

**Review of the Chilterns AONB Management Plan 2002 - 2007**

Existing Plan	Still Important	Less/more/same importance	Include in revised plan?	Delete/Revise/no change	Comment or Proposed amendment
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>The Landscape</b>				
Conserve and enhance the outstanding qualities of the AONB as part of the national landscape heritage.					
Maintain those features which make an essential contribution to the character and quality of the area and to regional and local distinctiveness.					
Use such characteristics to guide future positive change in the landscape to reinforce regional and local identity.					
Enhance and restore degraded landscapes and features.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>The Landscape</b>				
<b>L1</b> – Recognise and protect those elements in the landscape that contribute to the overall identity and character of the Chilterns, notably the characteristic elements of the chalk scenery, the woodland – particularly beechwoods, elements of ‘ancient country’, river corridors and the traditional buildings and settlements.					

<p><b>L2</b> – Promote increased awareness of local landscape character to guide the maintenance of local distinctiveness in development plans and landscape management or enhancement schemes.</p>					
<p><b>L3</b> – Maintain and restore the varied rural, farmed character of the countryside, resisting developments which would detract from this character or intrude into unspoilt areas, and promoting those features which strengthen character and improve its condition.</p>					
<p><b>L4</b> – Promote awareness and consideration of the AONB, and views to and from it, when considering development and land use change proposals on sites adjacent to the AONB.</p>					
<p><b>L5</b> – Conserve and enhance the distinctive character of rural settlements by promoting the conservation of important buildings and high standards of new building or alterations to existing properties, all with the consistent use of traditional materials and designed to reflect the traditional character of each</p>					

area.					
<b>L6</b> – Enhance the landscape by promoting the removal of existing eyesores, repairing damage and mitigating the effects of existing intrusive developments.					
<b>L7</b> – Identify and implement methods to monitor landscape change.					
<b>L8</b> – Promote greater public awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the Chilterns landscape.					
<b>L9</b> – Develop an enhanced awareness and understanding of the Chilterns landscape through achieving AONB-wide coverage of local landscape character assessments using a consistent methodology and production of guidance to help manage change.					
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>Nature Conservation</b>				
Restore and conserve Chilterns habitats and species in accordance with the targets identified in local, regional and national biodiversity action plans.					
Conserve wildlife on farmland and in the wider countryside.					
Promote integration of nature conservation with social and economic activity.					

Promote greater knowledge of the wildlife resources of the AONB and their management requirements.					
Increase public awareness and respect for the needs of the natural environment.					
Secure protection and appropriate management for statutory and non statutory sites.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>Nature Conservation</b>				
<b>NC1</b> – Promote strategic management of the nature conservation resource on both protected sites and in the wider countryside.					
<b>NC2</b> – Ensure that all nationally and internationally designated statutory sites are brought into and maintained in favourable management.					
<b>NC3</b> – Implement Local, Regional and National targets for key habitats and species outlined in the Chilterns AONB Biodiversity Action Plan, notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the area of chalk grassland in appropriate management.</li> <li>• Promote the conservation of riparian and in-stream habitats and species</li> </ul>					

<p>associated with chalk streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the area of beech yew habitat in accordance with national and local biodiversity action plan targets.</li> <li>• Enhance efforts to conserve farmland bird species.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>NC4</b> – Promote awareness and provide guidance on the existing nature conservation resource of the Chilterns to land managers and the general public.</p>					
<p><b>NC5</b> – Promote the Red Kite, and other species to be identified as a ‘flagship species’ for the Chilterns to generate increased public enjoyment, knowledge and understanding of the countryside and its wildlife.</p>					
<p><b>NC6</b> – Promote wildlife based tourism in particular highlighting public awareness of flagship species.</p>					
<p><b>NC7</b>- Promote the creation of links between appropriate fragmented sites of nature conservation importance and target grant aid to support habitat creation and expansion, whilst ensuring that</p>					

landscape and historic environment objectives are not compromised.					
<b>NC8</b> – Promote the conservation of habitats and sites which are of local importance (SINCs/2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Sites/County Wildlife Sites or equivalent).					
<b>NC9</b> – Promote provision of co-ordinated, consistent and high quality conservation and funding advice to farmers, landowners and managers.					
<b>NC10</b> – Promote the uptake of current and future incentives which encourage farmers and other landowners to conserve and enhance the landscape, and the archaeological and ecological attributes of their land and increase the area and number of sites entered into agri-environment schemes.					
<b>NC11</b> – Lobby for a more effective and integrated system of incentives, embodied in a specific agri-environment scheme tailored for the Chilterns including the enhancement of existing agri-environment schemes.					
<b>NC12</b> – Ensure the effective sharing of standardised base					

