicity campaign by 2015
			<p>VLA6 Maintain liaison between highway authorities, landowners, interest groups and local communities to minimise illegal vehicle encroachments.</p>	LCC NELC	Parish Councils Landowners Interest groups	Ongoing
	<p>VLP2 To raise awareness and local engagement in the natural and cultural heritage of grass verges and their</p>	<p>VLA7 (see also VLA3) Develop and support a network of volunteers via Life on the Verge initiative.</p>	LWT	GLNP LWCS Local specialists Volunteers	100+ volunteers trained by 2014	

	<p>contribution to green infrastructure and climate change adaptation.</p>	<p>VLA8 (see also GA4 & GA6) Research and coordinate specialist training/awareness opportunities linking with wider grassland management.</p>	<p>LWT</p>	<p>GLNP LCC LWCS NE</p>	<p>1 event by 2018</p>
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Biodiversity - Woodlands, Beech Clumps and Traditional Orchards (section 4.2.4)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>WBO To protect, enhance, and where appropriate extend the woodland and tree cover within the AONB, maximising their contribution to the AONB by integrating landscape, biodiversity and socio-economic benefits.</p> <p><i>(Links with LBAP Trees and woodland section p131-149 Lowland mixed deciduous woodland HAP p135-138 Traditional orchards HAP p139-142 Wet woodland HAP p143-145 Wood-pasture and parkland HAP p146-149)</i></p>	<p>WBP1 To reinforce the existing pattern of woodland, seeking to increase the area of native broadleaved woodland (including wet woodland), accepting limited non-native planting for climate change adaptability.</p>	<p>WBA1 Encourage uptake of grants and specialist advice to aid sustainable management of existing woodlands for biodiversity.</p>	FC	Landowners LWCS NE	10 ha by 2018
	<p>WBP2 To re-establish complementary habitats adjacent to woodlands. <i>(see also Sections 4.2.2 Meadow, Pasture and Wet Grassland and 4.2.5 Hedgerows and Landmark Trees)</i></p>	<p>WBA2 Promote uptake of grants to encourage appropriate new planting schemes, particularly adjacent to existing ancient semi-natural woodlands, and linking areas of existing habitats.</p>	FC	Landowners LWCS NE	15 ha by 2018
	<p>WBP3 To record the extent and location of small ancient woodlands as part of an integrated digital database for the Lincolnshire Wolds woodlands.</p>	<p>WBA3 Promote uptake of grants and specialist advice to encourage complementary neighbouring biodiversity habitats, including pasture and in-field crop options.</p>	NE	Landowners LWCS	5 ha by 2018
	<p>WBP4 To encourage and support woodland business schemes, of an appropriate scale, within the AONB.</p>	<p>WBA4 Encourage continued mapping of the small woodland resource across the AONB including beech clumps.</p>	FC	LWCS NE	Ongoing
	<p>WBP5 To establish the extent and quality of traditional orchards and encourage suitable restoration, creation and management.</p>	<p>WBA5 Encourage uptake of grants (FC, LAZ, RDPE & SDF) and specialist advice to support local woodland/timber businesses.</p>	FC	CLA Landowners LWCS	Ongoing
		<p>WBA6 <i>(see also FWA10)</i> Organise and promote a regular wood fair to market locally produced timber, enhancing links between businesses and potential customers.</p>	Business operators	FC LWCS	3 events by 2018
		<p>WBA7 Investigate the resources necessary and local interest to enable an on-the-ground follow-up of the current orchard resource, including extent of local varieties.</p>	LWCS	EoEAO Landowners LCC NE	Initial scoping complete by 2015
		<p>WBA8 <i>(see also FWA10)</i> Promote annual Apple Day and other local events to encourage wider awareness of orchards in the AONB.</p>	LWCS	CG EoEAO GLNP LCC	3 events promoted by 2018

Biodiversity - Hedgerows and Landmark Trees (section 4.2.5)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>HTO To protect, manage, enhance and where appropriate increase the hedgerows and landmark trees in the AONB.</p> <p><i>(Links with LBAP Hedgerows and hedgerow trees HAP p75-79)</i></p>	<p>HTP1 To help record, maintain, and where appropriate restore all species-rich and ancient hedgerows, encouraging planting and management of hedgerows and trees to benefit landscape and habitat connectivity.</p> <p><i>(See also Section 4.2.4 Woodlands, Beech Clumps and Traditional Orchards)</i></p> <p>HTP2 To raise awareness of the importance of hedgerows and landmark trees for wildlife, landscape and cultural values and encourage future community engagement.</p>	<p>HTA1 Explore a voluntary surveying scheme to assist in identifying the extent and condition of species-rich and historically significant hedgerows across the AONB.</p>	LWT LWCS	EH GLNP Parish Councils	Review by 2015
		<p>HTA2 (see also HTA6) Continue to develop and record the community 'Trees of Our Time' project.</p>	LWCS	Parish Councils	Ongoing
		<p>HTA3 Provide specialist advice and encourage uptake of agri-environment grants and the AONB Grant Scheme to support existing hedgerow/landmark tree management.</p>	LWCS NE	ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	6+ schemes supported per annum
		<p>HTA4 Continue to promote and encourage the tree warden scheme and training programme throughout the area.</p>	ELDC LCC NELC TCV WLDC	Parish Councils	Ongoing
		<p>HTA5 Continue to promote and review the local 'Tree and Woodland Advice Sheet' for landowners and public.</p>	LWCS	ELDC, FC LCC, LWT NELC, NFU WLDC	Ongoing
		<p>HTA6 (see also HTA2) Encourage and support local cultural events to celebrate and inspire interest in the special values of our hedgerow and tree resource.</p>	LWCS LWT	ELDC LCC NELC Parish Councils WLDC	3 events by 2018

