

**Wye Valley National Landscape**  
**AONB Management Plan (2026-31) Review Programme**

<b>Task No.</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Suggested timetable</b>	<b>Progress</b>
	<b>Formalities and Notification</b>		
1.	Endorse outline Management Plan Review programme	Nov 2024	Achieved
2.	Authorisation from local authorities to undertake review on their behalf	Dec 2024	In MoU 2021-24
3.	S90 (1) Notify Natural England & Natural Resources Wales	Dec 2024	Verbal
4.	Announce requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	Jan 2025	TBC
5.	Finalise process and timetable of review	Feb 2025	Achieved
	<b>Scoping</b>		
6.	Consider strengths and weaknesses of current Plan and new strategic priorities	Feb 2025	19 <sup>th</sup> March Seminar
7.	Endorse consultation programme	Mar 2025	JAC 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
8.	Online survey to gather initial comments and views	Mar-Apr 2025	
9.	Publish State of AONB Report	Mar 2025	TBC
10.	JAC/ Partnership 'workshop' on current Plan, policies, evidence, positions and new strategic priorities	Mar 2025	19 <sup>th</sup> March Seminar
11.	Review and assess other new evidence, law, policies, strategies, plans and issues which are of relevance (including the Outcomes Framework, requirement for climate change adaptation plans etc).	Mar-Apr 2025	On-going
12.	Identify main areas requiring update or new work	May 2025	On-going
13.	Collate responses & views on issues from existing sources	May-Jun 2025	On-going
14.	Start SEA Scoping Study, collation of data and evidence of other plans and programmes, seek input from the Environmental bodies.	Jun 2025	
	<b>Consultation</b>		
15.	Undertake targeted consultations/participatory workshops with relevant groups on current Plan, policies, evidence, positions and new strategic priorities	Jun 2025	19 <sup>th</sup> March Seminar & on-going
16.	Identify key issues, aims and objectives	July 2025	

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17.	Draft new wording for consultation draft of revised Plan	Aug 2025	
18.	Write SEA report, setting context and objectives, establishing baseline evidence and indicators (Stage A). Assess effects of objectives, policies and actions and for SEA and/or SA (stage B). Collate Environmental Report for SEA/SA (stage C) plus non-technical summary	Sept 2025	
19.	Consultation Draft reviewed	<del>Oct 2025</del> Nov /Dec 2025	
20.	Run public consultation on new draft plan and SEA/SA report (Stage D). 12 weeks. Consult on scoping report for SEA	<del>Oct 2025 – Jan 26</del> Delay to Jan 2026 for 10 weeks (as avoids Christmas)	
21.	Undertake specific targeted consultations/participatory workshops with relevant groups as required	<del>Autumn 2025</del> JAC Seminar during 10 week consultation	
22.	Consider comments from consultation and amend plan	<del>Feb-Mar 2026</del> April-May 2026	
23.	Initial report on consultation and suggested amendments	<del>Mar 2026</del> TOWP June 2026	
	<b>Adoption</b>		
24.	Draft plan to JAC for approval	July 2026	
25.	Send to Natural England for formal observations	July 2026	
26.	Consider comments from formal observations and amend Plan	Aug 2026	
27.	Get new plan formally approved by Local Authorities and JAC Chair	Sept 2026	
28.	Design, printing and distribution	Oct 2026	
29.	Send approved plan to Secretary of State	Oct 2026	
30.	Publish statement of how SEA taken into account and changes	Oct 2026	
31.	Confirmation of full adoption of Plan	JAC Nov 2026	