information on land cover, designated sites, BAP species and habitats with all relevant organisations to assist in effective wildlife management and monitoring.					
<b>NC13</b> – Support the monitoring of, and assessment of change in, those species and habitats within the AONB stated as indicators of sustainability and environmental condition in local and national strategies.					
<b>NC14</b> – Support existing wildlife management networks and establish new ones where appropriate, to promote information exchange and co-operative working. In particular support and promote the work of the existing records centres.					
<b>NC15</b> – Utilise national funding schemes such as Heritage Lottery Fund and Local Heritage Initiative to support multi-purpose initiatives for the significant habitats in the Chilterns.					
<b>NC16</b> – Promote the improved management for conservation, and re-creation where appropriate, of farmland, orchards, hedgerows, ponds,					

veteran trees and arable weed communities.					
<b>NC17</b> – Identify and support existing highway verge management initiatives across the Chilterns and seek to increase the conservation value of additional verges.					
<b>NC18</b> – Promote the management of commons in order to achieve BAP targets.					
<b>NC19</b> – Assess the impact of access and recreation on key sites of nature conservation and develop guidelines for the management of sites where key species and habitats are adversely affected by visitor pressure.					
<b>Board Aims</b>	<b>The Historic Environment</b>				
Ensure the sustainable conservation and management of the historic environment of the AONB for the benefit of current and future generations.					
Encourage greater public appreciation and understanding of the historic environment of the AONB and promote sustainable access.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>The Historic Environment</b>				
<b>HE1</b> – Ensure the sustainable					



<p>conservation, management, maintenance and, where appropriate, restoration of the historic environment. There should be a presumption against land use changes and management practices which would harm important historic landscapes, buildings and archaeological monuments and their settings.</p>					
<p><b>HE2</b> – Utilise the development planning and control powers of Local Authorities to protect important historic landscapes, buildings and archaeological monuments from destruction or damage by inappropriate development.</p>					
<p><b>HE3</b> – Promote best practice guidance to community groups, landowners and managers on sustainable management practices.</p>					
<p><b>HE4</b> – Promote best practice guidance to agencies and other groups (e.g. utilities) whose activities fall outside of planning controls and draw their attention to their responsibilities towards the conservation of the historic environment.</p>					

<p><b>HE5</b> – Promote high standards of development through the application of principles contained within the <i>Chilterns Buildings Design Guide</i>, and related Technical Notes, and encourage local planning authorities to produce Conservation Area Appraisals.</p>					
<p><b>HE6</b> – Encourage highway authorities to implement the <i>Environmental Guidelines for the Management of Roads in the Chilterns</i>, to help protect the historic character of highways and adjacent land.</p>					
<p><b>HE7</b> – Identify and promote opportunities to improve the management of important and threatened historic parks and gardens.</p>					
<p><b>HE8</b> – Increase knowledge and understanding of the historic environment in order to identify important and locally distinctive historic landscapes and feature.</p>					
<p><b>HE9</b> – Ensure that archaeological fieldwork within the AONB is undertaken within the context of a relevant research framework and that the data is incorporated into the Sites and Monuments Record</p>					

responsible for the locality.					
<b>HE10</b> – Undertake an “historic environment risk assessment and management project” to assess risks and identify opportunities for enhanced access and limits of acceptable change.					
<b>HE11</b> – Ensure the Sites and Monuments Records reflect historic landscape character and distinctive landscape patterns.					
<b>HE12</b> – Increase appreciation and understanding of the historic environment of the AONB and its conservation needs both amongst local communities and visitors.					
<b>HE13</b> – Develop strategies to promote economic wellbeing through sustainable tourism based on raising public awareness and enjoyment of the historic environment.					
<b>HE14</b> – Promote social inclusion through community involvement in the conservation and interpretation of the historic environment.					
<b>HE15</b> – Encourage sustainable enjoyment of the historic environment through the promotion of public access and tourism.					

