

Kent Downs AONB Management Plan Review General Comments

*These comments, received from Kent County Council Teams, relate to parts of the Plan **outside** of the Character Components Section.*

FRNE (RC)

There needs to be very careful use of language around landscape as so often words and their meaning are misapplied or misunderstood. The heading 'Landform & Landscape Character' – I think it would be better to put landform with geology as the two are so closely linked.

Landscape Character then might be better placed at the end of the document. Ultimately the Kent Downs' character is made up of the Components. And character in its own right isn't a component – character is the end result – the natural beauty that people see and experience, which is explained in the Plan, by breaking that character down into 'components'.

Landscape Character in a LCA sense is descriptive and doesn't systematically identify components. The dual component and character-led approaches are confusing – and could make it difficult to apply in terms of planning. Getting this distinction clearer could help users of the Plan understand better which *part* of landscape they're involved in and could have ownership of.

General comments regarding the Plan;

- Separation of opportunities, issues and threats under separate headings would make it much clearer, some are obvious but others not so.
- Policies are often quite wordy with long sentences – this makes their ultimate meaning difficult to grasp, could be more succinct.
- Sometimes the threats and issues aren't then addressed in the policies. Is there potential to demonstrate better links between identified problems and a way of targeting that problem?

Heritage Conservation (LD)

1.2.1 The Components of natural beauty.

The text rightly identifies the strong 'time-depth' to the Kent Downs and the main heritage asset types that contribute to it. To prioritise conservation needs and resource allocation it is necessary to first understand the historic landscape better. The Kent Historic Landscape Characterisation (2001) can play an important role in this. The existing HLC has identified the broad character of the historic landscape of the Kent Downs. To be fully effective in policy, local

planning and development control, the broad scale Historic Landscape Characterisation should be backed up by more detailed case-by-case analysis, to add greater detail through secondary sources.

2.2.4 The role of the Kent Downs AONB partnership.

It would be helpful to know how the historic environment is represented on the JAC.

FRNE (HF)

There is a need to ensure that it is clear what the issues, opportunities and threats are. Currently they are all included in one section.

PRoW (CF)

I welcome the inclusion of the section referencing the above mentioned Improvement Plan which demonstrates the clear correlation.

I also welcome the very relevant reference to the “England Coast Path” within the section on Coastal Access, although it may be appropriate to mention it by its title and that it will provide a Coastal Access margin on the seaward side of the trail, similar to “Open Access” land. This will arguably provide significantly more access than the trail itself.

Finally, a meeting with the AONB Team would be beneficial once the plan policies are adopted to identify specific projects where joint working would assist delivery.

FRNE (WM)

Under Implementation, monitoring & review it would be worth monitoring LWSs under positive conservation management annually.

Management of the AONB

No comments were received regarding this section of the Plan.

Landform & Landscape Character

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE RC	3.1.1 Talks about 'components' but these are different to components of character – suggest re-wording to avoid confusion.	b) Remove 'in certain landscape character areas'.		LLC1 – takes a component-led and character-led approach. It's confusing to use both! "The protection, conservation and enhancement of natural beauty components, the historic character they create and the setting of the Kent Downs AONB will be supported and pursued."
FRNE (RC)				LLC7 – What's the difference between landscape character areas and local character areas? It's confusing, suggest sticking to one.
FRNE (RC)	In my view, landscape character as a component of natural beauty – it is the result of the combination of components that delivers a unique Downs character – it's the result not one of the elements.			LLC8 – Suggest removing 'landscape character' as per earlier comments.
Minerals & Waste (JP)		3.1.3 a) There is nothing in Section 2 that provides any justification or context about the role of the AONB management plan outside the designated area. 3.1.3 e) The way that this is worded, it is neither a main issue, an opportunity, nor a threat. As 3.1.3 a deals with the perceived threat, this clause needs to be		There is nothing in Section 2 that provides any justification or context about the role of the AONB management plan outside the designated area. Moreover, there is nothing in the earlier in section 3.1 which provides any context for the importance of views into or out of the AONB. Furthermore, it would be much more positive and specific if this policy were to

