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NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: **Friday 29 September 2023**

Time: **11.00 am**

Venue: **Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell**

PHILIP MULLIGAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call of Members Present, Apologies for Absence and Members Declarations of Interest**
2. **Minutes of the previous meetings of 7th and 28th July 2023** *(Pages 7 - 20)* 5 mins
3. **Urgent Business**
4. **Public Participation**
To note any questions or to receive any statements, representations, deputations and petitions which relate to the published reports on Part A of the Agenda.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5. **Chair's Briefing** 5 mins
6. **Chief Executive Report (PM)** *(Pages 21 - 24)* 5 mins

ITEMS FOR DECISION

7. **Derbyshire County Council Safer Roads Schemes (A5004 Long Hill and A5012 Via Gellia TN)** *(Pages 25 - 52)* 30 mins
Appendix 1a

Appendix 1b

Appendix 2

Appendix 3a

Appendix 3b
8. **Programmes & Resources Committee Programme Plan For 2023-24 (EF)** *(Pages 53 - 56)* 10 mins
9. **Appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer (PM)** *(Pages 57 - 58)* 5 mins

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. **Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2022/23 (JO)** *(Pages 59 - 68)* 5 mins
Appendix 1

Appendix 2

Appendix 3
11. **Reports from Outside Bodies - None Received** 5 mins
12. **Exempt Information S100(A) Local Government Act 1972**
The Committee is asked to consider, in respect of the exempt item, whether the public should be excluded from the meeting to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information.

Draft Motion:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 13 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 3 “information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)

PART B

13. Exempt Minutes of the 28th July 2023 (Pages 69 - 72)

5 mins

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If the Authority has not completed its business by 1.00pm and decides to continue the meeting the Chair will exercise discretion to adjourn the meeting at a suitable point for a 30 minute lunch break after which the committee will re-convene.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (as amended)

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To: Members of National Park Authority:

Chair: Mr K Smith
Deputy Chair: Mr J W Berresford

Cllr M Beer	Cllr P Brady
Cllr M Buckler	Cllr M Chaplin
Cllr C Farrell	Cllr P G Fryer
Cllr N Gourlay	Cllr C Greaves
Cllr A Gregory	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr B Hanley	Ms A Harling
Cllr A Hart	Cllr L Hartshorne
Cllr Mrs G Heath	Cllr I Huddlestone
Cllr D Murphy	Cllr A Nash
Cllr C O'Leary	Cllr Mrs K Potter
Cllr V Priestley	Cllr K Richardson
Miss L Slack	Dr R Swetnam
Mr S Thompson	Cllr J Wharmby
Ms Y Witter	Cllr B Woods

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MINUTES

Meeting: **National Park Authority**

Date: Friday 7 July 2023 at 10.00 am

Venue: Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Mr K Smith

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr J Charters, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Greaves, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Ms A Harling, Cllr A Hart, Cllr L Hartshorne, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr Mrs K Potter, Cllr V Priestley, Cllr K Richardson, Miss L Slack, Mr K Smith, Dr R Swetnam, Mr S Thompson, Cllr J Wharmby, Ms Y Witter and Cllr B Woods

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Beer, Cllr M Buckler, Cllr N Gourlay, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr A Nash and Cllr C O'Leary

55/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

56/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Mr James Berresford presided for the appointment of the Chair for 2023/4.

One Member, Mr Ken Smith had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of the Authority and had provided a written statement, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Following the vote Mr Ken Smith was appointed Chair of the Authority and took the Chair.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Mr Ken Smith as Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2024.

57/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

One Member, Mr James Berresford had expressed an interest in the role of Deputy Chair of the Authority and had provided a written statement, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

RESOLVED:

To appoint Mr James Berresford as Deputy Chair of the Authority for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in July 2024.

58/23 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

59/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had given notice to address the meeting under the Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

60/23 REPORT OF THE MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS PANEL

The meeting considered the report of the Member Appointments Process Panel and considered each of the appointments set out in the recommendations of the report. In most cases the appointments were moved, seconded and approved in accordance with the expressions of interest in the report, any changes to the report are identified below.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Mr Ken Smith withdrew his interest so there was only one Member, Cllr Patrick Brady, who had expressed an interest in the role of Chair of Planning Committee. The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Cllr Brady and Mr Smith withdrew their interest in the role of Deputy Chair of Planning Committee. Two other Members, Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Mike Chaplin had expressed an interest and had provided written statements, circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. A motion to appoint one of the candidates was moved and seconded and, in accordance with Standing Order 1.12(4), the voting was carried out in the form of a ballot.

Following the ballot Cllr Virginia Priestley was appointed as Vice Chair of Planning Committee.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee

Cllr Charles Greaves withdrew his interest in the role of Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee so there was only one Member who had expressed an interest, Professor Janet Haddock Fraser. The nomination was moved and seconded and as there was only one candidate the voting was carried out by a show of hands.

Following the ballot, Cllr Charles Greaves was appointed Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee

Planning Committee

It was noted that the Authority had previously agreed that the Membership of both Standing Committees should be set at 15 and the Local Authority positions on Planning Committee allocated according to the formula used in previous years. As previously agreed the size of Programmes and Resources Committee had been increased to 16 Members so that the Chair of the Authority could be appointed to both Committees and it was agreed to continue this for a further 12 months

Cllr J Wharmby and Cllr A Nash withdrew their expressions of interest in the Planning Committee. Therefore the vacancies on Planning Committee for Local Authority Members were appointed as follows:

Cheshire East: Cllr O'Leary

Derbyshire CC: Cllr Dermot Murphy

Derbyshire Dales DC: Cllr Matt Buckler

High Peak BC: Cllr Ian Huddleston

Staffordshire Moorlands DC/Staffordshire CC: Cllr Andrew Hart

Metropolitan Districts/NE Derbyshire DC: Cllr Lee Hartshorne, Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Mike Chaplin

Cllr Bill Hanley and Cllr Martin Beer were appointed to the vacant Secretary of State Member places.

Programmes and Resources Committee

Cllr Murphy and Cllr Buckler withdrew their interest.

Cllr Wharmby, Cllr Nash, Cllr Gourlay and Cllr Charters were appointed to the vacant Local Authority Member places.

Local Joint Committee

Cllr Andrew Gregory was appointed to the vacant Secretary of State Member place.

Appeals Panel

Cllr Becki Woods and Cllr Andrew Gregory withdrew, so the following were appointed to the vacant places: Cllr Charles Greaves, Cllr Charlotte Farrell, Mr James Berresford, Ms Annabel Harling.

Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee

Cllr Mike Chaplin withdrew.

Member Champions

Natural Environment, Biodiversity and Farming

A ballot was held to decide which of the two Members who had expressed an interest and had been proposed and seconded (Cllr Farrell and Cllr Priestly) would fill the role and Cllr Virginia Priestley was appointed.

The other Member Champion roles were appointed following a show of hands.

Cultural Heritage and Landscapes

Mr Ken Smith was appointed as the Member Champion for Cultural Heritage & Landscapes.

Engagement

Ms Yvonne Witter was appointed Member Champion for Engagement.

Thriving and Sustainable Communities

Cllr Patrick Brady, Ms Annabelle Harling and Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew. Cllr Andy Nash had expressed an interest and so was appointed Member Champion for Thriving and Sustainable Communities.

Climate Change

Cllr Charlotte Farrell was appointed Climate Change Member Champion.

Business and Economy

Cllr Patrick Brady withdrew, so Cllr Andrew Gregory was appointed Member Champion for Business and Economy.

Member Learning and Development

Cllr Becki Woods was appointed to the role of Member Champion for Member Learning & Development.

Budget Monitoring Meeting

Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew her name from the list of Members. Following a show of hands the Panel was appointed as Chair of Authority, Chair and Vice Chair of Programmes and Resources Committee with three other Members – Ms Annabel Harling, Ms Yvonne Witter and Cllr Andy Nash

Due Diligence Panel

Cllr Jean Wharmby withdrew so Mr James Beresford and Ms Annabel Harling were appointed as Member and Deputy respectively following a show of hands.

Local Plan Review member Steering Group

Ms Witter requested that meetings of the group take place on days when there was also a committee meeting, to enable her to attend. Membership of the Steering Group was confirmed as the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee, Chair of the Authority and the appointed Member Champions (except for Member Learning and Development) and proposed, seconded and appointed by a show of hands.

Member Appointments Process Panel

Cllr Virginia Priestley withdrew and Ms Lydia Slack expressed an interest in the vacant role of Reserve Secretary of State Member. The appointments were proposed, seconded and appointed by a show of hands.

Appointments to Outside Bodies - all agreed by a show of hands

The following vacancies were filled:

Campaign for National Parks - Prof Janet Haddock Fraser as Member and Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Andrew Hart as Deputies.

East Midlands Councils - Mr James Berresford as Member and Cllr Patrick Brady as Deputy.

Europarc - Mr Andy Nash.

Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee - Mr Ken Smith.

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - Cllr Ken Richardson as Member, Cllr Mike Chaplin as Deputy.

Peak District National Park Foundation – Cllr Andrew Gregory, Ms Lydia Slack and Mr James Berresford as Members, Cllr Virginia Priestley and Cllr Dermot Murphy as Reserves.

National Parks England - Mr Ken Smith

National Parks Partnership LLP- Annual Meeting - Mr Ken Smith

Derwent Valley Rural Community Rail Partnership - Cllr Andrew Gregory as Member and Mr James Berresford as Deputy.

Hope Valley & High Peak Community Rail Partnership - Cllr Becki Woods as Member and Cllr Andrew Gregory as Deputy.

Moors for the Future Partnership Group - Cllr Virginia Priestley as Chair and Professor Janet Haddock Fraser as Deputy, Cllr Andy Nash as Reserve.

Peak District Partnership - Cllr Patrick Brady as Chair. It was agreed to carry the vacancy for Deputy.

Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership – Cllr Andrew Hart as Member and Cllr Gill Heath as Deputy.

Land Managers Forum - Cllr Virginia Priestley as Chair, Professor Janet Haddock Fraser as Deputy and Cllr Patrick Brady and Ms Annabel Harling as Members.

Peak District Local Access Forum - Cllr Ian Huddleston as Member and Cllr Andy Nash as Deputy.

Peak District Local Nature Partnership - Cllr Charlotte Farrell as Member and Dr Ruth Swetnam as Deputy.

Stanage Forum Steering Group - Two Members had expressed an interest: Cllr Charlotte Farrell and Mr Ken Smith. Following a ballot, Cllr Charlotte Farrell was elected as Member.

Members offered their congratulations to the Moors for the Future Partnership who had been given an award by the CIEEM (Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management) in recognition of the positive impact on the environment made by the planning of 600 acres of sphagnum moss in the Upper Derwent Valley.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To confirm the Authority's previous decision to set the size of the two Standing Committees to 15, with 8 Local Authority Members and 7 Secretary**

of State Members and allocate Local Authority places on Planning Committee as set out in Section B (i) of Appendix 1 with an additional place on the Programmes and Resources Committee to accommodate the Chair of the Authority if required.

2. To appoint Cllr Patrick Brady as Chair and Cllr Virginia Priestley as Vice Chair of Planning Committee and to appoint Professor Janet Haddock-Fraser as Chair and Cllr Charles Greaves as Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2024.
3. To appoint the following Members to the Planning Committee and the Programmes and Resources Committee until the annual Authority meeting in July 2024

Planning Committee

Chair – Cllr P Brady
Vice Chair – Cllr V Priestley
Cllr C O’Leary
Cllr D Murphy
Cllr M Buckler
Cllr I Huddleston
Cllr A Hart
Cllr L Hartshorne
Cllr K Richardson
Cllr M Chaplin

Cllr K Potter
Miss L Slack
Mr K Smith
Cllr B Hanley
Cllr Martin Beer

Programmes and Resources

Chair Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Vice Chair – Cllr C Greaves

Cllr G Heath
Cllr B Woods
Cllr J Wharmby
Cllr A Nash
Cllr N Gourlay
Cllr J Charters
Mr J Berresford
Cllr A Gregory
Ms Annabelle Harling
Dr R Swetnam
Mr S Thompson
Ms Y Witter
Mr K Smith

4. To appoint the following Members Champions until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024:

Natural Environment, Biodiversity & Farming	Cllr V Priestley
Cultural Heritage & Landscapes	Mr K Smith
Engagement	Ms Y Witter
Thriving & Sustainable Communities	Cllr A Nash
Climate Change	Cllr C Farrell
Business Economy	Cllr A Gregory
Member Learning & Development	Cllr B Woods

5. a) To appoint the following Members to Local Joint Committee until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024:

Cllr M Chaplin	Cllr V Priestley
Cllr C Farrell	Cllr K Potter
Cllr A Gregory	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr I Huddleston	Mr K Smith
Cllr D Murphy	

b) To appoint the following Members to the Appeals Panel until the Annual Meeting in 2024:

Mr J Berresford	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr P Brady	Ms A Harling
Cllr M Chaplin	Cllr A Hart
Cllr C Farrell	Cllr J Wharmby
Cllr C Greaves	

c) To appoint the following Members to the Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee until the Annual Meeting in July 2024:

Cllr A Gregory	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr G Heath	Ms Y Witter
Cllr V Priestley	Cllr B Woods

d) To appoint the following Members to Budget Monitoring Meeting until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee	Prof J Haddock Fraser
Vice Chair of Programmes & Resources Committee	Cllr C Greaves
Chair of the Authority	Mr K Smith
Three Members	Ms A Harling Cllr A Nash Ms Y Witter

e) To appoint the following Members to the Due Diligence Panel until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Mr J Berresford	Deputy: Ms A Harling
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f) To appoint the following Members to the Governance Review Working Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Mr J Berresford	Prof J Haddock-Fraser
Cllr P Brady	Cllr K Richardson
Cllr M Chaplin	Mr K Smith
Cllr C Greaves	Cllr B Woods

g) To appoint the following Members to the Local Plan Review member Steering Group until the Annual Meeting in July 2024

Chair of Planning Committee	Cllr P Brady
Vice Chair of Planning Committee	Cllr V Priestley
Chair of the Authority	Mr K Smith
Member Champions	Cllr V Priestley Mr K Smith Ms Y Witter

Cllr A Nash
Cllr C Farrell
Cllr A Gregory

h) To appoint the following Members to the Member Appointment Process Panel until the Annual Authority Meeting in July 2024:

Cllr K Richardson
Cllr B Woods
Cllr J Wharmby (Reserve)

Cllr A Gregory
Ms Y Witter
Miss L Slack (Reserve)

6. To appoint to the 17 Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes until the Annual Authority meeting in July 2024.

