



Arnside & Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**Review of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB
Management Plan 2014-2019**

**Statement of Community Involvement
(March 2018)**

Arnside & Silverdale AONB Partnership - Review of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB Management Plan 2014-2019

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Introduction

AONB Management Plans are statutory Plans whose purpose is to provide a framework for ensuring delivery of the statutory purpose of AONBs, that of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of their designated landscapes. The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 established the requirement for all AONBs in England and Wales to have an up to date Management Plan in place and provided a timetable for the review and updating of plans every five years.

The Plan published in 2014 is now due to be reviewed under the periodic review timetable as set out in the Act and a new Plan covering the period 2019-24 must be prepared by April 2019. The Arnside & Silverdale AONB Partnership recognise that the AONB is a place where people live, work and spend their leisure time and will ensure that people are able to take an active part in the Management Plan review process using the methods set out in this document.

What is the Statement of Community Involvement?

This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) explains how and when the AONB Partnership will engage individuals, local communities and stakeholders in the Management Plan review process. The consultation activities set out in this SCI are a minimum requirement. This document gives an assurance to communities and other key stakeholders about what they can expect in terms of consultation and involvement. Further consultation work which goes above and beyond the requirements of the SCI may also be undertaken to ensure that comprehensive consultation appropriate to each stage has taken place.

The Partnership Context

The Arnside & Silverdale AONB Partnership brings together key bodies, including statutory bodies, with responsibility and/or a management role. The CRoW Act requires relevant local authorities to produce and adopt a plan which formulates policy for the management of the area and review it every five years. The Partnership undertakes this work on behalf of the four local authorities that have area within the Arnside & Silverdale AONB: Cumbria County Council, Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council and South Lakeland District Council. The consultation approach for this Management Plan review, and this SCI, are in line with the Councils' SCIs and their own approaches to consultation.

Resources

The Management Plan is being reviewed at a time of reduced resources. Despite this, the Partnership is giving high priority to community involvement and stakeholder engagement. A Review Working Group has been set up comprising representation from the four local authorities and Natural England, the Chair of the AONB Executive committee, the AONB Manager and the AONB Officer and up to three other representatives. It will also include invited specialist stakeholders when necessary as it considers aspects of the Plan requiring additional expertise. The Review Working Group has delegated responsibility to oversee the review process and will report to the AONB Partnership Executive Committee.

Methods of Community Engagement

The way the AONB Partnership interacts with communities has changed since the first Management Plan Review in 2009. Access to the internet has increased and there has been increased online

information about the AONB and the Management Plan reviews and correspondence by email and, since the last Management Plan Review in 2014, there has been a significant increase in interaction/correspondence through social media.

There are, however, still a significant number of people who are unable to, or prefer not to, use electronic forms of communication and access to information. We will continue, therefore, to ensure that all consultation documents are available in a variety of formats, including hard copies, and that there are varied ways of taking part in consultations including access to the documents in public areas such as the AONB Office and local libraries.

Feedback

Following each public consultation, the AONB Partnership will give full consideration to all representations that people have made. All responses will be made available on the AONB website along with responses to them.

Engagement in the preparation of the Management Plan

Engagement in the preparation of the Management Plan and associated documents will be undertaken as follows:

Engagement in the preparation of the Management Plan 2019-2024

Consultation Stages	Consultees	Time Frame	Method	Representations
1. Review of current AONB Management Plan 2014-2019 and development of the Draft AONB Management Plan 2019-24	Statutory consultees Partnership members Stakeholders Public	Oct 2017 – Aug 2018	<p>Questionnaire – detailed survey sent to statutory consultees, partnership members and key stakeholders; detailed survey and shorter version promoted via website, email and social media. On line consultation for 6 week period</p> <p>AONB Conference – facilitated workshop. Promoted via website, email and social media.</p> <p>Stakeholder workshops and events</p> <p>Individual meetings held with key partnership members and stakeholders</p> <p>Presentations to Parish Councils</p>	<p>Questionnaire comments collated. Consultation report produced summarising responses (approved by Review Working Group and published on AONB website)</p> <p>Comments and feedback recorded</p> <p>Comments and feedback recorded</p> <p>Minutes of meetings recorded</p> <p>Comments and feedback recorded</p> <p>Stage 1 consultation report produced summarising all previous representations (approved by Review Working Group and published on AONB website)</p>