<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>The Built Environment</b>				
Ensure that new development conserves and enhances the local distinctiveness and aesthetic qualities of the built environment of the Chilterns.					
Promote improvements to the built environment of the Chilterns to enhance its distinctive character.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>The Built Environment</b>				
<b>BD1</b> – Conserve and enhance the distinctive character of the built environment of the Chilterns AONB, particularly reinforcing local distinctiveness to contribute to the conservation of the special qualities of the Chilterns landscape.					
<b>BD2</b> – Promote high standards of development through the application of principles contained within the <i>Chilterns Buildings Design Guide</i> , and related Technical Notes, the <i>Environmental Guidelines for the Management of Roads in the Chilterns</i> and, once published, the <i>Agricultural Buildings Design Guide</i>					
<b>BD3</b> – Encourage the adoption of these documents as Supplementary Planning					

Guidance and their practical use by all local authorities within the Chilterns AONB.					
<b>BD4</b> – Promote best practice and use of specific guidance for the Chilterns on the siting, design and construction of new agricultural buildings.					
<b>BD5</b> – Promote best practice in the use of traditional materials, namely flint, clay products and timber, to supplement the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide. Efforts to use sustainable locally derived materials should be encouraged.					
<b>BD6</b> – Support the sustainable use of local natural resources, notably, timber, fireclay and flint, for local building.					
<b>BD7</b> – Seek to guide developments and activities exempt from planning control in order to lessen their impact on the Chilterns AONB.					
<b>BD8</b> – Seek to reduce the impact of telecommunication infrastructure and provide guidance to operators and local planning authorities on how environmental impacts can be minimised.					

<p><b>BD9</b> – Lobby Central Government and other relevant agencies to prevent damaging development in the AONB, including telecommunications masts and overhead power lines.</p>					
<p><b>BD10</b> – Enhance the quality by the removal or mitigation of existing visually intrusive developments when the opportunity arises and resources are available.</p>					
<p><b>BD11</b> - Pursue opportunities for landscape improvement when development is proposed in, or adjacent to, the boundaries of the AONB.</p>					
<p><b>BD12</b> - Encourage appropriate development, especially on previously developed land, that will improve the economic and social well-being of the area, whilst having regard to the special qualities of the AONB and to policies in Development Plans.</p>					
<p><b>BD13</b> - Encourage increased densities on new housing developments to appropriate levels, and to incorporate significant amounts of affordable dwellings, whilst having regard to the special qualities of the AONB</p>					

and to policies in Development Plans.					
<b>BD14</b> - Promote full consideration of the environmental effects of proposals to expand airports, especially Heathrow and London Luton, beyond existing permissions in terms of the number of flights and passenger throughput, with due weight given to the potential adverse impacts on the Chilterns, particularly in terms of traffic and air and noise pollution.					
<b>BD15</b> - Encourage the use of renewable energy, in appropriate circumstances, and particularly of small combined heat and power facilities for new public buildings or other new developments if feasible.					
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>The Water Environment</b>				
Maintain the environmental and aesthetic value of river corridors and, in particular, provide a variety of river landscapes and habitats characteristic of the AONB.					
Conserve and enhance biodiversity associated with wetland habitats.					
Protect and improve the water environment within the AONB					

through effective management of water resources and reductions in pollution.					
To raise awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the water environment.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>The Water Environment</b>				
<b>WE1</b> - Support the Environment Agency in fulfilling its obligations under the Water Resources Act 1991 to conserve and enhance the water environment when discharging all its duties.					
<b>WE2</b> - Promote the development and implementation of River Sustainability Schemes on all rivers affected by low flows due to over-abstraction.					
<b>WE3</b> - Promote management planning of the water resource and abstraction levels at a catchment scale.					
<b>WE4</b> - Promote creation of riparian buffer strips to reduce impact of surface water run off into rivers and help conserve their biodiversity.					
<b>WE5</b> - Promote and develop sustainable drainage systems to reduce the impact of run-off on watercourses.					
<b>WE6</b> - Promote agri-environment					



schemes that reduce applications to reduce diffuse pollution within catchments.					
<b>WE7</b> - Develop a programme of improvements to sewage treatment works under the AMP3 investment programme to attain water quality targets.					
<b>WE8</b> - Continue programme of River Corridor and River Habitat surveys on all Chilterns rivers.					
<b>WE9</b> - Promote and undertake surveys for relevant Biodiversity Action Plan species.					
<b>WE10</b> - Develop a programme of riparian and in-stream conservation works in support of Biodiversity Action Plan targets for chalk streams, rivers and wetlands, and key species such as water vole, water crowfoot and water shrew.					
<b>WE11</b> - Promote natural flow conditions in rivers and streams through the removal of man made in-stream features, such as weirs, where appropriate.					
<b>WE12</b> - Promote appropriate management and monitoring of ponds in the AONB.					
<b>WE13</b> - Develop programmes for monitoring and controlling					

