

Parish Forum Meeting 16 November 2016

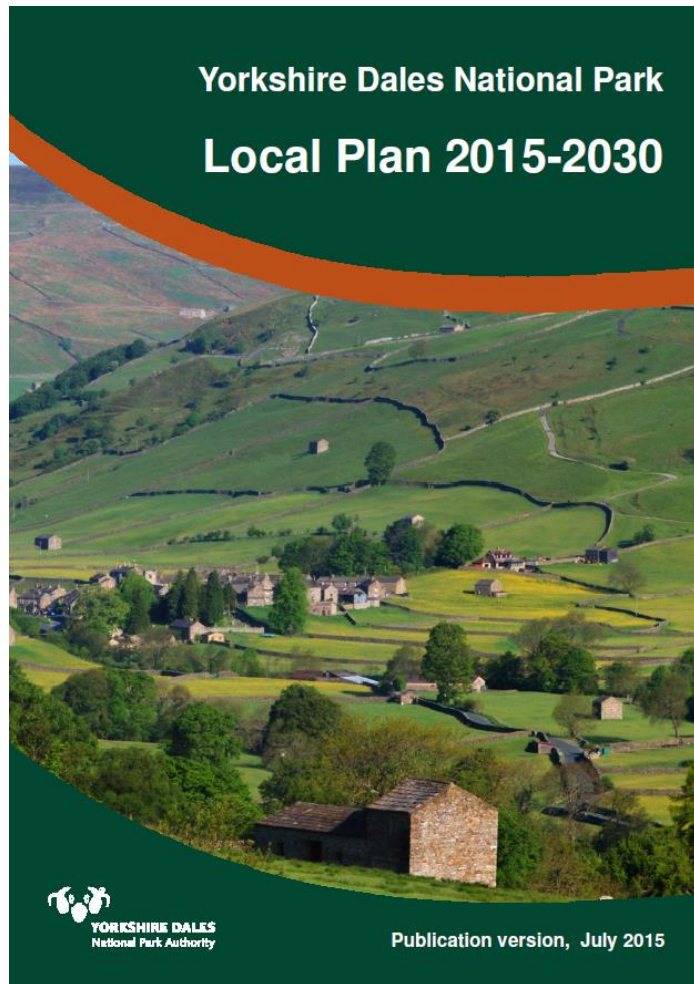
Welcome

Neil Heseltine
(Southern Forum Chair)

Conversion of Roadside Barns

Peter Stockton
Head of Sustainable Development

Yorkshire Dales Local Plan barns policy



L2 Conversion of traditional buildings – acceptable uses

.....change of use of traditional buildings will..... be permitted within existing settlements and building groups or other suitable roadside locations.

.....Proposals for change of use to a dwellinghouse for continuous occupation will be subject to a local occupancy restriction