7. To confirm that all these appointments are approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances as set out in Schedule 2 of the Members' Allowance Scheme.

Appendix 1- Appointments to Outside Bodies

61/23 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2024 (KH)

The report was introduced by the Democratic Services Manager.

Members requested that the Planning Committee schedule be reviewed so that meetings in 2024 were spaced out regularly, and that at least one Member Workshop be scheduled to discuss the Local Plan Review. The recommendation was amended to reflect this.

The recommendation as set out in the report with the amendment to review the schedule of dates for Planning Committee was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried:

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2024 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report subject to a review of the scheduled dates of Planning Committee meetings.**

62/23 MEMBER ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT (JC)

Members noted that attendance had been higher during the pandemic when online meetings had been permitted. It was suggested that pressure should continue to be put on the government to introduce legislation permitting online meetings.

RESOLVED:

To note the annual return of the Members' attendance for 2022/23 at meetings of the Authority, Standing Committees and Essential Member Training as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting ended at 11.22 am

MINUTES

Meeting:	National Park Authority
Date:	Friday 28 July 2023 at 10.00 am
Venue:	Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell
Chair:	Mr K Smith
Present:	Mr J W Berresford, Cllr M Beer, Cllr P Brady, Cllr M Chaplin, Cllr N Gourlay, Cllr A Gregory, Prof J Haddock-Fraser, Cllr B Hanley, Ms A Harling, Cllr L Hartshorne, Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr I Huddleston, Cllr D Murphy, Cllr A Nash, Cllr V Priestley, Cllr K Richardson, Miss L Slack, Dr R Swetnam, Mr S Thompson, Cllr J Wharmby and Ms Y Witter
Apologies for absence:	Cllr M Buckler, Cllr C Farrell, Cllr C Greaves, Cllr A Hart, Cllr Mrs K Potter and Cllr B Woods.

63/23 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

64/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 28 APRIL AND 19 MAY 2023

The minutes of the last National Park Authority Meetings held on the 28th April and 19th May 2023 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment to minute number 31/23 from the 28th April:

Where, in the second bullet point, it reads Michael Dover, it should read Michael Dower.

65/23 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

66/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present to make representations to the Meeting.

67/23 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair of the Authority provided the following verbal update to Members:

He had attended and spoken at the 20th Anniversary of the Environmental Quality Mark.
He had joined other Members in attending Andrew McCloy's leaving party.

He had met with the Chief Executive of the Derbyshire Dales District Council and they had discussed several topics, including:

- Local needs housing
- Visitor centres, especially Bakewell Visitor Centre
- The need for strong partnership between the PDNPA and its constituent authorities
- DDDC had provided data on second home ownership across the Derbyshire Dales, which was being shared with the Policy team at the Authority
- The single funding grant figure for housing providers, which is the same across the country regardless of the cost of provision

The Chair had also been to Edale to attend the funeral of Gordon Miller, a long-standing, influential, and much loved Peak District Ranger.

He also reminded Members that they should have received a copy of the newsletter that goes out to constituent MP's.

The Chair had also received the annual letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman reviewing the complaints they'd received during 2022-23 which said that 2 complaints had been received and neither were upheld. The letter will be reported to the Authority meeting in September.

He finished by saying he'd had lots of invitations to attend meetings, notably from National Parks England and National Parks Partnership.

Cllr Gregory entered the meeting at 10:07

68/23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (PM)

The Chief Executive's report gave an update to Members on recent meetings with stakeholders, partners and other organisations.

Members questioned if the Authority is looking to replace the database in regards to the Core IT systems maintenance and delivery section on the Risk Register. The CEO confirmed that this was the case, and that they were looking at ways to design out the need for this current system which they are struggling to recruit for, due to it requiring a very specific skillset to manage.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

69/23 INTERNAL AUDIT 2023/24 ANNUAL PLAN

Ian Morton, the Internal Auditor, introduced the report and explained the purpose of the Internal Audit Plan. The Internal Auditor stated that the Items proposed for the 2023/24 Plan and the plan itself were still subject to changes which would be agreed with officers, and notification of any proposed changes would be brought to Authority Meetings.

Members asked the Internal Auditor to confirm whether the monitoring of enforcement was for breaches of planning conditions or of planning law more generally, to which Mr Morton confirmed they will be monitoring both conditions and all other breaches of planning approval.

Members were assured that due to the size of the organisation, compared to other larger ones the Auditors are used to dealing with, the allotted time for completing the Audit is reasonable. The Internal Auditor also confirmed that the monitoring of vehicles carbon emissions is something that can be discussed with officers.

There were concerns about the audit of performance management, which relates to the delivery against the Management Plan, and whether the expected audit date of September is too soon. This was considering guidance that the Authority were expecting from DEFRA which impacts the Management Plan but that had been delayed and there was no due date yet for it. The Internal Auditor confirmed that they mostly look at how the Authority collects and monitors performance management data so the lack of the DEFRA guidance might not affect the audit too significantly.

Members wanted to make sure that the Audit definitely links back to the delivery of the Management Plan and the objectives that the Authority has set.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

The Chair offered his thanks to the diligence, in both professional and personal terms, that Ian Morton had applied as the Authority's internal auditor and wished him well for the future as he was retiring.

RESOLVED:

To approve the 2023/24 Internal Audit Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

70/23 FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2022/23

The Head of Finance presented the report and briefly explained the appendices and the different financial reserves to Members.

It should be noted that on page 31 on the 3rd bullet point, the figure should read £735k, instead of £735.

Officers gave the following responses to Member questions/comments:

- The majority of underspend comes from vacancies and recruitment issues and the lack of activities which aren't being carried out and subsequent underspend of resources because positions aren't filled. It is, however, better to be in an underspend situation than a deficit situation. These reserves should be used on an 'invest to operate' basis to improve efficiencies. A plan for this will be brought to Members when it's ready.
- The renaming of reserves is about defining a clear purpose for the reserve as beforehand it was unclear.
- The post-covid working reserve is set aside for the restructuring of teams around the offices as a result of covid, as well as for additional occupational health and safety requirements and helping to tackle mental health problems caused to staff by the pandemic. Officers said that it would be reviewed.
- The significant challenges which limit external auditors from completing Local Authority audits in a timely manner are to do with recruitment and staffing changes. It's currently being looked at by central government but at the moment, only around 27% of audits are signed off.
- Although visitor centres look like they're generating considerable profit, the costs to operate them outweigh the profits that they bring in. Consultations will look at

how to provide the visitor service to more people than what the centres currently reach.

Members were very concerned about the job vacancy issues which were widespread across the organisation. Officers were similarly concerned and had plans in place, as well as the organisational change proposals, to tackle this issue. Members welcomed the Chief Executive's approach towards solving the big issues around recruitment and retention.

Members found the accounts difficult to understand. It was suggested that activities that have significant income and significant costs should be broken down further in the report to make it more clear where issues lie.

The Head of Finance confirmed that a new financial system was coming soon which would be easier to understand and there would be a Member's workshop arranged then to help everyone get up to speed with it.

A motion to approved the recommendations was moved and seconded, voted on and carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To note the outturn position and variance analysis for 2022/23 as shown in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.**
- 2. To approve specific reserve appropriations of £1.7m as shown in Appendix 3 of the report.**

71/23 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES - EAST MIDLANDS COUNCIL AGM (JB)

There was one Outside Body report submitted by the Deputy Chair of the Authority, who had attended the East Midlands Council Annual General Meeting on the 14th July. The meeting discussed regional priorities including rail improvements, climate change challenges and central government funding.

The Deputy Chair encouraged Members to report back from their Outside Body appointments, a comment which was endorsed by the Chair of the Authority.

The Deputy Chair also added that the emerging combined authority of the East Midlands Council would make the Peak District National Park the principal rural asset in the East Midlands Councils and that Members should be mindful of this in regards to funding for planning, transport and other issues.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

72/23 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED:

To exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 11 & 12 to avoid disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A paragraph 3 "information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

73/23 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28 APRIL AND 19 MAY 2023

The exempt minutes of the National Park Authority Meetings held on the 28th April and 19th May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

Summary:

The following Item was considered in Part B of the meeting.

74/23 – Organisational Change Proposal

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6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT (PM)

1. Purpose of the report

To up-date members of key items since the previous Authority meeting

2. Recommendation:

1. For Members to note the report

3. Key Items

Since my last report on 28th July I have continued to meet with stakeholders, partners and organisations based in and around the National Park Authority including:

- Chief Superintendent Dave Kirby Derbyshire Constabulary
- Paul Wilson, CEO & Cllr Steve Flitter Derbyshire Dales DC
- Natural England
- Severn Trent Water
- Great North Bog Board Meeting
- Visit to Ecton Mine
- Olivia Blake MP Defra Access Team Site Visit
- Moors for the Future Partnership Strategic Management Board
- Defra Protected Landscapes future funding discussions
- Kate Josephs, CEO Sheffield City Council
- Attending the Hope Show
- Stephen Vickers, Chief Executive Chatsworth
- Peter Dewhurst, Business Peak District
- David Rutley, MP
- North York Moors NPA Visit
- Thomas Noel – Peatland Farmers network site visit
- NPUK Chairs Forum, hosted by Lake District National Park Authority

- NPUK Chairs Forum, Lake District
- Joint Members briefing between PDNPA & Derbyshire Dales District Council Cllr Tom Hunt/Michael Johnson/Cllr Mike Chaplin (SCC) Chair & CEO
- Meeting with Maxwell Ayamba & Maxine Greaves (Sheffield Environmental Movement)

As you can see the list is extremely varied and my diary has been filled with some really interesting meetings and conversations with partners and organisations. Some that have stood out for me over the past couple of months have been:

Ecton Mine

The Ecton Mine Educational Trust has been formed with the principal aim of promoting education in applied geology, mining and mineral extraction and I had the opportunity to visit the mine and meet with some of the officers and trustees. It was a really informative, the whole area is a site of special scientific Interest (SSSI), and the Ecton mine itself is an underground SSSI. The Trust provides the facilities for school and university teachers to run one-day or two-day field courses that introduce young people to subjects relevant to the minerals industry. I feel the local area could make more of this important heritage asset although access will always be an issue. FiPL is currently funding restoration of the balance cone on the top of the Ecton hill which was an important part of allowing the mine to go deeper into the ground.

Defra Protected Landscapes future funding discussions

Defra are beginning to scope work around strengthening the bid for protected landscapes in the next full spending review. At the meeting discussions were had around developing a strategic business case for a significantly enhanced settlement for protected landscapes and to review the existing grant funding model to ensure it is more transparent and equitable between existing National Parks and with AONBs.

Defra Access and Peatland Team Site Visits

Last month we hosted separate visits by Defra's access team and the peatland team to show them what we do. The peatland team got a chance to see Moors for the Future Partnership restoration work whilst feeling the bog squelch under their feet and to experience just how healthy our midge population is up on the moors. The access team saw first hand some of the recent access improvements we have made thanks to additional one-off funding we received last year from Defra. Both teams could have visited work in other National Parks and it is notable that they choose to come to the Peak District.

