

## Appendix 1: AONB Management Plan Review – Matrix for Policy against European Protected Sites

### KEY

CODE:	
NLSE	No Likely Significant Effect(s)
LSE	Likely Significant Effect(s) – A likely significant effect on the site’s conservation objectives requiring modification or dropping of the policy , plan or proposal
U	Uncertain - cannot determine if NLSE or LSE (see above) so <u>may</u> require modification or dropping of the policy , plan or proposal

### Landscape

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
L1 Recognise and manage positively those elements of the landscape that contribute to the overall identity and character of the Chilterns.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L2 Promote greater understanding and awareness of local landscape character and those elements which contribute to local distinctiveness.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L3 Resist developments which detract from the Chilterns’ special character.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L4 Enhance the landscape by restoring degraded landscapes, and encouraging the removal or mitigation of intrusive developments and features.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L5 Ensure the impact of development adjacent to the AONB is sympathetic to the character of the Chilterns and maintains the quality of views from it and of it.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L6 Conserve and enhance the distinctive character of buildings, rural settlements and their landscape setting.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L7 Encourage local pride in the landscape and special sense of place to promote concern for their	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

conservation.					
L8 Manage landscapes close to existing and new areas of development so as to be capable of absorbing higher levels of recreation whilst maintaining local character and biodiversity interest.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L9 Manage landscapes sustainably to provide multiple benefits, which could include landscape character, biodiversity, opportunities for recreation and access, production of commodities, storage of carbon and water.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L10 Promote management of the landscape to enable it to adapt to climate change and help mitigate the causes.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
L11 The design and management of transport infrastructure and services should conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Chilterns and reduce their harmful impacts including green house gases.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## Farming and Forestry

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
FF1 Work with farmers and other landowners to conserve and enhance the landscape, and the archaeological and ecological attributes of their land.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF2 Support agricultural and forestry practices which assist adaptation to climate change and mitigate damaging impacts on the environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF3 Promote sustainable management of woodland and farmland to provide multiple benefits, where appropriate, including amenity, production, wildlife	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

conservation, recreation, carbon storage, water resources, conservation of historic heritage and other environmental benefits.					
FF4 Promote co-operative approaches to management of woodland and fragmented farmed habitats and landscapes to achieve landscape scale action.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF5 Support the viability of farming, forestry and other forms of land management by enhancing the marketing of produce based on environmentally-sensitive production methods.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF6 Encourage forms of diversification and new business ventures that will contribute to the conservation, enhancement and enjoyment of the AONB.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF7 Promote a wider public understanding of the importance of farming and forestry and the contribution they make to the Chilterns landscape.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF8 Resist fragmentation of farmland and woodland into small plots.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
FF9 Resist the potentially damaging impacts on landscape and wildlife of large scale conversion of farmland to equestrian uses.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## **Biodiversity**

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
NC1 Support delivery of local, regional and national Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) targets.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC2 Support management and protection of all designated wildlife sites and European protected	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

species to maintain favourable status.					
NC3 Promote management of non-designated sites to enhance their value of biodiversity.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC4 Increase public awareness, understanding and involvement in conservation of the Chilterns' wildlife and habitats	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC5 Maximise the area covered by environmental land management agreements.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC6 Develop landscape scale approaches to buffer, extend and link fragmented sites of nature conservation importance.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC7 Promote the sharing of information on key species and habitats (BAP priority and characteristic species/habitats).	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC8 Develop effective monitoring of the extent and condition of key habitats and species, and the impact of visitor pressure and climate change on them.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC9 Promote the improved management for conservation of farmland habitats, hedgerows, ancient woodland, veteran trees, arable plant communities and common land.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
NC10 promote management to help vulnerable species and habitats to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## Water Environment

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
WE1 Seek the reduction of abstraction of water from catchments where rivers are affected by low flows due to over-abstraction.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