invasive plant and animal species.					
<b>WE14</b> - Seek to safeguard all statutory designated wetland sites within the AONB and work in partnership with landowners and occupiers to ensure that these sites achieve and maintain favourable condition.					
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>People, Jobs and Services</b>				
Whilst ensuring the conservation of the AONB, foster the social and sustainable economic well being of local communities.					
Promote understanding of the Chilterns as a living and working landscape.					
Raise awareness of the social and economic needs of local communities, and address the issue of social exclusion.					
Support the provision of affordable housing for local people.					
Identify and develop opportunities to add value to local products and services which benefit the environment and economy of the Chilterns.					
Retain and enhance the provision of, and access to, facilities and services as part of programmes to promote the conservation and enjoyment of the environment of					

the Chilterns.					
Support the efforts of local communities to conserve their local environment and enhance their sense of local pride and stewardship.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>People, Jobs and Services</b>				
<b>PJS 1</b> - Support an increase in the provision of affordable housing, both for rent and for sale, in market towns and villages.					
<b>PJS 2</b> - Promote the provision and use of public transport to assist local people gain access to services and facilities.					
<b>PJS 3</b> - Highlight the potential impact on local rail services of national transport programmes and the implications of these for local communities.					
<b>PJS 4</b> - Reduce the need to travel by promoting the use of communications technology for the provision of services and work, and generally more flexible home working arrangements.					
<b>PJS 5</b> - Promote the rural economy by assisting rural diversification, and developing marketing initiatives which add value to local products and services.					

<p><b>PJS 6</b> - Develop a Chilterns branding scheme, incorporating a kite mark, to add value to local products which benefit the environment, such as those produced from environmentally sensitive farming.</p>					
<p><b>PJS 7</b> - Encourage buying policies which reduce or minimise the impact on the environment generally, and the Chilterns in particular.</p>					
<p><b>PJS 8</b> - Promote the sustainable development of the local tourist economy, to increase the contribution of visitors to the local economy, by promoting the natural and cultural environment and opportunities to enjoy the countryside and buy local produce.</p>					
<p><b>PJS 9</b> - Promote the special distinctiveness of local towns and villages to help develop their visitor appeal.</p>					
<p><b>PJS 10</b> - Promote the role of villages and market towns as centres in the rural economy.</p>					
<p><b>PJS 11</b> - Seek to retain and enhance the general level of services and facilities available to local communities and, if</p>					

necessary, support the provision of services and facilities through integration, e.g. a pub or village hall incorporating a post office, or a shop providing visitor information.					
<b>PJS 12</b> - Promote the involvement of local people in conserving the Chilterns, notably through the Chiltern Society, Wildlife Trusts, National Trust and other active local and regional organisations.					
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>Farming and Forestry</b>				
Support and promote sustainable agriculture and forestry that will conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Chilterns.					
Maintain and enhance, through sustainable management, the wooded and farmed landscape, with its characteristic pattern of valley-side woodlands, open wooded commons, beech-woods, ancient semi-natural woodlands, irregular fields patterns and hedgerows.					
Create and maintain well managed woodland, based on a mixed, high forest structure capable of producing high quality timber.					
Maintain and enhance the					

biodiversity of woodland and farmland of the area.					
Enhance the quality of recreational opportunities on farmland and in woodland.					
Enhance public awareness and identity of forestry and farming.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>Farming and Forestry</b>				
<b>FF1</b> - Secure the continued viability of sustainable farming and woodland management through support measures linked to the widespread adoption of environmentally sensitive practices, including the retention, management and re-creation of wildlife habitats and landscape features.					
<b>FF2</b> - Promote the uptake of current and future incentives, such as agri-environment schemes, which encourage farmers and other landowners to conserve and enhance the landscape, and the archaeological and ecological attributes of their land.					
<b>FF3</b> - Lobby for a more effective and integrated system of incentives, embodied in a specific agri-environment scheme tailored for the Chilterns.					
<b>FF4</b> - Support agricultural					