North York Moors NPA Visit

I spent a day as a guest of the North York Moors National Park and I learnt a great deal from meeting colleagues in the Authority there. I was really impressed by their Planning function and it was notable that the Authority do not face the same recruitment challenges we do despite having some of the same pressures and issues location. Not least in their success has been a commitment to 'growing their own' (which is something we want to do more of) and I couldn't believe they take on almost 20 apprentices or graduate trainees every year. I also managed to see Danby Lodge, one of their visitor centres, where there is a lot we can learn from, although they do face some similar challenges to us.

Members Tour

This really was a great opportunity to see our planning work in action and get to know some of our sites better, in particular the Warslow estate and the Roaches. It was also a good opportunity to mix with Members old and new and for Officer/Member relations to develop further. The attendance of Members on a full day out was much appreciated and I know all of us that were able to make it learnt a huge amount.

MP Catch ups

I recently met with two of our local MP's, Olivia Blake, Sheffield Hallam MP, and David Rutley, MP for Macclesfield. David is an enthusiastic supporter and advocate of the National Park, which forms a large part of his constituency. As always, the meetings were engaging and informative and allows the opportunity to discuss the challenges we face and how we overcome them. When walking around the Longshaw estate with Olivia we talked about how the National Park could build more relationships with Sheffield, given we are in effect the back garden of the city.

Organisational Change

We are now moving into the implementation and transition stage of our organisational review. During the rest of September and into October we will be appointing people and starting to operate in our new teams.

The new Senior Management Team are now operating and meeting weekly. We are also introducing a new monthly Wider Management Team meeting for those that report to the Heads of Service so that as a wider management team we can work more collaboratively, increase connections and reduce silo working. To accompany this, the next phase of changes at Aldern House will shortly begin, to bring those working in news teams together more, as much as is possible with the limitations of being in such

a disjointed and compartmentalised building.

Permanent appointments for the Head of Assets and Enterprise and Head of Resources will be taking place over the next few weeks. A new Authority Solicitor has been appointed and separately to the work of our own Authority, we are hosting the new National Parks UK Communications Director role, which has also successfully been appointed to.

Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date

Phil Mulligan, CEO, 21st September 2023

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7. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SAFER ROADS SCHEMES (A5004 LONG HILL AND A5012 VIA GELLIA) TN

1. Purpose of the report

To inform Members about the proposed Derbyshire County Council Safer Roads Scheme on the A5004 Long Hill and A5012 Via Gellia; and to seek a decision from Members on whether to formalise or withdraw the current holding objections to each scheme.

Key Issues

- The two roads have been identified by the Department for Transport (DfT) as being amongst the most dangerous in the country, requiring remedial measures to improve safety. Ring-fenced funding for the schemes is being provided to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) by the Department.
- Significant sections of the two schemes fall inside or adjacent to the National Park boundary. Parts of the routes pass through or adjacent to SSSI / SAC / SPA designations and the Natural Zone.
- The proposed measures, including average speed cameras, signalised junctions, street lighting, signage, vehicle restraint systems and improvements to stopping sight distance collectively will have a significant impact on the landscape and setting of the National Park over several kilometres.
- The A57 Snake Pass is likely to be included for a similar treatment in the future.
- There is one current operational average speed camera scheme in the National Park on the A54 / A537 Cat & Fiddle route.
- The Peak District National Park Authority has submitted holding objections to both schemes, whilst assessing the potential impact of the schemes and the justification for the measures proposed.

2. Recommendations

- 1. That Members note officers have removed the holding objection to the A5004 Long Hill scheme on the basis that the impact of the proposals can be mitigated.**
- 2. That Members approve formally objecting to the A5012 Via Gellia scheme on the basis that the treatments at Grange Mill cannot be sufficiently mitigated.**
- 3. That Members note ongoing negotiations between officers and representatives of Derbyshire County Council and the Department for Transport on the A5012 Via Gellia scheme, in order to try and reach a mutually agreeable solution. That if an agreeable solution can be found, Members approve delegating removing the formal objection to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. **Environment Act (1995)**

Section 62 directs relevant authorities to have regard to National Park purposes and the Sandford principle. Relevant authorities include the DfT and highway authorities.

Peak District National Park Core Strategy (2011)

The Peak District National Park Core Strategy (2011) sets out the strategic planning policies for the whole area of the National Park.

Policy GSP 1: Securing national park purposes and sustainable development states: -

“Policy GSP1 seeks that any development proposal will comply with core policies so that any development in the National Park must satisfy the statutory purposes of national park designation.”

Policy L1: Landscape character and valued characteristics (Part A) states: -

“Development must conserve and enhance valued landscape character, as identified in the Landscape Strategy and Action Plan, and other valued characteristics.”

Policy T3: Design of Transport Infrastructure, which advocates a minimalist approach, whilst taking *“full account of the valued characteristics of the National Park”*.

Peak District National Park Development Management Policies (2019)

The Peak District National Park Development Management Policies (2019) document provides detailed policies that underpin the Core Strategy.

Policy DMT3: Access and design criteria, Part A requires that new transport related infrastructure should be of the

“highest standards of environmental design and materials and in keeping with the valued characteristics of the National Park”.

Peak District National Park Transport Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (2019)

Acts as a design guide for private developers and as an advisory document for highway authorities. The document includes a section on Average Speed Cameras, recognising both their effectiveness and their impact on landscape; stating: -

“The delivery of further average speed camera schemes should only be considered in extremis, and may be opposed by the Authority without sufficient evidence to support their introduction.”

It should be noted that the impact of average speed cameras lies not only with the camera infrastructure, but with the associated infrastructure for operation and the signage required to allow enforcement.

Background Information

4. The DfT introduced the Safer Roads Fund to support road safety in England. Based on assessments undertaken by the Road Safety Foundation, the fifty most dangerous stretches of road were identified for remedial works. Four of the routes identified in the first assessment were in the Peak District National Park: -

1. A619 Thirteen Bends (Derbyshire)
2. A54/A537 Cat & Fiddle (Derbyshire / Cheshire East)
3. A5004 Long Hill (Derbyshire)
4. A5012 Via Gellia (Derbyshire)

Remedial works have been completed on the first two schemes, following consultation from the respective highway authorities. In the case of the Cat & Fiddle, the works largely consisted of the replacement of existing cameras. The impact of both schemes was considered by officers of the Authority to be minimal compared to the existing route at the time.

In all cases, the National Park Authority has been consulted by the highway authority, but only once the scheme has been designed. At no point were the Authority consulted in advance either by the DfT or the highway authority.

The County Council formally consulted the Authority in December 2022 and February 2023 regarding the A5004 and A5012 schemes respectively. The main driver for both schemes appears to relate to the safety of leisure motorcyclists. The original consultation did not include any detailed information or any evidence in support of the proposed schemes. Officers therefore submitted holding objections to both schemes in January and March 2023 respectively, seeking further information. Summary plans and an assessment of the safety records of the two roads have been provided and are contained at Appendices 1 and 2.

Since March 2023, Officers of the Authority have worked with Officers of the County Council to assess the individual Camera Sites, their setting and any impact on the National Park landscape, cultural heritage or wildlife. In most cases (9 of 11 sites within or adjacent to the National Park boundary), we have been able to reach agreement, including opportunities for mitigation where necessary (please see Appendix 3 for detail). However, there are still outstanding concerns about impact at two locations within the Via Gellia scheme.

1. Grangemill – current proposals include: -
 - A change in speed limits from 50mph to 40mph, requiring 4 Average Speed Cameras for enforcement, plus gateway treatments;
 - A 4-way signalised junction including Pegasus crossing, requiring 14 street lighting columns (ongoing discussions suggest that there is a possibility that street-lighting could be removed from the scheme).

At this location there is concern about the overall landscape impact; the impact on the setting of three listed buildings; the extremely negative effects on dark skies; and the overall urbanisation of a rural hamlet.

2. A5012 / Unclassified junction at Keepers Cottage – Average Speed Camera location (ongoing discussions suggest there is the opportunity for planting to mitigate the landscape impact at this location).

Feedback from the County Council suggests that the success of the A54/A537 Cat & Fiddle Scheme has caused speeding motorcyclists to use different routes. These include the A5004 Long Hill, the A5012 Via Gellia and presumably the A57 Snake Pass; driving the need for these schemes.

As a result of the Authority's concerns about the schemes early constructive meetings with the DfT has suggested that a different approach will be taken for any future schemes in National Parks. This is something that will also be pursued through National Parks England.

It should be noted that in addition to the requirement for average speed cameras, the two projects will also require additional signage, vehicle restraint measures and the removal of trees and vegetation to improve lines of site for road users.

Proposals

5. That Members support the recommendations including a formal objection to the A5012 Via Gellia scheme, and in particular the current proposals for the junction at Grange Mill. Support is also sought from Members for ongoing negotiations between Officers of the Authority and Derbyshire County Council and the Department for Transport to achieve a mutually acceptable layout at the junction.

Members are further asked to support the delegation of the removal of the objection to the Head of Planning, Chair and Vice-Chair in the event that a mutually acceptable solution can be found.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

6. None

Risk Management:

7. Formally objecting to either or both of the schemes could be seen as the Authority valuing the Landscape, Wildlife and Cultural Heritage of the National Park above road safety.

Sustainability:

8. None

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

9. None

10. **Climate Change**

Are there any other Climate Change related issues that are relevant to this decision that should be brought to the attention of Members?

The delivery of the schemes could lead to slower speeds on the two routes, with a subsequent reduction in emissions; provided that the currently speeding motorists don't divert onto alternative routes.

11. **Background papers (not previously published)**

None

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Summary plans for the schemes

Appendix 2 - Safety reports for the A5004 Long Hill and A5012 Via Gellia (Provided by Derbyshire County Council)

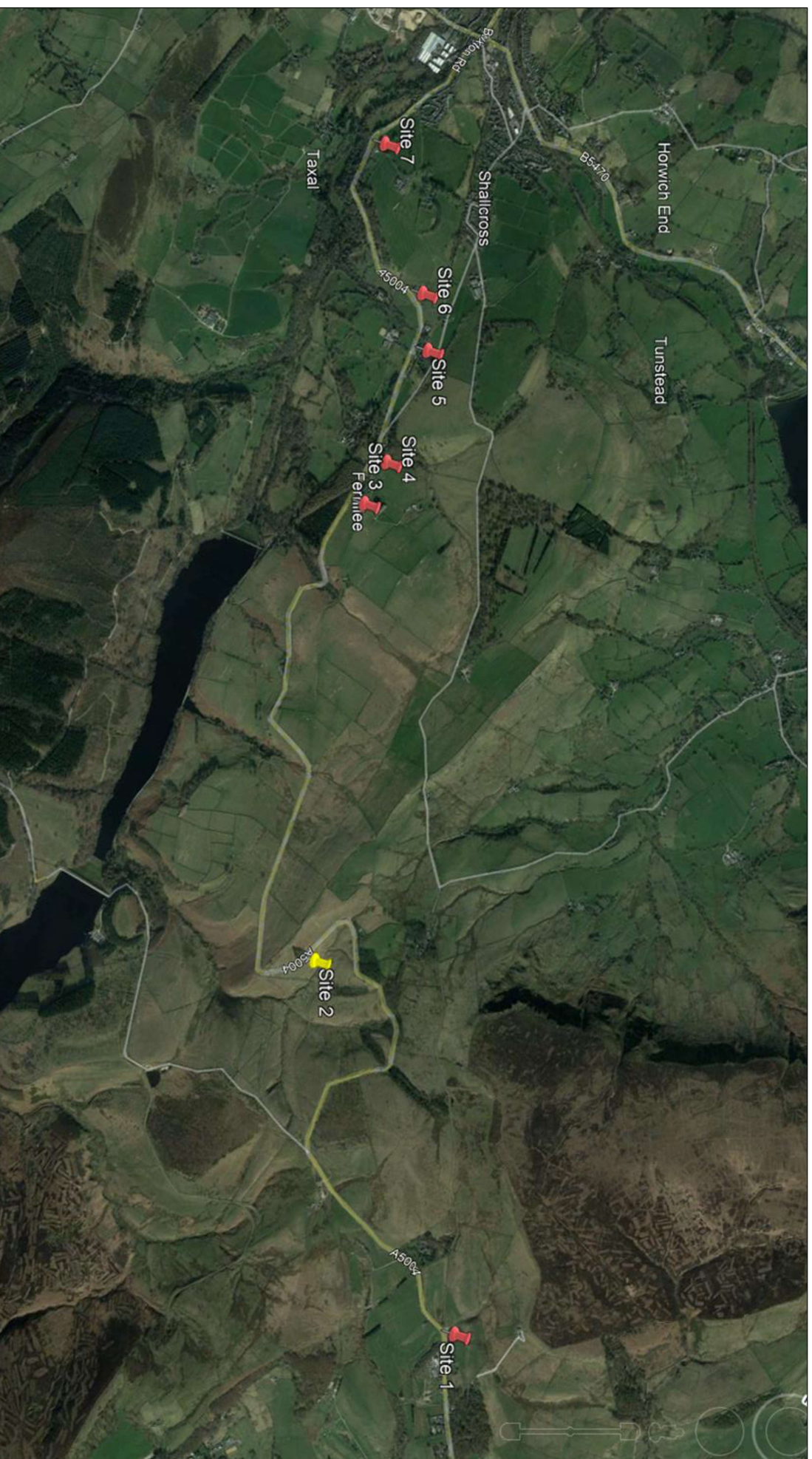
Appendix 3 - Assessment of the individual average speed camera sites for both routes.

