

## Appendix 2b

### Further details addressing the Objectives

1. Sufficient funds have already been pledged to enable the Business organisation to operate. A Community Investment Company is the preferred vehicle for fund raising.

2. We have started the application process through a number of organisations, HLF, Landfill levy, Woodland Trust, shares would also be sold in the CIC. In addition we will approach charities with similar interests for both the purchase of the land and trees, as stated in the objective 2.

We have pledges from local Farmers to complete the land preparation.

A number of individuals have already pledged to buy thousands of shares in the CIC (this is before publicity).

3. The back 5 acres will be the Woodland and the front 6 acres the Hay Meadow. The woodland field will require little preparation save for the tree planting. The type of trees and the positioning of the various types will be decided using expertise from the Woodland Trust in discussion with the PDNPA and the Forestry Commission, using the PDNP vision for Wooden Landscapes as a guide.

The establishment of the Hay Meadow in the front field will require a degree of preparation. The field has not been excessively fertilised over the years but will require harrowing in preparation for seed planting. Typically the mix of seeds would be annual and perennial, this would ensure good flowering by the annuals in the first year and the perennials would slowly establish. There are a number of companies selling appropriate seed, (Boston seeds, Landlife). We have some local expertise within the community where meadows have been established, we would also liaise closely with the PDNPA regarding the type of seed best suited to the landscape. We have also been in discussion with Anna Badcock (Cultural Heritage Team Manager PDNPA) regarding any heritage sensitivity at the site and with her guidance and advice will ensure there is no disturbance.

The field would be cut late July/August, weather dependant and then grazed through to December again weather dependant.

4. The local community has expressed enthusiasm for the scheme and will be involved in the management and maintenance going forward. All the schools in the locality will be encouraged to join the project and in the years to come will continue to benefit as the Woodland and Hay Meadow become established.

5. In order to enable people from the local and possibly wider community to enjoy this landscape, pathways will be mown around the perimeter of the fields and also the woodland, these will be low key, 1.5m in width. We would like to include further wildlife enhancements such as a dew pond and hedgerows to establish a wildlife corridor on the internal field side and would seek to do this within PDNPA guidelines.

**Note.** We have been informed that the timescale for raising funds would be the end of August 2021 but due to various PDNPA procedures the actual end date is June 30. Both these dates are extremely tight, particularly given the current pandemic restrictions. We would request that the village is given a minimum of eighteen months to complete fund raising, with a viability report from the CIC to the PDNPA after nine months which will include funds raised and an assessment of grants awarded, followed by further three monthly reports of the current status. If, during the reporting

periods the CIC appears not to be meeting its targets; then a reassessment of the project viability would have to be made.