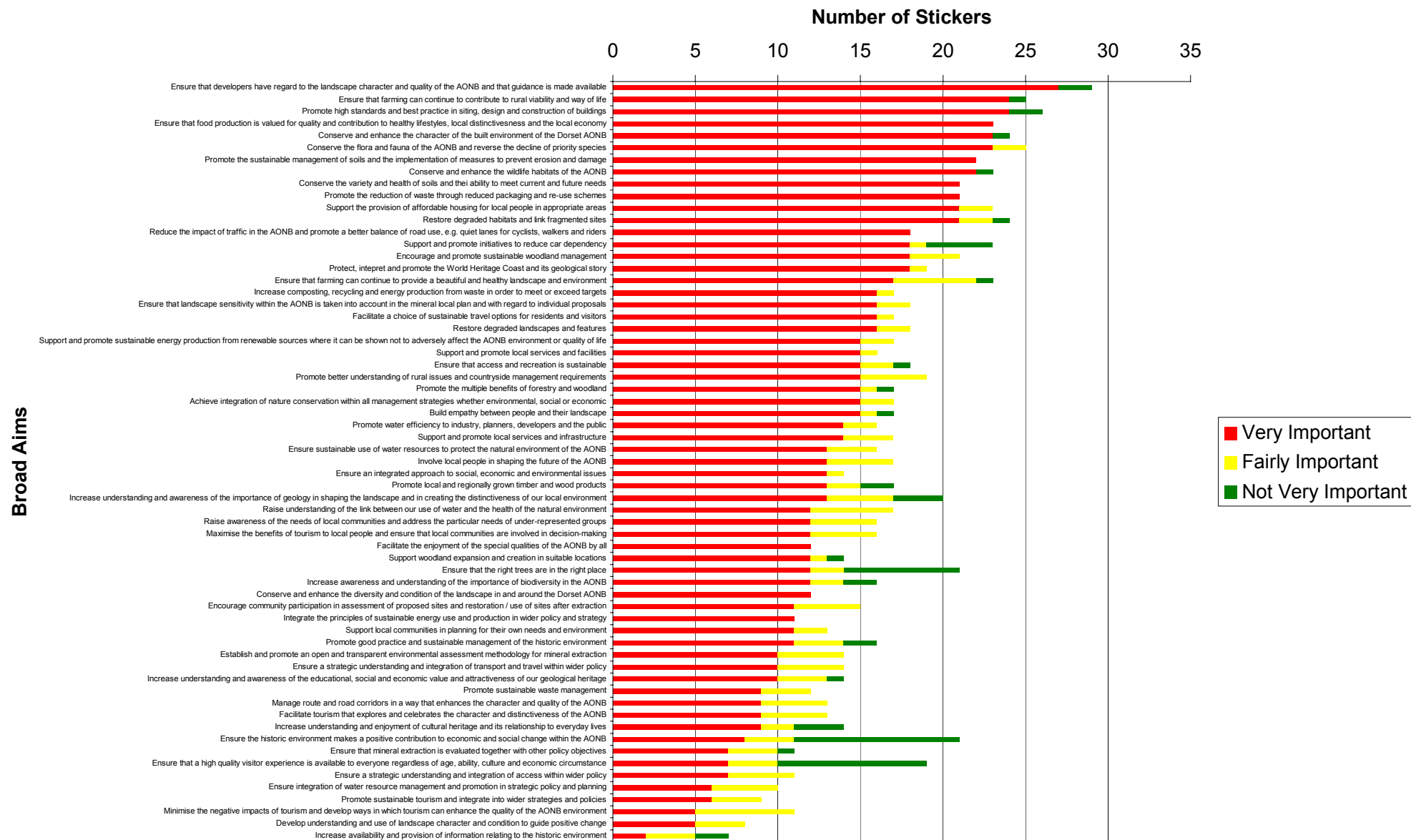


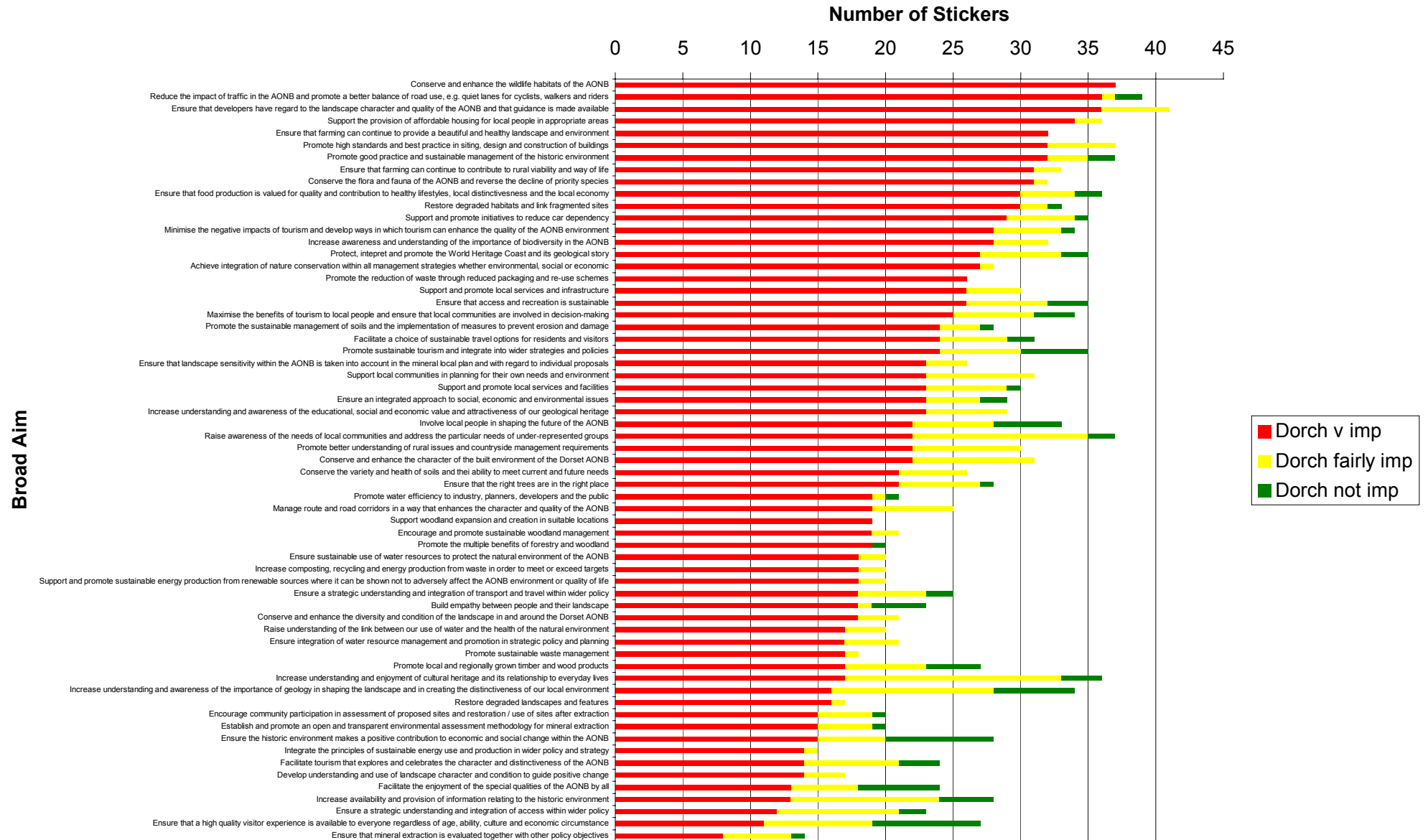
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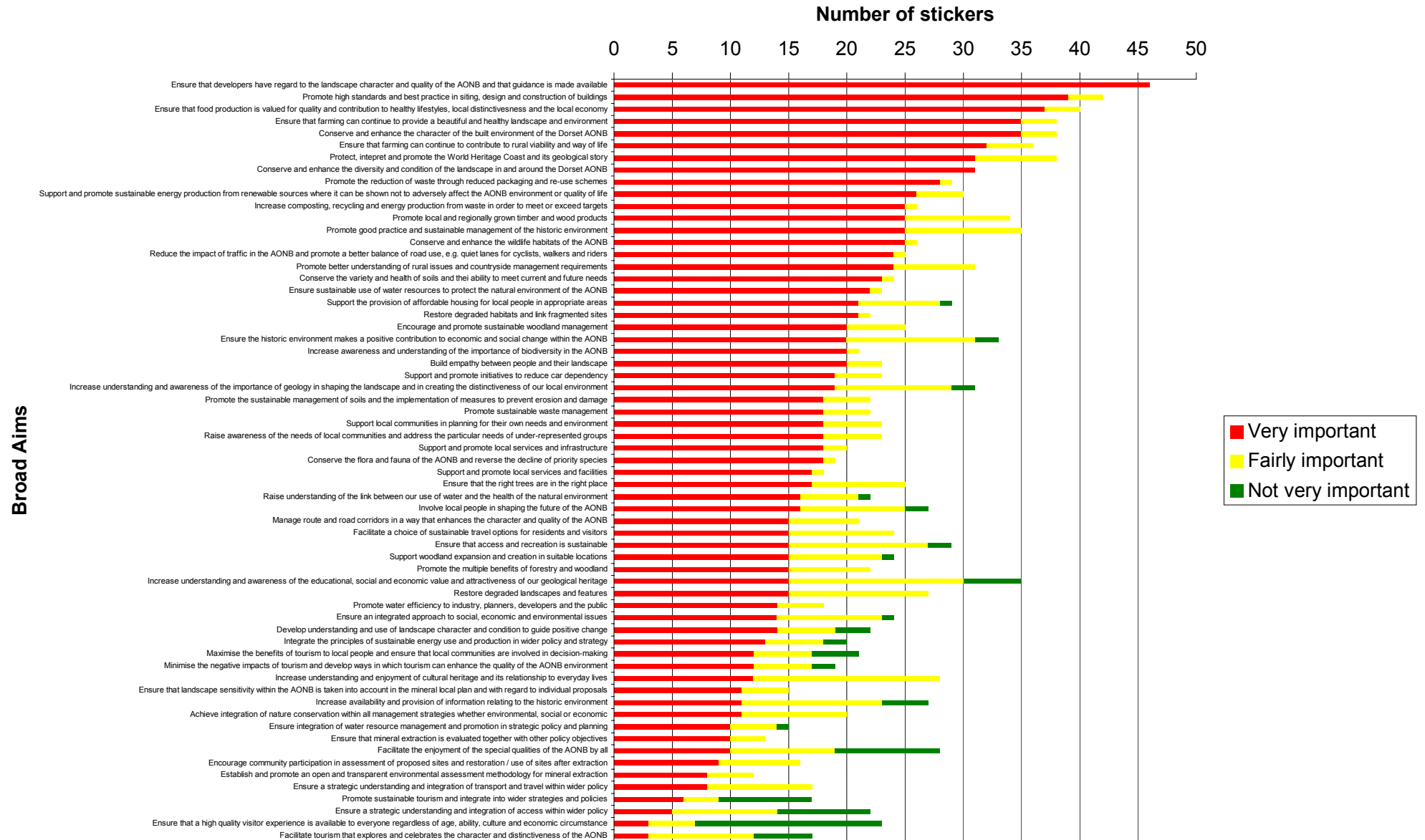
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