Tim Nicholson, Transport Policy Planner, 21st September 2023

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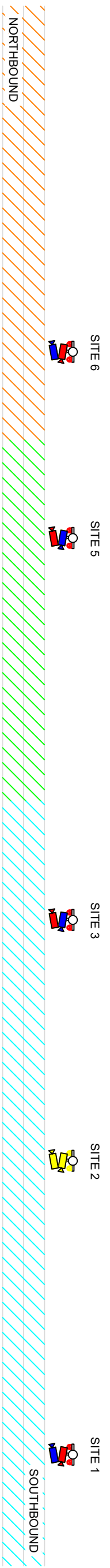
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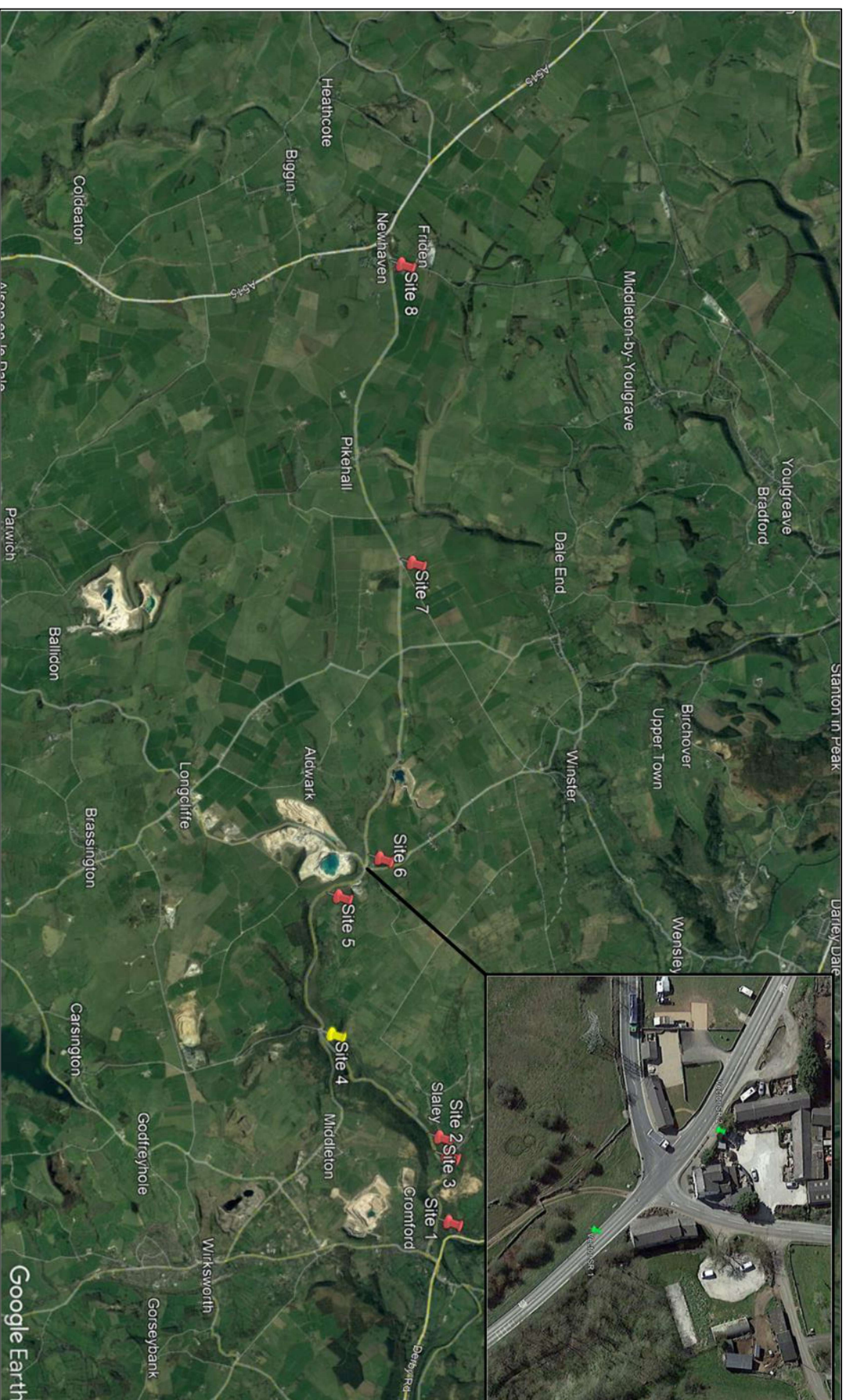
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Appendix 2: Road Safety Data (supplied by Derbyshire County Council in support of the A5004 and A5012 Safer Roads Schemes)

Evidence of Collisions along the A5004 & A5012 Routes

Collision Data

Collision data and their causes are recorded by the Police and examined over 3-year intervals by the County Council. The County Council looks for trends in the collision data to identify safety interventions to try and remedy any likely causes. These may be at specific locations or along the route depending in the issues. The data is received direct from the Police regarding the nature of the injuries received, the likely cause(s) of the collision(s) and any contributory factors. The Police class speed related collisions as ones which have one or more of 3 contributory factors assigned as follows:

- Exceeding the Speed limit
- Careless, reckless or in a hurry
- Travelling too fast for the conditions.

The Police's assessment of the contributory factors is open to interpretation, particularly when there is no eyewitness account. The Police's conclusion of the causes of an accident is an important factor for motor insurance companies and reflects in the future insurance record and premiums of a motorist involved in a collision. Therefore, the Police need to be certain that one of the above factors was a contributory factor to the accident occurring before reporting it as part of their accident statistics. **This means that unless there is clear evidence of speed related contributory factors then some speed related collisions often go unreported.**

Note that it is only the fatal or serious injury (KSI) relating to speed as a contributory factor that have been used in the analysis below. You can see from the paragraph above that there are several slight injury collisions relating to speed which are not picked up in these figures.

Safer Roads Fund Collision Assessment Year

The Safer Roads Fund bid used data from the 2012-2014 period to assess baseline figures for collisions and casualties. The collision history for following years were also examined to demonstrate whether collisions have increased, decreased, or remained the same.

Note that the data for 2021-2022 comprises a 2-year period. The full statistics won't be known until the end of the 2023-2024 financial year and there is often a 3-month time lag when the Police supply the data. Note also that the Covid pandemic would have also reduced traffic numbers on each route during the UK lockdown period with many people working from home.

A5004 Buxton to Whaley Bridge Collision History

The collision history for the A5004 is tabulated below. Collisions peaked in the 2012-2014 period when the Safer Roads Fund was proposed. The next two periods had fewer collisions, but collision rates had increased in the 2018-2020 period even though the country was in lockdown for part of that period due to the Covid movement restrictions.

The standout figures relate to collisions involving cars averaging between 77%-91% of all collisions resulting in an injury. The number of motorcycle collisions remains consistent within the first two study periods at 11 but reduced in the third period to just 2 (i.e., during the Covid period). They account for between 18%-42% of the injury collisions. Those collisions involving speed related issues account for between 11%-22% of the KSI statistics over the same periods. **Remember that the number of speed related collisions are likely to be greater (i.e., if the**

Police cannot be certain of the contributory factors, they won't include them). There are more slight injury speed related collisions as indicated below.

Please don't fall into the trap of thinking that the numbers are low in the table below. The numbers represent real people impacted by the collisions. The Department for Transport has recognised that these numbers are too high and one of the worst in the UK. The number and severity of collisions would still meet current intervention criteria even though they have reduced since the DfT base line year. This has an impact on society, and the Council has a duty to reduce the collisions by tackling these high-risk routes.

Collision Trends A5004	Safer Roads Baseline		Collisions		Collisions	
	2012-2014	% of all collisions	2015-2017	% of all collisions	2018-2019 *	% of all collisions
All collisions	35	-	26	-	11	-
Killed or Serious Injury collisions	8	-	9	-	5	-
All casualties	50	-	35	-	17	-
Killed or Serious Injury casualties	8	-	9	-	5	-
Collisions in Darkness	9	26%	7	27%	1	9%
Collisions on Wet Roads	12	34%	5	19%	0	0%
Collisions involving pedestrians	1	3%	3	12%	1	9%
Collisions involving motorcyclists	11	31%	11	42%	2	18%
Collisions involving pedal cyclists	4	11%	2	8%	3	27%
Collisions involving cars/taxis	27	77%	20	77%	10	91%
Collisions involving Young Car Drivers	10	29%	2	8%	0	0%

Collisions involving Older Car Drivers	11	41%	3	18%	2	15%
Collisions involving Goods Vehicles	2	6%	3	3%	0	0%
Speed related collisions	6	17%	4	15%	1	9%
	1 serious, 5 slight speed collisions		1 fatal, 0 serious, 3 slight speed collisions		1 serious, 0 slight speed collisions	
KSI speed related collisions	1	13%	1	11%	1	20%

* 2 years data only as 2020 was the Covid lockdown year so figures will be distorted

As can be seen from the collision maps for the A5004, see Appendix A, the collisions are not in one location but along the route. This means that a holistic approach needs to be taken to the route.

A5012 Cromford to Via Gellia Collision History

The collision history for the A5012 is tabulated below. Collisions peaked in the 2012-2014 period when the Safer Roads Fund was proposed. The next two periods had fewer collisions, but collision rates had increased in the 2018-2020 period even though the country was in lockdown for part of that period.

The standout figures relate to collisions involving cars averaging 79% of all collisions resulting in an injury. The number of motorcycle collisions remains consistent with between 3-7 across all periods. They account for between 22%-45% of the injury collisions. Those collisions involving speed related issues account for between 20%-33% of the injury statistics over the same periods. **Remember that the number of speed related collisions are likely to be greater (i.e., if the Police cannot be certain of the contributory factors, they won't include them). There are more slight injury speed related collisions as indicated below.**

Collision Trends A5012	Safer Roads Baseline		Collisions		Collisions	
	2012-2014	% of all collisions	2015-2017	% of all collisions	2018-2019 *	% of all collisions
All collisions	27	-	17	-	13	-
Killed or Serious Injury collisions	9	-	5	-	4	-
All casualties	40	-	22	-	16	-
Killed or Serious Injury casualties	11	-	5	-	3	-
Collisions in Darkness	6	22%	2	12%	4	31%
Collisions on Wet Roads	15	56%	4	24%	4	31%
Collisions involving pedestrians	1	4%	1	6%	1	8%

Collisions involving motorcyclists	6	22%	7	41%	3	23%
Collisions involving pedal cyclists	4	15%	3	18%	0	0%
Collisions involving cars/taxis	26	96%	12	71%	8	62%
Collisions involving Young Car Drivers	8	30%	2	12%	1	8%
Collisions involving Older Car Drivers	11	41%	3	18%	2	15%
Collisions involving Goods Vehicles	2	7%	0	0%	7	54%
Speed related collisions	5	19%	2	12%	2	15%

	2 serious, 3 slight speed collisions		1 serious, 1 slight speed collisions		1 serious, 1 slight speed collisions	
KSI speed related collisions	2	22%	1	20%	1	33%

* 2 years data only as 2020 was the Covid lockdown year so figures will be distorted

As can be seen from the collision maps for the A5012, see Appendix B, the collisions are not in one location but along the route. This means that a holistic approach needs to be taken to the route. As with the A5004, the number and severity of collisions would still meet current intervention criteria even though they have reduced since the DfT base line year.

Past Road Safety Improvements

Both these routes have had many road safety measures installed along them in the past and prior to the Safer Roads Fund study year but the number of KSI injuries remains high. The method employed has been to target known collision sites and install safety intervention measures. However, limited funding is available for road safety improvements which is why a risk-based approach had to be undertaken in the past by addressing known rather than perceived risk locations or taking a holistic approach to the routes in their entirety. The Safer Roads Fund has allowed the County Council to take this holistic approach and deal with the wider safety issues along the route.

However, this doesn't address one of the major collision causes which is excessive or inappropriate speed. Although the number of collisions has reduced since the study year, they remain at a level that would require intervention by the County Council to fulfil its Statutory Duty to provide safer highways for its users. Excessive speed remains a major contributory factor in the collisions occurring as demonstrated in the tables above.

Past safety improvements have been constrained to some extent by the Peak Park's requirements to prioritise the park's aesthetic attraction over the safety of those travelling through or within it. This has led to the County Council taking a minimalist approach to collision reduction measures such as hazard warning signs and road markings but at the expense of a higher-than-average collision history for these routes continuing. The self-policing policy is therefore being promoted for these routes instead of the proliferation of signs and other measures to achieve this step-change reduction in collisions and collision severity.