Biodiversity - Rivers, Streams and Ponds (section 4.2.6)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>RSPO To improve, where appropriate, the function and natural environment of the river and stream catchments and their associated landscape character and wetland habitats.</p> <p>(Links with LBAP Rivers and wetlands section p101-130 Chalk streams and blow wells HAP p105-108 Fens HAP p109-112 Ponds, lakes and reservoirs HAP p113-117 Rivers, canals and drains HAP p123-126 Springs and flushes HAP p127-130)</p>	<p>RSP1 To maximise the extent of low-input land management adjacent to all rivers and streams and utilise floodplains to minimise impact of flooding in residential areas. (See also Section 4.2.7 Arable Farmland)</p> <p>RSP2 To rehabilitate streams and rivers to enhance their biodiversity where appropriate and consistent with flood defence and flood risk requirements.</p>	<p>RSPA1 Promote and develop agri-environment schemes and woodland planting schemes to enhance the AONB's river valley landscapes where appropriate.</p> <p>RSPA2 (see also SA5) Create low-input managed land adjacent to the area's streams and rivers.</p>	<p>LCSP NE</p> <p>LCSP</p>	<p>EA FC Landowners LCC LWCS</p> <p>NE</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>75 km by 2018</p>
	<p>RSPA3 Facilitate, support and promote the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project (LCSP) under the guidance of its Steering Group.</p>	<p>AW EA NE LWCS</p>	<p>LWT WTT</p>	<p>Ongoing work programme review – 4 meetings per annum</p>	
	<p>RSPA4 Influence and work with landowners to introduce a variety of in-stream and bankside enhancement measures.</p>	<p>LCSP</p>	<p>EA GLNP</p>	<p>5 km of river restoration by 2018</p>	
	<p>RSPA5 Facilitate a series of local events to increase public awareness of the Wolds' wetland heritage.</p>	<p>LCSP</p>	<p>LWT</p>	<p>3 events by 2018</p>	
	<p>RSPA6 Provide a range of specialist talks, demonstration events and guided walks under the LWCS/LCSP banner.</p>	<p>LCSP</p>	<p>LWCS</p>	<p>12 activities by 2018</p>	
	<p>RSPA7 Seek to explore a range of approaches/activities to encourage interest from local businesses and schools.</p>	<p>LCSP</p>	<p>AW EA WTT</p>	<p>2 activities by 2018</p>	
	<p>RSPA8 Encourage continued mapping of the small wetland resource across the AONB, utilising volunteer assistance where possible.</p>	<p>LWT</p>	<p>GLNP LCSP LWCS</p>	<p>Review completed by 2018</p>	
	<p>RSP3 To raise community awareness and where possible, community involvement, of the rich diversity of water habitats within the Wolds and how their actions impact upon this resource. (See also Section 5.2 Thriving Communities)</p> <p>RSP4 To establish current number, extent and condition of ponds, lakes and reservoirs.</p>				

	<p>RSP5 To encourage the enhancement of existing ponds, lakes and wetlands for biodiversity, landscape and wider socio-economic gains.</p> <p>RSP6 Influence any future water storage schemes to encourage multiple benefits for landscape, flood prevention and wider ecosystem goods and services.</p> <p>RSP7 To seek to maintain groundwater levels and their seasonal fluctuations wherever possible to safeguard rivers, streams, springs and blow-wells sufficient to retain characteristic wildlife communities.</p>	<p>RSPA9 Provide advice and encourage practical enhancements for pond, lake and wetland management and where appropriate creation.</p> <p>RSPA10 Provide relevant advice and support on any forthcoming storage or flood alleviation schemes.</p> <p>RSPA11 Monitor and maintain the appropriate biological grading and flow rates of streams and rivers in the AONB.</p> <p>RSPA12 Seek to influence the development and implementation of all relevant Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies – CAMS and the Water Framework Directive to safeguard AONB interests.</p> <p>RSPA13 Comment, monitor and respond to new implications from the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>RSPA14 Advise and support chalk and Spilsby sandstone groundwater modelling/characterisation studies including possible impacts of siltation and diffuse pollution.</p> <p>RSPA15 Review and where possible, minimise the presence of stream/river barriers to natural fish/aquatic migrations.</p>	<p>LCSP LWCS</p> <p>EA LCC</p> <p>EA</p> <p>LCSP</p> <p>EA</p> <p>EA</p> <p>EA</p> <p>EA</p> <p>LCSP EA</p>	<p>EA LWT NE TCV</p> <p>LCSP LWCS LWT NE</p> <p>LCSP</p> <p>AW JAC LWCS</p> <p>AW JAC LCSP</p> <p>LCSP NE</p> <p>AW</p>	<p>5 sites by 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>50% by 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Revised abstraction model produced by 2014</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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Biodiversity - Arable Farmland (section 4.2.7)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>AFO To improve the abundance and diversity of characteristic farmland wildlife within the commercially farmed landscape.</p> <p>(Links with LBAP Farmland birds SAP p186-195)</p>	<p>AFP1 To encourage maximum take-up of agri-environment scheme options that provide enhanced conditions for arable farmland wildlife.</p> <p>AFP2 To improve awareness of commercial farming's 'good practices' that bring additional wildlife and landscape benefits.</p>	<p>AFA1 (see also FWA1) Promote, advise and assist farmers and landowners on relevant agri-environment stewardship measures.</p>	Defra NE	CLA Landowners LWCS NFU	Ongoing
		<p>AFA2 Explore and promote environmental management systems for farms, supporting local awareness raising events to share good practice.</p>	CLA NFU	Defra Landowners NE	Ongoing
	<p>AFP3 To encourage surveys to improve information on distinctive arable wildlife.</p>	<p>AFA3 Continue to support and promote Open Farm Sunday events in the Wolds, encouraging engagement with harder to reach groups.</p>	CLA NFU	Landowners LWCS	1 event per annum
		<p>AFA4 Continue to identify selection of key sites for future monitoring of arable farmland - flora and fauna.</p>	LWCS NE	Landowners GLNP LNU LWCS	3 new sites by 2018
	<p>AFA5 Develop a subsequent monitoring programme utilising volunteers where possible.</p>	LNU	GLNP LWCS	Establish baselines by 2018	

Earth Heritage - Geodiversity (section 4.3.1)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
GDO To protect and enhance the geological and geomorphological features of the AONB for enjoyment, education and research.	GDP1 To work with partners and landowners to safeguard and improve the intrinsic interest of geological and geomorphological sites, including improved access.	GDA1 Work with partners to deliver, monitor and review the Lincolnshire Geodiversity Action Plan.	GLNP	LWCS NE	By 2015
		GDA2 Encourage and support the review and reclassification of RIGS sites to Local Geological Sites.	GLNP ELDC NELC WLDC	LWCS NE	By 2015
		GDA3 Maintain support and engagement with the Lincolnshire Geodiversity Group and GeoConservationUK.	LWCS	GLNP LWT NE	Ongoing
	GDP2 To increase awareness and understanding of the geological and geomorphological interest through general and site specific interpretation.	GDA4 Encourage and support appropriate on-site interpretation.	LGG	Landowners LWCS NE	3 sites by 2018
		GDA5 Continue to review and promote the Wonder of the Wolds Geology leaflet.	LWCS	LGG	Ongoing
		GDA6 Organise and support public events and field trips to promote the geodiversity resource in the Wolds.	LWCS	LGG	3 events by 2018

Earth Heritage - Soils (section 4.3.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
SO To protect and enhance the soil resource for water protection, flood management, agricultural management and carbon storage.	SP1 To work with partners and landowners to safeguard and improve the soil resource, anticipating future pressures from climate change.	SA1 Monitor the application of measures to safeguard and protect the soil resource.	CSF EA LCSP	IDB ELDC WLDC NELC	Annually
		SA2 Encourage and support voluntary measures to further improve and protect the resource via agri-environment schemes, CFE and planting schemes.	CFE CLA NFU	EA FC LWCS NE	8 by 2018
		SA3 Review the current soils data base for the Wolds, encouraging research and monitoring projects to assess future condition.	EA LWCS NE	Local Universities	Review by 2015
		SA4 Organise and support events that raise awareness of different soil types and good practice for their management.	LWCS	LGG NFU CLA NE	3 by 2018
		SA5 (see also RSPA2) Explore land management techniques to aid soil protection and minimise water course sedimentation.	EA IDB	AW, CSF FC, LCSP, LWCS, NFU, NE	By 2018
	SP2 To increase awareness and understanding amongst landowners, land managers and other practitioners of the different soil types and their relationship to the wider landscape and other environmental and socio-economic issues and services.				

