

AONBs and the Planning Process

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the Context:

- Uncertain and changing times
- Central and Local Govt budget cuts
- The Economic Growth Imperative
- Localism
- NPPF

some Questions:

- “Duty to have regard” - “Great weight” sufficient to support “conservation and enhancement” of AONB designation?
- Do AONB teams / partnerships add value to the planning process?
- How do we know? How are we measuring success / failure in the system?
- What do we need to do more of? Less of?
- Are there different / better ways of achieving our collective ambitions for the planning process?

to-day will Explore:

- The status of AONB designation in planning post NPPF
- Lessons learnt from LUC study of protected landscapes and planning in Wales
- Planning issues relevant to AONB Management Plan Review
- Approaches to strengthen the duty to have regard for AONB designation
- Support to scrutinize planning policy changes and impacts on AONB purposes
- Support to AONBs engaged in planning work

the Programme:

- **Setting the Scene -Peter Bibby** looking at the volume and types of development taking place in AONB areas;
- **Setting the Scene - Lyndis Cole** translating recommendations about planning delivery in Wales
- Results of a **questionnaire** survey of 29 AONB teams exploring their role in the planning process
- **13.00 LUNCH**

the Programme:

- **Focus on AONB designation post NPPF** - Emerging issues with Andrew Gale, Natural England
- **Focus on AONB Management Plan Review** with Sally Marsh looking at how to strengthen the “duty to have regard”
- **Round Table** - How to help ourselves and our partners do a better job for the designation and support professional practice
- **15.55 CLOSE**