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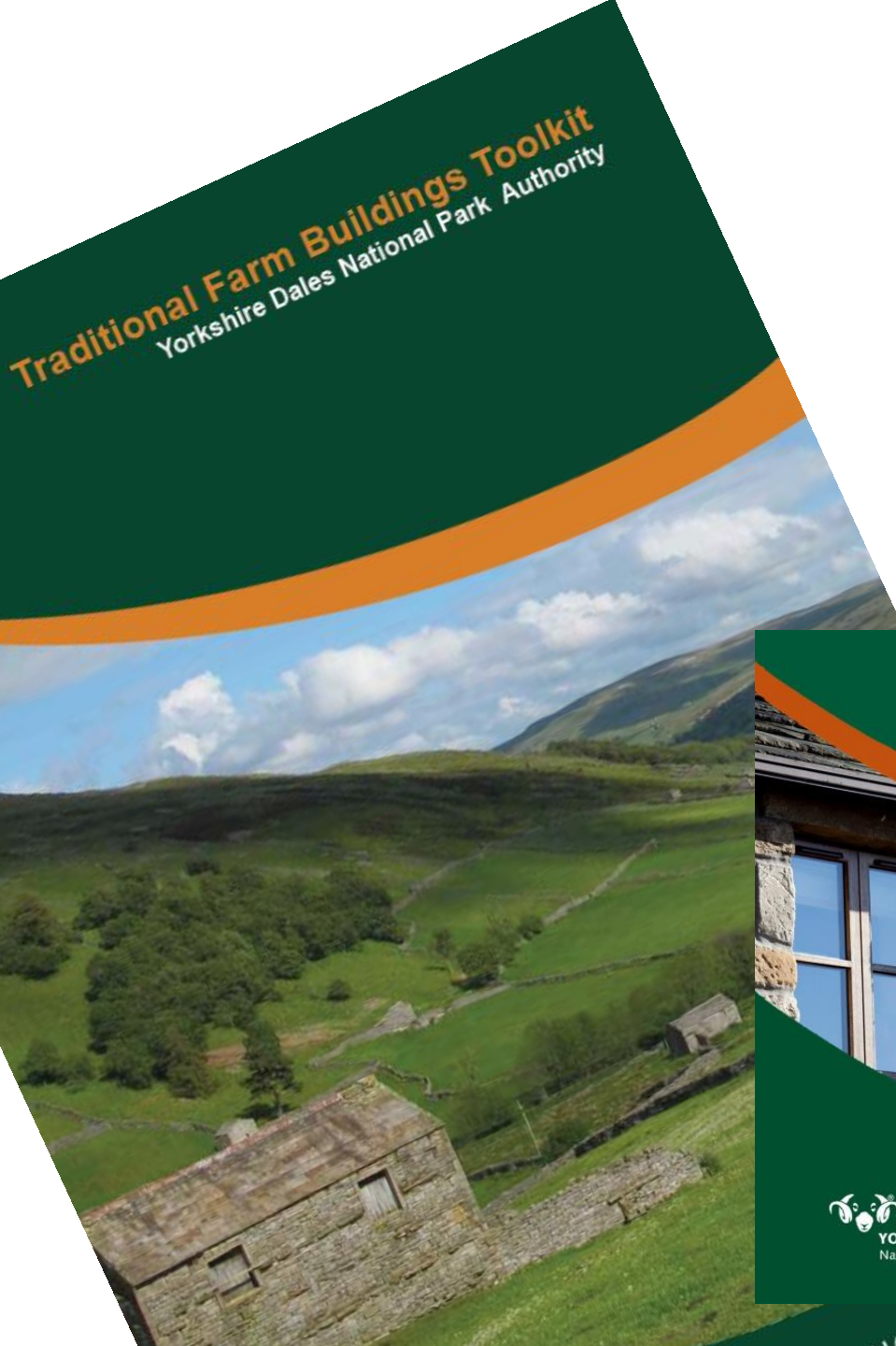
5.8 To allow traditional buildings to be put to alternative uses where the building and its location is able to accommodate the intensity of the new use and associated impacts.

Policy L2 (conversions)