Archaeology (section 4.4.1)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>AO To protect, appropriately manage and enhance archaeological and historic features within the AONB, preventing further loss or damage.</p>	<p>AP1 To encourage and support research projects to help increase understanding of the Wolds' heritage, identifying sites of key importance and promoting better understanding of the complexity of risk, particularly climate change.</p>	<p>AA1 Continue to coordinate a specialist sub-group (the Heritage Working Group) to address the issues of archaeological sites and SMs at risk in the Wolds.</p>	LWCS	EH HTL LCC NELC	3 meetings per annum
		<p>AA2 Seek on-farm solutions to mitigate the impacts of cultivation upon important archaeological sites utilising the COSMIC programme of research.</p>	EH	HTL LCC LWCS NE NELC	Ongoing
		<p>AA3 Continue to offer support to local history groups for survey, information gathering and interpretation material.</p>	LCC LWCS	HTL NELC	Support on request
		<p>AA4 Seek to explore and understand direct and secondary climate change impacts upon the archaeological heritage of the AONB by engagement with current research.</p>	EH	HTL LCC LWCS NELC	Ongoing
		<p>AA5 Continue to support and guide the use of the countywide Historic Landscape Characterisation as a management tool.</p>	LCC	EH HTL NELC	Ongoing
		<p>AA6 Investigate opportunities following on from the Historic Landscape Characterisation and Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk project to develop Wolds' community heritage projects.</p>	HTL LWCS	LCC HaR HWG NELC	By 2014
		<p>AP2 To raise awareness of archaeological heritage in the Wolds, working with farmers, landowners, land managers, utility companies and relevant contract workers to support positive management.</p>	EH	HTL LCC LWCS NELC	Ongoing

	<p>AP3 To increase and enhance appropriate public access and interpretation to sites of archaeological and historic interest, in consultation with landowners. (See also Sections 5.1 Farming in the Wolds, 5.2 Thriving Communities, 6.2 Interpretation and 6.3 Access, Recreation and Tourism)</p>	<p>AA8 Promote and encourage maximum take up of agri-environment scheme options that maintain and enhance archaeological sites, including those at risk.</p> <p>AA9 (see also BHA5) Utilise the Heritage at Risk training programme to encourage voluntary stewards and surveys across the Wolds.</p> <p>AA10 (see also MA4) Support AONB focused data collection and review as part of the wider Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE) and the Defra protected landscapes monitoring pilot.</p> <p>AA11 Provide new access opportunities to suitable archaeological sites in the Wolds.</p> <p>AA12 Provide regular data to aid monitoring of the heritage interests and features of the AONB.</p>	<p>LCC NELC</p> <p>HTL</p> <p>NE Defra</p> <p>LCC NELC</p> <p>EH LCC NELC</p>	<p>HTL EH NE LWCS Landowners</p> <p>LWCS HaR HWG</p> <p>EH HTL LCC LWCS NELC</p> <p>EH HTL Landowners LWCS</p> <p>HTL LWCS</p>	<p>1 new HLS scheme per annum</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>By 2018</p> <p>3 sites by 2018</p> <p>Annually</p>
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Built Heritage (section 4.4.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>BHO To protect and enhance the historic and locally distinctive character of rural settlements, buildings and features within the AONB. (See also Section 7.1 Planning)</p>	<p>BHP1 To work with property owners, residents, owner occupiers and developers to encourage sympathetic design and management of buildings in keeping with local character.</p>	<p>BHA1 Continue to coordinate a specialist sub-group (the Heritage Working Group) to advise and support built heritage interests in the AONB.</p>	LWCS	EH HTL LCC NELC	3 meetings per annum
		<p>BHA2 Promote the development and use of Village Design Statements, Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans and Place Check surveys.</p>	CL	ELDC LCC LWCS NELC WLDC	Ongoing
		<p>BHA3 (see also BHA9) Seek funding and external support to develop a design guide for the sympathetic re-use of redundant farm buildings and other distinctive structures such that their significance is retained.</p>	EH LWCS	ELDC HTL LCC NELC WLDC	Reviewed by 2018
		<p>BHA4 Explore and utilise future good practice for public realm design via promotion and implementation of the Lincolnshire Streetscape Design Manual (Every Street Matters).</p>	LCC NELC	LWCS HTL	Ongoing
	<p>BHP2 To raise awareness of the built heritage in the Wolds and increase understanding of its contribution to the AONB.</p>	<p>BHA5 (see also AA9) Actively promote the Heritage at Risk project encouraging wide community uptake in the voluntary Heritage Stewards scheme.</p>	HTL	EH ELDC LCC LWCS	By 2018
		<p>BHA6 Continue to support the development of Heritage at Risk partnership, including additional support via the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p>	HTL	EH ELDC LCC LWCS	Ongoing
		<p>BHA7 Seek funding and external support to develop a community project in the Wolds with particular focus on local distinctiveness.</p>	EH LWCS HTL	ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	By 2014

			BHA8 In consultation with landowners and/or property owners encourage and support on-site access and interpretation.	HTL	EH LCC LWCS NE NELC	3 sites by 2018
BHP3 To encourage and support sympathetic repair and sustainable re-use of redundant buildings for uses directly supportive of the local economy encouraging use of local materials.	BHA9 (see also BHA3) Identify buildings which are redundant and have potential for refurbishment/re-use, and develop linkages with appropriate funding mechanisms e.g. HLS and RDPE.	LCC	ELDC HTL LWCS NE NELC WLDC	Ongoing		
BHP4 To encourage and support innovative new construction that uses local material/design and takes inspiration from local distinctiveness and character.	BHA10 (see also CCA6) Provide expert advice and stimulus to establish demonstration projects to highlight good practice utilising eco-friendly and high quality design approach.	LCC	HTL ELDC LWCS NELC WLDC	3 schemes by 2018		
BHP5 (see also Policy CCP4) To embrace appropriate technologies that lessen energy dependence on fossil fuels in a way that does not compromise the special landscape character of the AONB.	BHA11 To offer specialist advice and signposting to encourage wider use of relevant technologies, and innovative design solutions.	ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	HTL LWCS	Ongoing		

