



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHILTERNES CONSERVATION BOARD  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011 AT THE  
CHILTERNES CONSERVATION BOARD OFFICE, STATION ROAD, CHINNOR,  
COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM AND CONCLUDING AT 12.05 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Member**

**Appointing Body**

**Appointed by Local Authorities**

Cllr David Barnard	North Herts District Council
Cllr Brian Norman	Three Rivers District Council
Cllr Chris Richards	Aylesbury Vale District Council
Cllr Bill Storey	Hertfordshire County Council

**Appointed by the Secretary of State**

Mike Fox (Chairman of the Board, observing)

Bettina Kirkham

John Willson

**Elected by Parish Councils**

Cllr Barbara Wallis	Buckinghamshire Parish Councils
Cllr Margaret Jarrett	Hertfordshire Parish Councils

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Co-opted Members**

Mike Stubbs The National Trust

**Officers**

Colin White Chilterns Conservation Board

**Others**

Deirdre Hansen Minute taker

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Roger Emmett, Wycombe District Council (Board Member).

## **2. Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **5. Matters Arising from the minutes**

- Item 6 (Design Awards): 9 entries received to date for this year.
- Item 8 (financial matters): the Planning Officer had not thus far been able to liaise with other AONBs or contact local planning officers to discuss the issue of charging developers and others for pre-application planning advice.
- Item 10 (AONB Planning Conference): the suggested topic for this year is Renewable Energy and its implications for the AONB and its setting.
- Item 12 (development plans responses): Wycombe Community Stadium – Wycombe District Council have decided to invite a planning application. The stadium and the development will have an impact on the surrounding AONB. A visit to a new stadium in Brighton is planned.

## **6. High Speed 2 - update**

The Planning Officer updated the Committee on the latest developments in connection with HS2. There has been much activity in connection with the proposal with meetings taking place, press coverage and the launch of the public consultation on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The Stop HS2 convention took place at Stoneleigh on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Attendance was over 500 people and the event was a great success.

The wider HS2 group meets regularly. The Board has written to HS2 requesting that the consultation documents be widely distributed. This has not happened yet. The consultation will last until the end of July. Road shows are being held along the route (the Great Missenden event has been moved to the Link Road car park).

Advice from the recent wider group meeting was that responses should not be sent in straight away. The federation of action groups had re-affirmed its commitment to stopping HS2. There is a need to get as many people as possible who are 'off the route' to get involved.

**1. The Committee NOTED the report.**

**7. Draft position statement on development affecting the setting of the AONB**

A draft position statement had been circulated to the Committee. This was discussed in detail and minor amendments and additions were proposed (reference to lack of a defined boundary in paragraph 4, addition of text relating to changes to the landscape in paragraph 19, moving paragraphs 22 and 23 to an appendix, including references to native species and Green Infrastructure in paragraph 24 and addition of Little Marlow football stadium appeal decision to appendix B).

The Planning Officer would make the suggested alterations and circulate the amended draft to the Committee as part of a consultation with local groups and other organisations. Comments received would be reported to the next Committee meeting.

- 1. The Committee APPROVED the amended draft position statement on development affecting the setting of the AONB.**
- 2. The Committee AGREED that the draft statement should be subject to a period of public consultation with appropriate bodies following which it could be adopted by the Board.**

**8. Chilterns AONB Planning Policy Guidelines**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about the progress made in connection with the drafting of the Planning Policy Guidelines. The Committee discussed the format of the proposed policies and considered that each matter should be subject to a single policy only.

The matter of waste was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that this would be the subject of a separate agenda item at the next meeting, with a possible site visit to an energy from waste establishment in the future.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the progress made in the drafting of the AONB Planning Policy Guidelines.**

**9. Chilterns AONB Planning Forum**

The Planning Officer reported that the next Planning Forum would take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in High Wycombe. The likely implications arising out of the proposals in the Localism Bill to allow for the production of neighbourhood plans would be discussed.

The forum will also discuss the impacts of the financial cuts at the local

authorities that have come about as a result of the comprehensive spending review. The AONB planning policy guidelines and the position statement on development affecting the setting of the AONB will be discussed. The forum will also discuss a further position statement on renewable energy and guidance on building design and adaptation for climate change.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the arrangements for the next AONB Planning Forum.**

## **10. Development Plans Responses**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that responses had been sent in connection with public consultations on a number of development plan documents as detailed in the agenda.

No additional points were raised.

- 1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the responses already made on behalf of the Board in connection with the consultation exercises on the development plan documents detailed.**

## **11. Planning Applications Update**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about the various representations that had been made in connection with planning applications and updated the Committee on any decisions that had been made.

The Committee was also informed about the recent site visits that had taken place to examine views out from the AONB in connection with possible applications for a major milk processing plant at Aston Clinton, wind farms near Wingrave and Wing, the growth to the east of Aylesbury and quarrying/waste recycling at Pitstone Quarry 2.

- 1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the responses made in connection with the applications listed in Appendix 3.**

## **12. Any Urgent Business**

The Chairman and the Planning Officer reported that they had recently visited the Cotswolds AONB annual forum, which was very similar in content and format to the Board's own planning conference.

## **13. Date of the next meeting**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011** at the office of the Chilterns Conservation Board,  
90 Station Rd, Chinnor commencing at 10.00 am.

**Future meetings: 7<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 7<sup>th</sup> March  
2012**

The meeting closed 12.05

**The Chairman .....**

**Date .....**