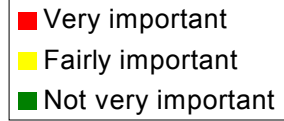
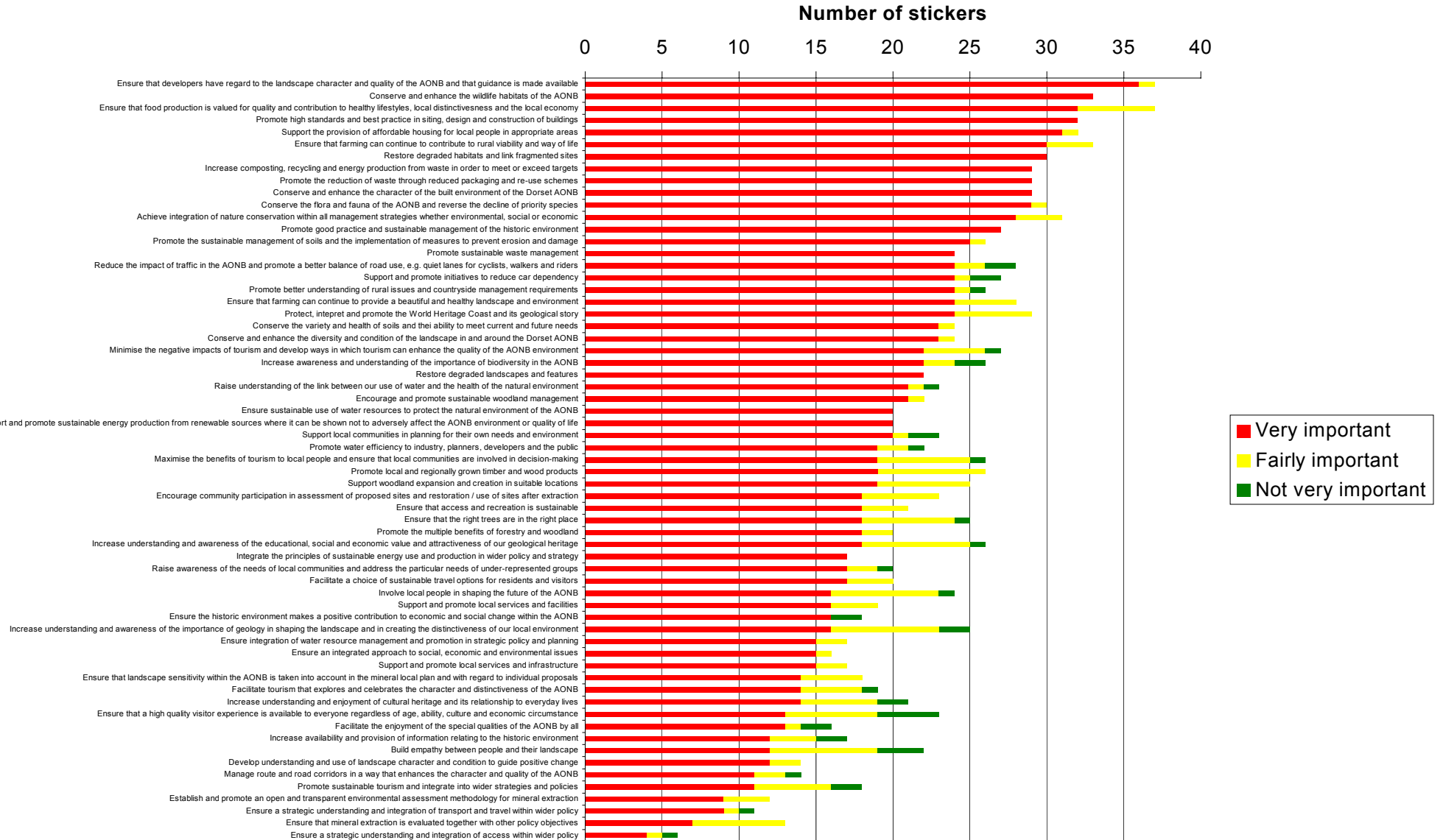
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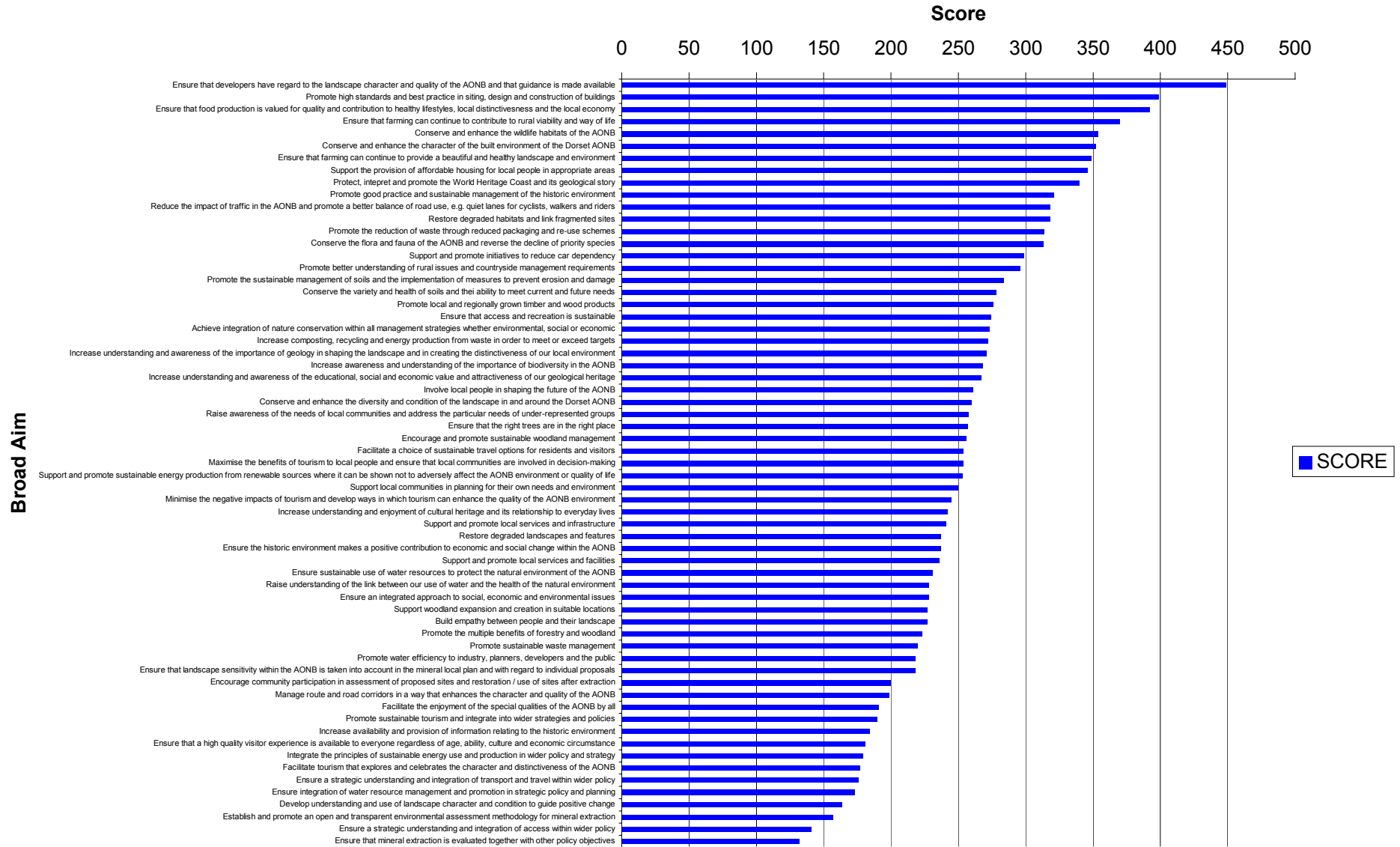