Evidence from other sites where Average Speed Cameras have been installed

Peak Park specifically asked to see evidence that the introduction of average speed camera on other route result in fewer collisions and a reduction in the KSI rates. The following data has been obtained in a similar format to the above from Cheshire East Council for the A537 'Cat & Fiddle' route.

Collision A537	Safer Roads Baseline		Collisions		Collisions	
	2007-2009	% of all collisions	2013-2015	% of all collisions	2017-2019	% of all collisions
All Collisions	61	-	33	-	11	-
KSI	31	-	11	-	2	-
All Casualties	84	-	38	-	11	-
KSI	36	-	11	-	2	-
Collisions in Darkness	6	10%	6	18%	0	0%

Collisions in Wet	24	39%	16	48%	4	36%
Collisions involving Peds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collisions involving motorcyclists	31	51%	16	48%	2	18%
Collisions involving pedal cyclists	5	8%	3	9%	4	36%
Collisions involving cars/taxis	34	56%	18	55%	8	73%
Collisions involving young drivers	16	16%	4	8%	1	9%
Collisions involving older drivers	9	9%	5	10%	1	9%
Collisions involving HGVs	5	8%	0	0%	1	9%
Speed related collisions	2	3%	2	6%	0	0%

In the baseline year, **the total number of collisions was 61 resulting in 84 casualties in total and 31 KSI**. The A537 had a significant issue with motorcycle related collisions both along the route and at cluster locations.

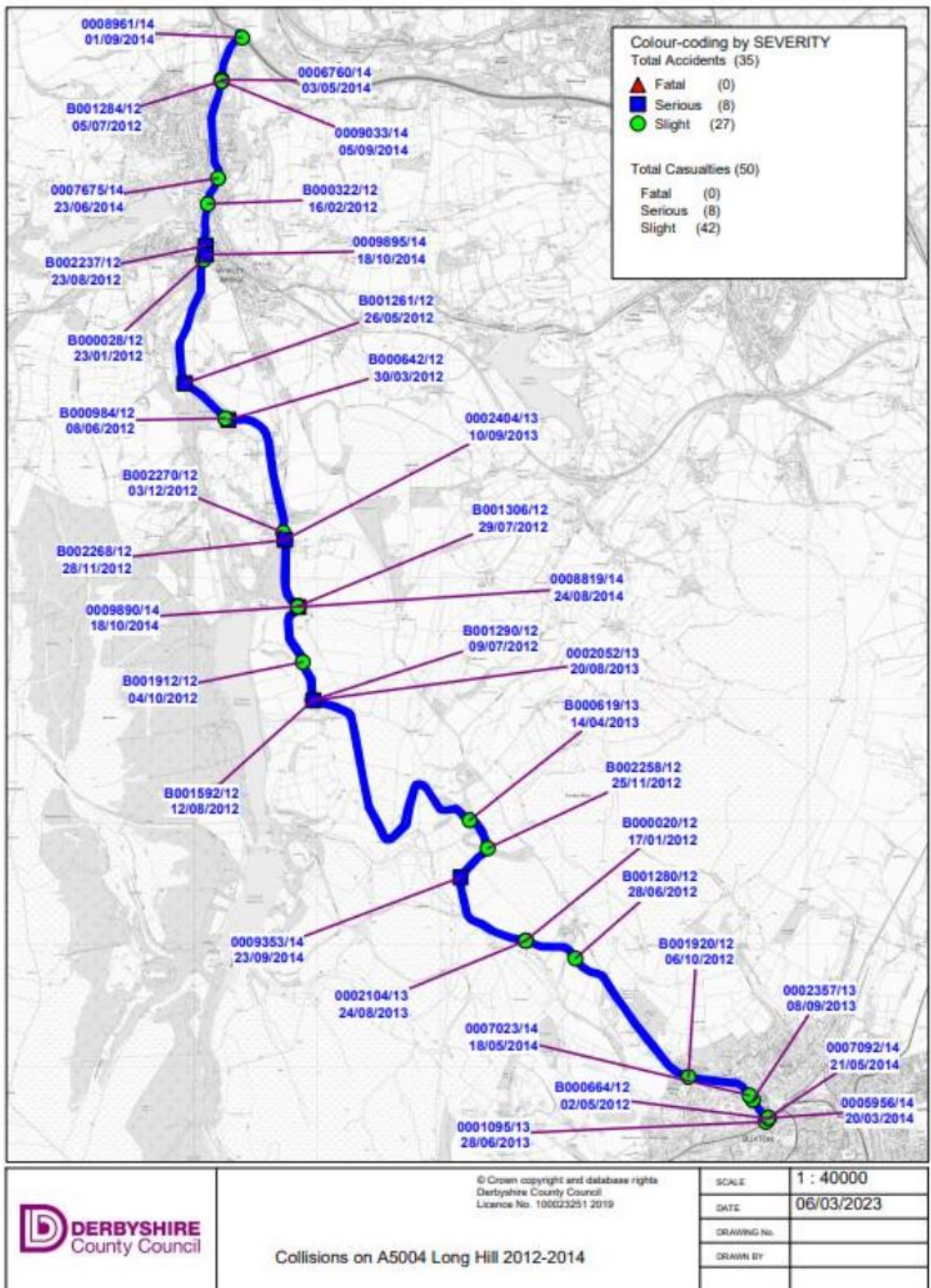
Motorcyclists featured in 31 out of 61 collisions along the route.

The introduction of the average speed cameras had the following impacts on collision reduction along the route over the two periods:

- The number of collisions almost halved **from 61 to 33 in the first period** and further reduced **from 33 to 11 in the second period**. This represents an overall **82% reduction in collisions**.
- The number of people injured along the route reduced **from 84 to 38 in the first period** and **from 38 to 11 in the second period**. This represents an **87% reduction in the people injured along the route**.
- The number of KSI along the route reduced **from 31 to 11 in the first period** and **from 11 to 2 in the second period**. This represents a **94% reduction in the KSI rate along the route**.
- The number of motorcycle collisions has also reduced along the route **from 36 to 11 in the first period** and **from 11 to 2 in the second period**. This represents a **94% reduction along the route**.

All other classes of collisions have seen similar dramatic reductions following the installation of average speed cameras. There is therefore a compelling case for the introduction of average speed cameras given that collision and injury rates have reduced by between 80-94%. There is no reason to suggest that a similar reduction would not be achieved along the A5004 and A5012 by the provision of average speed cameras on these routes.

