

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Proposal for Change

This proposal reflects the key developments emerging from the review of the National Park Management Plan. It draws heavily from the 19th July stakeholder event, outlining the high-level changes to the plan which are intended to stimulate discussion and debate. This is in order to move the Plan forward together when we next meet on 21 October 2010.

Key Benefits of the Proposal

This proposal achieves a more integrated approach to issues and maintains continuity with the current Management Plan in areas where we said progress was good. It also places more emphasis on the areas where we said more needed to be done, and identifies some challenges in delivering these.

This proposal reflects:

- Clearer emphasis on economy and community
- Climate change responses and carbon management woven throughout
- Inclusion of the important role of farming and land management
- Maintaining emphasis on strong areas of biodiversity and cultural heritage
- Greater integration, recognising interaction of people, landscape and economy.

Elements of the Proposal

The proposal sets out a high level framework structured around four strategic themes supported by 16 outcomes, set out on pages 3 to 5. A working high level vision for the Management Plan is included, which will be reviewed later in the process before public consultation. The proposal builds on the current Management Plan vision but reflects contemporary issues and emphasises the importance of a sense of place underpinned by the distinctive Peak District landscape.

Principles of Our Management Plan

Underpinning the National Park Management Plan are four guiding principles:

- Delivery of National Park purposes and duty
- Helping to achieve sustainable development
- Promoting the landscape (in its broadest interpretation) as an underpinning theme
- Working with partners in all elements of plan preparation, delivery and monitoring.

The legal context for the National Park Management Plan

The Environment Act 1995 (Section 61) sets out the two purposes of National Parks:

- 1) Conservation and Enhancement 'to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Parks'
- 2) Understanding and Enjoyment 'to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities (of the National Parks) by the public'

Recognising National Parks are cultural landscapes with a resident population, National Park Authorities also have a duty under Section 62(1) of the same act, in taking forward the Park

purposes, to 'foster the economic and social well being of local communities within the National Parks'.

National Park Authorities must work with a wide range of individuals, organisations and communities. Under section 62 (2) of the same act 'relevant authorities have a duty 'have regard to' the purposes in carrying out their work.

Understanding the landscape context

The unique landscape of the National Park underpins the Management Plan. But landscape means much more than simply the land and the view. It refers to what is there, its scenic value and how we perceive it; its beauty, biodiversity, geology and soils. People are central to the cultural identity of the landscape which has been shaped through centuries of human interaction and management. Our understanding of landscape includes the economic value of the many goods and services that are derived from it. As such the landscape is at the heart of the natural, social and economic make up of the National Park, and therefore central to the Management Plan.

The Remainder of the Plan

Following the event on 21 October we will identify a set of high level measures of success and deliverable outputs or milestones for the next five years, working with partners. This plan builds on the current plan so a direct connection will be made to this committed delivery, as set out in a number of recent strategies and action plans.