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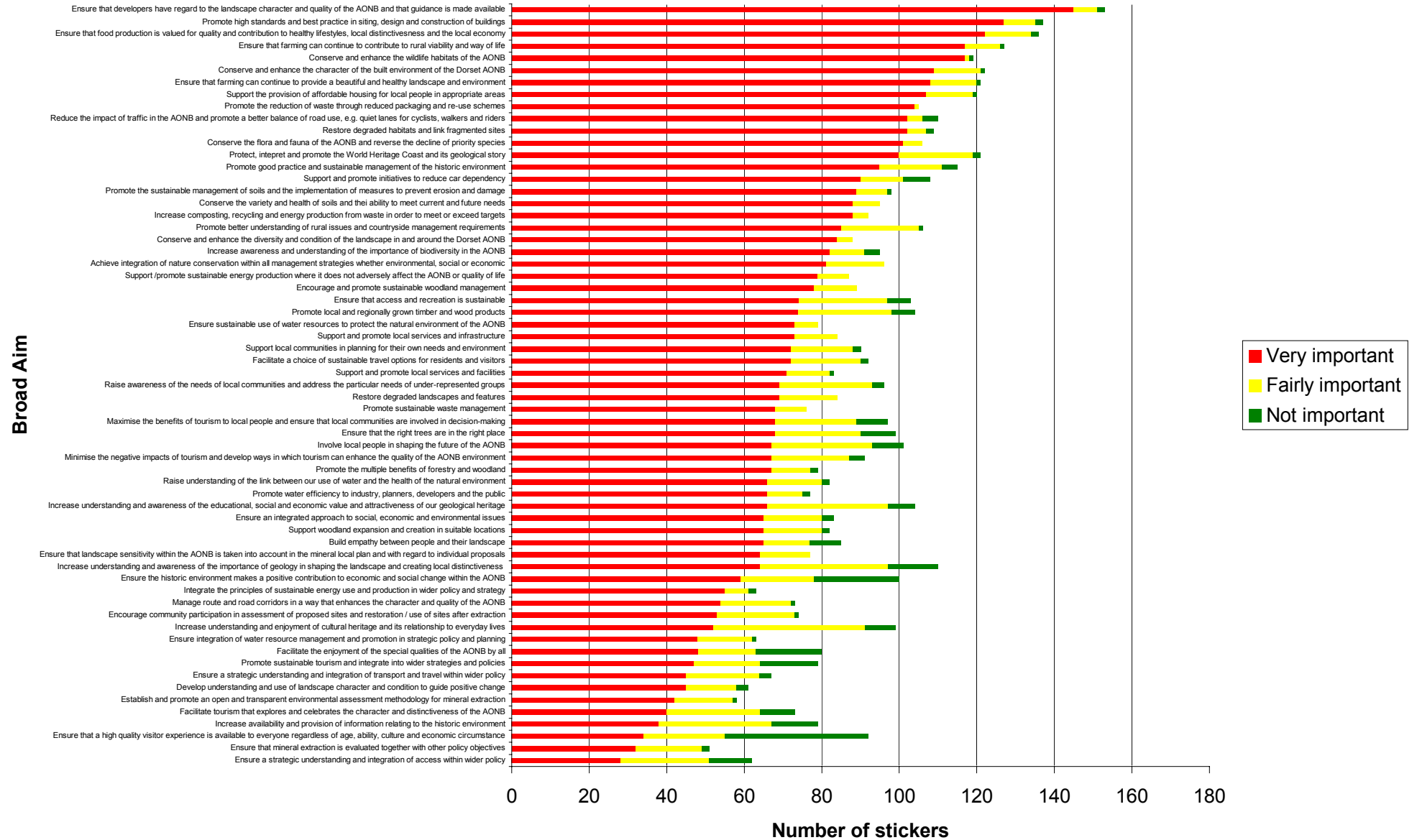
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Dorset AONB Consultation Results - Broad Aims for AONB Management - Combined Scores



