Nidderdale National Landscape

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

10.30 am, 2 October 2025, Council Chamber, NNL Office

1.0 Attendance and notification of substitutes

1.1 **Attendance:**
Cllr. Andrew Murday (NYC)
Cllr. Felicity Cunliffe-Lister (NYC)
Jackie Kerr (Parish Council rep)
Sheila Miller (Parish Council rep)
Paul Trewitt (Parish Council rep)
Joanne Wright (Parish Council rep)
Martin Hockey (Ramblers Association)
Jon Parkes (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust)
Lindsay Wallace (YDMT)
Richard Dimon (Natural England)
Andy Croucher (NNL Volunteers)
Andrew Smith (National Farmers Union)
Richard Bruce (Nidderdale Plus)
Stephen Ramsden (CLA)
Lisa Harrowsmith (Yorkshire Water)

1.2 **Officers:**
Jane Lurcuck (NYC)
Iain Mann (NNL)
Joesph Haywood (NNL) (Item 9)
Matt Trevelyan (NNL) (Item 9)

1.3 **Apologies:**
Cllr. Nathan Hull (NYC)
Justin Scully (National Trust)
Jan Arger (CPRE)
Shaun Berry (NYC)

1.4 **Substitutes:**
None

2.0 Elections

2.1 Nomination for the Chair: RD nominated Andrew Murday and this was seconded by PT. There were no other nominations. AM is the North Yorkshire Council representative on the JAC Executive.

Nomination for the Vice Chair: PT nominated Jo Wright and this was seconded by RD. There were no other nominations. JW is the Parish Councils representative on the JAC Executive.

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Other members of the JAC Executive (1): JW nominated Richard Bruce and this was seconded by SM. There were no other nominations. RB is the Special Interest Groups representative on the JAC Executive.

Other members of the JAC Executive (2): JW nominated Paul Trewitt and this was seconded by SM. There were no other nominations. PT is the second Parish Councils representative on the JAC Executive.

JAC delegate to the Knabs Ridge Community Fund Steering Group: Nathan Hull to continue to represent the JAC (proposed by AM, seconded by RD).

JAC delegate to the Greenhow Enhancement Fund Steering Group: Jo Wright to continue to represent to the JAC (proposed by AM, seconded by RB).

3.0 Declarations of interest

3.1 AM declared an interest for item 8 as the current NYC Councillor for Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale.

4.0 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2025

4.1 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record (proposed by LHS, seconded by RB).

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 *Promoting work of NNL Team:* IM noted that he had shared NNL social media channels with JAC Members so that they could help promotion by reposting NNL social media posts via their own channels.
Arranging a Defra visit: AM reported that he had written to Julian Smith MP to ask him to speak to the Defra Secretary of State and invite her to visit Nidderdale National Landscape. Other options for engagement (e.g. with senior civil servants) to be pursued as the opportunity arises.
New duty guidance: IM noted that he had circulated the website link to the gov.uk guidance on the new protected landscape duty.

6.0 Management Plan

6.1 IM circulated a written report prior to the meeting.

Purpose of report: to set out the results of the consultation on the Management Plan, seek Members' views on the issues that have been raised, agree a final version of the Plan, and agree to recommend the Plan be adopted by North Yorkshire Council.

Recommendations: JAC Members were asked to:

i) Consider the proposed changes to the draft Management Plan in line with the responses to the consultation comments and agree on their inclusion in the Management Plan.
ii) Agree on a final version of the Management Plan, subject to the resolution of any outstanding issues.
iii) Agree to recommend that the Management Plan be adopted by North Yorkshire Council.

IM also circulated a document setting out all of the comments received during the consultation period and the proposed responses, alongside an updated version of the draft Management Plan document.

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6.2 Members considered the consultation comments and the proposed responses, as follows:

Document Section	Comment No.	Decision
General comments	#1 to #13	Agree with proposed responses
Overview	#1	Disagree with proposed response and exclude the word "quiet"
Overview	#2 to #6	Agree with proposed responses
Our Landscape	#1, #2, #4 to #12	Agree with proposed responses
Our Landscape	#3	Amend proposed change by changing "pasture" to "grazing"
Vision	#1	Disagree with proposed response and exclude the word "quiet"
Vision	#2, #3, #5, #6	Agree with proposed responses
Vision	#4	Amend "historic country houses" to "historic buildings, barns and walls"
Climate Change objectives	#1 to #8	Agree with proposed responses
Nature Recovery objectives	#1 to #9, #11 to #13	Agree with proposed responses
Nature Recovery objectives	#10	Amend existing text to read "Continue work with landowners, moorland managers, the police and others to…"
Living and Working objectives	#1 to #7	Agree with proposed responses
Understanding and Enjoyment objectives	#1 to #11, #13, #14	Agree with proposed responses
Understanding and Enjoyment objectives	#12	JAC strongly supports the current objective UE-2. IM to discuss with relevant NYC officer to resolve.
Heritage and Historic Environment objectives	#1 to #5	Agree with proposed responses
Landscape objectives	#1 to #11	Agree with proposed responses
Delivery Organisations	#1 to #6	Agree with proposed responses
Context and Delivery	#1 to #10	Agree with proposed responses

