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2. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is sound?

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Yes

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No

6. Notification of Progress of the Local Plan Review

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The AONB would encourage a higher minimum net gain for areas in the AONB given the unique habitats in this chalk landscape and there sensitivity to change. The AONB would encourage a 20% net gain.

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The AONB does not consider it appropriate to take some of the un met need from a neighbouring authority given the existing constraints of the Local Authority which limits the areas available for development.

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Key that the delivery of the allocation is led by a masterplan, this should be set by the LPA and not a developer. The Masterplan can be adopted as an SPD and then clearly sets the guidelines, building height, lighting strategy, highway layout and landscaping to ensure its delivery rather than developers watering down the policy.

A country park would not promote access to the AONB but attract dog walkers into a sensitive landscape character area (including Bucklebuty common) which has the potential to be a conflict. The skyline as outlined in the Sensitivity assessment is the most sensitive to change but has a great opportunity to enhance the skyline and the landscape character, it therefore needs to be a local asset which enhances the setting of the AONB, delivery, management and maintenance of this is essential if the LPA want to enhance and conserve the AONB and its special qualities.

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Masterplan to be created by LPA

Biodiversity net gain 20%

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