Appendix 2

Dorset AONB Consultation Overall Results - Broad Aims for Management



Appendix 3

Additional Comments expressed at the drop in sessions

Comments from Wareham Event

Remember people count as well as nature. Nature adapts as shown on motorways etc. Too many second homes. Too much management of everything.

Noise pollution in countryside (from traffic, generators, electricity installations etc)

We'd give up cars if local and national transport was regular and cheaper!!

A scheme to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Surrender old car before buying new one.

Houses too expensive for first time buyers.

No new building developments in South. The North needs more people and houses.

Inappropriate use of the countryside by uncaring and irresponsible users (on absent landlord owned land).

Regular trains Wareham and Swanage

Native English are the largest group who's needs are under-represented. Equally locals always seem to be subservient to outside pressure groups. P R Wood.

Encourage people to be litter conscious.

Somewhere for teenagers to meet.

Road access from the East is appalling. Large vehicles – especially coaches – should be banned from all non A class roads in the AONB. Don't encourage more people into the Area without a fully integrated traffic system.

Small parking area secure from grazing livestock needed on Slepe Road, Hartland Moor. It would be worth paying a small fee to contribute to costs rather than risk hundreds of pounds of damage to cars from animals.

Produce and maintain a management plan for footpaths to keep them open and accessible to walkers.

Less dead animals on roadsides.

Please can we have a space on DCC web site to notify Right of Way of footpath problems

Need to balance needs of people and wildlife, e.g. Sandford Bypass

Unsupervised and unskilled (in conservation work) labour used in restoration work resulting in destruction of coastal areas and habitats in Purbeck

Gravel extraction at Bestwall. The site remains for the public to enjoy NOT to go to commercial or private enterprise. Once the project is complete, as plans.

County Council should regularly cut verges by rural roads to enable people to walk on them off the road surface.

Too many road signs in the countryside.

How was this publicised? If a friend had not told me (having read it in the Dubber) I would not have known about today and I feel very strongly about this survey. Let's hope there are enough people who care about the red dots.

Return forests to heathland at Arne, Wareham Forest.

No disabled parking concessions in most car parks. Good exhibition. (Visitor from Norfolk)

The X53 bus service is an excellent initiative. Let's hope it succeeds. Let everyone know about it!

The danger of attracting more tourists is that increasing numbers will damage the environment they have come to enjoy.

I am in total agreement with this. (Refers to above comment)

Planning applications for radio masts etc are not notified widely enough to nearby properties

The rare habitats of this area need preserving

County Council should use pipes for drainage rather than dig gulleys across verges that make walking along verges difficult

Loss of hedgerows

Can't emphasize enough the importance of suitable street furniture, subtle road signs and less light pollution – in other words National Park status!

Fly tipping. Does anyone check:

1. The bypass verges
2. Riverside of East Walls
3. Woodland behind Sandford First School

There was no publicity about this meeting. How are people expected to know about it?

Very concerned that the valley of the Frome with its ancient valley woodlands is outside the AONB. AONB can therefore have a negative effect on other areas which in terms of landscape – thereby tourism and biodiversity are excluded. I understand the boundaries were dealt with rather quickly.

Comments from Dorchester Event

Windmills to make electricity sensitively sited would be infinitely preferable to the pylons marching across the land. Wind is free and is non-toxic, God given!

Reed beds for sewage for new housing developments

Willow plantations for electricity

A very good and balanced presentation. The most important points seem to have been well covered. Excellent!

Recycling needs stronger action now.

I feel that sport cricket football games are displayed in the town centre so people can see what games take place on Saturdays, Sundays, etc.

Information in central areas.

An excellent and necessary presentation. I can only hope that public involvement will be at the level it deserves.

