

The future of the Malvern Hills AONB

You may be aware that the parishes of Alfrick and Lulsley are partly in the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). An AONB is a national designation which recognises the distinctive character and natural beauty of an area. The Malvern Hills AONB covers parts of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.

The Government requires a 5 year Management Plan to be produced directed at the conservation and enhancement of the Malvern Hills AONB. This plan covers issues such as landscape and wildlife conservation, recreation and access, the impact of farming and forestry, the need for sustainable transport, and sustainable development.

The current Management Plan (2004 - 2009) is now under review and a new, or revised, plan will be produced for the period 2009-2014. **As part of the review process we would like to hear directly from you, the people who live and work in the area.** However, should you feel that your views have already been expressed in other local documents such as a Parish Plan, or Village Design Statement, please be assured that we will consider these documents as part of the review process.

If you would like to know more about the Management Plan review, or wish to get involved, please go to www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk or contact the AONB office. You can give us your views on the current Management Plan from 1st November 2007 - 31st January 2008, and a draft new Plan will be available for consultation in spring/early summer 2008.

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