WE2 Promote the planning and sustainable management of water resources at a catchment scale.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE3 Seek improvements to water quality and reduction in pollution levels.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE4 Promote best practice in riparian management.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE5 Promote development and long-term management of sustainable drainage systems.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE6 Maintain, enhance, protect and monitor BAP priority habitats – including chalk rivers, ponds and other wetlands, and key species such as water voles, water crowfoot and water shrews.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE7 Promote restoration schemes to restore natural flow conditions and improve connectivity of rivers.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE8 Safeguard and promote appropriate management on all sites designated for nature conservation (statutory and non-statutory), and pursue the designation of further sites.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE9 Increase public awareness of the link between demand for water, climate change and environmental quality.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE10 Increase the involvement of local communities in the conservation and enhancement the water environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
WE11 Encourage greater public enjoyment of the water environment of the AONB and promote sustainable access to it.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## Historic Environment

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
HE1 Improve the understanding of the character, and conservation and management needs of the historic environment to assist site and property management.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE2 Resist land use changes and management practices which would harm nationally designated and locally important historic assets and their settings.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE3 Promote best practice for the conservation of the historic environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE4 Support economic and social activity, benefiting local communities, based on the sustainable management of the historic environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE5 Ensure the design and location of new development is sympathetic to the character of the historic environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE6 Promote community involvement in the conservation and interpretation of the historic environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE7 Support the preparation and implementation of conservation plans for appropriate areas and sites.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE8 Promote public awareness and enjoyment of the historic environment and involvement in its conservation and stewardship.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
HE9 Promote the management of sites and properties to enable them to adapt to the impacts of climate change and mitigate the causes.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## Development

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
D1 Conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Chilterns AONB, by reinforcing the local distinctiveness of the built environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D2 Promote the highest standards of development which respect vernacular architectural styles and represent high environmental standards in terms of energy and water efficiency.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D3 Promote best practice in the use of traditional materials, namely flint, brick and roofing materials.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D4 Support the sustainable use of local natural resources, notably timber, clay (bricks and tiles) and flint, for local building purposes.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D5 Seek a reduction in the damaging impacts of telecommunications infrastructure.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D6 Seek enhancement of the quality of the landscape of the AONB by the removal or mitigation of existing visually intrusive developments.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D7 Pursue opportunities for landscape improvement and creation of green space (green infrastructure) when development is proposed in, or adjacent to, the boundaries of the AONB.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D8 Encourage appropriate development, especially on previously developed land, that will improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area, whilst having regard to the special qualities of the AONB.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D9 Encourage appropriate densities on new housing developments which reflect the local context, whilst having regard to the special qualities of the AONB	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

and to policies in Development Plans.					
D10 Encourage the use of renewable energy, in appropriate circumstances, and particularly of wood fuel, solar, hydro-power and ground source heat pumps.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D11 Promote measures which assist adaptation to climate change which are compatible with the character of the built environment of the AONB.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D12 Seek a reduction in the level of noise and other forms of pollution caused by all types of aircraft flying over the Chilterns and associated vehicle traffic using the airports.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D13 Promote the restoration and management of redundant quarries into the landscape whilst conserving and enhancing their biodiversity, geological and archaeological features.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D14 Encourage the continuation of the local brick making industry, to ensure a continued supply of high quality, traditional building materials, consistent with the principles of environmental sustainability.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D15 Support the demand for local building materials by seeking their use in new developments, in accordance with the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide and related Supplementary Technical Notes.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D16 Promote the reduction of waste by supporting policies which result in re-use, reduction and recycling of waste materials.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
D17 Seek to minimise the environmental impacts on the Chilterns of quarrying and management of landfill sites adjacent to the AONB, including the impacts of through traffic.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## Understanding and Enjoyment