"When did you stop beating your wife?!" All these projects seem to be vitally important. We need a good fully integrated policy.

Thorncombe Village Trust. This village is in the centre of AONB. This exhibition has been excellent and thought-provoking. Thank you, Joan Lovegrove, Chairman.

Cable car from Holton Heath to Studland.

Development of Strawberry Field on top of one of West Dorset's highest hills for a sports complex with floodlights, overlooking the valley of the River Estbroke which is a quiet valley known for its echoes. Vice Chair of Uplyme PC, Peter Burton.

(Mr Burton requested that we look into this and left his contact details asking that we call him back re our response.)

Brilliant. Charlton Down (part of is on my mushroom field) more cycle paths are needed as roads are dangerous.

Congestion charging for rural roads – especially Studland

Develop facilities and access to naturist beach and market to North European tourists,

Define cycle routes across the AONB. Information on these routes made available promote sympathetic access to AONB.

Local green composting for big supermarkets etc.

For development, better use of brownfield sites – too many under utilised.

Development control – poor enforcement negates some of what we are trying to achieve.

There must be adequate 'honey pot' areas to serve the tourist who is more concerned with food, drink and entertainment to relieve pressure on AONBs and rural roads from traffic and 'people pressure'.

It seems to me that Dorset has been well endowed with good supplies of high quality clean water – in our rivers, aquifers etc. We must not allow them to be contaminated or wasted.

Parish Clerks ought to be invited as well as councillors.

While it is important to derive economic benefit from tourism, opening up the AONB to this end needs careful handling to minimise the risk of damage by visitor pressure.

Excellent exhibition, I enjoyed it immensely and thought the conservation and environmental issues were lucid thoughtfully designed.

Try to remember that areas that are not AONB need protection also. E.g. wind turbines in North Dorset, Winterbourne Kingston.

In formulating policies to protect AONB landscape and biodiversity, regard will need to be had on the impact of GM crops.

Planning costs.

Comments from Sturminster Newton Event

Say NO to GM – huge implications for Dorset

Make supermarkets charge e.g. 10p per plastic bag

Make supermarkets give 100% organic cotton bags like in Germany and I think Ireland

GO ORGANIC – BUY ORGANIC

Use smaller buses on sensible routes

Recycle plastic bags – can't at the moment in Dorset

Stop ruining our villages by endless building. Do up existing buildings for housing. Create 'new' villages and towns like Poundbury

Inform the next generation of these issues. Take the exhibition to all schools.

Restrict vehicle weights and size through villages

When the Government interferes it's a bad job

Be very aware of "Gummers Law" i.e. the building of so-called "outstanding architectural quality" houses – usually mansions – in the AONB and SSSIs such as the proposed development in Shillingstone chalk pit. These are allowed to flout all usual planning controls.

Make sure that Dorset is a GM-free zone

To enable people to eat and buy organic products they need to be cheaper so that young families will benefit and especially those on low incomes

Cut down on over-packaging goods

The planning office should pay great attention to the design and quality of homes which ordinary working people can afford. Good design and materials does NOT MEAN EXPENSIVE. Secondly the planning office should approach with great caution the wish to gentrify, enlarge and consume land to make extravagant houses. These developments often turn out to be second homes, or purely speculative development. I know of at least one case, less than 5 miles from this spot, where a small cottage which has never been lived in was enlarged to a six bedroom house and is STILL NOT LIVED IN.

This is too small a country to allow wealth to consume acres of land for one house. This is greedy and antisocial. If people want mansions they should purchase existing ones. Gummers Law, which a previous person has remarked on is rubbish and a charter for the greedy.

Wind power generators are not compatible with AONBs. It would ruin a non-renewable landscape with machines of doubtful energy value.

The small fields of North Dorset in particular are NOT suitable for GM crops.

Action should be taken to remove overhead electricity in our villages, particularly conservation areas

PPG7 4.8 should be strictly enforced in the AONB, particularly with regard to architectural (vernacular) styles, building outside village envelopes

Farm buildings and "horseyculture" establishments should be more strictly controlled. The apparatus is there in PPG7 and should be used – colour of buildings, siting etc.

The colour of mobile homes should also be controlled - dark green or other compatible colours CAN be insisted upon.

Our hedgerows are a particularly important and ancient feature of the landscape and must be protected from indiscriminate damage and removal. The penalties are there – use them!

The areas encapsulated by the AONB boundary are arbitrary and decided a long time ago. They do not reflect areas of 'real' beauty currently designated downland that should be afforded the same concerns as that within the current AONB boundary.

Development proposals are imminent for the construction of the largest cluster of industrial wind turbine generators. The turbines are up to 125m (416 feet) high (taller than Salisbury Cathedral) in the area just outside the Dorset AONB. If allowed to go ahead these developments will have an unimaginable detrimental visual and amenity impact on the Dorset AONB. The site of these proposed turbines is within the Dorset Downs which also constitute along with Cranborne Chase, the Dorset AONB.

The protection of listed & historic buildings, particularly small farms and cottages, seems currently to be a somewhat neglected area. I think protection of this class and size of traditional property is essential to the texture and appearance of the county. I have recently seen an entire medieval roof chucked out from a farm house and replaced with "Jewson timber". Dorset has a great tradition in this area – it must not lapse.

Affordable housing is sometimes sold to people on the basis of their connection (family or job) to the neighbourhood – but this restriction is often not required if they then sell the house. This means that the house is probably no longer 'affordable' to locals. I think there should be a long-term commitment to affordability.

Work against the demonisation of GM crops

Very good, but failed to ask what is THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE – PEOPLE. No people, no environmental problems

We must stop building individual houses which take up valuable farmland and ruin villages with suburban sprawl. A purpose-built building of starter flats (as bottom of Damory Street in Blandford) should be built in every village – 16/20 flats probably only as much space as 4 boxy little houses.

We must convert people, particularly the young unmarried girls, that they have no right to separate houses and must be satisfied (and grateful???) to be housed in a communal block of small flats.

If we can convert the population to flat dwelling as on the continent, there will be no country left in 50/100 years.

Roads do not necessarily destroy the environment. They can enhance dramatic areas of countryside and open up views. Thus it would be a severe loss if we were not able to see and enjoy the dramatic views from the A35.

Increased access for mass tourism / leisure etc will severely damage the AONB.

Wind farms should be avoided. They are visually intrusive, destroy birds and can only contribute a minute proportion of our energy needs. Also the energy supply is unreliable.

Can you / do you put any consultation material on the DCC web site?

Is waste an appropriate or necessary topic for an AONB Plan? (Isn't it sufficiently covered in other plans?)

Essential that all AONB meetings should be open to press of public (irrespective as to whether they attend or not). Must be seen to be fully open. Blandford Town Council.