6.3 Having reviewed the comments and agreed changes to the revised document, Members agreed to recommend that the Management Plan be adopted by North Yorkshire Council (proposed by JW, seconded by AS).

7.0 Nidderdale Community Partnership

7.1 RB, in his role as Chair of Nidderdale Plus, provided Members with background to the formation of the Nidderdale Community Partnership (NCP). The aim of the NCP is to maintain Nidderdale as a recognised, vibrant and sustainable rural community for the twenty first century, which it will seek to achieve by working in partnership to address the needs of the area through the sharing of ideas, resources, experience and energy and by ensuring that adequate high-quality services are provided to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. The NCP seeks to work for economic prosperity for all and to promote an environmentally sustainable area.

7.2 The wider partnership will be directed by an executive group and the JAC is invited to be part of this executive. Members broadly welcomed the initiative. FCL noted the work of the Uredale Community Partnership, centred around Ripon and which she is a member of. This community partnership includes the north-eastern part of the Nidderdale National Landscape. FCL noted that it will be important to identify appropriate boundaries for the area covered by the new Nidderdale Community Partnership to complement that of the existing Uredale Community Partnership. AM agreed to raise this issue as part of his involvement with the NCP.

Action: AM to raise this issue with the NCP.

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7.3 It was agreed that IM would attend the meetings of the Community Partnership executive as the representation of the JAC in the period up to the next JAC meeting in spring 2026, at which point the JAC can decide on longer term representation on this partnership.

Action: IM to attend NCP executive meetings and report back to spring 2026 JAC meeting.

8.0 Boundary Commission

8.1 AM passed the chair to JW in her role as Vice-chair for this item, having previously declared an interest.

8.2 JW noted the letter sent by the JAC (signed by the Vice-chair on behalf of the committee) in December 2024 highlighting concerns about initial proposals to change the division boundaries, which proposed amalgamating Pateley Bridge and Upper Nidderdale with Wharfedale; the subsequent Boundary Commission draft recommendations which identified Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale as a separate division from Wharfedale; and the further Boundary Commission revision – subject to a consultation concluding on 13 October – which reverts to amalgamating Pateley Bridge and Upper Nidderdale with Wharfedale.

8.3 Members discussed the revised proposals and felt that they do not reflect local communities and identities, which is stated as an important aspect of how divisions should be chosen. It was noted that, for the JAC, this issue is considered only from the point of view as a Nidderdale community issue. Members decided they wished to reiterate their concerns about the proposals to the Boundary Commission by responding to the consultation.

Action: JW to circulate a draft letter to Members for comment and then submit to the Boundary Commission consultation.

8.4 AM resumed the chair on completion of this item.

9.0 NNL Grassland and Curlew Projects update

9.1 Joesph Haywood from the NNL team presented the new grasslands project, highlighting the significant amount of species-rich grassland conservation that has been achieved in the first year of the project.

9.2 Matt Trevelyan from the NNL team presented an update on farmland curlew conservation projects that have been running across the National Landscape over recent years. He highlighted the successes and learning that these projects have achieved but noted the significant work remaining to achieve a sustainable long term curlew population.

10.0 Summary of Planning Application Responses

10.1 A summary of planning consultation responses was circulated prior to the meeting, showing that in the period April to September 2025, the JAC (via the JAC Executive) commented on 28 planning applications, with a total of 52 applications scrutinised during this period.

11.0 Reports from Partners

11.1 AM reported on a meeting with the Head of Resilience and Emergencies at NYC to discuss lessons learnt from the moorland wildfire in the North York Moors. A report is being produced and should be available early in 2026. LHS noted the work of the North Yorkshire Wildfire Group, which she chairs. The group includes the fire service and ensures that estate fire plans are in place and shared, with landowner and gamekeeper contacts, access plans and firefighting equipment. It was agreed that reviewing the lessons learnt from the NYM wildfire would be valuable.

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Action: IM to include discussion of lesson learnt report as part of spring 2026 JAC meeting.

11.0 Any other business

11.1 There was no other business.

11.2 Dates for the 2026 JAC meetings will be circulated later in the year.

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