		<p>written to establish the main issues or opportunities which are probably the same. I would suggest the following alternative wording:</p> <p><i>The opportunity to work with Local Planning Authorities to develop planning policy protection to the setting of the Kent Downs and to ensure that consideration of the setting of the Kent Downs is taken into account when Local Planning authorities determine planning applications.</i></p>		<p>include measures to work with local planning authorities to develop planning policies that seek to protect the setting of the Kent Downs and views in out of the AONB.</p>
Heritage Conservation LD	<p>A critical element in landscape character is the historic aspect of this character. Although Landscape Character Assessment is a useful start point it cannot assess historic aspects of the landscape in enough detail to be useful for understanding significance. Our comments in relation to 1.2.1 above also apply to this section (see General Comments).</p>			

Biodiversity

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE – RC	Suggest ‘Recognise and support the importance of the Kent Downs landscape to biodiversity.’ Also suggest written in a way which explains that the unique landscape of the Downs has habitats (created and managed by people over millennia) which support a distinctive biodiversity. E.g. “the special components of natural beauty support the Kent Downs’ rich and distinctive biodiversity.” 3.2.1 The sentence ‘rare arable field wild flowers’ is stated twice.	A) Could this be linked to landscape condition decline? Ultimately it’s the same thing. C) Lack of awareness of the links between landscape condition, management and biodiversity. g) Kent Downs <i>Landscape</i> is sensitive to climate change, causing impacts upon biodiversity...		BD1 – GI and connectivity should be informed by and reinforce/restore landscape character.
FRNE – LM		It may be worth reviewing the condition statements and risks in line with what was reported in the KHS analysis.		The biodiversity chapter recognises the issue of climate change on the ecology of the AONB and notes the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment has identified key risks to Kent Downs’ biodiversity but there doesn't seem to be an explicit policy to address these risks; nor is it tackled within a policy. I wonder if there should be something included to address these risks.
FRNE - HF	3.2.3 - it’s not clear what is an issue, opportunity and threat – they should be	Opportunity – It should not just be large scale projects to secure the biodiversity objectives . There	It’s not clear how the aims will be achieved. Ideally they should have clear targets attached to them or how	

	separate bullet points	should be ways to encourage LPAs to get applicants to incorporate enhancements/landscaping plans which link in to the aims of the KD management plan.	information about how they should be measured.	
FRNE WM	The vision should be more modest. Although there has been an increase in some habitats (chalk grassland), can you really say that there as been a net gain in biodiversity (incl species) across the downs?? If so, please provide or point to the evidence	- I would be advantageous to pay special attention to LWSs as they are an important component in conservation at landscape scale and are highlighted in the White Paper and Lawton Review- as well as being one of Defra's SDL indicators. - Another main issue: change in farming practices? Polytunnels		- Include something around actively engaging with the LNP and contributing towards their targets

Farmed Landscape

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE (RC)	Farming creates the <i>character</i> of the landscape, shaping its natural beauty.		4) “And <i>sustainable</i> food...”	
Heritage Conservation (LD)		Add comment on farm buildings being the category of historic buildings which are most at risk – cf Kent Farmsteads Guidance. Add the problem of the loss of historic farm buildings/historic character of farmsteads as an issue/threat.	Again add reference to enhancing and conserving historic character of farmsteads and securing sustainable re-use of farm buildings which are unsuitable for modern agricultural practices.	Add policy of conserving and enhancing historic character of farmsteads and promoting sustainable re-use of farm buildings no longer suitable for agricultural purposes. FL11 – replace archaeology with historic environment.
FRNE HF	Need to be a clear distinction in the main issues, opportunities and Threats		Why does the page include the following quote: <i>The Kent Downs AONB is principally a farmed landscape, with 74% of its land classed as agricultural.</i> It’s not an aim and it’s been included elsewhere in the document.	

