

Summary of Representations received on Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Management Plan 2020-2025

Name/ Organisation	Paragraph/ Section	Summary of Representation	AONB response	Changes proposed to the draft document
NRW	Section 3.1	<p>3.1 Nature, Landscape and Heritage</p> <p>It would be good to name more of the visually iconic landscapes in this section or in table 5-1- as this helps develop a sense of place and promote where natural beauty is particularly strongly expressed.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>The Prestatyn and Dyserth limestone hills and escarpment</p> <p>The Clwydian Range and Llantysilio upland ridges, passes and notable skylines</p> <p>The Bryn Alyn and Eglwyseg limestone escarpments</p> <p>The Vale of Llangollen picturesque valley displaying considerable 'time depth'</p>	Agreed	Additional text added with specific examples of key landscape and habitats across the AONB
	Section 8.2	Include a What does success look like section for Special Qualities Landscape character	Agreed – this will strengthen the plan and match other sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landscape qualities of tranquillity, remoteness, wildness and natural beauty are sustained and enhanced. Land use change and development change in the AONB is monitored and recorded. • Landscape planning has influenced the proposals for all renewable energy development that lies within the setting of the AONB. Decisions about the location and scale of these projects show particular attention to views from the AONB and effects upon special qualities.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor development within the AONB has been carefully sited to make best use of existing landform, hedgerows and trees to ensure visual integration and allow the retention of natural and historic features. • Development proposals include for the enhancement of the natural and historic features of the site. • Development required to support sustainable communities within the AONB is understood and quantified by the Local Planning Authorities at the Local Development plan review stage. Landscape planning tools including landscape capacity assessment and visual analysis has been used to identify locations that can best accommodate new development. • The Design of rural development draws upon what works in the locality to conserve and enhance natural beauty. The AONB Supplementary Planning Guidance 2018 and Dark Skies SPG are used and referenced in planning proposals.
	9.3 – ACCO3	Add reference to the need for renewable energy		Objective ACCO3 amended to include this
	11.3	Suggest adding new Strategic Objective - <i>Engage with Local Planning Authorities, to ensure their plans for future growth and support for local communities are in line with the landscape capacity of the AONB.</i>	Agreed	New Strategic Objective added.

	11.3	Add new strategic Objective - <i>Contribute to sensitive development planning, informed by landscape character assessments and historic landscape characterisation and promote consistent application of the AONB supplementary planning guidance.</i>	Agreed	New Strategic Objective added.
	Section 3.2.4	Recommend revisiting the Policy Context section to add important elements such as new duties on Local Authorities arising from the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and what this means for the AONB.	Agreed	Section on Environment Act strengthened.
		Include reference to WG's intention to confer a Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) duty on the Designated Landscapes in Valued and Resilient.		This is included in section 3.2.2 and 3.3.7
		The plan should reflect how the AONB could support delivery of shared objectives especially in the Action Plan e.g. information about the Pengwern Vale pilot AS project.	Agreed	ACCO9 amended to include reference to Area Statement Action Plan makes specific reference to Area Statement Projects – Pengwern Vale.
Cadw		On observations or comments received.		