

AGENDA ITEM No. 11

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING

3 DECEMBER 2010

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

PART A

1. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: REVISION TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (A.6101/SJM)

Purpose of the report

1. To agree minor amendments to update the Authority's adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS) prior to Submission of the LDF Core Strategy to the Secretary of State.

Recommendations

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 1. **That Members approve the proposed revisions to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetables as set out in the proposals section.**
 2. **That the Director of Development Planning in consultation with the Chair of the Authority be granted delegated authority to make minor amendments as required before publication.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. A key requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is that every local planning authority must prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) to set out how the authority will work towards the preparation of its Local Development Framework. The LDS is a public statement identifying which new planning policy documents will be produced, in what order, and when, and how they will be reviewed. As such, it is a starting point in helping all stakeholders understand an authority's intended planning policies. The LDS is a rolling 3 year project plan, which effectively forms the authority's planning policy work programme.
4. Following the approval of the required changes, the revised LDS will take effect and be submitted to the Secretary of State via the Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM).

Background

- The previous LDS (Second Revision) was adopted by the Authority in October 2009 (Minute 71/09).
- The Core Strategy was agreed by Authority on 28 May 2010, anticipating consultation during June-July and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in September.
- In May 2010 the Government stated their intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies. Consultation was delayed so that officers could assess the impact RSS abolition would have on the agreed Core Strategy, and consider whether any amendments would be required.

- Officers agreed a small number of changes with the Chairs of the Authority and Planning Committee, with the intention to proceed to consultation.
- Consultation on the Pre-Submission plan took place between 15 September and 26 October, and submission is now planned for 17 December.
- Officers have sought advice from PINS as to the need to update the LDS due to the enforced delay through the summer, to ensure that legal requirements of the LDF process are met. PINS advice is that the LDS “should be in line with actualities” and that revision would therefore be preferable.
- The timetable for the Development Management Policies document and Proposals Map needs to be amended to accommodate the knock-on effect of the delay to the Core Strategy. Consultation on the Issues and Preferred Options document cannot reasonably take place until the Core Strategy has been adopted.

Proposals

5. Because of the imposed delay to LDF production, the following amendments are proposed to the profiles for the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies documents in the LDS Second Revision (2009):

6.	<p>Core Strategy</p> <p><u>Previous timetable:</u></p> <p>Submission to Secretary of State September 2010</p> <p>Pre-hearing meeting November 2010</p> <p>Examination hearings February 2011 (allowing for Christmas)</p> <p>Receive Factcheck Report April 2011</p> <p>Receive Inspector’s Report May 2011</p> <p>Adopt document July 2011 (Authority meeting date)</p>	<p><u>Proposed amended timetable:</u></p> <p>Submission to Secretary of State December 2010</p> <p>Pre-hearing meeting February 2011</p> <p>Examination hearings March 2011</p> <p>Receive Factcheck Report May 2011</p> <p>Receive Inspector’s Report June 2011</p> <p>Adopt document September 2011</p>
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7.	<p>Development Management Policies and Proposals Map</p> <p><u>Previous timetable:</u></p> <p>Pre-production survey & involvement March 2010 – November 2010</p> <p>Consultation on Issues & Preferred Options June 2011 – August 2011 (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Development Management Policies and Proposals Map</p> <p><u>Proposed amended timetable:</u></p> <p>Pre-production survey & involvement from September 2010</p> <p>Consultation on Issues & Preferred Options October – November 2011 (6 weeks)</p>
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Consideration of representations and preparation of submission draft August 2011 – February 2012	Consideration of representations and preparation of submission draft November 2011 – June 2012
Consultation on submission draft February – April 2012 (6 weeks)	Consultation on submission draft June – July 2012 (6 weeks)
Submission to Secretary of State July 2012	Submission to Secretary of State October 2012
Pre-hearing meeting September 2012	Pre-hearing meeting December 2013
Examination hearings November 2012	Examination hearings February 2013
Receive Factcheck report February 2013	Receive Factcheck report May 2013
Inspector's Report March 2013	Inspector's Report June 2013
Adopt document April 2013	Adopt document July 2013

8. Once approved, these profiles will be included within an LDS Third Revision, and the changes will be highlighted on the website. Minor consequential changes will also be necessary to tables and diagrams. Factual changes regarding the relationship to RSS and the anticipated Localism Bill will be included, and updated again when there is certainty of government action.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

9. **Financial:** There are no current concerns over the budget for this project, but it will be important to maintain 3 year forward look to ensure that the LDF project can be completed.
10. **Risk Management:** The main risks have centred around the need to keep to the published project plan in the LDS, and the need to ensure the soundness of the plan. On-going project management systems have proved effective at keeping progress on track.
11. **Sustainability:** According to the Regulations, the policies in the Core Strategy must be assessed for sustainability at each stage in the process. The final Sustainability Appraisal report will be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the Core Strategy. The Development Management Policies document will also be subject to Sustainability Appraisal through its preparation.
12. **Consultees:** Head of Policy Service, Head of Planning Service, Director of Development Planning,
13. **Background papers** (not previously published)
 None

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