It is essential that 'agricultural' and 'woodland/forestry' management, i.e. farmers, forestry workers and planners, are made completely aware of the irreparable damage being inflicted on the historic environment by unsympathetic processes – this covers a myriad of evils – e.g. plough damage, water extraction, root damage, building pollution – and so on. The problems have been with us for years and they are still with us. Education and a modicum of thought required.

Housing design and layout all equally important, also siting of different types of building – houses which would look fine as a village centre or focus are incongruous when juxtaposed to existing housing without any focus of their own – i.e. Cranborne Park / Honeymead Lane in Stur.

Poor and inadequate roads need to be improved, especially where they are inadequate for traffic volumes which may increase e.g. Southampton to Warminster or Bath.

There should not be more houses in the AONB unless essential for agriculture (unlikely) or infilling in existing villages

Concept of history and economic change are opposites. Do you want both? If not, which?

There is a dichotomy between the absence of any more housing in green belts / AONB and the creation of gross overcrowding of new housing with inadequate facilities for children and other residents in towns, e.g. Blandford.

Comment attached to above: Ask developers and they will say that they are building what people want NOT what they need.

Beware – there is a danger of increased demand for dwellings as a result of encouraging tourists! We live in a beautiful area and increased housing demand will damage this in the long term.

More planned laybys on roads, with trees and benches and lavatories.

Infrastructure (transport, roads, schools, medical centre, police etc) is insufficient for quantity of new houses which have been built and are still being built.

Comments from Bridport Event

Town is quaint, friendly and disgusting with litter and vandalism and anti-social all about Minerals important to local economy and only create short-term disturbance. Sites can be restored with recreation of wildlife habitats. Also unrestored quarries on Portland are prime butterfly habitats.

Recycling – very important but poorly implemented by WDDC. Too expensive – no use of LTCS and does not include plastic which is a large component (in bulk) of landfill sites.

Transport could all run on bio-gas – for more details of the technology required, e-mail: pure_vision2003@yahoo.co.uk

A wonderful opportunity to have our say, Thank you.

Transport to enable our young people to continue their education and training is a big issue in our village. We need help please.

The natural environment should be made a priority. Traffic levels even in a small town like Bridport are intolerable. Kerbside recycling should happen now.

DCC should provide refuse bags / bin liners which are bio-degradable plus domestic separation & greenery separation & local village compost heap

Dorset needs a far more diligent waste recycling policy. Bus services leave much to be desired. Effects of tourism – although a source of income – need to be minimised on those living in the area.

Promote better please as so important. Parish Councils should know, farmers, village notice boards.

To support people in rural areas provide frequent mini bus service. And in general use mini buses rather than buses.

Planning policies are not helping to preserve my village at Morecombelake. Large extensions on small cottages not only take away the heritage of the village, but create houses that become unaffordable to future generations. The size of extensions needs to be controlled and some new building allowed.

Strengthen the weight of AONB, Conservation Areas, Heritage Coast designation so that prevents development. This is not happening at present. These 'designations' mean nothing in practice.

Minerals needed on small scale as part of local economy.
Ensure that the AONBs as defined in the draft District Plan are not changed.
Brown signs vital for small businesses

New technology and architecture can enhance our quality of life. We should not sacrifice these in favour of freezing ourselves in the past. The architecture and craft of the past is debased by mimicry. Nostalgia distorts and destroys our true relationship to the past.

We love the character and beauty of Dorset so let's be sensitive to the place and its past while accepting change and looking forward to the future. Development and change can be harmonious and positive if managed correctly (down with expedient local councillors).

Appendix 4

Consultation Workshop Notes

Wareham Workshop

LANDSCAPE

- Farmed landscapes are most vulnerable
- Understanding and empathy
- Column in local newspaper – ‘What is happening in your farmland today?’

WILDLIFE

- Badly understood
- Farming needs to be profitable
- Promote local food and farmers markets

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Cannot preserve everything
- Need to create our own heritage
- Keep it subtle and sensitive
- Web site available to all
- Avoid over-interpretation

EARTH HERITAGE

- Web site development and accessibility
- Visual access and understanding of quarry working and restoration
- Simplify understanding of earth heritage and bring it alive

FARMING & AGRICULTURE

- Support local produce and producers
- Give guidance for farmers on diversification
- Traditional farming???
- Fair price for food
- TV / Radio???
- Education – start with children – increase understanding of farming practices
- Support local farmers markets and organic schemes
- No relationship between people and farming
- Awards – local produce???. Does this mean an award scheme for local produce??

WOODLAND & FORESTRY

- Education
- Promotion of woodland products
- Economics
- Local use
- Not all timber of good quality
- Can play an important role??
- Develop? Best Parish Woodlands Scheme
- Modern technology can help create woodland products?

ACCESS & RECREATION

- Information re access and recreation needs to be appropriate to location, also through ‘gateways’
- Restrict to major access points
- Keep countryside ‘wild’
- Anomalies in ROW – e.g. bridleways that reduce to footpaths, poor links
- Free leaflets for walks, or perhaps small charge so they are valued
- Public transport requires wider consideration in accessing recreation, walks etc.
- Countryside is working environment – need to educate visitors

TOURISM

- Local people are not getting as much benefit as they could
- Need a variety of off-road / ROW provision to suit all
- Cycle hire and safe routes to use
- Variety of accommodation provision lacking
- Encouragement to use local produce
- Second home owners should pay full (or double!) council tax
- Policy on second homes could be changed to allow enlargement to make suitable for permanent living – scheme in Cornwall cited
- Develop voluntary bed tax
- Ring fence money from above to go back to landscape.
- ‘Plugging the leaks’ scheme cited – www.neweconomics.org
- Encourage tourists away from popular coast and out of season
- Work with wider partners to encourage tourists to make more use of local services and facilities

TRANSPORT

- Actively support and encourage more rail use, especially Swanage Railway
- Encourage integrated transport use – different modes, e.g. car / train / cycle etc.
- Provide transport information in various places, including maps
- New innovative more flexible transport modes
- More encouragement to use buses, e.g. children fares, school buses etc.
- Roads
- Lower speed limit – like New Forest
- Local links
- Weight limits
- Congestion
- Traffic volumes on inappropriate lanes – provide alternatives
- Reduce signage and clutter on roads / lanes
- Standardise
- Road design / improvements do not take account of landscape character
- Develop code of practice to include local consultation policy
- Consider light pollution

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Innovative design – old and new
- Produce design guidance – materials, diversification
- Encourage and maximise use of brownfield sites

PEOPLE, JOBS & SERVICES

- Make better use of existing buildings and provide incentives, brownfield sites not being used
- Keep industry on industrial units and use other buildings / land for affordable housing
- Use alternative locations for village services – e.g. shops and post offices in village halls
- Consider mobile services for villages
- Needs to be a balance between needs of people and conservation of flora and fauna

NATURAL RESOURCES

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Wind farms – offshore, not on land
- Bio-mass???
- Watermills
- Smaller scale – in house – e.g. solar panels
- What resource – cost the least – advice from scientists
- Technical advice and support

WASTE

- Supermarkets excessively package goods

MINERALS

- Be allowed to continue
- Use locally – small scale
- Economics again!