Appendix A – A5004 Collision Plans
 For the 2012-2014 period

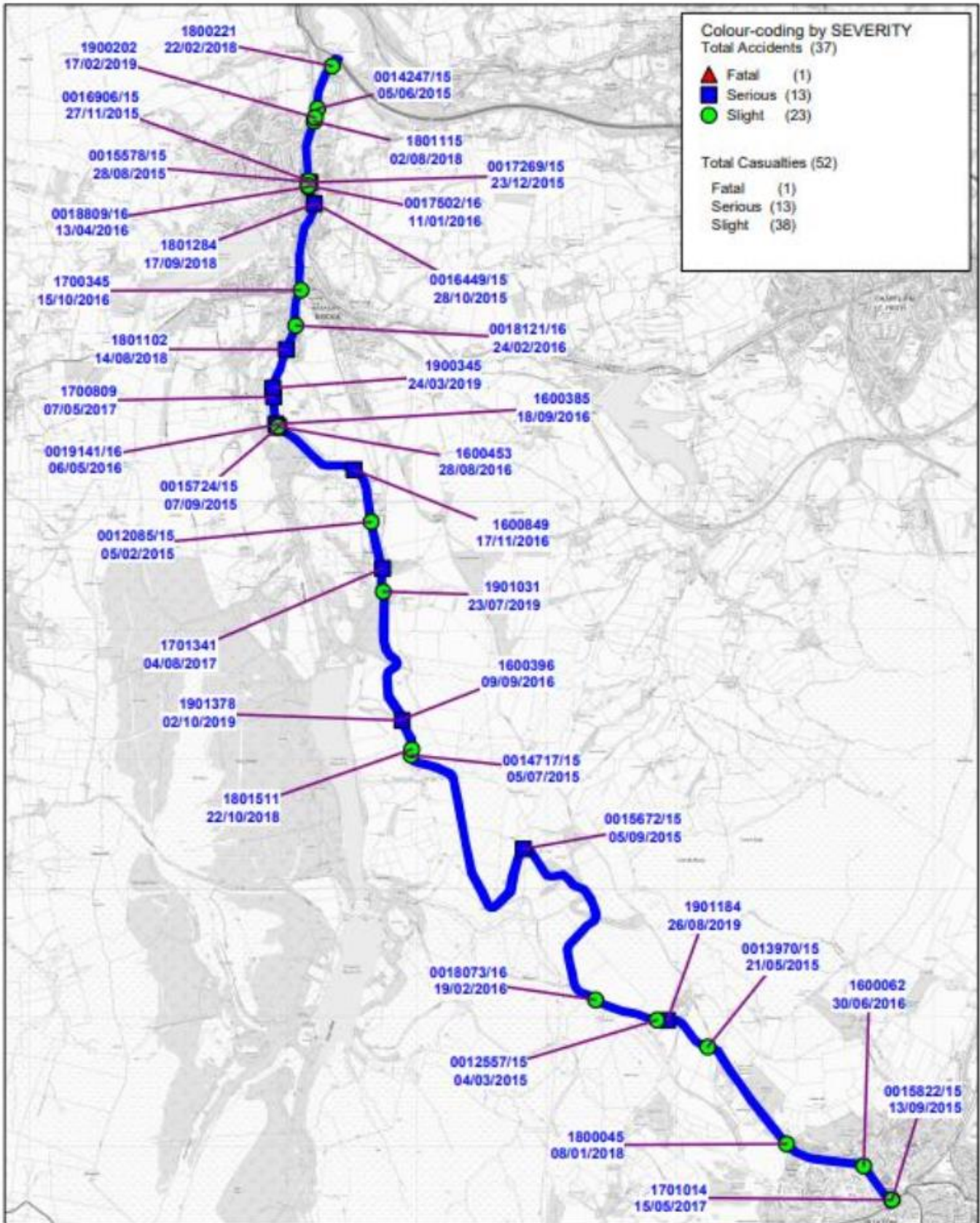


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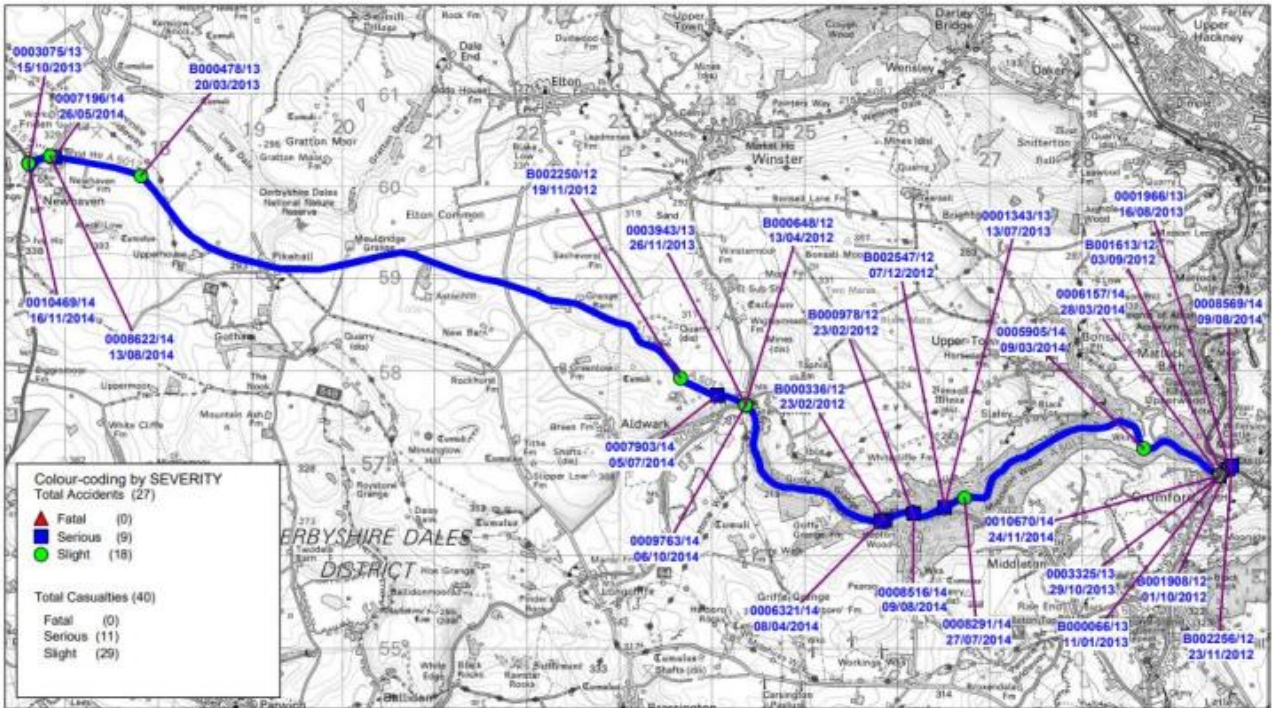
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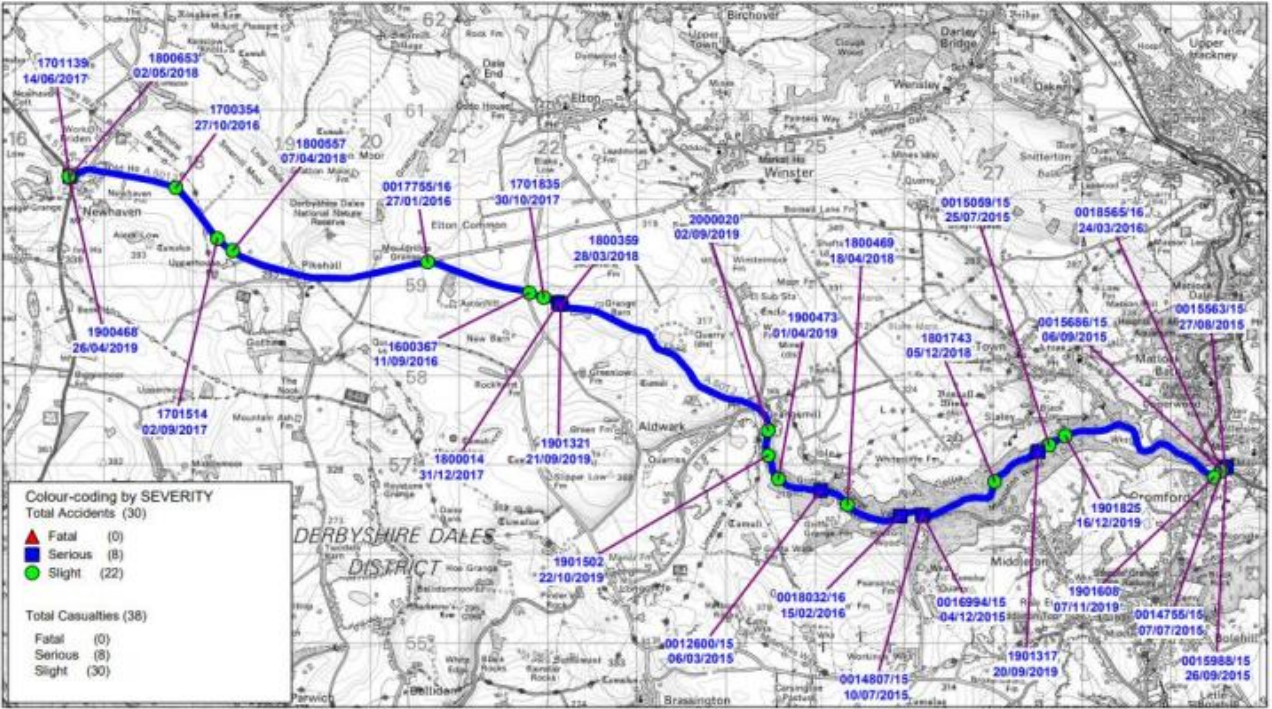
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A5004 Long Hill Safer Roads Fund Project

Review of Proposed Average Speed Camera Locations – Comments from the Peak District National Park Authority

Site 1 (ASC-001) – North of Old Road (50mph Section) – Outside of the National Park boundary

This site is located approximately 700 metres from the National Park boundary at its closest point on Watford Moor. There is a footpath (HP4/29) which links Watford Farm with Long Hill Farm and the A5004 to the northwest of the site. The footpath lies approximately 144 metres northeast of the National Park boundary, at its closest point to Site 1. However, it is unlikely that the views from this footpath would be particularly affected due to the woodland screening.

We recognise the existing safety signage at this location will need to be relocated, but given the distance from the National Park boundary, this is unlikely to have any visual impact on the National Park.

Overall, we are not concerned about this location, given its distance beyond the National Park boundary and the likelihood of its not being visually intrusive from within the National Park.

Site 2 (ASC-002) – East of Old Long Hill Road (50mph Section) – Within the National Park boundary

This site is located within the National Park to the northeast of Rake End. The proposed camera site is on the western side of the carriageway and is well screened by woodland which would provide a backdrop to the proposed camera. The site is approximately 600 metres north of Goyts Lane which is on a similar elevation. There is the possibility that the site will be visible from Goyt's Lane, but the screening should minimise this.

It has been suggested that the site may require the provision of an off-grid power supply comprising wind and solar at this location. An example of the type of provision is provided in the Review document. We believe that the off-grid power supply could be both intrusive and incongruous in this location. The report suggests that the installation could be located behind the drystone wall, and that this would help to restrict landscape impact. This could offer a solution at this location. However, we would wish to see how this might be achieved prior to offering support.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site. However, we are unable to support the suggested off-grid power supply, without further detail as to how this might be achieved in a manner that reduces visual impact.

Site 3 (ASC-003) – South of Fernilee at the southern 40/50mph Speed Gateway – Within the National Park boundary

This site is located within the National Park boundary to the south of the access road to Fernilee Reservoir. The site presented is an alternative to that discussed at the site visit between officers of Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park Authority in March 2023. The location is closer to the edge of the wooded area, but should still offer screening for the proposed camera within the wider landscape.

The site is less than 100m from Footpath HP14/105 at its closest point. However, the gradient of the path down towards the reservoir and the intervening woodland on the west of the carriageway should prevent the site from being seen from the footpath.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 4 (ASC-004) – Within Fernilee close to the Old Coach House (40mph Section) – Adjacent to the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary follows the western edge of the carriageway of the A5004 at this location, with the land immediately to the east lying outside of the National Park. The site is located immediately adjacent to the boundary. The location is well screened with trees on the western side of the carriageway. Therefore, it is unlikely that the site will be visible from within the National Park to the west. The nature of the Peak District National Park boundary at this location means that there is another boundary to the National Park approximately 400 metres to the east of the site at Black Edge Plantation. However, given the distance and the combination of hedgerow and trees on the eastern side of the carriageway, the site is not expected to impact on views from this location.

The close proximity of the existing National Park boundary stone may be problematic? Dependent on proximity, this location may need to be reconsidered as it would diminish the impact / appreciation of the boundary marker.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 4 (Alternative Location) – within Fernilee, adjacent to the village Hall

The National Park boundary follows the western edge of the carriageway of the A5004 at this location, with the land immediately to the east lying outside of the National Park. The site is located immediately adjacent to the boundary. The land within the National Park is bounded by a drystone wall and a field. There is some tree cover and a telegraph pole that will help to screen the site. The land slopes downward into the Park, but the camera site lies in front of a ridge that will also provide a backdrop, preventing sky-lining of the camera.

The nature of the Peak District National Park boundary at this location means that there is another boundary to the National Park approximately 300 metres to the north-east of the site. However, the aforementioned ridge should screen the camera site from this location.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 5 (ASC-005) – North of Fernilee at the northern 40/50mph Speed Gateway – Within the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary at this location extends across the highway encompassing both verges, so the site is located just inside the National Park. The site is fairly open with views eastwards towards Black Edge plantation and south-westwards towards Hill Bridge Wood encompassing the National Park. There is a dead tree at the location which could offer some screening from the east, but the site is likely to be visible from the southwest. The report has offered some remedial planting to offer screening and this could offer a solution to the visual impact of the site.

Footpath HP23/68 joins the A5004 less than 100 meters from the site. The site will be visible from the footpath, which lies outside of the National Park. Footpath HP23/86 lies approximately 200 meters from the site at its closest point. Again, the site is likely to be visible from the footpath, which also lies outside of the National Park boundary.

The site lies adjacent to footpath HP23/85 Whaley Bridge and in close proximity to (25 metres) to footpath HP23/82 Whaley Bridge, which leads directly to and from the National Park. The camera will have a small visual impact on users of these routes.

Overall, given careful siting and the provision of additional and appropriate planting to offer future screening, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 5 (Alternative Location) – within Fernilee, at the northern end of the Shady Oak Public House car park

The National Park boundary at this location is on the western side of the carriageway. There are a number of trees along the boundary that may provide screening from the land to the west within the National Park. The location is more closely associated with the buildings that make up the part of the village that straggles the A5004, so the location is less open than the original Site 5.

The site lies adjacent to footpath HP23/77 Whaley Bridge, , which leads directly to and from the National Park. The camera will have a small visual impact on users of this footpath.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 6 (ASC-006) – 200m north-west of Fernilee Village (50mph Section) – Adjacent to the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary re-crosses the carriageway immediately east of this location, meaning that the southern edge of the carriageway forms the boundary, whilst the site is adjacent to the boundary. The site is well-screened to the north with the hedgerow providing screening. Views from within the National Park to the south, may be affected. However, there is a tree on the southern side of the carriageway adjacent to the entrance to the track leading to the farm buildings south of the site. This coupled with the fall of the land, may provide screening from the immediate south.

Footpath HP23/68 joins the A5004 approximately 150 meters from the site. It is possible that the site will be visible from the footpath, which lies outside of the National Park. Footpath HP23/86 lies approximately 230 meters from the site at its closest point. However, given the screening, the site is unlikely to be visible from the footpath, which lies outside of the National Park boundary.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location as an average speed camera site.

Site 7 – Approach to Whaley Bridge 30/40mph Speed Gateway (50mph Section) – adjacent to the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary follows the western edge of the highway boundary until it arrives at the layby east of Taxal. The boundary then skirts the northern edge of Shallcross Wood before moving westwards towards the northern edge of Taxal. The preferred location for Site 7 (ASC-007B) is the layby, which is adjacent to the National Park boundary.

The site is well screened with mature tree cover on both sides of the carriageway. It is unlikely that the site will be visible from within the National Park. The existing layby and signage are suggestive of a more urban setting and therefore this location is more suitable than the alternative options for Site 7 (ASC-007A).

Restricted Byway HP23/71 links the layby with the settlement of Taxal. However, due to the gradient and woodland, it is unlikely that the site will be visible from this route except for where the byway joins the layby. Footpaths HP23/69, HP23/70 run roughly parallel to the A5004 at this location, and are approximately 50 and 75 meters respectively away from the site at their closest points. However, due to the lie of the land and significant tree cover, the site should not be visible from either footpath.

Overall, given careful siting and the retention of the existing tree cover, we are supportive of this location (ASC-007B) as an average speed camera site.

A5012 Via Gellia Safer Roads Fund Project

Review of Proposed Average Speed Camera Locations – Comments from the Peak District National Park Authority

Site 1 (ASC-001) – West of Chapel Hill, Cromford (40mph Section) – Outside of the National Park boundary

This site is located approximately 800 metres from the National Park boundary at its closest point adjacent to Bonsall Wood. Given the nature of the valley at this location it is extremely unlikely that this site would be visible from anywhere within the National Park.

The land adjacent to the carriageway where the site is proposed forms part of the Via Gellia Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation. Natural England will need to provide consent for any works that may impact on the land under these designations or their qualifying characteristics.

The site is in a High Priority Leadworking site (Via Gellia Lead Mines). This is also separately listed on the Historic Environment Record. This extensive feature is therefore considered a non-designated heritage asset and something that would be a material consideration in any planning process. The new pole and cabinet etc would be within this feature. We note that it is very close to historic features of water management relating to historic industries in Cromford. This is outside of the National Park however, so we would expect the DCC Archaeologist to comment on the detail of this although we don't believe a roadside pole will cause significant harm to the monument overall.

Overall, we are not concerned about this location, given its distance beyond the National Park boundary and the likelihood of its not being visually intrusive from within the National Park.

Site 2 (ASC-002) West of Bonsall (40mph Section) – Within the National Park boundary

This site is located within the National Park adjacent to Old Mill Cottage. Generally, the National Park boundary follows the line of the waterway and encompasses Old Mill Cottage. The proposed camera site is on the southern side of the carriageway and is well screened by woodland on both sides which would provide a backdrop to the proposed installation. It is also in the valley floor with banks to either side of the carriageway.

The site is approximately 140 metres south of a footpath WD106/4 (within the National Park) which lies within Bonsall Wood. The site is also approximately 110 metres northeast of a footpath WD117/26 (outside of the National Park) which lies within Middleton Wood. Neither footpath can be clearly seen through the trees on satellite images; therefore, it is unlikely that the site will be visible from either footpath at the current time.

It is understood that some clearance of Ash as a result of Ash dieback is necessary. There are also plans for the removal of trees / vegetation in some locations to improve stopping site distance. This may lead to the site being more visible from the footpaths.

The land adjacent to the carriageway where the site is proposed forms part of the Via Gellia Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation. Natural England will need to provide consent for any works that may impact on the land under these designations or their qualifying characteristics.