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2. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report	Statutory consultees Local authorities Key stakeholders	Feb/March 2018	Consultation via email Also available on website Final scoping report published on website	Comments and feedback recorded and final scoping report approved by statutory consultees and Review Working Group
3. Public consultation on Draft AONB Management Plan (and Delivery Plan) 2019-24 and SEA/SA Environmental Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report	Full public consultation	Sept – Oct 2018	Formal 6 week public consultation promoted via email, social media and local media outlets, local posters On line consultation 1 – 2 drop-in events for local residents Draft Plan and response forms available at AONB Office, local authority offices (SLDC and LCC) and community buildings within AONB	Representations to be made on response forms online or via email or post. All responses will be considered in finalising documents for adoption Stage 3 consultation report produced summarising representations (approved by Review Working Group and published on AONB website). Final Draft AONB Management Plan 2019–24 produced by Dec 2018 and approved by Review Working Group.
4. Representations on Final Draft AONB Management Plan 2019-24	Statutory consultees Partnership members Stakeholders Public	Jan 2019	On line consultation Promoted via website, email and social media.	Final representations to be made on response forms online or via email or post. Stage 4 consultation report produced summarising representations and responses (approved by Review Working Group and published on AONB website). Final AONB Management

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				Plan 2019–24 prepared by February 2019 and presented to local authorities for adoption

Review Working Group: Local authority officers from Cumbria County Council, Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council, South Lakeland District Council, Natural England, the Chair of the AONB Executive Committee, the AONB Manager and the AONB Officer and up to three other representatives.

Statutory Consultees: Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England

Partnership members: 4 local authorities, Natural England, Environment Agency, Representatives from the 6 Parish Councils (Arnside, Beetham, Silverdale, Yealand Redmayne, Yealand Conyers and Warton), National Trust, RSPB, Lancashire and Cumbria Wildlife Trusts, CPRE/FLD, NFU, CLA, A&S AONB Landscape Trust, Ramblers, National Trust, RSPB, representatives from local user groups (outdoor recreation), local farming/landowning interests, local business/tourism interests

Stakeholders (draft list)

Action with Communities in Cumbria
Action with Communities in Rural England - ACRE
Age UK, Lancashire
Age UK South Lakeland
Arnside and District Natural History Society,
Arnside Archive
Arnside Parish Plan Trust,
Arnside Sailing Club
Arnside to Grange (ATOG)
Barnes Charitable Trust
Bay Search and Rescue
Bay Tourism Association
Beaumont College, Lancaster
Bill Hogarth Memorial Trust
Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company
British Association for Shooting and Conservation
British Canoeing
British Cycling
British Deer Society
British Gas
British Horse Society
British Kitesports
British Orienteering Federation
British Mountaineering Council – BMC
BT
British Trust for Ornithology - BTO

Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN)
BugLife
Building Limes Forum
Butterfly Conservation
Canoe England - Cumbria
Canal and Rivers Trust
Carnforth Town Council
Carnforth High School
Carnforth and District Chamber of Trade
Carnforth Station Heritage Centre
Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
Clinical Commissioning Group
Coastal Communities Alliance
Community Futures, Lancashire
Community Rail Partnership (Furness Line)
Coppice Association North West
The Coppice Co-op Ltd
Countryside Alliance
Countryside Management Association
Coppice Association North West
CPRE Lancashire
The Coppice Co-op Ltd
Countryside Alliance
Countryside Management Association
**Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and
Archaeology Society**
Cumbria Action for Sustainability
Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)
Cumbria Chamber of Commerce
Cumbria CVS (Council for Voluntary Service)
Cumbria County Council - Historic Environment
Cumbria County Council - Cycling
Cumbria County Council - PRoW
**Cumbria Equality Resource Centre - AWAZ Cumbria,
Cumbria Disability Network, OutREACH Cumbria)**
Cumbria Farmers Network
The Lancashire and Gt. Manchester Farmer Network
Cumbria GeoConservation Group
Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board
Cumbria Industrial History Society
Cumbria Local Access Forum
Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership
Cumbria Local Nature Partnership
Cumbria Tourism
Cumbria University
Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Cumbria Woodlands