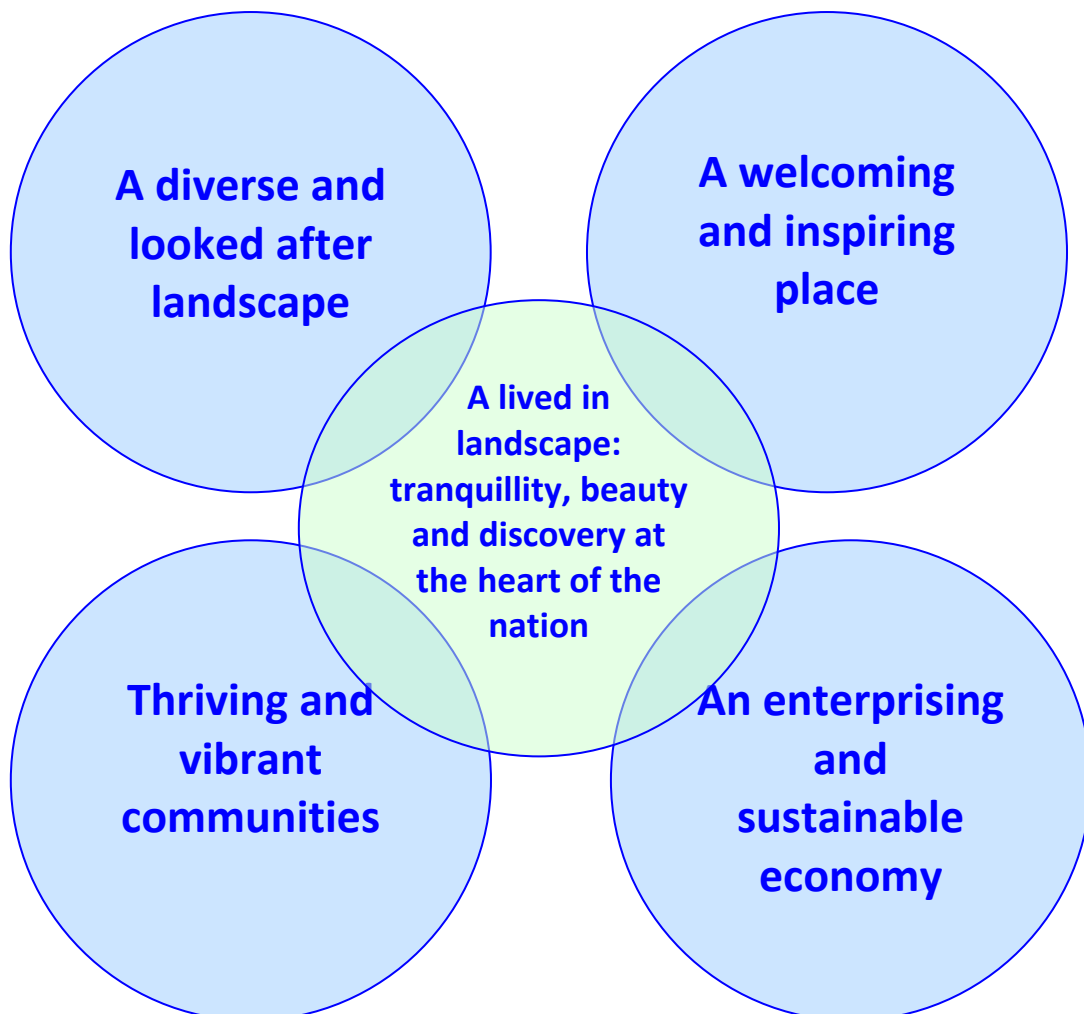
The Proposal

Potential Vision for the Peak District National Park

A lived in landscape: tranquillity, beauty and discovery at the heart of the nation

Our Strategic Themes and Outcomes

Four strategic themes give shape to our aspirations for the Peak District for 2030, flowing directly from our National Park purposes and duty. They will be mutually supportive of one another and have equal priority. The four strategic themes are supported by sixteen outcome statements.



A diverse and looked after landscape (DL)

A resilient and restored Peak District where the unique beauty of its landscapes, its biodiversity and environmental assets, its tranquillity, cultural heritage and the communities within it, continue to be valued nationally for their diversity and richness.

DL 1 The diverse National Park landscapes will adapt to challenges whilst retaining their special qualities and natural beauty

DL 2 Our cultural heritage and distinctive local traditions will be sustained and enhanced as an integral part of modern Peak District life

DL 3 The richness of the natural environment will be conserved and enhanced so biodiversity can thrive and geodiversity is retained and valued

DL 4 The causes of climate change will be mitigated and a healthy National Park will adapt to the effects of climate change.

A welcoming and inspiring place (WI)

An inspiring Peak District where all are welcome to discover, enjoy, understand and value the special qualities of the National Park; a place where people can develop a sense of ownership, wellbeing and belonging.

WI 1 The National Park will strengthen its role as a welcoming place and premier destination, synonymous with escapism, adventure and enjoyment

WI 2 The Peak District will be an unrivalled setting for opportunities which enable people to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the place, and which instil a desire to contribute to the conservation and protection of the National Park

WI 3 Visitors, businesses and residents will gain a greater understanding of their impact on the landscape and environment of the Peak District and how they can lessen it

WI 4 Accessible and diverse recreation opportunities will be available for all, encouraging healthy living, enjoyment of the landscape and a sense of adventure

Thriving and vibrant communities (TV)

A lived in, thriving and innovative Peak District that engages communities of both residents and people in neighbouring urban areas, and promotes a high quality of life whilst conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the National Park.

TV 1 Thriving settlements and market towns adapt to new challenges whilst retaining their valued historic and cultural integrity

TV 2 Communities and individuals will feel inspired to live sustainably and help shape the place they live in

TV 3 Residents will have sustainable access to local services and employment

TV 4 More opportunities will be found to address the local need for affordable housing

An enterprising and sustainable economy (ES)

An enterprising and sustainable Peak District economy which capitalises on its special qualities and promotes a strong sense of local identity, reflecting the aspirations of local business, partners and communities.

ES 1 Farming, food production and land management will promote and enhance the special qualities of the National Park

ES 2 The Peak District landscape will be managed to increase the potential economic return to land managers from public goods, such as clean water and carbon storage

ES 3 There will be a diversity of viable businesses supporting and inspired by the landscape, cultural heritage and environment of the National Park

ES 4 Economic development will be supported in ways that are innovative, well managed and appropriate to the National Park landscape