As with Site 1, Site 2 is in the same High Priority Leadworking site (Via Gellia Lead Mines). As with Site 1, a roadside pole will not cause any significant harm to the monument overall.

Overall, given careful siting, we are generally supportive of this location as an average speed camera site. However, some thought may need to be given to future screening, if the surrounding woodland is affected by the need to clear Ash or other trees.

Site 3 (ASC-003) Between Old Mill Cottage and the Colour Works Cottage (50mph Section) – Within the National Park boundary

This site is located within the National Park boundary to the east of the Old Colourworks. The site is screened on both sides by woodland and sits in the valley floor, with steep-sided banks on either side of the carriageway. Both should help to provide screening from the surrounding countryside.

However, the site is located adjacent to the crossing point between two footpaths (WD117/26 and WD107/2). This does mean that users of this crossing point will be affected by views of the site in the immediate vicinity of the site. In addition, Footpath WD06/4 lies less than 50 metres north of the site. Away from the site, none of the footpaths can be seen through the woodland on the satellite images. Therefore, it is unlikely that the site will be visible from any of these footpaths once the users pass beyond the highway.

It is understood that some clearance of Ash as a result of Ash dieback is necessary. There are also plans for the removal of trees / vegetation in some locations to improve stopping site distance. This may lead to the site being more visible from the footpaths.

The land adjacent to the carriageway where the site is proposed forms part of the Via Gellia Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation. Natural England will need to provide consent for any works that may impact on the land under these designations or their qualifying characteristics.

As with Sites 1 and 2, Site 3 is in the same High Priority Leadworking site (Via Gellia Lead Mines). This site includes an area of hardstanding so there is greater physical impact on the ground. From the mapping provided, it seems that this will not extend as far as the watercourse but this needs to be clarified. The watercourse may have historically modified as part of the industrial water management.

Overall, given careful siting, we are generally supportive of this location as an average speed camera site. However, some thought may need to be given to future screening, if the surrounding woodland is affected by the need to clear Ash or other trees. Further assessment of the possible impact on the watercourse and its structure may be required.

Site 4 (ASC-004) New Road, Ryder Point (50mph Section) – Adjacent to the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary roughly follows the water course, which is north of the site at this location, the land to the south lies outside of the National Park. The site is located approximately 35 metres south of the National Park boundary at the junction between New Road and the Via Gellia.

The proposed site is on a raised area of ground between the two New Road and the Via Gellia, where they run roughly parallel to each other. In addition to the camera, it is proposed to install

an off-grid power supply station. Given the height of the land above the highway at this point, it is likely that this off-grid power supply station will be visually intrusive. Informally, it has been suggested that the off-grid power supply may be located in such a way as to screen it from within the National Park; this approach would be welcomed.

The National Park is relatively well screened from the site at this location with a mix of tree and scrub cover beyond the boundary wall. There is a footpath (WD59/7) which meets the carriageway and the National Park boundary approximately 75m northwest of the site. The site would be visible from the point at which the footpath meets the road. However, at the current time, it is unlikely that users of the footpath would see the site until they joined the road.

It is understood that some clearance of Ash as a result of Ash dieback is necessary. There are also plans for the removal of trees / vegetation in some locations to improve stopping site distance. This may lead to the site being more visible from the footpath.

The land adjacent to the proposed site forms part of the Via Gellia Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation. Natural England will need to provide consent for any works that may impact on the land under these designations or their qualifying characteristics.

This site falls within another High Priority Leadworking site (Black Rakes, Welshmans Venture Mine, Bondog Hole Mine, with Merry Tom and Thumper Sitch Levels). There is a ruined structure here, it appears to be some sort of pump or drain. The structure doesn't look very old, but it would be useful to know if it has a relationship with the historic workings.

Overall, given careful siting, we are generally supportive of this location as an average speed camera site. However, we are concerned about the urbanising effect of the off-grid power supply and its impact on the setting of the National Park. We would wish to see efforts made to screen it. We would also wish to see any drawings or plans as to how this can be achieved.

In addition, some thought may need to be given to future screening, if the surrounding woodland is affected by the need to clear Ash or other trees.

Site 5 (R01-001) Grange Mill Signal Junction (Proposed 40mph Section) – Within / adjacent to the National Park boundary

The National Park boundary at this location runs along the eastern edge of the A5012 to its junction with the B5056 towards Winster. The boundary then follows the northern edge of the B5056 (Old Toll Bar) westwards. The A5012 towards Newhaven is wholly within the National Park. In the context of its setting, the whole of the junction should be treated as if it is contained within the National Park.

The Grangemill junction consists of a four-lane crossing, with users of the Via Gellia having priority. There are a small number of buildings in the immediate proximity of the junction, including a public house. The Limestone Way bridleway crosses the A5012 Via Gellia at this junction. Given the small number of buildings and the setting of the junction in a hollow, there is little artificial lighting in the area at the current time, being restricted to the existing buildings.

There are three Grade II Listed buildings immediately adjacent to the junction (The Furniture Workshop, the Hollybush Public House and the Old Tollbar).

The proposals for this location are extensive and include a 4-way traffic light-controlled junction (including a Toucan crossing), two average speed camera columns and a total of 14 street light columns. This would represent a considerable urbanisation of a fairly quiet and unspoilt hamlet within the National Park. The lighting associated with the proposal would also significantly affect the dark night skies at the location.

The levels of proposed infrastructure will act as a visual intrusion to users of the Limestone Way; although the provision of a bespoke crossing would be beneficial.

We believe that there is a requirement for a further professional heritage assessment to assess the impact on the settings of the listed buildings all of which sit immediately adjacent to the junction. This assessment would also need to consider the impact on the setting of nearby scheduled monuments, for example Green Low bowl barrow (scheduled monument 1010103) and Green Low chambered tomb (scheduled monument 1009444). These are both just over 1km away, but they are situated on hill tops (typically of prehistoric monuments) and thus may have wide ranging views, and their settings may be quite large; although they also have tree belts around them. A field assessment is required to make a judgement on this. The night-time impact of new lights on these scheduled monuments also needs to be considered, including in wintertime when the aforementioned tree belts will not be in leaf.

The combination of average speed cameras, traffic lights / crossing and streetlights means that this site will change drastically in appearance from a rural hamlet with little infrastructure or artificial light into an urbanised location with large amounts of transport infrastructure and intrusive artificial lighting.

The scheme has the potential for negative impact on the setting of the three Listed Buildings and of local Scheduled Monuments. Possible impacts include views from these monuments.

The Authority is unable to support the plans for this site as it stands.

There may be options for the delivery of some of the elements that would lessen the visual impact and be acceptable, whilst meeting some of the aims of the scheme overall.

Site 6 (ASC-006/006A) – Aston Hill (Proposed 50mph Section) – Within the National Park boundary

The initial report indicated that the initial Site 6 location (ASC-006 Aston Hill) was a layby east of the Keepers Cottage junction. The location is wholly within the National Park, but is well-screened with a backdrop of woodland on the southern edge of the site. A hedgerow offers some screening to the north, but not directly opposite the site.

Subsequent feedback from the County Council has indicated that one of two alternative sites is preferred.

We understand that Site ASC-006B, which is located adjacent to Hollybush Farm at Pikehall has now been ruled out, however, if this location were to be reconsidered, we have concerns. There would need to be a setting assessment for the listed buildings in the hamlet. The possible line of a Roman road crosses the A5012 at this location, so there could be potential below-ground impacts on heritage, depending upon where power lines and poles were sited. This could be managed through mitigation (archaeological monitoring).

The stated preferred site (ASC-006A) is adjacent to the Keepers Cottage junction, allowing better enforcement of vehicles entering and leaving the A5012 at the junction. The proposed location is adjacent to the junction, on the north side of the carriageway and immediately west of the junction at a field gateway. The location is wholly within the National Park and has no screening from either side of the carriageway. We believe that this will make the site visually intrusive in what is effectively (at this location) an open landscape on the White Peak plateau.

Footpath WD33/1 meets the junction adjacent to the proposed site, given the nature of the landscape at this location, the camera will be visually intrusive for users of this footpath from some distance away. In addition, Bridleway WD33/4 joins the A5012 less than 200m from the proposed site. Again, given the nature of the landscape it is likely that the site will be visually intrusive to users of the route.

The site is located close to a scheduled monument (1020947) so a setting assessment would be needed, however, we believe that the impact on setting would be minimal.

Location ASC-006A is more visually intrusive than ASC-006, and we are concerned about the landscape impact of this site; whilst recognising the reasons why it is the preferred site from the County Council's perspective. There may be opportunities for planting to offer some measure of screening, although this would need to be in keeping with the setting; and an agreement in place prior to delivery. As things stand the Authority is opposed to Location ASC-006A on the grounds of its visual impact on the open landscape.

Site 7 (ASC-007) – Newhaven (Proposed 50mph Section) – within the National Park boundary

This site is located on the southern side of the carriageway, east of the junction between the A5012 and the road to Friden. The site is wholly within the National Park and is well screened to the south by the woodland surrounding Newhaven Caravan and Camping Park. To the north, the site is less well screened with a low drystone wall and fields. Avondale Bungalow and Old House farm buildings are clearly visible from the site. However, given the distance and the tree cover behind, it is unlikely that the site be clearly visible from these properties.

The High Peak Trail lies approximately 600 metres north of the site. However, given the geometry of the Trail at this point, with shallow embankments and plentiful vegetation, it is unlikely that the site would be visible from the Trail.

Overall, given careful siting, we are generally supportive of this location as an average speed camera site. However, some thought may need to be given to future screening, if the surrounding woodland is affected by the need to clear Ash or other trees.

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8. PROGRAMMES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE PROGRAMME PLAN FOR 2023-24 (EF)

1. Purpose of the report:

For Members to review and approve the programme themes for Programmes and Resources Committee (referred to as P & R Committee hereafter) for 2023-2024.

Key Issues

- The P & R Committee is tasked to consider a confirmed set of themes for the year ahead. It was agreed at the Authority meeting on 24 May 2019 that this annual programme would be set by the Authority and would compose of 3 - 4 themes.
- Members approved the proposal at the Authority meeting on 22 July 2022 that the programme themes would be aligned with the four emerging National Park Management Plan aims.
- It is recommended that the themes for the P & R Committee continue to be based on the four National Park Management Plan aims – climate change, landscape and nature recovery, a welcoming place and thriving communities.

2. Recommendations:

1. Members are asked to approve the four programme themes aligned with the National Park Management Plan aims and the forward work plan for the Programmes and Resources Committee meetings for 2023-24:

- **Climate Change (1st September 2023)**
- **Landscape and Nature Recovery (1st December 2023)**
- **Welcoming Place (19th January 2024)**
- **Thriving communities (26 April 2024)**

3. How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

The proposed work programme supports delivery of the 2023-28 Authority Plan and the National Park Management Plan (NPMP) 2023-2028.

4. Background Information:

The P & R Committee was set up on 5 July 2019 where it was agreed that it will have an oversight of 3-4 programmes for the year that help deliver the actions of the Authority (minute reference 30/19). The specific purpose is to monitor the development and implementation of key programmes and projects identified annually by the Authority and to approve any decisions in relation to these programmes and projects in accordance with the financial values set out in Standing Orders. Members have approved the themes and work programme for the P & R Committee on an annual basis since July 2019.

On the 22 July 2022, Members at the Authority meeting approved the four programme themes for the P & R Committee for 22/23 to align with the National Park Management Plan (minute reference 65/22). This would enable Members to build and develop a wider understanding of the work being pursued under the themes and generally facilitate a fuller discussion on the work the Authority is delivering. Performance management or progress made across the whole National Park Management Plan will be reported to the Authority Committee on an annual basis

Good progress has been made across the four themes over the past year, the following paragraphs provide an overview of the updates given to the P & R Committee.

Climate Change:

- The report for this theme was submitted to the P & R Committee on the 20th January 2023. The report provided details of the NPMP climate change aim, the Authority Plan climate change objective, the Authority's progress in responding to climate change and what this would mean for the future. As a result of the work done by the Steering Group, climate change is now embedded in the Authority's policies and practices. Therefore, the report proposed recommending to the Authority that the Member Climate Steering Group should not be appointed to at the July 2023 Annual General as climate change is now fully embedded in the Authority Plan and National Park Management Plan 2023-2028. The Steering Group continued to meet until the end of March 2023 only. The Chair of the Committee thanked all Officers and Members for their hard work and time (Minute reference 8/23).

Landscape & Nature Recovery:

- The Head of Landscape and the Team Manager for Natural Environment and Rural Economy gave a short presentation to the P & R Committee on 28th April 2023 (Minute reference 17/23). They informed Members that the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme (FiPL) had delivered 213 projects across the 4 themes with £1.7 million funding support over two years, successful projects included;
 - restoring 7ha of wood pasture on land adjoining North Lees Estate
 - enhancing 92ha of species rich grassland
 - creation of a short circular access route with benches being provided by the farmers at their own cost (off Tissington Trail)
 - restoration of Alsop Moor Limekiln with the help of volunteers.