Cycling UK
Dallam School
Dallam Tower Estate
Disabled Ramblers Association
Drystone Walling Association
Electricity North West
Fair Trade Foundation
Fair Trade Group Arnside
Fair Trade Cumbria Network
Fair Trade Group, Lancaster, Morecambe and District
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
Federation of Small Business
Fell Running Association
Fieldfare Trust
Forestry Commission (England)
Freshwater Habitats Trust
Friends of the Lake District
The Furness Line Action Group
Game and Wildlife Conservancy Trust
GeoLancashire
Groundwork
Highways England
HM Coastguard (Arnside)
Holgates
Homes and Community Agency
Home Builders Federation
Keep Britain Tidy
Kendal College
Lake District National Park Authority
Lancashire Archaeological Advisory Service
Lancashire Archaeological Society
Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC)
Lancashire Community Transport
Lancashire County Council - Countryside Service
Lancashire County Council - Cycling
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board
Lancashire Public Rights of Way
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Ltd
Lancashire Local Access Forum
Lancashire Local Nature Partnership
Lancashire & Westmorland Hedge Laying Association
Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Lancaster and Morecambe College
Lancaster Archaeological & Historical Society
Lancaster Bee Keepers
Lancaster Civic Society
Lancaster & District Bird Watchers

Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce
Lancaster and District Conservation Volunteers,
Lancaster & Morecambe U3A
Lancaster District CVS (Council for Voluntary
Service)
Lancasterdynamo (Lancaster and District Cycle Campaign)
Lancaster University
Leighton Hall estate
Lune Rivers Trust
Marine Conservation Society
Marine Management Organisation
Marketing Lancashire
Milnthorpe Angling Association
Mourholme Local History Society
Morecambe Bay Conservation Grazing Company
Morecambe Bay Local Nature Partnership
Morecambe Bay Partnership
National Hedgelaying Society
National Grid
NHS Primary Care Trusts
Northern Fruit Group
NFU
North Lancashire Wildlife Group (formerly N
Lancashire Naturalists)
North of England Civic Trust
North West Coastal Forum
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation
Authority
Northern Rail
Network Rail
Nurture Lakeland
Out in the Bay
Oxford Archaeology North
PlantLife

Primary Schools in the AONB

Arnsdale National C of E School
Silverdale St Johns C of E Primary School
Beetham C of E Primary School
Yealand Church of England Primary School
Archbishop Hutton's Primary School, Warton
Ramblers, Lancaster Group
Ramblers, Kendal Group
Regional Heritage Centre, Lancaster University
RSF Off Road Cycle Club - South Lakeland Group
RNLI (Morecambe)
Sight Advice South Lakes

Silverdale & Arnside Art and Craft Trail
Silverdale District Woodbank
Silverdale Golf Club
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Soil Association
South Lakeland District Council Economic Development
South Lakeland Orchard Group
South Lakes U3A
Small Woods Association
SCRT
South Westmorland Local Area Partnership
Sport England
Stagecoach (Cumbria and North Lancashire
Sustrans
The Coal Authority
The Conservation Volunteers - TCV
The Deer Initiative
The Gardens Trust
The Twentieth Century Society
Transition City Lancaster
TransPennineExpress
UCLAN
UK Windsurfing Association
United Utilities
Warton Stock Car Club
Westmorland Geological Society
Westmorland Red Squirrels
Westmorland Wildfowlers Association
The Wood Education Programme Trust
The Woodland Trust
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
Youth Hostel Association
Lancaster Environment Centre
Lancaster District Community Coppice Group
The Tree Council

Local Parish Councils

Yealand Redmayne
Yealand Conyers
Beetham
Arnside
Warton
Silverdale
Milnthorpe Parish Council
Carnforth Town Council
Burton in Kendal Parish Council -
Holme

Heversham
Borwick (Parish Meeting)
Nether Kellet
Over Kellet
Priest Hutton (Parish Meeting)
Grange - over-Sands Town council

Local councillors

Local MPs