

Wye Valley National Landscape / AONB Management Plan Review Programme (July 2026)

Task No.	Task	Suggested timetable	Progress
	Formalities and Notification		
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
	Scoping		
6.	Consider strengths and weaknesses of current Plan and new strategic priorities	Feb 2025	19 th March Seminar
7.	Endorse consultation programme	Mar 2025	JAC 3 rd 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	19th 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	June 2026 Consultant commissioned to progress.
	Consultation		
15.	Undertake targeted consultations/participatory workshops with relevant groups on current Plan, policies, evidence, positions and new strategic priorities	Jun 2025	19th March Seminar & on-going
16.	Identify key issues, aims and objectives	July 2025	Nov/Dec 25

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17.	Draft new wording for consultation draft of revised Plan	Aug 2025	Dec 25 /Jan 26. June 26 Consultant commissioned 2 nd draft in progress.
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	June 26 Consultant commissioned and drafting in progress.
19.	Consultation Draft reviewed	Nov /Dec 2025 July / Aug 26	
20.	Run public consultation on new draft plan and SEA/SA report (Stage D). 12 weeks. Consult on scoping report for SEA	Apr 2026 for 10 weeks (avoiding Easter) 6-8 weeks Oct/Nov 26	
21.	Undertake specific targeted consultations/participatory workshops with relevant groups as required	3 public events during 10 week consultation	
22.	Consider comments from consultation and amend plan	July – Aug Nov/Dec 2026	
23.	Initial report on consultation and suggested amendments	TOWP Oct 2026 Feb 2027	
	Adoption		
24.	Draft revised Plan to JAC for approval	Nov 2026 March 2027	
25.	Send to Natural England for formal observations	Nov 2026 March 2027	
26.	Consider comments from formal observations and amend Plan	Dec 2026 March 2027	
27.	Get new plan formally approved by Local Authorities and JAC Chair	Jan April 2027	
28.	Design, printing and distribution	Feb May 2027	
29.	Send approved plan to Secretary of State	Mar May 2027	
30.	Publish statement of how SEA taken into account and changes	Mar 2027	
31.	Confirmation of full adoption of Plan	JAC Mar July 2027	