Management Plan Policies	SAC Names				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
UE1 Provide special encouragement to non traditional visitors including the less mobile, young, urban-based and ethnic minorities, to visit the countryside.	NLSE – the site is managed by Natural England as an NNR. Management is designed to ensure that public access does not harm the site’s special interest.	NLSE – this policy does not promote visits to Burnham Beeches, which is outside the AONB.	NLSE – those sites within the SAC which are subject to the greatest visitor pressure are managed by public bodies such as the National Trust, who are actively developing strategies to disperse visitor pressure away from sensitive areas and to encourage non-car alternatives for example the Ashridge Cycling Strategy. The Management Plan promotes such approaches.	NLSE – the site is mostly in private ownership with no public access. The part of the site that is Open Access land is managed by the Local Wildlife Trust. Visitor pressure is generally modest and this is not expected to change other than during orchid flowering season, when the site is managed through voluntary wardening. The potential for increased visits by car is negligible as parking adjacent to site is extremely limited.	NLSE – this policy does not promote visits to Little Wittenham, which is outside the AONB.
UE2 Enhance the quality of welcome given to visits including the development of new facilities and services where appropriate.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE3 Promote and support management of	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

countryside suitable for recreation whilst conserving its environmental quality and assisting all visitors to behave responsibly.					
UE4 Develop environmentally sustainable access and recreational opportunities which strengthen links between town and country.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE5 Enhance the accessibility of the countryside and, in particular, address the special needs of those with mobility and other impairments and in so doing conserve environmental quality.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE6 Promote the use of public rights of way and improve routes by covering gaps in the network.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE7 Promote management of highways to encourage their use for walking, cycling and horse riding.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE8 Encourage more effective co-ordination of countryside services, volunteers and other partnerships across the Chilterns in order to enhance service delivery and quality of environmental management.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE9 Raise the level of understanding and appreciation amongst visitors of the area's special qualities and the quality of their experience and encourage them to contribute to the area's conservation.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE10 Promote the health and other benefits of visiting the countryside and in particular by walking, cycling and horse riding.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE11 Encourage visits to the countryside and local villages without travelling by car.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE12 Enhance appreciation of the Chilterns by residents and visitors by conserving tranquillity and resisting noisy or damaging activities.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE13 Enhance the contribution to the local economy from all types of visitor trips.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

UE14 Promote the interest of young people in the countryside to help them appreciate and enjoy its natural beauty and develop a concern for caring for the environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE15 Promote a sense of responsibility amongst users and visitors and their willingness to care for the environment.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
UE16 Promote the use of the River Thames and Grand Union Canal for quiet leisure activities consistent with maintenance of environmental quality.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE – the site is mostly in private ownership with no public access. The part of the site that is Open Access land is managed by the Local Wildlife Trust. Visitor pressure is generally modest and this is not expected to change other than during orchid flowering season, when the site is managed through voluntary wardening. The potential for increased visits by car is negligible as parking is extremely limited.	NLSE
UE17 Seek a reduction in the level of noise and other forms of pollution caused by transport of all types including aircraft flying over the Chilterns.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

## **Social and Economic Well-Being**

<b>Management Plan Policies</b>	<b>SAC Names</b>				
	<i>Aston Rowant</i>	<i>Burnham Beeches</i>	<i>Chilterns Beechwoods</i>	<i>Hartslock Wood</i>	<i>Little Wittenham</i>
SE1 Support an increase in the provision of affordable housing which respects local landscape and settlement character.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE2 Promote the provision and use of public transport to assist local people to gain access to services and facilities.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE3 Promote the rural economy by supporting rural diversification and innovation which add value to local products and services which contribute to environmental sustainability.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE4 Encourage buying policies which reduce or minimise the impact on the environment generally, and the Chilterns in particular.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE5 Promote the sustainable development of the local tourist economy, to increase the contribution of visitors, in particular the increased provision of accommodation for visitors.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE6 Promote the special distinctiveness of local towns and villages to help develop their visitor appeal.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE7 Promote the role of villages and market towns as centres in the rural economy.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE8 Promote healthy lifestyles by using the countryside for exercise and opportunities for volunteer work.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE9 Provide opportunities for local people and visitors to learn about the Chilterns and to help care for its environment and heritage.	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE
SE10 Advise local communities on how climate change might affect the Chilterns and on courses of	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE	NLSE

action to help them adapt to the effects and mitigate the causes.					
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