Other projects included the restoration of 16 field barns (£2.7million) grant aided by Defra's Countryside Stewardship Historic Buildings Restoration Pilot, and the undergrounding of overhead power lines (Longdendale Valley and Dunford Bridge).

Welcoming Place:

- The Head of Engagement presented progress since October 2021 to inform Members at the P & R Committee Meeting on 28th April 2023 (Minute reference 18/23) of the work so far, including:
 - School visits back to full deliver targets since covid
 - Generation Green Project had now been completed
 - Nature Prescriptions Project (working in partnership with RSPB) which helps to improve quality of life and wellbeing for people through nature
 - Health & Wellbeing Test Pilots including accessible walks.
 - Revision of the Diverse Audience Plan
 - New team structure to support delivery (bringing in the access and rights of way team and the peak park countryside volunteers)
- The Access & Rights of Way Officer reported that DEFRA funding (£131k) had been spent on; route improvement and gate installation, resting places, signage, videos, guides, new trampers, inclusive cycles, wheelchairs and 5.6km of accessible paths being created.
- The Project Development Manager for Championing National Parks presented the

work that the Authority in partnership with Mosaic, had collaborated on to support diverse communities to visit and enjoy the Peak District. The Officer reported that Mosaic had successfully applied to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop and expand the range of Mosaic work and to include two other National Parks; Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors.

Thriving Communities:

- The Head of Planning was present for this item, he introduced the report and gave a presentation to Members on the Peak District National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan thriving communities aims and objectives, including the Authority's progress since 2021 (Minute reference 29/23).
- Since October 2021 significant progress has been made on delivering these objectives and fulfilling the aims, but it was accepted that more needed to be done.

5. Proposals:

A continuation of the current approach, whereby the 4 programme themes presented to P & R Committee over the next year 23/24 are based on the National Park Management Plan aims.

The proposed work plan is as follows:

- The Peak District National Park is more resilient and net-zero by 2040 through its exemplary response to climate change - Climate change 1 September 2023. Due to the timing of this report, the climate change programme has already been presented to the September P&R meeting.
- The Peak District National Park is a resilient landscape in which nature, beauty, and cultural heritage are significantly enhanced - Landscape and Nature Recovery 1 December 2023
- The Peak District is a welcoming place where all are inspired to enjoy, care for and connect to its special qualities - A welcoming place 19 January 2024
- Peak District National Park communities are thriving and sustainable places where all generations can live healthy and fulfilled lives - Thriving communities 26 April 2024.

Are there any corporate implications Members should be concerned about?

6. Financial:

The proposed work programme supports delivery of the 2023-2028 NPMP and Authority Plan.

7. Risk Management:

The proposed work programme supports delivery of the 2023-2028 NPMP and Authority Plan.

8. Sustainability:

There are no sustainability issues to highlight.

9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

There are no significant equality issues.

10. Climate Change:

Climate leadership remains as one of the 4 key programme themes for the P & R Committee and will continue to run through the other three themes.

11. Background papers (not previously published) - None

12. Appendices – None

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9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER (PM)

1. Purpose of the report

To ensure the Authority operates within legislative requirements and has good governance by continuing the appointment of the interim Monitoring Officer in a new role resulting from the organisational changes.

Key Issues

- **Following the disestablishment of the Head of Law post, the Authority, as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, appointed the Democratic Services Manager as interim Monitoring Officer until the new post of Authority Solicitor is recruited to as part of the organisational changes.**
- **At its meeting on 28 July 2023 the Authority agreed to disestablish the post of Democratic Services Manager, merging two teams and creating a new role of Customer & Democratic Support Manager.**
- **An appointment process has now been completed for the new post of Customer & Democratic Support Manager and it is intended that the Democratic Service Manager post will be disestablished will be from 1 October 2023.**
- **The disestablishment of the Democratic Services Manager post means that to ensure the Authority continues to operate, in accordance with legislative requirements, the appointment of the new Customer and Democratic Support Manager as interim Monitoring Officer needs to be approved by the Authority.**

2. Recommendation

To appoint the Customer and Democratic Support Manager as interim Monitoring Officer from 1 October 2023 until the appointment of a new Monitoring Officer following further implementation of the organisational changes.

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. It is a requirement of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Section 5, that the Authority appoints a person to act as Monitoring Officer.

Background Information

4. The Democratic Services Manager is currently acting as interim Monitoring Officer and has now been appointed as the new Customer & Democratic Support Manager with effect from 1 October 2023.
5. The responsibilities of the Monitoring Officer are set out in the Authority's Monitoring Officer Protocol and this is available to view on the Authority's website via the link [here](#)

Proposals

6. To appoint the Customer & Democratic Support Manager as the interim Monitoring Officer until the appointment of a new Monitoring Officer following further implementation of the organisational changes.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

7. A monthly allowance of £450 is paid to the Monitoring Officer and this is covered within existing budgets.

Risk Management:

8. The appointment of an interim Monitoring Officer ensures that the Authority continues to operate within required legislation.

Sustainability:

9. No issues.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

10. No issues.

11. Climate Change

No issues.

12. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

13. Appendices

None.

Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date

Phil Mulligan, Chief Executive, 15 September 2023

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2022/23 (JO)

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides details of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's (the Ombudsman) Annual Review of complaints for the period April 2022 to March 2023.

Key Issues

- **The Ombudsman's Annual Review has not stated any concerns about the Authority's performance.**
- **The complaint statistics provided focus on 3 key areas – Complaints Upheld, Compliance with Ombudsman Recommendations and Satisfactory remedies provided by the Authority.**

2. Recommendation

- 1. To note the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2022-23 at Appendix 1 of the report.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. The Authority publishes complaints reports bi-annually in Quarters 2 and 4 each year. These reports give Members the opportunity to discuss learnings and improvements that have been made as a result of this feedback, including from complaints which have been referred to the Ombudsman. Reviewing complaints will contribute to the Authority's aim to be inspiring, pioneering and enabling in delivering the National Park Vision by having best practice governance arrangements in place.

Background Information

4. The annual review letter from the Ombudsman is reported annually. Appendix 1 shows the Ombudsman's annual review for the Authority covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
5. The letter shows that the Ombudsman received two complaints in relation to the Authority during this period. Both of these complaints were regarding Planning and Development.
6. As can be seen in Appendix 1, of the two investigations that the Ombudsman made during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, neither of the complaints were upheld. They were both reported to Members at the Authority Meeting on the 11th November 2022 – minute number 89/22.
7. The Ombudsman's investigation reports and decisions can be viewed on the Ombudsman's website via the following links:

[22 010 333 - Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman](#)

[22 010 893 - Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman](#)
8. Appendices 2 and 3 of this report show the benchmark figures for complaints and enquiries received and determined by the Ombudsman for National Park Authorities and provide an average marker of performance.

Proposals

9. It is proposed that the details of the Ombudsman’s annual review, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, are noted and to acknowledge that complaints can provide a useful insight about the Authority’s performance, detecting early warning signs of potential problems and offering opportunities to improve service delivery.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

10. We handle complaints within existing resources. However, when a complaint has to be investigated it is often time consuming and distorts planned work programmes.

Risk Management:

11. The following risks have been identified at this time:
- Failure to ensure action is taken to improve service or address a problem as appropriate in response to complaints received.
 - Failure to improve the way we handle and respond to customers making complaints.
 - Unreasonable cost in time and staff resource spent in dealing with complaints.

Action taken as a result of complaints received and our procedure for handling unreasonably persistent complaints help us to mitigate these risks.

Sustainability:

12. The Authority’s complaints procedure highlights that:
- All comments and complaints are treated in confidence and will not disadvantage complainants in any future dealings they might have with the Authority.
 - Everyone will be treated fairly.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

13. There are no issues to raise.

Climate Change

14. There are no issues to raise.

Background papers (not previously published)

15. None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman’s Annual Review Letter 2022-23, 19 July 2023

Appendix 2 - Benchmark figures for complaints received by the Ombudsman for National Park Authorities

Appendix 3 - Benchmark figures for complaints determined by the Ombudsman for National Park Authorities

Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date

Jago Onians, Democratic and Legal Support Officer, 21 September 2023

19 July 2023

By email

Mr Mulligan
Chief Executive
Peak District National Park Authority

Dear Mr Mulligan

Annual Review letter 2022-23

I write to you with your annual summary of complaint statistics from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman for the year ending 31 March 2023. The information offers valuable insight about your organisation's approach to complaints. As always, I would encourage you to consider it as part of your corporate governance processes. As such, I have sought to share this letter with the chair of your organisation to encourage effective ownership and oversight of complaint outcomes, which offer such valuable opportunities to learn and improve.

The end of the reporting year, saw the retirement of Michael King, drawing his tenure as Local Government Ombudsman to a close. I was delighted to be appointed to the role of Interim Ombudsman in April and look forward to working with you and colleagues across the local government sector in the coming months. I will be building on the strong foundations already in place and will continue to focus on promoting improvement through our work.

Complaint statistics

Our statistics focus on three key areas that help to assess your organisation's commitment to putting things right when they go wrong:

Complaints upheld - We uphold complaints when we find fault in an organisation's actions, including where the organisation accepted fault before we investigated. We include the total number of investigations completed to provide important context for the statistic.

Over the past two years, we have reviewed our processes to ensure we do the most we can with the resources we have. One outcome is that we are more selective about the complaints we look at in detail, prioritising where it is in the public interest to investigate. While providing a more sustainable way for us to work, it has meant that changes in uphold rates this year are not solely down to the nature of the cases coming to us. We are less likely to carry out investigations on 'borderline' issues, so we are naturally finding a higher proportion of fault overall.

Our average uphold rate for all investigations has increased this year and you may find that your organisation's uphold rate is higher than previous years. This means that comparing uphold rates with previous years carries a note of caution. Therefore, I recommend comparing this statistic with that of similar organisations, rather than previous years, to better understand your organisation's performance.

Compliance with recommendations - We recommend ways for organisations to put things right when faults have caused injustice and monitor their compliance with our recommendations. Failure to comply is rare and a compliance rate below 100% is a cause for concern.

Satisfactory remedy provided by the authority - In these cases, the organisation upheld the complaint and we were satisfied with how it offered to put things right. We encourage the early resolution of complaints and credit organisations that accept fault and find appropriate ways to put things right.

Finally, we compare the three key annual statistics for your organisation with similar authorities to provide an average marker of performance.

Supporting complaint and service improvement

I know that complaints offer organisations a rich source of intelligence and insight that has the potential to be transformational. These insights can indicate a problem with a specific area of service delivery or, more broadly, provide a perspective on an organisation's culture and ability to learn. To realise the potential complaints have to support service improvements, organisations need to have the fundamentals of complaint handling in place. To support you to do so, we have continued our work with the Housing Ombudsman Service to develop a joint complaint handling code that will provide a standard for organisations to work to. We will consult on the code and its implications prior to launch and will be in touch with further details.

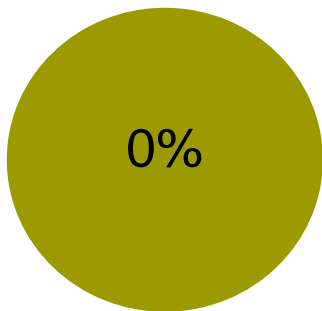
In addition, our successful training programme includes practical interactive workshops that help participants develop their complaint handling skills. We can also offer tailored support and bespoke training to target specific issues your organisation might have identified. We delivered 105 online workshops during the year, reaching more than 1350 people. To find out more visit www.lgo.org.uk/training or get in touch at training@lgo.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Najsarek
Interim Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
Interim Chair, Commission for Local Administration in England

Complaints upheld



0% of complaints we investigated were upheld.

This compares to an average of **0%** in similar organisations.

0
upheld decisions

Statistics are based on a total of **2** investigations for the period between 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Compliance with Ombudsman recommendations

No recommendations were due for compliance in this period

Satisfactory remedy provided by the organisation

The Ombudsman did not uphold any detailed investigations during this period

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES RECEIVED REGARDING NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES 2022/23

National Park Authority	Corporate and other services	Environmental Services, Public Protection and Regulation	Highways and Transport	Planning and Development	Other	Total
Broads Authority	0	0	0	1	0	2
Dartmoor	0	1	0	1	0	1
Exmoor	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lake District	0	0	0	3	0	3
New Forest	0	1	0	1	0	2
North York Moors	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peak District	0	0	0	2	0	2
South Downs	0	0	0	3	0	3
Yorkshire Dales	0	0	0	1	0	1

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN NUMBER OF DECISIONS MADE REGARDING NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES 2022-23

National Park Authority	Invalid or Incomplete	Advice Given	Referred Back for Local Resolution	Closed after Initial Enquiries	Not Upheld	Upheld	Total
Broads Authority	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Dartmoor	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Exmoor	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lake District	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
New Forest	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
North York Moors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peak District	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
South Downs	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Yorkshire Dales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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