Theme 2: Living and Working in the Wolds

Farming and Field Sports in the Wolds (section 5.1)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>FWO To acknowledge and promote sustainable farming as a key activity in maintaining the Wolds' landscape character and other natural and heritage assets.</p>	<p>FWP1 To develop and promote agricultural good practice to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and landscape character of the Wolds.</p>	<p>FWA1 (see also AFA1) Continue to promote, advise and assist farmers and landowners on relevant agri-environment stewardship measures.</p>	Defra NE	CLA Landowners LCSP LWCS NFU	Ongoing
		<p>FWA2 Continue to encourage and support farmers' awareness raising and networking events to help share good practice.</p>	NFU CLA	Landowners LWCS NE	3 by 2018
		<p>FWA3 Seek to influence national rural development policies to bring positive benefit to farmers in the Wolds.</p>	JAC NAAONB	Defra CLA NFU	Ongoing
	<p>FWP2 To monitor and influence changes in regional, national and EU agriculture policy to bring benefits to farmers in the Wolds.</p>	<p>FWA4 Support and utilise the Campaign for the Farmed Environment (CFE), and similar initiatives, to encourage continuing financial incentives for 'on-farm' environmental measures.</p>	CLA CFE NFU	LWCS LWT NE	Review by 2015
		<p>FWP3 To encourage and support initiatives to sustain livestock farming in the AONB. (See also Section 4.2.2 Meadow, Pasture and Wet Grassland)</p>	<p>FWA5 (as GA5) Encourage support networks for local graziers to aid future livestock management, including access to specialist advice on rare breeds.</p>	NE	LWCS LWT
	<p>FWA6 (see also GA3) Support, promote and encourage arable reversion to pasture where appropriate and multiple benefits result (e.g. biodiversity rich grasslands, heritage and soil protection, new habitat links).</p>		NE	Defra CLA LWCS LWT	15 ha by 2018
	<p>FWA7 Promote and encourage opportunities for niche branding and local co-operative ventures to help market a wide range of Wolds based livestock products.</p>		CLA LCC	Landowners LWCS NELC NFU	Review by 2015

	<p>FWP4 To support farm diversification schemes appropriate to the AONB and which accord with planning policy. <i>(See also Section 7.1 Planning)</i></p>	<p>FWA8 Work with landowners to promote and encourage high quality diversification projects utilising Lindsey Action Zone, RDPE and the Sustainable Development Fund for financial assistance.</p> <p>FWA9 Recognise and support the role of local, small-scale and appropriate ventures to support the economy, seeking multiple benefits to the special qualities of the Wolds.</p> <p>FWA10 (see also WBA6, WBA8 & TCA8) Encourage promotional opportunities for wide range of rural businesses, developing contacts to support local markets and cultural events including links via the Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture and Horticulture.</p> <p>FWA11 (see also TCA8 & ARTA16) Promote common links with the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Select Lincolnshire and Tastes of Lincolnshire initiatives to support the local economy.</p> <p>FWA12 (see also ARTA9) Support and promote existing initiatives that contribute towards sustainable field sports activities.</p> <p>FWA13 Quantify the benefits of sustainable field sports activities to the AONB and raise awareness of these benefits.</p> <p>FWA14 Research and coordinate specialist training/awareness opportunities to explore whole farm approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>Defra LAZ LWCS</p> <p>ELDC NELC WLDC</p> <p>CLA LCC NFU</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>CLA LWCS</p> <p>CLA</p> <p>LWCS</p> <p>LWCS</p>	<p>CLA NFU</p> <p>CLA NFU</p> <p>ELDC LWCS NELC WLDC</p> <p>CLA ELDC LWCS NELC NFU WLDC</p> <p>LWCS NFU</p> <p>LWCS NFU</p> <p>CLA Defra EA NFU</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>3 events by 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>1 event by 2018</p>
<p>FWP5 To seek to maintain traditional rural activities that can protect, appropriately manage and enhance the landscape. <i>(See Section 5.2 Thriving Communities)</i></p>					
<p>FWP6 To recognise and support the contribution of well managed field sport activities for the benefits to wildlife, rural character and the local economy.</p>					
<p>FWP7 To raise awareness within the farming community of the growing issues of climate change, sustainable energy and carbon management.</p>					

Thriving Communities (section 5.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>TCO To support and promote partnership activity to help safeguard and enhance the prosperity and well-being (quality of life) of communities within the Wolds AONB, ensuring the Wolds remain a place to live, work, invest in, and visit, whilst meeting the needs of this unique landscape. <i>(See also Section 7 Developing the Wolds)</i></p>	<p>TCP1 To foster safe, vibrant and inclusive communities, working with relevant agencies to support local businesses and communities, encouraging both innovation and wider good practice. <i>(See also Sections 4.2.4 Woodlands, Beech Clumps and Traditional Orchards and 5.1 Farming in the Wolds)</i></p>	<p>TCA1 (see also PA2) Seek to encourage, influence and support Community Strategies, Parish and Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>TCA2 Develop innovative projects via the Wolds Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) and Small Grant Scheme to support local businesses and communities.</p> <p>TCA3 (see also PA4) Continue to support, assist and promote a wide range of local community events, projects and voluntary activity.</p> <p>TCA4 Promote and encourage where appropriate affordable housing schemes within the Wolds.</p>	<p>CL LWCS</p>	<p>ELDC LCC NELC WLDC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>TCP2 To encourage measures to reverse the declines in rural services and facilities and promote healthier lifestyles.</p>		<p>TCA5 Provide specialist advice and support to promote uptake of the various community grant schemes – Rural Gain Grant, Big Lottery Fund, local community grants etc.</p> <p>TCA6 Identify and promote fast broadband internet development appropriate to the AONB utilising the Onlincolnshire Broadband Project and Rural Community Broadband Schemes.</p> <p>TCA7 (see also ARTA10) Support and promote local services via website links and 'Making the Most of' leaflet updates.</p>	<p>LWCS</p>	<p>ELDC LCC NELC WLDC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>TCA7 (see also PA4) Develop innovative projects via the Wolds Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) and Small Grant Scheme to support local businesses and communities.</p>	<p>LWCS</p>	<p>ELDC LCC NELC WLDC</p>	<p>6 schemes supported per annum</p>
			<p>LCC</p>	<p>ELDC NELC WLDC Internet service providers Parish & Town Councils</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
			<p>LWCS</p>		<p>Annual updates</p>