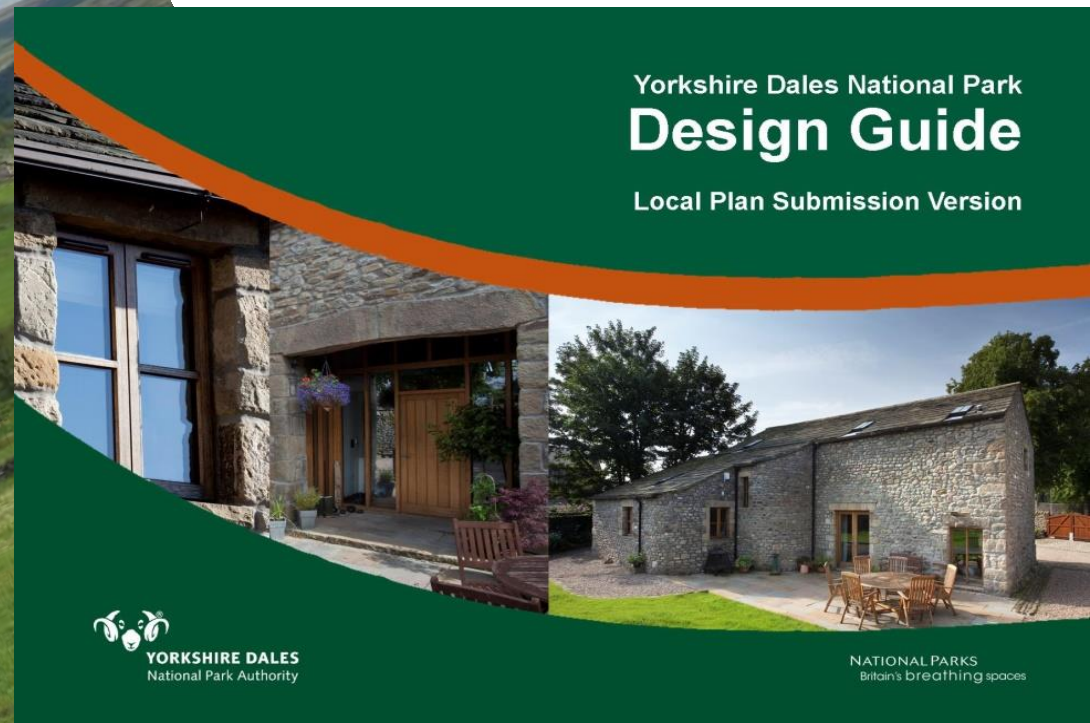
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- a significant expansion of local planning policy
- Intensive residential uses are now permitted for 'roadside' barns
- Buildings must have physical capacity for domestic use without significant alteration or extension
- 'Roadside' excludes buildings that are not in close proximity to a road or track ie. isolated 'field' barns
- Field barns and other isolated traditional buildings may be permissible for other less intensive uses that do not need direct vehicular access or parking eg. barn 'pods', storage, camping barns etc.



Traditional farm buildings toolkit and design guidance

Advice to owners and developers about heritage significance, development options and planning design guidance



