

Summary of Objectives and Policies

Landscape and Seascape	Environmental Quality and Climate Change	Sustainable Rural and Visitor Economy
<p>To conserve and enhance the natural beauty and special landscapes of the AONB</p> <p>A1 Ensure that the landscape character, natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB are conserved, enhanced and fully respected in all decisions affecting the Area</p> <p>A2 Preserve the dark skies, peace and tranquillity of the AONB</p> <p>A3 Ensure developments both onshore and offshore, take account of open views, wilderness and maritime connections</p> <p>A4 Recommend that no development should be permitted inside or outside the AONB that would harm the natural beauty, character or special qualities of the AONB</p> <p>A5 Ensure developments comply with the North Devon Landscape and Seascape Character Assessments</p>	<p>To promote the sustainable management of natural resources and of climate change impacts</p> <p>D1 Increase understanding, adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts on coastal landscapes and communities</p> <p>D2 Contribute to marine planning to conserve and enhance seascape quality, coastal species and habitats</p> <p>D3 Improve inland, coastal and bathing water quality through catchment management, local flood management and litter management</p> <p>(Note: former 'Coast' objective and policies incorporated into this section and others)</p>	<p>To promote sustainable development within the AONB that is consistent with the designation</p> <p>G1 Take account of the value of the natural environment in economic development decisions using the Natural Capital and Ecosystem services approach</p> <p>G2 Support partners to develop sustainable tourism opportunities that promote the special qualities of the AONB, without damaging protected sites and species</p>
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Planning, Development and Infrastructure	Access, Health and Wellbeing
<p>To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the AONB, in terrestrial, aquatic and marine habitats</p> <p>B1 Support and promote approaches to conserve and enhance habitats and species, increase wildlife richness and ensure the resilience of the landscape</p> <p>B2 Identify and address actual and potential impacts on biodiversity from invasive species, disease and climate change</p> <p>B3 Encourage actions to enhance, maintain and promote the geodiversity of the AONB through appropriate site management and public awareness</p> <p>(Note: former 'Geodiversity' objective and policies (C1-3) incorporated into this section)</p>	<p>To ensure the planning process and infrastructure development protects and enhances the designated AONB and its special qualities</p> <p>I1 Provide planning advice and policy guidance to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and special qualities of the designated AONB</p> <p>I2 Promote and maintain the local distinctiveness and historic character of the built environment</p> <p>I3 Support affordable housing proposals to meet local housing needs, that take full account of the AONB designation</p> <p>I4 Conserve and enhance the coast and marine environment in relation to onshore and offshore developments</p> <p>I5 Support appropriate infrastructure, signage and transport networks in the AONB, for the benefit of local and visiting communities</p> <p>I6 Ensure that new development delivers suitable biodiversity net gain</p>	<p>To ensure sustainable access to the AONB for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of local people and visitors, consistent with the designation</p> <p>H1 Work with partners and landowners to develop improved access to and interpretation of the natural environment</p> <p>H2 Support new opportunities and reduce barriers to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and visitors</p>
Historic Environment and Culture	Farming and Land Management	Community Action, Learning and Understanding
<p>To conserve, enhance and understand the historic and cultural features of the AONB</p> <p>E1 Support actions to conserve and enhance the historic and cultural features of the AONB, and their setting</p> <p>E2 Develop approaches to increase understanding of local heritage and culture</p>	<p>To promote farming, food production and land management practices that conserve and enhance the special qualities of the AONB</p> <p>F1 Support partners to deliver sustainable and exemplar land management, forestry, and farming practices in keeping with the AONB designation</p> <p>F2 Work with landowners and managers to maintain landscape features such as hedge-banks and woodlands</p> <p>F3 Support approaches to enhance the Natural Capital within the AONB including carbon storage, clean water, clean air, timber, renewable energy and food, consistent with the designation</p>	<p>To support more people to learn about, understand and take action to conserve the AONB</p> <p>J1 Raise awareness and understanding of the AONB, its special qualities, natural and cultural heritage</p> <p>J2 Develop opportunities for people to volunteer and gain appropriate skills and knowledge to deliver AONB policies</p> <p>J3 Support the provision of community facilities and services to improve the quality of life and sustainability of rural and coastal communities</p> <p>J4 Support communities and businesses to reduce carbon emissions from the designated AONB so long as they are complementary to the special qualities of the AONB</p>