	<p>TCP3 To encourage existing and new businesses to have a high regard for environmental sustainability especially in the context of the AONB.</p>	<p>TCA8 (see also FWA10-11 & ARTA16) All partners to help promote the positive benefits of the unique AONB landscape to the local business sector.</p> <p>TCA9 Seek to maximise opportunities for environmental gains via the AONB Grant Scheme, Lindsey Action Zone and the Rural Development Programme for England.</p>	<p>JAC</p>	<p>Parish & Town Councils</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>TCP4 To sensitively utilise the Wolds as a recreational resource, in particular promoting accessible 'green infrastructure' close to communities within and adjacent to the AONB. (See also Sections 4.2.2 Meadow, Pasture and Wet Grassland, 4.2.4 Woodlands, Beech Clumps and Traditional Orchards and 6 Discovering the Wolds)</p>	<p>TCA10 (see also ARTA7) Influence and link with Green Infrastructure Strategic Plans to assist in the future development of multi-functional community green space.</p> <p>TCA11 (see also ARTA20 & TWA9) Help to identify and support new community facilities and access, especially those adjacent to settlements, utilising Local Nature Reserves, Local Wildlife and Geological Sites, woodland and community grant schemes.</p> <p>TCA12 (see also GA4) Continue to support and develop the God's Acre project to utilise the multiple benefits of the church and churchyard resource across the Wolds.</p>	<p>LWCS</p> <p>ELDC LCC NELC WLDC</p> <p>LWCS Parish Councils</p> <p>CT LWCS</p>	<p>GLJPU LWT LWCS NE</p> <p>ELDC FC LCC LWT NELC WLDC</p> <p>CCT GLNP LCC PCCs Parish Councils</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>3 sites by 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	

Theme 3: Discovering the Wolds

Interpretation – Awareness raising (section 6.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target	
<p>IO To raise the profile of the AONB through increasing visitors' and residents' enjoyment of its special qualities.</p> <p>(See also Sections 5.2 Thriving Communities, 6.3 Access, Recreation and Tourism and 7.2 Transport in the Wolds)</p>	<p>IP1 To provide visitors and residents with a greater understanding and appreciation of what makes the Lincolnshire Wolds a special place, encouraging interpretation facilities and services that can be utilised by all.</p>	<p>IPA1 Facilitate an interpretive walks and events programme across the Wolds.</p>	LWCS	ELDC LCC NELC RA WLDC	12 walks/events per annum	
		<p>IPA2 Coordinate the production and distribution of a regular community focused AONB newsletter 'Wolds News'.</p>	LWCS	Community - groups JAC Parish Councils	2 newsletters per annum	
		<p>IPA3 Influence and utilise a wide range of partnership events, (e.g. Heritage Open Days, Wolds Words Festival and the Churches Festival), to help celebrate the special qualities of the AONB.</p>	ELDC LWCS HTL WLDC	Parish Councils	Ongoing	
	<p>IP2 To strengthen the profile of the AONB by highlighting the area's unique landscape character and sense of place to the general public.</p>		<p>IPA4 Continue to utilise and promote the Wolds AONB Book.</p>	JAC	LCC	Ongoing
			<p>IPA5 (see also IPA7) Use range of local, regional and national press and publications to highlight the special qualities of Wolds.</p>	LWCS	JAC NAAONB	4 articles per annum
			<p>IPA6 Promote and develop further the Wonders of the Wolds series and the Enjoy the Lincolnshire Wolds leaflet.</p>	LWCS	Defra JAC	Ongoing
			<p>IPA7 (see also IPA5) Work collaboratively with the National Association for AONBs and protected landscapes family (AONBs, National Parks and Heritage Coasts) promoting the Lincolnshire Wolds.</p>	LWCS	JAC NAAONB NE	Ongoing

					JAC		1 per annum
				IPA8 Highlight and celebrate the collective achievements of the AONB partnership through publication of an Annual Review to inspire further local action.	LWCS		
	IP3 To encourage residents to become actively involved in the interpretation and promotion of their area for visitors.			IPA9 Encourage and support research and delivery of local community interpretation, supported by AONB Grant Schemes and other funding avenues.	CL HTL LCC LWCS	ELDC NELC WLDC	3 by 2018
				IPA10 Research the potential for developing a Wolds educational engagement programme with local schools.	LCC LWCS	JAC	Ongoing
				IPA11 (see also ARTA6) Explore future initiatives for utilising Tennyson and other cultural connections to help celebrate the distinctive and intrinsic qualities of the AONB.	ELDC LCC WLDC	JAC LWCS	Ongoing
				IPA12 Assist and support Wolds' communities to undertake interpretation projects to celebrate the AONB.	LWCS	CL ELDC NELC LCC WLDC	3 by 2018

Access, Recreation and Tourism (section 6.3)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>ARTO To develop, promote and seek implementation of a wide range of sustainable access, recreation and tourism initiatives appropriate to the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB.</p>	<p>ARTP1 To maximise access opportunities for all visitors and residents of the AONB, improving provision for quiet recreation. (See also Sections 4.2.2 Meadow, Pasture and Wet Grassland, 4.2.4 Woodlands, Beech Clumps and Traditional Orchards, 5.1 Farming in the Wolds and 5.2 Thriving Communities)</p>	<p>ARTA1 To advise and assist the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum (LAF) and Rights of Way Improvement Plan in respect of AONB objectives.</p>	LCC NELC	JAC LAF LWCS	Ongoing
		<p>ARTA2 Ensure no net loss to the existing Definitive Public Rights of Way network and maximise opportunities for access for all via permissive arrangements.</p>	LCC NELC	CLA LAF Landowners LWCS NFU RA	Ongoing
		<p>ARTA3 Work with landowners, residents and local businesses to review, develop and promote the Wolds Walks self-guided trails.</p>	LWCS	Landowners LCC Parish Councils HTL	Ongoing
		<p>ARTA4 Work with partners to review, develop and promote the Lincolnshire Wolds Cycle Routes, North Wolds and South Wolds Cycling Maps and other Wolds public transport maps.</p>	LCC NELC LWCS	Local businesses Parish Councils	Ongoing
		<p>ARTA5 Continue to coordinate the annual Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival, including reviewing funding and format beyond 2013.</p>	HTL	LAZ LWCS LWWF Steering Group RA Volunteers	1 Festival by 2013 + future business plan
		<p>ARTA6 (see also IPA11) In consultation with landowners, jointly develop and publicise the Viking Way, Silver Lincs Way, the Tennyson Trail and other promoted routes.</p>	LCC NELC RA	Landowners ELDC WLDC LWCS Parish Councils	Ongoing