practices which contribute to, or mitigate damaging impacts on the environment e.g. integrated crop management, precision farming, extensive grazing and organic production.					
<b>FF5</b> - Encourage the use of whole farm management planning to promote larger scale and integrated conservation management.					
<b>FF6</b> - Promote targeted habitat re-creation, particularly chalk grassland and scrub, especially where this will link existing fragmented sites.					
<b>FF7</b> - Promote sustainable and multi-purpose management of woodland, balancing amenity, wildlife conservation, recreation objectives with the aim of producing high quality timber where appropriate.					
<b>FF8</b> - Promote the management of Heritage Woodlands, other Ancient Semi-natural Woodlands (ASNW), SSSIs, SACs and other designated nature conservation sites in accordance with approved management plans and good practice guidance.					
<b>FF9</b> - Strengthen existing					

landscape character and link isolated woods by new woodland planting, whilst ensuring that sites of existing conservation value are protected.					
<b>FF10</b> - Lobby for enhanced levels and new forms of grant aid to encourage management and re-stocking of existing woodland and new planting.					
<b>FF11</b> - Provide practical assistance, advice and training to encourage the management of woodland and other environmental features which are currently neglected.					
<b>FF12</b> - Support the viability of sustainable woodland management by enhancing the marketing of local timber and other woodland produce.					
<b>FF13</b> - Encourage woodland owners to enter their woodland to national certification schemes such as UKWAS and FSC.					
<b>FF14</b> - Promote a co-operative approach to woodland management and marketing, geared particularly to the issue of managing small woodlands.					
<b>FF15</b> - Promote co-ordinated, consistent and high quality					



conservation and funding advice to farmers, landowners and managers.					
<b>FF16</b> - Support the viability of farming by enhancing the marketing of produce from environmentally sensitive agriculture.					
<b>FF17</b> - Resist the planting of genetically modified crops until the results of the government research are known and the impacts on the environment shown to be acceptable.					
<b>FF18</b> - Promote the creation and use of farmers' markets to encourage the production and purchase of local produce from environmentally sensitive farming.					
<b>FF19</b> - Develop a Chilterns branding scheme, incorporating a kite mark, to add value to local products which benefit the environment, such as those produced from environmentally sensitive farming.					
<b>FF20</b> - Encourage forms of diversification and new business ventures that will support the viability of farming and forestry, whilst contributing to the conservation, enhancement and					

enjoyment of the AONB.					
<b>FF21</b> - Promote best practice and use of specific guidance for the Chilterns on the siting, design and construction of new agricultural buildings.					
<b>FF22</b> - Encourage a sensitive approach in local planning policy and development control in order to conserve and enhance the contribution that suitable farming and forestry buildings make to landscape character and quality.					
<b>FF23</b> - Promote a wider public understanding of farming and forestry.					
<b>FF24</b> - Promote the benefits of farmland and woodland for recreation and health.					
<b>FF25</b> - Promote and develop methods by which the wider social benefits provided by agriculture and forestry, particularly recreation, nature conservation and landscape management, can be recognised by the market.					
<b>FF26</b> - Promote the management of pest species, where necessary, in the interests of nature conservation, and agricultural and timber production.					

<p><b>FF27</b> - Encourage field sports to contribute to the environmentally sustainable management of landscape features and wildlife conservation.</p>					
<p><b>Broad Aims</b></p>	<p><b>Minerals and Waste Disposal</b></p>				
<p>Reduce any adverse impact of former extraction sites on the character of the AONB. Complement the policies of the minerals and waste local plans to ensure the objectives of AONB designation are upheld.</p>					
<p><b>Policies</b></p>	<p><b>Minerals and Waste Disposal</b></p>				
<p><b>MW1</b> - Secure the implementation of appropriate restoration measures to integrate worked out quarries into the landscape.</p>					
<p><b>MW2</b> - Encourage appropriate management of redundant quarries for nature conservation (including geological features), remaining archaeological interest and, where suitable, recreational activities.</p>					
<p><b>MW3</b> - In partnership with landowners, devise and negotiate appropriate management schemes where sites are identified for landscape treatment, recreational use, wildlife, geological or archaeological</p>					

