

**LAND BETWEEN THE MOORS II PROJECT
MONTHLY BRIEFING – 7**

***Developing a Local Land Management Framework (LLMF)
for the Culm Countryside Character Area***

August 2006

The primary activity in August has been the preparation and production of an interim report for the Countryside Agency, submitted at the end of the month. Detail of activities, progress and findings from the last eight months have been set out with pointers towards the closing four months of the project. Recommendations, from experience gained so far, have been given with respect to improvements which could be made to the LLMF generation process if applied elsewhere in the future. For further information please see 'Interim Report' under the Communication section below. A final report and Local Land Management Framework for the Culm is due for submission to Natural England at the close of the year (Dec 2006).

If you have a computer with internet access, digital copies of past monthly briefings, and further information about the LBTMII project is available at the following website:
<http://www.southwestforest.org.uk/land-between-the-moors/index.html> .

GIS

Capacity to process mapped information from paper into digital GIS form has been improved with an upgrade of memory and installation of 'ARC VIEW' GIS to Jim's laptop computer. This will allow a portable version of GIS to be taken out to parishes and stakeholder parishioners as they work with the project officer to map out the land management aspirations, processed following the previous workshops, in the context of their area.

A meeting with Gill Ware of the DCC GIS team has been set for September to look at pulling together existing datasets into a web-based GIS format which will form the basis of the LLMF in digital format. Protocols for converting paper-based, mapped info from work with parishes into digital layers and datasets will need to be agreed. In due course this will allow an approach for integrating mapped land management aspirations with other GIS data in order to set out the possible land use options for the Culm area; identifying the public and private benefit related to each.

Stakeholder Participation

Following an analysis of responses from the original questionnaire sent out in May, Culm parishes are now actively being approached to find out if they will be willing to participate in the mapping of land management aspirations for their locality. Visits and presentations to numerous parishes and community alliances are being scheduled during the next two months in order to initiate and facilitate the mapping process at parish level.

The analysis of the Land Management Aspirations following the second workshop in July continues with the aim of condensing and reducing down the map-able LMA's into a workable number for the mapping process. A completed list of LMA's with comments will be circulated to all stakeholders in due course when analysis is complete.

As a result of the continuing analysis of LMA's and the need to assess the strategic fit of National, Regional and Local strategy towards land use interests in the Culm, (see Cross-Checking), the third stakeholder workshop, originally scheduled for 27 September, has now been put back to 15 November. All other details, e.g. activity aims, venue (Parkhouse Centre, Bude) and times for the event remain the same.

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Communication

An **interim report** on the LBTM2 project has now been completed and submitted to the Countryside Agency in August 2006. This offers details progress so far in pre-piloting the creation of a Local Land Management Framework (LLMF) for the Culm Joint Character Area (JCA).

The key areas of activity for the project covered in the interim report are:

1. Developing engagement with stakeholders in the Culm through stakeholder dialogue as integral part of an iterative process towards the production of a LLMF for the Culm.
2. Looking at the strategic landscape for the area, identifying key strategy and policy documents which may have a bearing on land use in the Culm. Furthermore, devising a way in which this information can be collated and represented alongside stakeholders' concerns to help inform the land use decision-making process.
3. Development of a GIS-based LLMF which allows easy access for public and professionals to see the land use interests, opportunities and constraints mapped out

A full and final report is due for submission to Natural England (formerly the Countryside Agency in part) on 31 December 2006.

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Cross-Checking

Following a meeting of the Culm Core and the Land Between the Moors cohesion group, a brief has been agreed to engage consultants in the review of strategies with implications for land use in the area. This will not only inform the LBTM2 process for matching and prioritizing LMA's with national, regional and local strategy and policy (in readiness for the third stakeholder workshop) but will also help to develop a clear picture for the wider Land Between the Moors Partnership which is looking to develop cohesion and integrity of rural delivery across the area.

Consultants have been called for interview on 14 September and the successful candidate will be required to provide...

- A. A summary of the main content of the relevant Strategies;
- B. The national and regional context for land management within the Land Between the Moors;
- C. In tabular format, a summary of the main issues and actions addressed by each Strategy, the delivery arrangements/partnerships and the relevant funding bodies and grant regimes associated with each one.

It is anticipated that selection and commencement of the study will take place very soon after 14 September. A presentation of draft findings and options for partners to consider is planned for 19 October with final report due by 31 October 2006.