Woodland & Trees

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE (RC)		Deer - could they be a potential threat in the future?	2) <i>"It is recognised that..."</i>	
Heritage Conservation (LD)		<p>Should the legend explanation for fig 10 last entry for H91EO say 'and ash'?</p> <p>The text does not at present make any mention of the role that woodlands have played in the historic development of the Kent Downs, not of the wealth of historic features that survive within woodlands. We would suggest that an issue be added:</p> <p><i>p. Woodlands contain a wealth of historic features both related to historic woodland management practices and other historic processes. There is a need to ensure that they are conserved during woodland management operations.</i></p> <p>This will be significantly helped by the work that the Weald Forest Ridge project carried out and the products (cab-cards and guidance) they generated. The Woodland Archaeology Forum will also play a significant role and we would encourage the AONB team to continue the excellent work that</p>	Add to 4. – 'and taken into account in management plans'.	Add a policy or amend one of the existing to reflect need to manage woodlands in a way which conserves and enhances the historic environment – particularly in relation to felling and coppicing activities which are likely to have greatest impact.

		the WFR project began.		
FRNE (LM)				For woodlands and trees chapter, in the introduction it talks about ash dieback but doesn't specifically refer to it in the main issues/threats section - given the potential for this disease to significantly change the wooded landscape of the AONB should it not be specifically mentioned? Otherwise it could be viewed as an oversight. Should there also be a coordinating policy which links to this?
FRNE (WM)	Table 7. What's "assumed woodland"? What's the point of including this? Please stick to recognised land/habitat class/use descriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include tree pests, diseases & disorders a main issue. i.e Chalara. - Include new approach to creating plantations as a way to adapt to climate change- avoid single tree plantation in favour of a 'mixed' tree stands where economically viable. 	Under sustainable management, there should be something about tackling the increasing tree pests, diseases and disorders problem through appropriate monitoring and tree management	

Cultural Heritage

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE (RC)	Historic and cultural heritage. Suggest removing 'historic' as heritage states all that is needed in the title. P58 – Map could be a clearer...spots aren't distinguishable.		Integrating heritage understanding into wider decision-making.	
Heritage Conservation (LD)	<p>Our Vision: I would suggest that the first sentence be replaced by "In 2034...the rich heritage of historic landscape, buildings, settlements and sites..." and also that the phrase "reflect their local character" be replaced by "reflect their local character and significance".</p> <p>Table 8 – contains two lines for 'Registered Parks and Gardens at Risk'. Presumably the first line should be 'Registered Parks and Gardens'.</p> <p>'Total Number of Heritage Assets'. The number presented for this</p>	<p>b. Add damage to archaeological features caused by motorcycle and other illegal off road vehicles, and also by inappropriate woodland management techniques.</p> <p>c. One way of recognising and reinforcing the special landscape character of the AONB is to carry out formal assessments of key assets and then try to secure their protection through Local Listing. The High Weald AONB team have recently participated in a review of the parks and gardens of Tunbridge Wells Borough that may act as a model for how thematic research can be carried out in a way that uses both professionals and community groups (in this case the Kent Gardens Trust) and which produces high quality information suitable for HERs and land management purposes. If supported by local authorities and integrated into HERs and local planning policies, including local lists, this can be an effective and flexible way to understand and conserve the heritage of the AONB. We would be happy to work with the AONB team on initiatives</p>	<p>1. The text currently limits itself to "the principal components of the historic character of Kent". We do not see any particular advantage to limiting the aim in this way and would suggest that the text be re-phrased such that the first sentence begins "The historic character of the Kent Downs landscape...is recognised, valued, conserved and enhanced." We would also suggest that this paragraph needs to say who the target audience is for this aim – presumably residents, stakeholders and visitors?</p> <p>We think the phrase "and actively supported" is somewhat vague. What does 'active support' mean in this context?</p>	<p>HCH1 We suggest that this policy, which underpins all the others, could be presented in a more definitive form? We suggest "Activities will be pursued where they protect, conserve and enhance the historic character of the Kent Downs."</p> <p>HCH2 We suggest the phrase "inspiration from" be replaced with "importance of" as this is perhaps easier to understand. Any inspirational aspect will fit within the definition of "importance".</p> <p>As mentioned above an enhanced historic landscape character assessment will be an essential contributor to this wider understanding.</p>