interest.					
<b>MW4</b> - Encourage the continuation of the local brick making industry, to ensure a continued supply of high quality, traditional building materials, consistent with principles of environmental sustainability.					
<b>MW5</b> - Support the demand for such materials by seeking their use in new developments, in accordance with the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide.					
<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>Recreation and Access</b>				
Provide recreation and access opportunities for all, including local communities, those living in adjacent towns and visitors, ensuring their visit is sustainable and compatible with the overriding aim of the AONB - to conserve and enhance natural beauty.					
Promote greater concern for, awareness and understanding of the Chilterns.					
Ensure a high quality experience for all, with special encouragement for those who are currently unable to visit the countryside.					
Enhance the contribution of recreational visitors to the local					

economy.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>Recreation and Access</b>				
<b>RA1</b> - Promote awareness and understanding of the special status of the Chilterns as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.					
<b>RA2</b> - Develop and maintain a strategic understanding of recreation and access activity, management needs and priorities across the Chilterns.					
<b>RA3</b> - Promote and support environmentally sustainable management of sites used for recreation including historic landscapes open to the public and other popular areas with open access such as downland and commons.					
<b>RA4</b> - Promote sustainable and multi-purpose woodland management, balancing amenity, wildlife conservation, recreation objectives with the aim of producing high quality timber where appropriate.					
<b>RA5</b> - Promote the provision of countryside management services across the Chilterns and to nearby towns, by co-ordinating existing services and where necessary develop new services to ensure					

Chilterns-wide coverage.					
<b>RA6</b> - Enhance the quality of Visitor Welcome at all promoted sites.					
<b>RA7</b> - Promote the development of Chilterns visitor facilities - as part of an initiative to provide gateways to the Chilterns based on existing facilities.					
<b>RA8</b> - Provide additional interpretation and information material to visitor and information centres, to enhance the quality of visitor experience and to encourage those who are not traditional visitors to the countryside.					
<b>RA9</b> - Promote responsible behaviour by all visitors to the countryside including promotion of the 'Caring for the Chilterns' Code.					
<b>RA10</b> - Develop strategic access and recreational opportunities to strengthen links between town and country.					
<b>RA11</b> - Provide special encouragement and assistance to 'non traditional' users to visit the countryside, including information in specialised forms.					
<b>RA12</b> - Maintain and Enhance the					

Public Rights of Way Network.					
<b>RA13</b> - Enhance the quality and consistency of rights of way and promoted route signing across the AONB.					
<b>RA14</b> - Increase the use of local timber for countryside furniture including signposting, gates and stiles.					
<b>RA15</b> - Improve the network of promoted routes and enhance co-ordination between route managers.					
<b>RA16</b> - Improve co-ordination and consultation arrangements for development and management of local, regional and national routes.					
<b>RA17</b> - Support local groups which provide and manage access facilities.					
<b>RA18</b> - Encourage all visitors to enjoy the Chilterns without using a car, by promoting use of public transport, walking, cycling and riding.					
<b>RA19</b> - Promote walking in general and specifically through the Health Walks Programme.					
<b>RA20</b> - Promote the production of Green Travel Plans for all major attractions, sites and routes.					
<b>RA21</b> - Promote Safer Routes to					

Schools campaigns to encourage school children to walk or cycle to and from school.					
<b>RA22</b> - Develop networks of Quiet Lanes and Greenways on a pilot basis, to provide safer and more attractive opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding, and apply to the rest of the Chilterns as appropriate.					
<b>RA23</b> - Address the needs and aspirations of those with mobility impairments and develop provision where appropriate throughout the AONB.					
<b>RA24</b> - Maximise the benefits of sustainable recreation activity and access to local communities and the rural economy.					
<b>RA25</b> - Minimise any damaging impacts of recreation activities and facilities or tourism development within the wider countryside.					
<b>RA26</b> - Discourage, and when appropriate refuse permission for noisy and damaging recreation activities.					
<b>RA27</b> - Enhance the quality of experience for all visitors by conserving and restoring peace and quiet.					



<b>Broad Aims</b>	<b>Travel and Transport</b>				
Conserve and enhance the rural character of the AONB, whilst ensuring safer access for travellers to and within the area.					
Promote environmentally sustainable and integrated forms of travel, especially alternatives to the car.					
Enhance the quality of the environment for local communities and visitors by reducing the impact of vehicle traffic on rural roads, and within towns and villages.					
Promote the importance of conserving the Chilterns AONB in the development and operation of regional and national transport systems.					
Protect the special landscape and other environmental qualities of the AONB from the damaging impacts of transportation developments and highway improvement schemes.					
<b>Policies</b>	<b>Travel and Transport</b>				
<b>TR1</b> - Develop and promote schemes, in conjunction with public transport operators, for improved and specialised services.					