	<p>ARTP2 To provide coordinated, accurate and up-to-date information on the access, recreation and tourism opportunities within the Wolds AONB.</p> <p>ARTP3 To develop joint promotion and marketing initiatives to raise the profile of the AONB, including utilising the surrounding market towns as gateways to the Lincolnshire Wolds. <i>(See also Sections 5.1 Farming in the Wolds and 6.2 Interpretation)</i></p>	<p>ARTA7 (see also TCA10) Seek to establish new multifunctional green space (including grassland and woodland) where possible close to main settlements and existing wildlife habitats.</p> <p>ARTA8 Regularly review and maintain visitor information via the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB website (www.lincswolds.org.uk) and Visit Lincolnshire website (www.visitlincolnshire.com) including relevant signposting to tourist destination services.</p> <p>ARTA9 (see also FWA12) Link with landowners and other interest groups to provide information on more specialist recreational activity, including opportunities for legal hunting, shooting and fishing.</p> <p>ARTA10 (see also TCA7) Maintain and update the 'Making the Most of' leaflet and webpage.</p> <p>ARTA11 Work with the National Association for AONBs on promotional initiatives using combination of local and national branding.</p> <p>ARTA12 Jointly promote the Wolds through collaborative visitor guides and marketing schemes.</p> <p>ARTA13 Explore further opportunities to develop and promote the Wolds Gateway Walks series and cycle routes.</p> <p>ARTA14 Support and assist communities in working towards achieving Walkers are Welcome status and maintaining the award once achieved.</p>	<p>LCC LWCS Parish Councils</p> <p>LCC LWCS</p> <p>CLA NFU</p> <p>LWCS</p> <p>NAAONB LWCS</p> <p>LCC LWCS NELC</p> <p>LWCS</p> <p>LCC</p>	<p>CL FC Landowners Local businesses NE</p> <p>ELDC NELC WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LCC LWCS NELC WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LCC NELC Parish & Town Councils WLDC</p> <p>JAC</p> <p>ELDC WLDC Town Councils</p> <p>ELDC LCC LNT NELC WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LWCS NELC RA WLDC</p>	<p>3 sites by 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>5 by 2018</p> <p>By 2016</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2 by 2018</p>
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	<p>ARTP4 To identify gaps in current access, recreation and tourism provision and support new measures and good practice to improve the infrastructure where compatible with the AONB. (See also Section 7 Developing the Wolds)</p>	<p>ARTA15 Influence and support future development of Hubbard's Hills including opportunities to enhance existing access.</p> <p>ARTA16 (see also FWA11 & TCA8) Explore common links with the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Select Lincolnshire and Tastes of Lincolnshire initiatives to enhance the visitor experience and support the local economy.</p> <p>ARTA17 Enhance baseline information on visitor numbers, profiles and distribution across the AONB.</p> <p>ARTA18 Encourage and support more access, recreational and tourism studies especially to supply information on local visitor experiences and specialised interest groups.</p> <p>ARTA19 (see also TWA8) Promote and support the Lindsey Trail horse carriage route for both specialist and general use.</p> <p>ARTA20 (see also TCA11 & TWA9) Resources permitting, explore provision for appropriate additional car parking and viewing points in consultation with relevant landowners, highway authorities and community groups.</p>	<p>HHT</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC</p> <p>LCC NELC Parish Councils</p>	<p>ELDC LCC LTC LWCS</p> <p>CLA ELDC LWCS NELC NFU WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LWCS NELC WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LWCS NELC WLDC</p> <p>BDS BHS LAF Landowners LWCS</p> <p>ELDC LWCS WLDC</p>	<p>By 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>By 2016</p> <p>By 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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Theme 4: Developing the Wolds

Planning and Development Management (section 7.1)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>PO To seek to ensure that development plans and planning guidance consistently recognise and uphold the primary purpose of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB designation – the protection and enhancement of its natural beauty and special character.</p> <p>(See also Sections 4.4.2 Built Heritage and 5 Living and Working in the Wolds)</p>	<p>PP1 To protect and enhance local character and distinctiveness in the highest quality of design for new development and re-development.</p>	<p>PA1 Comment on significant planning applications or those likely to set a precedent on sites within and adjacent to the AONB.</p>	LWCS NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing
		<p>PA2 (see also TCA1) Encourage and support the production and use of Parish and Neighbourhood Plans, recognising and reinforcing local character and distinctiveness in design.</p>	CLJPU ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	CL EH LWCS NE Parish Councils	Ongoing
	<p>PP2 To encourage and support the sensitive conversion of traditional buildings to new viable uses to support the local economy and community.</p>	<p>PA3 Gauge interest in running a seminar for planners/developers on the subject of design issues and good practice pertinent to the AONB.</p>	CLJPU ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	EH LWCS NE Parish Councils	By 2014
		<p>PP3 To support the development of local need/affordable housing provision which is appropriate to local character and consistent with AONB objectives and LA planning policies.</p>	<p>PA4 (see also TCA3) Support the work of the Rural Housing Enablers specific to AONB community needs via the Living Lincolnshire affordable housing partnership.</p>	CL	CLJPU ELDC LCC LWCS NELC WLDC
	<p>PP4 To minimise damage to the AONB landscape as a result of mineral working and associated activity.</p>	<p>PA5 Comment on potentially significant mineral application proposals likely to impact upon the AONB.</p>	LWCS NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing
		<p>PA6 Provide specialist advice and support for landscape restoration and alternative uses following the cessation of mineral extraction.</p>	LWCS NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing

	<p>PP5 Promote awareness and encourage consideration of the impact of adjacent development on the views to and from the AONB.</p>	<p>PA7 Continue to liaise with planning authorities and relevant companies regarding those developments adjacent and visible from the Wolds that may impact upon the setting of the AONB.</p>	LWCS NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing
<p>PP6 To recognise and protect the AONB night sky and general tranquility through ensuring future development minimises impact upon light and noise levels.</p>	<p>PA8 Raise awareness and continue to review the baseline data for tranquility and light levels across the Wolds.</p>	<p>PA9 Liaise with planning authorities and relevant developers regarding proposals that may impact upon general high levels of tranquility and night skies.</p>	CPRE LWCS NE	CLJPU Defra ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing
<p>PP7 To ensure a general presumption against wind energy schemes in any location which would cause significant and demonstrably detrimental effects upon the natural beauty and intrinsic characteristics of the AONB.</p>	<p>PA10 Seek to influence Local Development Frameworks to recommend the general presumption against wind energy schemes likely to have a significant impact upon the AONB.</p>	<p>PA11 To provide specialist comments on any wind farm/turbine applications to the relevant planning authority on a case by case basis, reviewing accompanying reports as relevant, but especially Landscape and Visual Assessment Studies and wider Environmental Assessments.</p>	LWCS JAC NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing
<p>PP8 To support general waste reduction measures and recycling initiatives that are in accordance with the special requirements of the AONB.</p>	<p>PA12 To advise and assist the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership in respect of AONB objectives.</p>	<p>PA13 Seek to encourage innovative community-led waste reduction, management and recycling projects.</p>	LWCS NE	CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC	Ongoing