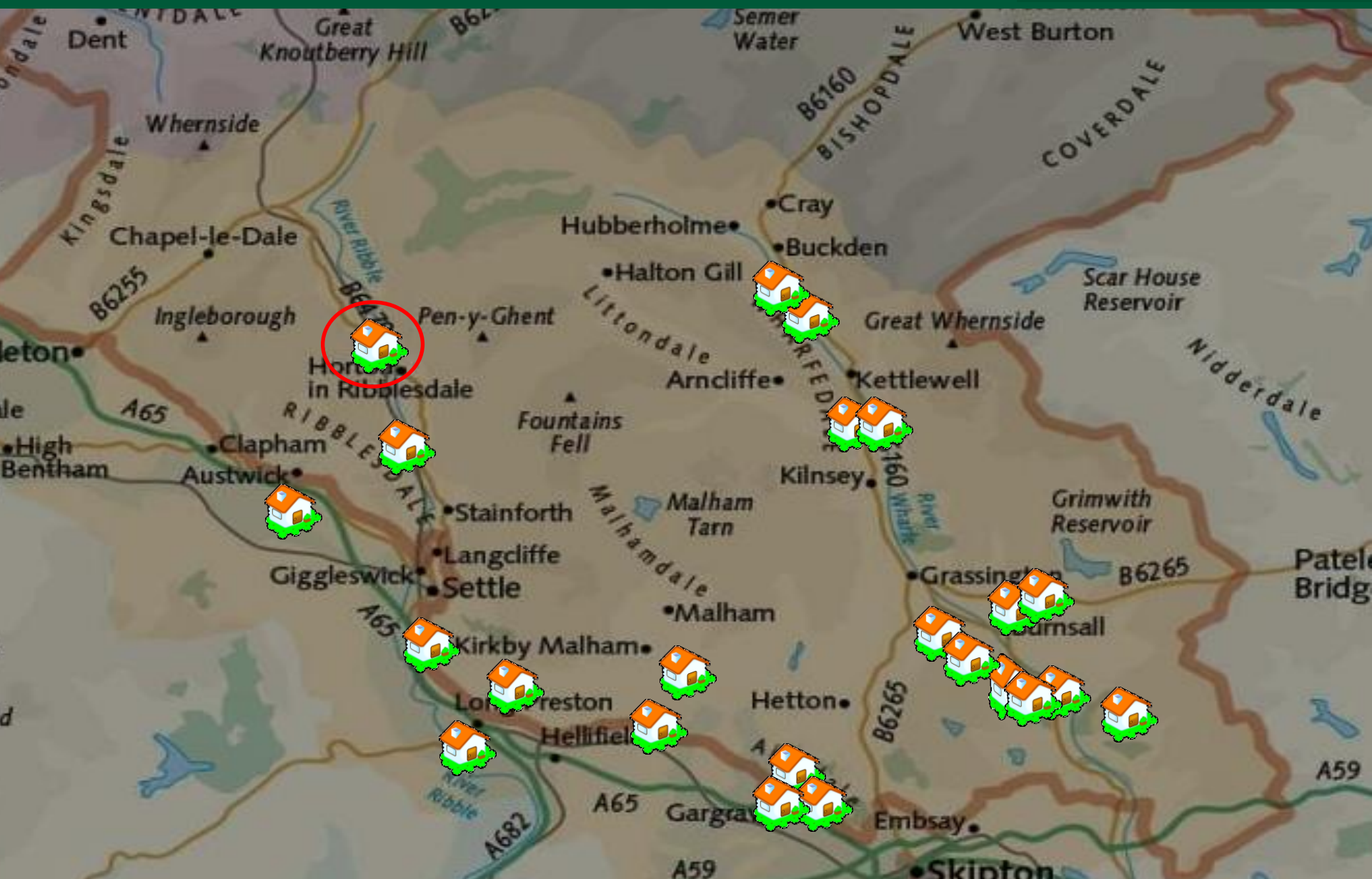
Low Row, Swaledale residential barn conversion