	<p>category at present is simply the number of Grade I and II* listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens added together. This is incorrect. Heritage assets include heritage sites of all types and periods, whether designated or not. The Kent HER contains more than 11,000 heritage records in the Kent Downs AONB (plus any from the London Borough of Bromley). These include both designated and non-designated assets. The non-designated assets include buildings such as farmhouses, pillboxes and oast houses and archaeological sites such as Roman villas, prehistoric monuments and moated manor houses. There is in fact no real point in trying to present the number of Heritage Assets as they are being identified all the</p>	<p>of this kind.</p> <p>c. The Farmsteads guidance recently produced by English Heritage, KCC and the Kent Downs and High Weald AONBs will be an important tool to show how historic farmsteads in Kent can be assessed for their suitability for new development or change of use. It is intended that the guidance is adopted by land management authorities as part of their policies and development control functions. Where such development is permitted it is important that it is in keeping with the existing character in terms of size, layout, massing and materials and that any archaeological remains associated with former phases of use are treated appropriately in the development control process.</p> <p>c. Targets related to this issue should also include i) use of and access to traditional building materials and ii) encouraging small scale extraction of local stone for repair to historic buildings.</p> <p>e. Another threat to both above and below ground heritage assets comes from changing water levels in the ground. As the introduction makes clear the AONB provides a large proportion of Kent’s drinking water and this, together with climate change and the introduction of SuDS schemes, risks altering the moisture level in the ground. This can have a very harmful effect on archaeological sites and so the needs of the heritage must be taken into account when</p>	<p>Add aim of providing sources of traditional building materials.</p>	<p>HCH4 We suggest the second bullet point be changed to “be complementary to the existing character in form, setting, scale and use of materials”.</p> <p>HCH6 It should be noted that in 2008 (revised in 2012) English Heritage produced guidance “Climate Change and the Historic Environment” that will be useful for helping produce the guidance referred to. As mentioned above KCC is also producing guidance for those developing SuDS schemes that will help them incorporate the needs of the historic environment.</p> <p>Add policy of encouraging small-scale extraction to provide sources of traditional building materials.</p>
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	<p>time. I would suggest deleting the 'Total Number of Heritage Assets' lines from the table and adding a statement in the text that in addition to the many designated heritage assets the Kent Downs contains many thousands of non-designated heritage assets that contribute strongly to the character and identify of the AONB.</p> <p>3.5.1 In terms of the 'time depth' referred to in this paragraph please see my comments under 1.2.1 above.</p> <p>The term 'standing stones' is inappropriate in this context as it refers to free-standing stones such as monoliths and stone circles which are so far unrecognised in Kent – could change to 'megalithic burial monuments and structures'. Add 'earthen' in front of long barrows and remove 'particularly'</p>	<p>planning any developments or works that could affect moisture levels. KCC is in the process of developing guidance for SuDS developers to help them manage the impact of their schemes on the historic environment more effectively.</p> <p>KCC is also working with Kent Police to develop a methodology for assessing the potential for heritage crime and defining actions to reduce it. We would encourage the AONB team to support such an initiative and would be happy to discuss the matter further.</p> <p>f. In terms of First and Second World War projects we wonder if the AONB team are aware of a number of umbrella groups that have been set up in Kent to help share information on relevant projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First World War Kent. A steering group set up for museums and other heritage organisations across Kent to co-ordinate the First World War commemorations through next four years. This involves a wide number of organisations and has established three specific working groups so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing & PR Working Group – have established a calendar of events and have established a Blog - http://fwwkentmedway.wordpress.com/calendar/ 		
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	<p>and 'Medway and'. This section should discuss the onset of small scale woodland clearance in the Neolithic and the intensification of clearance and changes to landscape organisation in the later prehistoric period. Although the text states correctly that Kent was probably the scene of the Roman invasion in AD 43 it should be noted that Kent was also the location of the earlier raids by Julius Caesar of 55 and 54 BC.</p> <p>In the paragraph beginning 'The commons or 'minnises'' it would probably be better to replace 'Saxon' with 'Anglo-Saxon' as this is recognised as a term encompassing all the early Germanic groups who settled in England.</p> <p>The development of urban forms and defences in the Roman period should be mentioned.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Working Group – focusing on research including producing a timeline for the county that links to the Imperial War Museum national one. The timeline is being led by KCC libraries. • Kent Education Working Group – led by Lyn Palmer of Maidstone Museum. Group focuses only on the education aspects of the First World War. Only met once. <p>We are sure that the AONB team would find it useful to join these groups if it develops First or Second World War projects.</p> <p>Although the issues a) to g) capture the major opportunities and threats We would suggest that an additional issue should be the promotion of the historic nature of the AONB to its residents and visitors. For the heritage of the AONB to play a full role it must be known, understood and enjoyed by the public, not just the decision-makers (which is the audience for understanding as currently stated in a) and c)).</p>		
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	<p>We would be happy to advise further on the text of this section.</p> <p>Fig 12 – the buildings key is hard to distinguish and also may contain overlapping categories.</p>			
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General Comments:

Heritage Conservation (LD)

We were pleased to see such importance accorded to Historic Landscape Characterisation as a method of understanding and mapping the development of the AONB’s historic environment. The text is right to say that the Kent HLC was one of the first county surveys but this has disadvantages. The method used in more recent HLCs is much more detailed than the Kent approach and has significantly greater potential as a research and interpretive tool. To offer more than broad brush guidance the Kent HLC needs to be refined so that greater detail and resolution can be added. We would recommend that the Kent Downs AONB team engage on such a project as has been done in parts of the High Weald AONB area. We would be happy to discuss such a project further.

Geology & Natural Resources

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
Minerals & Waste JP				<p>GNR3: This policy does not comply with the NPPF and the phrase in the first sentence, “and its setting” should be removed. Paragraph 115 of the NPPF only refers to giving great weight to conserving landscape and scenic beauty <u>in</u> AONBs. Draft Policy SDT5 in section, Sustainable Policies adequately describes a methodology relating to developments that are in the setting of the AONB and this policy does not require the additional consideration of exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>The phrase, “in the national interest” should be removed from the second sentence as it is not in the best interest of the AONB. Paragraph 116 of the NPPF includes three considerations which should be taken into account when determining an application in designated areas and national interest is only one of them. The other two are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the cost and scope of developing outside the designated area or meeting the need in some other way; (ii) any detrimental effect on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated. <p>Both of these two other considerations could also be important reasons for not developing in the AONB.</p>
FRNE (RC)	<p>Purple quote “<i>Kent Downs landscape provides vital services to the population of Kent & beyond.</i>”</p> <p>Personally I would put tranquillity in with enjoyment – as it’s an experiential thing and is related to people’s impact upon the landscape.</p>			

Heritage Conservation (LD)	Add drift deposits of Pleistocene gravel containing important Palaeolithic remains.			Add Promote small-scale extraction for traditional building materials.
Planning Strategy (BG)				There is the current ongoing debate over oil/gas exploration and the use of 'fracking' but much less likely that in the Wealden Formation areas and also the Chalk is still potentially a strategic resource for cement manufacture on an industrial scale.
Heritage Conservation (AC)				Small quarries may need to be opened for specific historic building repairs, to a church or a historic building. These are not like commercial quarries but allow local stone to be won for a specific repair projects, for a limited time period only and for very small quantities of stone.

Heritage Coast

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
FRNE (CD)	This is a comprehensive overview of the area, which takes useful information from the NOSTRA pilot SCA for Dover Strait (http://www.nostraproject.eu/News/NOSTRA-Workshop-n-1-Seascapes-Report-Available) and is up to date in terms of programming under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (but see MCZ comments to the right)	Potential MCZ designation is mentioned as “thought to be likely to have a negative impact on local fishing communities.” This is quite a leading statement. While for inshore sites such as Hythe Bay (just outside the AONB area) there is a lot of concern from local fishermen about the type of conservation management measures which will be	We support the collaborative approach and hope to continue to contribute through collaborative working with Pas-de-Calais and Dover Strait stakeholders.	Same as left.

		<p>implemented (if it becomes an MCZ); the site will not be a “no take zone” and KCC is supportive of MCZ designations, while recommending that “when Natural England carries out work identifying conservation measures for the new MCZ’s in 2014, that Hythe Bay receives a comprehensive assessment of trawling and full engagement of the local fishing fleet to determine management measures.” Two other MCZ’s may be designated within the Heritage Coasts in the coming years (Dover area) and KCC would take the same position. Maybe the section should be rewritten as</p> <p><i>“Proposed Marine Conservation Zones, while protecting wildlife, will impact on local fishing communities and management measures need to be carefully considered to avoid unnecessary disruption of livelihoods. “</i> KCC completed a response to “Marine Conservation Zones: Consultation on proposals for designation in 2013” which can</p>		
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		be made available.		
Heritage Conservation (LD)	In the paragraph beginning “Arising from conflict and seagoing transport” mention might usefully be made of the Dover Boat that was found in Dover in 1992 and which remains the oldest sea-going boat in the world.			