<b>TR2</b> - Promote the establishment and use of the roads hierarchy to assist in ensuring inappropriate traffic does not use rural roads.					
<b>TR3</b> - Use traffic management measures to conserve sensitive areas by seeking to prevent the inappropriate use of particular roads by inappropriate traffic.					
<b>TR4</b> - Develop area based approaches to traffic management, integrating traffic and transport measures.					
<b>TR5</b> - Develop networks of Quiet Lanes and Greenways on a pilot basis, to provide safer and more attractive opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding, and apply to the rest of the Chilterns as appropriate.					
<b>TR6</b> - Promote lower speed limits in selected areas and roads where this would be environmentally beneficial and confer safety benefits on users and local residents.					
<b>TR7</b> - Promote speed reduction in villages, including the possibility of introducing a speed limit of 30mph in all villages.					
<b>TR8</b> - Promote the use of speed cameras and speed activated					

signs, especially in villages and on roads where this would provide an effective alternative to intrusive engineered traffic calming measures.					
<b>TR9</b> - Develop new designs to ensure physical traffic calming methods in villages and along rural roads are environmentally sympathetic and respect local character.					
<b>TR10</b> - Promote cycling, walking and horse riding as alternatives to the car and to encourage healthier lifestyles.					
<b>TR11</b> - Develop a safer cycle-route network which is attractive for all types of cycling, social, utility and leisure, and designed to be sympathetic to the environment and respect local character.					
<b>TR12</b> - Promote passenger transport options which reduce the need to travel by car.					
<b>TR13</b> - Promote Travel wise initiatives encouraging people to consider alternatives to using their cars.					
<b>TR14</b> - Promote the potential benefits of working at or close to home.					
<b>TR15</b> - Promote the use of Green					

Travel Plans by local businesses.					
<b>TR16</b> - Promote Safer Routes to Schools campaigns to encourage school children to walk or cycle to and from school.					
<b>TR17</b> - Promote development and use of the existing Rights of Way network for those wishing to travel on foot, by cycle or on horse.					
<b>TR18</b> - Promote the use of car parking associated with pubs, village halls and churches within villages in the AONB, as a safer alternative to rural car parks.					
<b>TR19</b> - Promote full consideration of the potential environmental impact of highways and traffic management proposals in and adjacent to the AONB so that damaging developments may be firmly resisted.					
<b>TR20</b> - Promote appropriate standards of design in future highway and other transportation infrastructure schemes in order to mitigate their impact and so conserve the special character and quality of the AONB landscape.					
<b>TR21</b> - Promote high standards of management through the application of principles contained					

in the Environmental Guidelines for the management of Roads in the Chilterns.					
<b>TR22</b> - Reduce roadside 'clutter' by rationalising signing where possible and to ensure appropriate designs are used.					
<b>TR23</b> - Promote the use of low noise road surfaces, on motorways, principal roads and roads through villages.					
<b>TR24</b> - Reduce light pollution by remove existing lighting and illuminated signs now considered unnecessary and use of cut off lanterns on all new and replacement street lights.					
<b>TR25</b> - Where necessary, improve the system of consultations to ensure highway maintenance and improvement works within the AONB are fully assessed in regard to their potential environmental impacts.					
<b>TR26</b> - Promote full consideration of the potential impacts on the Chilterns of major rail infrastructure proposals, including the impact on the landscape; light, noise and air pollution; and knock-on effects on other rail and road					

use.					
<b>TR27</b> - Promote full consideration of the environmental effects of proposals to expand airports, especially Heathrow and London Luton, beyond existing permissions in terms of the number of flights and passenger throughput, with due weight given to the potential adverse impacts on the Chilterns, particularly in terms of traffic and air and noise pollution.					
<b>TR28</b> - Seek a reduction in the nuisance caused by aircraft movements over the Chilterns, especially by aircraft using London Luton Airport, and low flying light aircraft and helicopters.					
<b>TR29</b> - If necessary, promote a code of conduct to reduce the nuisance caused by low flying light aircraft and helicopters.					
<b>TR30</b> - Increase public awareness and use of public passenger transport services as an alternative to the car.					