	<p>PP9 To ensure that where larger scale development must proceed within or adjacent to the AONB, because of other national interests, the highest regard is placed on minimising any impacts upon the primary purpose of the designation – the area's natural beauty.</p>	<p>PA14 Provide specialist comments on any large scale development on a case by case basis, reviewing accompanying reports as relevant, but especially any accompanying Landscape and Visual Assessment Studies and wider Environmental Assessments.</p> <p>PA15 In consultation with all statutory agencies, relevant local planning authorities and local communities investigate the options of a Lincolnshire Wolds AONB boundary review.</p>	<p>LWCS NE</p>	<p>CLJPU CPRE ELDC LCC NELC WLDC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>PP10 (see also Policy CCP4) To develop a comprehensive assessment approach to securing opportunities for renewable energy provision across the AONB and its wider setting.</p>		<p>PA16 Explore and encourage innovative sustainable energy projects that are compatible with the special landscape qualities of the AONB.</p>	<p>Defra JAC NE</p>	<p>CLJPU ELDC LCC NAAONB NELC WLDC</p>	<p>By 2018</p>
			<p>LWCS NE</p>	<p>LWCS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Transport in the Wolds (section 7.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>TWO To encourage and support the development and promotion of a sustainable and fully integrated transport network which respects the AONB landscape and character and addresses local community and visitor needs.</p>	<p>TWP1 To encourage integrated public and community-based transport schemes that can help to improve the links between communities within the AONB and the surrounding market towns. <i>(See also Sections 5.2 Thriving Communities and 6.2 Interpretation)</i></p> <p>TWP2 To support and encourage traffic management that will promote safe and attractive walking, cycling and riding in the AONB.</p> <p>TWP3 To encourage transport infrastructure improvements to support appropriate tourism development, ensuring schemes are sympathetic to the landscape and character of the AONB.</p>	<p>TWA1 (as CCA9) Explore and support a programme of partnership activity to encourage public transport and community transport initiatives.</p>	LCC Bus operators NELC	ELDC LWCS NELC RA WLDC	By 2016
		<p>TWA2 Seek to maintain support to the Wolds Community Bus and similar schemes.</p>	LCC LWCS NELC	ELDC NELC Parish Councils WLDC	Ongoing
		<p>TWA3 Maximise public transport opportunities when organising and promoting events and walks.</p>	HTL LWCS RA	ELDC NELC Parish Councils WLDC	10 events by 2018
		<p>TWA4 Review and influence future Local Transport Plans and Transport Strategies working towards diversity of local sustainable transport solutions.</p>	LCC NELC	ELDC LWCS Parish Councils WLDC	As required
		<p>TWA5 Continue to support and promote the established InterConnect Bus Walks using Lincoln - Skegness & Lincoln - Grimsby services.</p>	Bus operators LCC NELC	LWCS ELDC WLDC Parish Councils	Ongoing
		<p>TWA6 In consultation with local landowners and communities, promote and encourage safe walking, cycling and riding routes across the AONB, with an emphasis on community led/supported trails.</p>	LWCS Parish Councils LCC NELC	CLA Landowners NFU	5 new or updated routes by 2018
		<p>TWA7 Work with local businesses and communities to explore and encourage development of cycle hire and bike loan schemes.</p>	LAZ LCC NELC	ELDC LWCS WLDC	Ongoing

			<p>TWA8 (see also ARTA19) Encourage appropriate equestrian tourism, including opportunities from the Lindsey Trail horse carriage route.</p> <p>TWA9 (see also TCA11 & ARTA20) Work with landowners and local communities to identify and establish suitable and appropriate small scale car parking facilities for local and visitor use.</p> <p>TWA10 Seek to ensure that any road improvements are of a design and scale that will minimise their impact upon the landscape and character of the AONB.</p> <p>TWA11 Continue to support, promote and develop the Traditional Roadsigns in Lincolnshire Project to enhance historic signage across the AONB.</p> <p>TWA12 Advise and assist Mid-Lincolnshire Access Forum and Rights of Way Improvement Plans in respect of AONB objectives.</p> <p>TWA13 Engage positively to help support and promote permissive and official public rights of way improvements to help enhance the network.</p> <p>TWA14 Continue to organise and promote an innovative events and guided walks programme.</p> <p>TWA15 Liaise with highway authorities to minimise the urbanisation of country and village roads in the AONB – utilising Streets for All.</p>	LCC LAZ Parish Councils LCC NELC LCC LWCS NELC LCC NELC LWCS RA LCC NELC	CLA ELDC LWCS NELC WLDC ELDC Landowners LCC LWCS NELC WLDC ELDC LWCS WLDC HTL Local - volunteers Parish Councils LAF LWCS JAC LAF LWCS JAC ELDC LCC HTL NELC WLDC LWCS Parish Councils	Ongoing Ongoing When required Ongoing Ongoing When required 12 walks/events per annum Ongoing
	<p>TWP4 To encourage a consistent approach to the use of road signage, furniture, and maintenance to promote and respect the character of the AONB.</p> <p>TWP5 To support and encourage the development of an integrated, well maintained and used public rights of way network, maximising the opportunities for achieving access for all.</p> <p>TWP6 To encourage the Highway Authorities to adopt traffic management measures and schemes commensurate with AONB designation and rural environments.</p>					

Climate Change and Energy (section 7.3)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
<p>CCO To seek to develop and implement a long-term climate change strategy to help safeguard the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB, recognising and responding to the key local pressures through effective adaptation and mitigation.</p>	<p>CCP1 To establish, monitor and review key indices for monitoring the possible effects of climate change.</p>	<p>CCA1 Review and utilise research and monitoring for environmental/landscape resources linking with proposed actions BA1, VLA3, HTA1, RSPA10, RSPA13, AFA4-5, SA1, SA3, & AA4.</p>	<p>GLNIP JAC</p>	<p>EA LWCS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>CCP2 To develop practices that promote a sustainable landscape approach to tackle and respond to climate change pressures through a range of mitigation and adaptation measures.</p>	<p>CCA2 Research, encourage and support landscape scale enhancements linking with actions BA3, WBA2-A3, RSPA1-2, AFA1-2, SA2, SA5, FWA14, AA4, AA7-8, TCA10, ARTA7, PA7.</p>	<p>GLNIP JAC</p>	<p>EA LWCS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>CCP3 (see also Policy BP2) To support and develop practices that promote healthy, well-connected and managed landscapes and ecosystems resilient and flexible to the effects of climate change.</p>	<p>CCA3 (see also CCA5) Research, support and encourage changes to land management practices to help prepare the AONB's ecosystem services for the future.</p>	<p>FC NE</p>	<p>EA LWCS GLNIP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>CCP4 (see also Policy BHP5 & PP10) To encourage and promote innovative low carbon energy reduction/generation schemes that are conducive to the requirements of the AONB designation and complement local landscape character.</p>	<p>CCA4 Explore opportunities for landscape scale habitat restoration via Defra's Total Environment pilot project – which for Lincolnshire is seeking multiple benefits via flood alleviation schemes.</p>	<p>LCC Defra</p>	<p>EA LWCS JAC NELC NE</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>CCA5 (see also CCA3) Encourage and support landscape scale habitat enhancements linking with CCA2.</p>	<p>GLNIP JAC</p>	<p>EA LWCS NE</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
		<p>CCA6 (see also BHA10 & TWA1-4) To raise awareness of the benefits of carbon reduction plans for organisations, local communities and businesses active across the AONB.</p>	<p>LCC NELC</p>	<p>CL JAC Local businesses LWCS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