Vibrant Communities

No comments were received regarding this section of the Plan.

Sustainable Development

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
Minerals & Waste (JP)				SDT5: This policy would be much more positive and specific if it were to include measures to work with local planning authorities to develop planning policies that seek to protect the setting of the Kent Downs and views in out of the AONB.
FRNE (RC)			Integrated decision making is needed to achieve sustainable development – considering social, economic and environmental issues <i>together</i> – as set out in the NPPF. This sort of decision making in the AONB should be an aim.	
Transport	Page 89 - refers to the Local Transport Plan for			

<p>Planning (JR)</p>	<p>Kent 2006-11. This is now out of date and has been replaced by the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16. This can be accessed at https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/roads-and-transport/road-policies/local-transport-plan-3/final-ltp3.pdf</p> <p>It also refers to Medway's Local Transport Plan 2006-11. I presume Medway Council also has an in date new Local Transport Plan, although it would be best to check with them.</p> <p>This paragraph may need to be re-written to correspond with the aims of the current Local Transport Plans and whether they think this supports the AONB aims for sustainable travel. I can't speak for Medway, but the Local Transport Plan for Kent 2011-16 (LTP3) objectives of safer roads, protecting communities, active transport, supporting independence for all, reducing emissions, smarter travel, accessing life's opportunities, enjoying the journey, sociable streets and protecting Kent's natural and man-made environment (page 45 of LTP3) all seem to support the AONB aims.</p> <p>Page 89 sets the context for transport infrastructure challenges that affect the AONB. It may be useful to add in the significance of flows along the M20/A20 and M2/A2 corridors to and from the Channel Ports (Channel Tunnel and Port of Dover). With cross channel traffic forecast to increase, it will add further pressures on these transport corridors which pass adjacent to or at the edge of the AONB. HGV traffic to and from</p>			
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	<p>the ports creates problems such as Operation Stack when the ports are temporarily closed and the ongoing problem of overnight lorry parking in lay-bys etc. Solutions to both Operational Stack and overnight lorry parking are being actively pursued by Kent County Council.</p>			
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Access, Enjoyment & Understanding

Team	Vision/Overview	Issues, Opportunities & Intro	Aims	Policies
Transport Planning (JR)	<p>Page 96 - 'Road Users' states that there have been significant reductions in the number of walking and cycling trips surveyed. The data that is referred to is from Urban Cordon Counts (entering an urban area) over a single 12 hour period; therefore I think it is misleading to quote this "trend" for walking and cycling in a document about an AONB when the data refers to urban areas.</p>			
PRoW (CF)		<p>Cycling : I believe there is an omission by not referencing the "Pilgrims Cycle Trail" between Rochester and Canterbury Cathedrals. The route provides an arterial route right through the heart of the Downs AONB.</p>		<p>Policies AEU4, 5, 6 and 10 support the theme 'Well Maintained Countryside Access' in the Countryside and Coast Access Improvement Plan (CCAIP).'</p>

PRoW (CF)				Policy AEU2 supports the Growth and Development theme of the CCAIP.
PRoW (CF)				AEU3, AEU7, AEU12, support 'A more sensible network' theme of the CCAIP.
PRoW (CF)				AEU1, AEU8, support the 'knowing what's out there' theme of the CCAIP.
PRoW (CF)				AEU9 supports the Education and respect for the countryside theme of the CCAIP.
PRoW (CF)				It would be useful if Policy AEU10 were extended to include the "England Coast Path" thereby covering the two National Trails through the Downs.
PRoW (CF)				Policy AEU4 – With the loss of the Open Access Management Grant from Natural England it is increasingly difficult to fund enhancements, let alone maintain, "Open Access". I would like to see this Policy significantly bolstered to try and include wording that would secure some of the highly valuable Landscape Grants that have been awarded from the National lottery. Although in some may covered by AEU8 it would assist the CAIP objectives if a co-ordinated plan were developed for the collective Access Land sites with a view to draw some of the honey pot visitors mentioned further East. This would support a number of opportunities and aims earlier identified in the plan.