

Isle of Wight AONB Partnership - Development Control & Planning Work Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2004,
2.30pm, Rural Community Council Offices, Newport

In Attendance

Richard Grogan	IW AONB Steering Committee Nature Conservation Portfolio (Chair)
Tony Tutton	IW AONB Steering Committee Chairman
Denis Russell	IW AONB Steering Committee Vice-Chairman/Community & Parish Portfolio
David Court	IW AONB Steering Committee Coastal Portfolio
Dennis Russell	CPRE
Marijke Ransom	AONB Planning & Information Officer
Fiona Hanna	AONB Assistant

Apologies

Vicky Basford	IW AONB Steering Committee Historic Environment Portfolio
John Brownscombe	AONB Officer

Minutes of previous meeting & Matters Arising

The last meeting was in relation to the Wind Turbine Scoping Document. The minutes were agreed.

MR was welcomed back following her maternity leave and it was requested that thanks was given to Carrie McDowell who joined the Unit during this time to allow for cover of MR's role during her absence. The current split of duties whereby MR is currently working part-time were clarified.

Development Control – Recent Cases of note.

MR reported that there were no cases that the AONB unit had dealt with recently that they wished to highlight in particular, though identified that a recent application for a mountain boarding course at Yaverland as a potentially highly impactful on the AONB.

Other applications highlighted by the members were discussed as follows:

Tetra Application at Stenbury Down – MR reported that we were disappointed in the quality of the application and that we had re-iterated our previous comments and concerns at the lack of 'duty of regard' demonstrated by the applicants. The double submission of both temporary and permanent applications was also discussed.

The proposed new dwelling at Hulverstone – MR confirmed that objections had been raised by the AONB Unit.

Shalfleet Manor Park – concerns were raised as to the suitability of an industrial park in this area.

Undercliff Drive – RG queried whether the AONB Unit had been included in the re-alignment negotiations. It was agreed that this would be clarified.

Enforcement

MR reported that we had received a holding response in relation to TT's letter regarding the lack of acknowledgement on enforcement queries, however, that was some time ago. JB has chased up the matter and will provide a further update at the next steering committee meeting.

Planning Policy

The rest of the meeting was given over to discussion and consideration of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance released for public consultation with the following points of note:

Concern that the rushed consultation timescale and number of documents made the task quite onerous.

The consistency of writing between each document was variable and the documents were not all user friendly and concise.

Work Group members were satisfied with AONB comments as suggested by MR, however, felt that all relevant documents should contain separate section on the AONB, in a similar to that suggested in Paper 5.2, section 4.3. This should reflect importance of IWC and other public bodies Duty of Regard.

Agreed it was important that cross-references were made to the AONB Management Plan, where relevant.

Agreed that Supplementary Planning Guidance that dealt with agricultural occupancy/workers restrictions would be useful.

Regional/National Liaison

MR reported that the forthcoming SE Region AONB Planning Officers meeting was on the same day as our Management Plan launch. However, it has been proposed that Chris Mills who has recently moved from IWC Countryside Section to Planning Policy, as project officer for following the Sustainability Appraisal Directive for the LDF, attends this meeting on MR's behalf, as this issue is on the agenda.

Any other business

RG had a copy of an interesting feature re: 'Your Energy' in Farmers Weekly 11th –17th June 2004.

MR confirmed that the next stage in relation to the Wind Farm application and Wellow would be for the Local Planning Authority to receive the formal planning application and environmental assessment.