									By 2014
				<p>CCA7 AONB unit (LWCS) to undertake a pilot carbon assessment and reduction plan in partnership with LCC host authority policies and working operations.</p> <p>CCA8 Support low carbon micro-energy generation schemes and community energy reduction measures that are in-keeping with the special qualities of the nationally protected AONB.</p> <p>CCA9 (as TWA1) Explore and support a programme of partnership activity to encourage public transport and community transport initiatives.</p>	<p>GL LCC LWCS</p> <p>JAC LCC NELC</p> <p>LCC Bus operators NELC</p>	<p>JAC</p> <p>CL ELDC FC Local businesses WLDC</p> <p>ELDC LWCS NELC RA WLDC</p>			Ongoing
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Monitoring (section 9.2)

Objective	Policies	Actions	Potential Lead Partners	Potential Others	Target
MO To monitor the Management Plan activities and condition of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB.	MP1 To monitor the performance of the Action Plan.	MA1 Collate, report and review information against annual work programmes for LWCS and JAC partners	JAC LWCS	GLNP	Annually
		MA2 Explore the opportunities of an interactive website based reporting tool to aid the recording of relevant activity across the Wolds.	LWCS	JAC Parish Councils GLNP	By 2015
	MP2 To monitor the condition of the AONB.	MA3 Continue to develop the Wolds AONB evidence baseline for key condition indicators as detailed within the accompanying SEA Report. (www.lincswoods.org.uk)	LWCS	Defra EA NE All LAS GLNP	Ongoing
		MA4 (see also AA10) Actively engage with the national Protected Landscapes Monitoring Project (operating as one of four pilot areas) to review and establish headline indicators/measures against: natural beauty; recreation; ecosystem services; big society and sustainable communities.	Defra EH ENPAA NE NAAONB	LWCS	By 2014

9.2.3 Table 5: State of the AONB indicators

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Resource	Theme	Database menu	Data source
COUNTRYSIDE AND LANDCOVER	Landscape features	Farmland composition: ratios and % change	Defra
		Mixed farm ratios	
		Traditional arable types	
		Average farm sizes	
	Scenic landscape character	Extent, condition and change in characteristic features (e.g. hedgerows, beech clumps, traditional orchards, green lanes and verges etc - as identified in Table 1)	LWCS
		Extent and condition of woodland under positive management	FC
		Woodland grant schemes	LWCS
	Land use and development	Photographic: fixed point monitoring of key views and features - to include samples across the four different landscape character areas	NE
		% land managed under higher-tier agri-environment schemes	LAs , LWCS
	Light pollution	Number of consents for conversion from rural to other uses (housing, non-agricultural)	CPRE
Number of consents resulting in incremental development		CPRE	
Tranquillity	% of AONB affected by light pollution	EH	
	% of AONB disturbed by constant traffic noise (road, air)	EH, LAs	
Scheduled Monuments	Number of SMs and % at Risk	EH, LAs	
	Number on Register/LA register and condition	EH, LAs	
Historic parks and gardens	Number on Register/LA register and condition	EH, LAs	
	Number and % at risk, number in positive management	NE, LAs, GLNP	
Listed buildings	Number and condition of designations (SSSI, LWS, LGS etc)	EA	
	Local air quality against national trend	EA	
Biodiversity	Rivers A and B	EA	
	Pollution incidents	EA	
Air quality			
Water quality			

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND QUALITY OF LIFE	Awareness	% of residents aware that they are in AONB	LWCS	
		% of visitors aware they are in AONB	LWCS	
	Enjoyment		Public concern for countryside against national average	NE
			% of PRoW that are easy to use and signposted	LAs
			% of AONB open to public for public access and recreation purposes	LAs
	Land-based economy		% of AONB under sustainable land management against national %	Defra
			Agricultural economy within AONB against national trends	LAs
			% increase in visitor numbers	LRO
	Community		% increase in visitor-related employment	NE
			Geographic availability of services against national average	CL
		Access to affordable housing against national average Village shops, POs, halls etc, Public transport links (train, bus)		

9.2 Monitoring

The publication of the revised Plan is not the end of the process but marks a continuous commitment to manage the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB. Monitoring both the condition of the AONB and the implementation of the Plan will be essential if we are to assess its success.

The previous evidence-base for the area has been generally poor with datasets usually available at either the administrative boundaries (parish council, electoral wards, district/unitary and county levels) or the more extensive Lincolnshire Wolds Character Area. The volume of AONB specific data has been more abundant since 2005 with assistance from the Lincolnshire Environmental Records Centre and the Lincolnshire Research Observatory. However there is still a tendency for most information to be gathered at an administrative level; with further time and resources usually required to refine to the AONB boundary, with estimates and interpretation of information often necessary. A sound and robust evidence-base remains essential for making informed strategic decisions and ensuring the best use of limited resources to protect and enhance the area.

9.2.1 Condition Monitoring

A variety of 'condition indicators' have been identified in Table 5 to help monitor important elements of the AONB. These have been selected from a nationally recommended list of monitoring indicators recommended by Natural England and will enable comparisons with similar areas on a regional and national scale. The indicators will help to develop and refine baseline data over the following areas: countryside and landcover; cultural and vernacular; ecology and environment; and socio-economic and quality of life themes.

These 'State of the AONB' indicators have been selected on both suitability and current availability for collection. Where limited data is currently available for the AONB as a specific unit, this has been included within Table 1 and it is proposed that data collection for indicators will commence during the early years of the Plan. The early collation of trend data, for example from relevant census and Defra sources will be a priority to help assess long-term trends. The LWCS will help to coordinate the development of condition monitoring with a number of partners identified in Table 5 providing relevant databases.

The Lincolnshire Wolds AONB is one of four areas that have been trialling a national framework of indicators for monitoring the condition of both AONBs and National Parks. The project has been taken forward in joint partnership between Defra, Natural England, the National Association for AONBs (NAAONB), English National Park Authorities Association (ENPAA) and English Heritage. Depending on the final conclusions and recommendations of the monitoring project, Table 5 will be revised accordingly to take account of the most expedient national sources of data and enhance alignment with local data collections from the protected landscapes family.

9.2.2 Performance Monitoring

Performance monitoring is necessary to monitor progress of the Plan. An annual work programme will be established from the five-year Action Plan for both the Lincolnshire Wolds JAC and LWCS. These will be reviewed annually, reporting progress on specific actions and identifying where additional resources may be required.

Objective:

MO **To monitor the Management Plan activities and condition of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB.**

Policies:

MP1 **To monitor the performance of the Action Plan.**

MP2 **To monitor the condition of the AONB.**

Actions: See MA1-4 on Table 4

9.3 Management Plan Review

In addition to the annual review of the Action Plan, the CRoW Act legislation requires that AONB Management Plans be reviewed at regularly five year intervals. A formal review of the Plan will commence during 2017 to enable effective participation and consultation with partners and stakeholders.