

National Park Management Plan outcome: Mineral Extraction

The Authority's contribution: Corporate Outcome B: The adverse impact of mineral working on the special qualities of the National Park and its communities is minimised by ...

Action 1: *Influencing government policy and legislation (Priority level 1)*

Our target for 2008/09 is to monitor how many new and relevant government and regional policy documents reflect our policies and strategies and for us to have had at least a medium influence.

During 2007/08 we

- Responded to all key relevant consultations regarding minerals and lobbied Government in relation to the stalled Review of Mining Permissions applications and enforcement problems with aged minerals permissions

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Prepare a Minerals Strategy to better articulate our stance for policy documents and lobbying Government. Continue to lobby Government and respond to consultations

Action 2: *Ensuring those quarries that remain are worked to the highest modern environmental standards (Priority level 2)*

At the end of 2007/08 76.4% of total quarries were operating to modern environmental standards. Our target for 2008/09 is 85%.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Were unable to make progress on the 6 outstanding applications as the Government has not yet concluded its review of 'Stalled Applications'

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Progress the 6 outstanding Review of Mining Permissions applications, subject to the Government Review and requisite information being forthcoming, and aim to determine 2
- Enforce planning requirements, where expedient, in accordance with national, regional and local policies

Action 3: Managing the reduction of quarrying in the National Park (Priority level 2)

At the end of 2007/08 3,420.4 hectares of the Park were being quarried and 7.3 hectares were removed from quarrying due to removal of permission by judicial review. Our targets for 2008/09 are to remove 10 hectares of land from quarrying by Prohibition Orders or negotiation.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Visited 71% (of the 68 minerals sites subject to monitoring) to check against unlawful quarrying, falling short of our target of 100%
- Took enforcement action or defended previous action on a number of high priority cases including Backdale, Wagers Flat and Smalldale Head. A negotiated agreement was made (yet to be formalised) for the replacement of Lees Cross/Endcliffe Quarries in return for an extension at Dale View
- Organised a range of communications initiatives to provide information to communities about the Authority's work and to support our efforts to lobby Government to support our actions

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Aim to visit 100% of active mineral sites to check against unlawful quarrying
- Ensure all high priority enforcement cases are the subject of a negotiated settlement or referred to legal services with a view to taking formal action within 6 months of the Authority being made aware of the unauthorised activity
- Continue to pursue the resolution of enforcement action on Longstone Edge and Smalldale Head
- Establish the serving of Prohibition Orders where expedient to extinguish minerals rights on dormant quarries
- Continue to ensure that the public and pressure groups are informed about the Authority's work to reduce quarrying through a range of information channels

National Park Management Plan outcome: People and Communities

The Authority's contribution: Corporate Outcome I: The Peak District is a living, modern and innovative area with vibrant and cohesive communities by ...

Action 1: *Using planning and influencing powers to help create more sustainable communities and a better environment (Priority level 2)*

x (y%) of actions in the National Park Management Plan were on target at the end of 2007/08. By the end of 2008/09 we are aiming for x (y%) to be on target and z to be complete (*outturns and targets to be specified after the External Monitoring Group meeting on 21st May*). Consultation on proposed options for future spatial policies under the Local Development Framework will be carried out to meet approved milestones.

During 2007/08 we

- Started the production of, and consultation on, issues and options for the Local Development Framework
- Commissioned and started a Sustainability Appraisal of the proposals for future spatial policies under the Local Development Framework
- Assessed all planning applications in relation to our and national government sustainability policies
- Established an external panel of experts to advise on the development and monitoring of the National Park Management Plan

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Develop the Local Development Framework spatial policies through a programme of evidence analysis, options assessment and stakeholder consultation
- Input to all key community strategies, especially from Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Area Agreements
- Continue to assess all applications to achieve sustainability objectives
- Produce the first Annual Report to show progress towards the 2011 outcomes of the National Park Management Plan

Action 2: *Influencing the provision of local services and better access to these for communities (Priority level 2)*

During 2008/09 we will monitor the number, and level, of our actions that influence key accessibility documents.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Worked with key partners to establish new accessibility partnerships to take forward strategies affecting National Park communities and visitors

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Contribute to the development of our partners' Accessibility Strategies that cover National Park communities and visitors

Action 3: Reviewing the Local Development Framework (LDF) affordable housing policy and encouraging an appropriate level of affordable housing (Priority level 2)

During 2008/09 we will continue to monitor affordable housing development levels against current National Park policies.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Implemented policies on affordable housing such that 100% of appeals relating to affordable housing were dismissed
- Gave planning permission for 4 affordable housing dwellings

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Develop proposals for future affordable housing policies as part of the Local Development Framework programme

Financial Summary - Development Control

| £,000 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Direct revenue expenditure | 210 | 238 | 142 | |
| Depreciation | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| Employee costs | 767 | 822 | 858 | |
| Recharged support costs | 364 | 385 | 395 | |
| Total Gross Expenditure | 1,346 | 1,450 | 1,400 | |
| Income: Sales Fees and Charges | (246) | (253) | (300) | |
| Income: Other external funding | (72) | (100) | (40) | |
| Net Expenditure | 1,028 | 1,097 | 1,060 | |

Financial Summary - Forward Planning and Communities

| £,000 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Direct revenue expenditure | 99 | 83 | 100 | |
| Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Employee costs | 345 | 392 | 410 | |
| Recharged support costs | 84 | 85 | 90 | |
| Total Gross Expenditure | 528 | 560 | 600 | |
| Income: Sales Fees and Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Income: Other external funding | (13) | 0 | 0 | |
| Net Expenditure | 515 | 560 | 600 | |