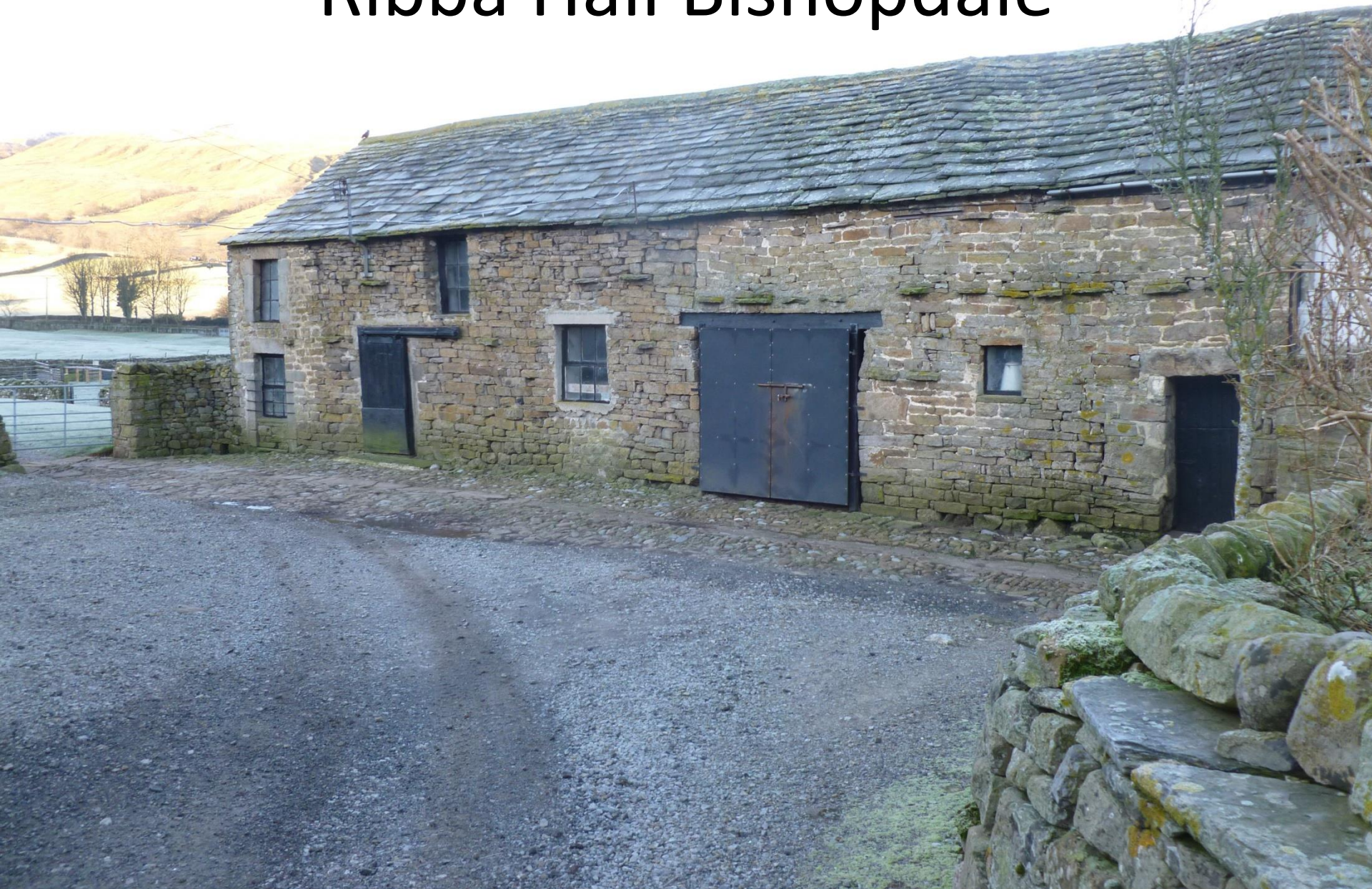
Policy L2 (barn conversions) since October 2015



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Ribba Hall Bishopdale



Cubble Head, Burtersett



Red gate barn, Askrigg





Long Preston



Starbotton

Local Plan progress



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- Public hearings, July 2016
- Consultation on post hearing modifications Oct - Nov 2016
- Inspector's report December ?
- Promote new policies 2017 ie.
 - Allocated housing sites (mix of house types)
 - Business sites
 - Farm and land management flexibilities
 - Visitor accommodation
 - Wensleydale Railway
 - Conversion policy

The Future of Farming and Land Management in the Dales

Chris Clark
Parish Member

FARMING OBJECTIVE

1. Maintain or increase the number of viable farm businesses
2. Take advantage of Brexit opportunities

Remembering:

Farmers are the Dales' biggest asset.

CURRENT SITUATION

Agri-Food Chain

- Contributed £109 billion GVA (7.3%)
- Agriculture & fishing contributed £11 billion GVA (0.7%)
- 3.9m people employed (14% of national employment)
 - Agriculture 500k (13%) nationally, 2k in YDNP

Source: DEFRA Food Statistics Pocketbook 2015

CURRENT SITUATION

Land management & farming in the YDNP

	National	YDNP	%
Farmers (full time)	88,188	898	1.02
Breeding sheep	7,090,536	288,974	4.08
Lambs under 1yr	7,448,368	304,820	4.09
Land use (ha)	9,086,000	124,035	1.40

Source: Structure of the agricultural industry in England and the UK at June November 2014

CURRENT SITUATION

YDNP farmers

- Support of £30k to £60k;
- Family income of £10k to £20k;
- Also some receiving family credit;
- Spouse's contribution