Summary:

1. lack of understanding / relationship with land and resources
2. need to generate greater sense of place and pride
3. education and promotion
4. enterprise

Dorchester Workshop

LANDSCAPE

- Define policy for coastal erosion – integration into other policies.
- Enhance urban fringe management to blend settlements into the wider landscape.
- AONB to draw together all local and county plans – proofing policies to assess impacts on the landscape of potential projects and development.

WILDLIFE

- Habitats are of great importance in enhancing our local environment and quality of life.
- Financial assistance for landowners is required to conserve wildlife effectively
- Dorset as a playground – need to invest tourism money back into landscape management to safeguard the landscape quality that people come to visit.
- Support and promote Countryside Stewardship Scheme
- A long-term vision is needed to drive forward effective management of wildlife and habitats.
- Need to connect the AONB Management plan with the County Structure Plan and the future Regional Spatial Strategies.
- Promote awareness to landowners that landscape use is changing and the associated impacts on wildlife.
- Reduce over-production of food and crops to allow wildlife to flourish.
- Organic / extensive / sensitive farming – lobby for funds AONB-wide and outside ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Area).
- Understand and map habitat sizes to support effective management and information provision.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Need to increase understanding and the importance of the historic environment.
- Need greater awareness / study and promotion of industrial archaeology, plus heritage linked to stone / quarrying industries.
- Need to identify standards to be maintained and monitor the condition of features.
- Need better surveys of heritage / archaeology – develop ‘asset list’ and encourage volunteers to help monitor through warden schemes.
- Raise the importance of historic environment to attract funding and make a list of priorities.
- Improve liaison with national bodies to identify our historical assets.
- Develop educational resources for key historic environment sites.
- Voluntary wardens – ‘Countrywatch’ scheme – Dorset Police do something similar with great success.

FARMING & AGRICULTURE

- Education
- Local processing is key to local production.
- Opportunity does exist for top end of market for local high quality products but it is ensuring that all have access to good quality food which is essential
- We don’t pay enough for food to allow this to happen but we do pay a high hidden cost to maintain subsidy for farming. This cost is hidden and not understood.
- Farmers have to start paying due regard to landscape issues such as not dumping rubbish on farms.

WOODLAND & FORESTRY

- Right trees in right place
- Local use of timber products

Linking and expanding the woodland resource

ACCESS & RECREATION

- Education re rights of way for users and landowners to avoid confrontation and misunderstandings on both sides e.g. dogs off lead chasing stock and footpaths obstructed, walkers unsure of path through farmyard getting in way of dangerous equipment or straying near to house windows and invading privacy.
- Provision of footpath furniture – suitable benches for less able to rest, opening gates rather than kissing gates/stiles to allow wheeled access for push chairs/wheelchairs/less mobile
- Variety of provision so everyone who wishes can use e.g. easy walking for families/less fit, reasonable surface for push/wheelchairs, long distance, circular, linear with public transport possibilities, country parks with “other” attractions for children, footpaths for map and compass use. Better advertising – to include suitability, hazards etc.

TOURISM

- Car access
- Routeing to alleviate congestion
- Properly designated car parks not intrusive on the landscape
- Better signing at ‘honey pots’
- Public transport – part of the experience
- Payback schemes

TRANSPORT

- Restricted movement for HGVs to key larger businesses but enforcement a problem – keep to strategic routes not on inappropriate roads. Damage being caused to buildings close to roads by very heavy vehicles passing.
- No motorways wanted in Dorset.
- Balance between economic and environmental concerns, things like smaller delivery vans, home deliveries from supermarkets, deliveries/pickups to village shops for dry cleaning/wider range of services/ more mobile services to villages to reduce need to travel
- Integrated transport – increase cycle provision on trains / better links / integrated time-tabling. Use of villages as “small scale transport hub” with cycle lockers/car park etc near bus stop to allow workable use of different methods of transport.
- Flexible small transport services more in tune with passengers needs
- Signage – needs to be more appropriate to location, distinctive. Road signage – too much clutter, more responsibility should be on driver to be aware of road signs. Footpath/cycle path/bridleways signs use local materials, be locally distinctive and not so intrusive – small and discrete.
- Routeing – is important to keep vehicles to through routes and off inappropriate roads eg HGV’s off narrow rural roads.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Sympathetic design of future buildings that blend into the landscape
- Link AONB to local plans and influence policies
- Design guidance is required to improve the quality of the built environment – advice to developers / architects / planners
- Develop list of other important buildings in AONB (in addition to listed buildings, buildings at risk etc)

PEOPLE, JOBS & SERVICES

- Research into design and materials for affordable housing
- Look into developing derelict sites, e.g. old farms rather than greenfield sites
- Affordable housing – link with public transport and jobs
- Retirement tax! For those coming into the county and buying homes on retirement.
- New housing – restrict number of second homes. Apply full or double council tax.
- Post offices / mobile / shared delivery
- Supermarkets supplying local shops

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Wind turbines – negative impact of farms but need to properly assess small scale turbine use. Small scale combined heat and power units should be properly researched.
- Combustion technology is already achieved elsewhere not a real constraint
- Bio-mass is considerable opportunity with landscape implications
- Nuclear – not renewable and not a favoured option
- Landscape assessment should be applied throughout to determine appropriateness

- Complex range of interests perhaps in conflict

MINERALS

- Restoration key part of license
- Justify necessity
- Should be small scale, demand-led
- Should support justifiable extraction for local use
- Important to continued distinctiveness of area – catchment plans should be adopted for building stone

WASTE & RECYCLING

- Segregation essential
- Support reductions in packaging
- Household collection
- 'Free' disposal points
- Help people understand that lots of packaging does not mean a better product
- Stronger licensing of waste disposal, farms etc.

WATER

- Charge according to use! - Meters.
- Catchment planning

SOIL

- Water and soil should be managed together as an integrated entity
- Link water and soil management

Sturminster Newton Workshop

LANDSCAPE

- Education – bring it alive
- Provide subsidies for hedgerow management
- River management – digging ditches

WILDLIFE

- Restoration of semi-natural grasslands
- Cannot look at in isolation – link to economy and healthy farming
- Priorities???
- Diverse hedges
- Encourage sensitive garden management for wildlife

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

- Erosion of sites – limits on sites
- Improving education and interpretation – interpretation boards and web sites
- Encourage off-site car parking and organised trips
- Find a balance between local enjoyment and conserving sites
- Increase understanding of non-designated sites
- Voluntary????
- Lack of information????

