

Appendix 2 – (Strategic Fit)

The strategic fit of the project is highlighted relevant to the Peak District National Park Management Plan (2012-17) delivery aims and strategies.

Corporate Delivery Aims for 2012-17:

DL1: A Diverse Working and Cherished Landscape:

-The diverse national park landscape will respond to challenges whilst retaining their special qualities and natural beauty.

Delivery Aim 1.2: Deliver conservation on a landscape scale through a diverse range of models, in keeping with Landscape Character Assessment and supporting adaptation to climate change.

- **Action 1.2.2:** Continue to develop conservation, research and awareness raising projects across the South Pennine Moors Special Protection Area, particularly in the Dark Peak and to the south of the Calder Valley, to counteract the extreme damage caused by past human activity.

The proposed project is focused on Dark Peak moorlands and is specifically aimed at developing and delivering on opportunities to counteract the historic legacy of moorland degradation in the region.

- **Action 1.2.4:** Ensure further moorland conservation through Moors for the Future Partnership by supporting bidding work to secure further landscape scale projects beyond 2015.

The proposed project is directly aligned with this action in seeking support from the PDNPA to ensure the continuation of moorland conservation under the delivery management of Moors for the Future past 2015. The proposed project is anticipated to run until 2018.

- **Action 1.2.5:** Deliver further landscape scale conservation on public and private lands.

The proposed project is for the delivery of landscape scale moorland restoration works on privately owned lands.

Delivery Aim 1.4: Support farms and other rural businesses to achieve national park purposes.

- **Action 1.4.1** Provide an integrated service (PDLMAS) to help farmers and land managers through the complexities of accessing advice and reward payments to support conservation on farmland.

See ES1 below.

DL3: A Diverse Working and Cherished Landscape:

-The richness of the natural environment will be conserved, restored and enhanced so wildlife can thrive, ecological systems remain healthy and its diverse geology is retained and valued.

Delivery Aim 3.1: Conserve and enhance biodiversity by continued action for priority habitats, sites and species within the national park in line with the Biodiversity Action Plan.

- **Action 3.1.6:** Build on improvements in Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) condition to date by moving SSSI land from Recovering to Favorable condition.

As part of the project, a range of works are proposed as follow-on treatments that have been specifically tailored to compliment the achievements to date on specific sites to further direct SSSI land towards Favorable condition. This positions the authority as an innovator and exemplar of leadership on SSSI recovery.

Delivery Aim 3.4: Focus on the natural environment, ecosystem services and the part we play in these systems, through integrated action and fostering greater understanding.

- **Action 3.4.1:** Integrate delivery of ecosystems services such as water quality, carbon sequestration and flood alleviation into existing and new sustainable land management and farming partnership and projects alongside other economic and environmental benefits.

The proposed project aims to fully integrate and deliver multiple benefits with regard to ecosystem services through the application of a bespoke suite of moorland restoration techniques individual to the requirements of each project site.

Delivery Aim 3.5: Manage river water quality and supply within the national park.

As part of the anticipated multiple benefits associated with the improvement of moorland hydrological systems, water quality within river catchments can be expected to experience a reduction of dissolved organic carbon (amongst other inputs) from the moorland environment.

DL4: A Diverse Working and Cherished Landscape:

-Greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced and a healthy national park will adapt to the effects of climate change.

Delivery Aim 4.2: Promote low carbon land management practices within the national park as appropriate to a protected landscape.

- **Action 4.2.1:** Protect and enhance the storage of carbon through blanket bog stabilization and restoration

The principal aim of the proposed project is the stabilisation and restoration of healthy blanket bogs in the Dark Peak.

WI 4: A Welcoming and Inspiring Place:

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

Delivery Aim 4.3: Working together to minimise damage and disturbance on unsealed routes.

The proposed capital works in this project will provide sustainable walking surfaces along popular routes identified in the HLS plans that do not constitute Public Rights of Way. The need for re-surfacing is identified on the routes included in acknowledgement of the significant erosion that is locally self evident, and in response to the degradation of the surrounding habitats caused by sustained visitor pressure.

Delivery Aim 4.5: Enhance recreational opportunities and management at key sites through joint partner approaches

- **Action 4.5.1:** Identify key recreation sites around the national park where recreational experiences and impacts need to be managed.

The proposed pathworks whilst not at 'Key Sites' can be expected to enhance the access opportunities on what are very popular walking routes; whilst also introducing essential visitor management at these locations to protect the adjacent moorland habitats from the impacts of degradation as a result of trampling.

ES1: An Enterprising and Sustainable Economy

-Profitable farming, through food production, land management and farm based business, will promote and contribute to the special qualities of the national park, and is recognised as essential to its character and health.

Delivery Aim 1.1: Enable more farmers and land managers to access advice and reward payments.

- Action 1.1.1 Provide an integrated service (PDLMAS) to help farmers and land managers through the complexities of accessing advice and reward payments to support conservation on farmland.

The proposed project offers the Authority further opportunity to work collaboratively with external partners through the Moors for the Future Partnership and the PDLMAS to develop and deliver HLS capital works plans on private land in support of national park conservation aims (as DL1.4).