DEFRA'S VIEW

- Direct payments are a significant proportion of farmers' total income;
- In 2014/15 half of the farmers in England failed to cover their costs of production;
- Even after all support payments are included in farm revenue, almost 20% of farms failed to achieve a farm business income;
- Increase in the budget for support of Pillar II objectives, such as the provision of public goods;
- Farmers in England would most likely receive lower, perhaps no, direct payments;
- “We are committed to being the first generation to leave the natural environment of England in a better state than that in which we found it”

OTHER VIEWS

- CLA
 - The core of this policy should be multiannual contracts between the government and land managers supporting them in the provision of a wide range of, primarily but not exclusively, environmental public goods.
- National Trust
 - We want to see increased benefits to the public in the form of a beautiful, natural environment, rich in nature and wildlife, and the land, on which our farming depends, secure in its long term health and productive capacity.

OTHER VIEWS

- NFU
 - The natural environment is much wider than biodiversity.
 - Environmental delivery should not be seen in isolation of our production or our use of the countryside for food production.
 - In future, environmental delivery outside of Europe will be shaped by the trade agreements put in place.

OTHER VIEWS

Dieter Helm (Independent Chair of the Natural Capital Committee)

- There is also a powerful argument that small upland farmers represent a culture that has value separate from the narrow economic outputs. They play a role in communities greatly in excess of their incomes and spending. Uplands given over to tourism would also not work without the management of the land.
- The upland farmers have a key role in managing the land. Someone has to do it for the public benefit, and upland farmers tend to be rooted in these landscapes and understand them in a way that few from outside do. These are the marginal farmers, and the ones who are most dependent on subsidy.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE?

- Uncertain;
- So making decisions is difficult;
- It is likely that the YDNPA and the YDNP farmers will have to show:
 - Value for money;
 - Significant environmental influence;
 - Public money for public goods in some form.

WHAT NEXT

1. Do nothing and hope funding levels stay as they are;

Plan for:

2. BPS maintained with a reduction of 10 to 20%;
3. BPS maintained with a reduction of 30%;
4. Pillar 1 & 2 to be merged and for the uplands to maintain current levels of funding;
5. Pillar 1 & 2 to be merged and for the uplands to lose 10 to 20% support.

YDNPA Approach to Nature Conservation

Gary Smith

Director of Conservation & Community

- Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage;
- Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities by the public

- Underpinned by ‘Sandford principle’
 - Conservation takes precedence if there is irreconcilable conflict;
- ‘Section 61 duty’
 - **In pursuing the purposes**, must seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities.
- National Park Circular (2010)

Other statutory provisions

- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)
- National Planning Policy Framework
- European Landscape Convention

- National Park Management Plan
 - Grants to farmers and landowners;
 - Advice and help to get other grants;
 - Planning – policy and implementation;
 - Major projects (e.g. Ingleborough Dales)
 - Managing access;
 - Supporting communities and volunteers
 - Raising awareness/education
 - Research and survey

YDNPA Staff Reorganisation

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Affordable Housing

Peter Stockton
Head of Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development Fund



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SDF facts and figures

- Operated for 15 years
- £2.3 million to 272 projects
- £175,000 available this year
- Over £80,000 given to 11 projects so far this year

What's it for?

- To support projects that result in positive benefits for the Yorkshire Dales National Park:
 - its environment; **and**,
 - its economy; **and**,
 - its communities.

- Contributes to *National Park Purposes*:
 - Natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage; **or**
 - Understanding and enjoyment by the public

And

- Provides some local *economic* benefit **or** some benefit to a local *community*

How much can you apply for?

- No minimum or maximum grant
- Aim to support 15-20 projects a year
- Up to 75% of costs for charities or community groups
- Up to 50% of costs for all other applicants

Malham village hall



Royal Oak Furniture briquette maker



Clapham village shop



B4RN hyperfast community broadband



What next?

- If you have a project that you think might be suitable for the SDF then please get in touch
- You can download an application form, guidance notes and our annual summaries from the SDF webpage

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National Park Management Plan

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Questions
Any Other Business