EARTH HERITAGE

- Link geology to local materials
- Make it easier to understand and more exciting

FARMING & AGRICULTURE

- Need to move away from production subsidies – mid-term review
- Local food for local people
- Local marketing – though concerns over success of some schemes
- Farmers markets should be supported and promoted
- Encourage take-up of agri-environment schemes in the AONB
- Farming co-operatives
- Training schemes / demonstration farms for newcomers in industry
- Need to find ways of maintaining skills

- Need research into landownership trends
- Land ownership fund should be explored.
- Education on food – local produce / processing etc.
- Some felt should be no GM crops, others wanted balanced approach and discussion

WOODLAND & FORESTRY

- Underused resource – much burnt to dispose of
- Local charcoal – e.g. Dorset Coppice Group
- Hardwood – limited economic return, long-term
- Promote planting to link fragmented woodlands for economics, biodiversity etc.
- Wood fuel is an opportunity if sourced and used locally
- Lobbying for green taxes on imported non-sustainable timber
- Local provenance – keeping the right local trees in the landscape
- Develop an integrated plan for woodland management
- Re-visit potential of hunting forest restoration and develop North Dorset Forest idea.

ACCESS & RECREATION

- Variety of provision
- Different users, different seating
- North Dorset Trailway
- Utility links as well as recreational
- Better information on routes, accessibility etc.
- Maintenance of ROW network could be job creation opportunity
- Examine ROW system constructively re shared user conflict
- Manage in different way

TOURISM

- Minimal promotion
- Eco-tourism – local – all year
- Promote day tripping by Dorset people, all year round – better information required
- Need more park and ride schemes
- Small railway?

TRANSPORT

- Weight / size restriction – restricted times? For large vehicles.
- Code of conduct???
- Commerce balanced with environmental impact
- Reduction of speed

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Relate materials to local context, form, siting
- Retain sense of community
- Educational role – developers and Government – produce design guidance
- Increase communication and understanding
- Greater role for parish and town councils
- Promote parish plans
- Local action – parish council views to be considered, development control???

PEOPLE, JOBS & SERVICES

- Slower growth – housing
- Encourage small / light business
- Leisure services for young people
- Need joined up approach

NATURAL RESOURCES

RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Better information, interpretation and assessment from an unbiased source required.
- Encourage ethanol production locally
- Hemp production and similar multi purpose crops?

MINERALS

- Use of local resources for local use should be encouraged.
- Use of flint

WASTE

- Composting schemes

SOIL

- Low input farming
- Rotations in order to conserve soil resource

Bridport Workshop

LANDSCAPE

- Lobby local government to improve policy, funding and monitoring
- Telephone masts
- Seek undergrounding of electrical supply
- Build on West Dorset 2000 for whole AONB
- SPG use of survey
- (role for AONB Partnership and team)
- Responsive to future change
- Help promote qualities and ownership of landscape
- Voluntary contributions – payback into landscape
- Explore methods of re-investing council tax of second homes into AONB Management
- Priorities:
 1. Co-ordination
 2. Landscape and natural beauty focus
 3. Funding – ensure financial benefits are re-invested back into AONB

WILDLIFE

- Working with farmers – funding (sustainable)
- Stewardship is not enough
- Dependent on economically viable farming
- Integration of wildlife and landscape considerations
- Identify degraded and fragmented sites – information provision for better integration
- Identify opportunities on an AONB scale
- Awareness and understanding
- AONB as liaison group – co-ordination

FARMING & FORESTRY

- Liaison between farmers and experts – ensure funding potential is maximised
- Money for management
- Target areas for woodland planting
- Encourage use of local timber in construction
- Making use of low grade timber
- Encourage buffer zones
- Importance of hedgerows and individual trees in West Dorset
- Lobby central Government for countryside management
- Use local stock

TRANSPORT

- Loss of train service an issue locally
- Good bus services
- Need to improve integration between transport services, e.g. car parks to enable villagers to catch buses for long journeys.
- Taxi voucher schemes – supports local economy plus allows development of trust / security for vulnerable users
- Need to ensure security at car parks
- Public transport must be cheaper / more convenient than car to provide incentive
- Actions:
 1. Integrated transport

2. Rural park and ride – Morecombelake and Charmouth
3. With necessary infrastructure
4. Support DART scooter scheme (“BASS”) and extend to other age groups

Road Impacts

- Large lorries – but economic
- Inappropriate use by some companies
- Can we minimise HGVs along the World Heritage Coast? Make this a scenic route?
- Blue cycle signs – inappropriate in the Vale
- No sense in speed limits
- Need warnings for HGV drivers that roads inappropriate – single track etc.
- Roads are too dangerous for non-car users
- Need better planning
- National lobbying force – AONBs unite!
- Actions:
 1. Code of practice for road management in the AONB
 2. Audit / review of promoted routes – some are not safe
 3. Transfer car parks – rural park and ride, close to main service routes
 4. Need to integrate and better plan diversions – communication between different police units
 5. Traffic management schemes, e.g. for World Heritage Site, link to visitor management

PEOPLE, JOBS & SERVICES AND TOURISM

- Need dedicated affordable housing – link with housing associations
- Full council tax for second homes – or double?!
- Housing issues causing resentment of tourism
- Need housing for local workers
- Currently an embargo on affordable housing creation in some areas (current policy to provide in towns but not villages) – needs to be reviewed
- Lack of affordable housing alters social structure of communities
- Labour force for tourism industry can't afford to live here
- Hardly any shops, pubs and post offices – hard to disseminate info.
- Lack of services used as excuse for not providing affordable housing in these areas
- Need shop delivery services
- Promote local services and producers

ACCESS & RECREATION

- Local opposition to proposed new themed trail
- Should use resources to improve existing trails – better gates etc.
- Need better liaison with farmers over promoted routes
- Use existing routes to create short circular walks suitable for families
- Need information on distances, suitability for pushchairs etc.
- Create variety of access provision and information
- Major lack of facilities for walkers
- Raise awareness of countryside as working environment – not a theme park
- Education packs on the countryside

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Wind is free so use it – small scale, scattered wind turbines, NOT wind farms
- Can they be made dual purpose to accommodate telecommunications equipment?
- No to incinerators
- Bio-mass, coppicing good though could change the landscape
- Recycling – needs much greater effort
- Anomalies in planning system – regulations about satellite dishes in conservation areas not enforced so these are put up all over the place, whilst you can't put up solar panels to make your house more sustainable!
- Should be exploring new alternative technology – heat pumps etc.
- Kerbside recycling not coming quickly enough – needs to be compulsory not voluntary