

Corporate Outcome C: Adverse environmental impacts of traffic on the special qualities of the National Park are minimised by ...

- 1. Influencing decisions on transport infrastructure, land use development and traffic management to make them more sustainable (Priority level 1)*
- 2. Encouraging people to change their patterns of behaviour to adopt more sustainable ways of travelling (Priority level 2)*

The National Park Sustainable Transport Action Plan is nearing completion which will add detail to and complement the emerging Local Development Framework, assist in implementing the National Park Management Plan and longer term aspirations of the Authority, and support other emerging strategies and action plans. The Action Plan contains actions for our partners and the Authority, and will be used to influence local and regional bodies and City Regions.

Plans for the proposed A628 bypass, which are not supported by the Authority as they currently stand, have been withdrawn from the Public Inquiry. Other consultations on which the Authority has provided input include the Woodhead tunnels and road sign consultations. The road signs consultations will continue into 2009/10.

The Authority contributed, through partnerships, to 14 improvements to rail and bus schemes for National Park users, exceeding its target. These included: bus stop improvements in Tideswell, waiting shelters at railway platforms and closed circuit television (CCTV) and help points at railway stations.

We continued to develop the Authority's sustainability through improvements to our transport fleet and our travel and subsistence policy, delivering year on year reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

Looking ahead to 2009/10

For 2009/10 we plan to contribute to a further 2 improvements to rail and bus schemes and produce the Sustainable Transport Action Plan.

Key actions for 2009/10 include:

- *Finalise and implement the sustainable transport action plan (L2) PIP 1.1a/3&5, 2.1a/3, 3.3a/1&2*
- *Produce the transport policy for the Local Development Framework (L2)*
- *Provide input to significant infrastructure schemes (L2)*
- *Provide input to local, regional and government consultation documents (L2)*
- *Contribute to key accessibility and community rail partnerships (L2)*
- *In partnership, improve and promote effective rail and bus use (L1)*

The Peak Connections Project

The aims of this innovative partnership project are:

- To encourage use of public transport within the Peak District region, by both leisure visitors and local residents.
- To promote public transport as a cost effective, environmentally friendly, easy to use and enjoyable way of travelling.
- To have a website that signposts visitors to the Greater Peak District, to local public transport information and tourist information.
- To integrate use of public transport with visiting local attractions

The project is supported financially (until March 2010) by the Peak District National Park Authority and Derby and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership. In addition to financial support, the Peak Connections project works closely with other organisations and partnerships including Derbyshire County Council, Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership, Hope Valley and High Peak Community Rail Partnership, the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership, and numerous tourist attractions.

In 2008/9 Peak Connections published the following visitor leaflets:

- Kedleston Hall, Derby
- Upper Derwent Valley - Park & Ride (Bus 222)
- Castleton and Edale, Hope Valley (Bus 260)
- Days Out from Sheffield
- Macclesfield, Buxton and Bakewell (Bus 58)
- Chatsworth
- Hop on and Explore - an area-wide campaign aimed at encouraging children to use public transport.
- Ride and Ramble - a book of linear walks that use public transport.

In 2009/10 Peak Connections will build on these successes and develop new approaches for the future.