Appendix C

Peak District National Park Management Plan

Proposed Changes to Management Plan 2014

This appendix outlines proposed changes to the National Park Management Plan (NPMP), as agreed by the Advisory Group. The proposed new drivers of changes affecting the Peak District were identified by partners during 2014.

The changes to the NPMP aims are the result of responding to new challenges and synergies delivered through new ways of working.

A. New Drivers of Change

Economic

Growth is a Government priority with a recent push for a Northern economic powerhouse

Major Transport schemes could impact on the national park

Continuing public sector reductions and financial pressures across partners, with realism about what can be achieved

Technological

Growth in use of social media and its ability to change service delivery

Political and Legislative

Impact of less money available to upland farms in new agri-environment schemes

Keeping the environment as a key theme during the run up to General Election in 2015

Social

Increasing competition for funding and donations from the public

Continued reduction in public transport network provision

Environmental

Impact of commercial scale renewables on the national park

Impact on methods of cropping and stocking from new CAP and NELMS regimes

Risk of flooding to communities in the Peak District upper river catchments

Habitat losses across the national park and effects on vulnerable species

The impact of several major new transport schemes, studies and proposals on the national park

B. Removed Aims

3 Seek to influence agricultural support payment reviews from a shared Peak District Perspective

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Reason for removal: Complete, with related elements referenced and being progressed through other NPMP Delivery Plan aims

53 To have a thriving range of charities and trusts that contribute to the special qualities of the national park through partnership working

Reason for removal: No actions identified, general feeling that this 'happens anyway'

C. Merged Aims

- 4 Ensure that the special qualities of the Peak District underpin future plans and projects for the national park economy
- 5 Build business connectivity with surrounding urban areas through partnership arrangements

Now to read: 3 Ensure that the special qualities of the Peak District underpin future plans and projects for the national park economy, and build business connectivity with urban areas through partnerships

- 22 Conserve and enhance biodiversity by continued action for priority habitats, sites and species within the national park in line with the Biodiversity Action Plan
- 24 Conserve and enhance geo-diversity and earth science features to protect geological diversity interests

Now to read: 20 Conserve and enhance geo – and biodiversity by continued action for priority habitats, sites and species within the national park in line with the Biodiversity Action Plan

- 44 Raise awareness and understanding of the contribution that natural and cultural heritage make to the sustainability of the national park, and promote their enjoyment
- 46 Provide more opportunities to maximise understanding of the special qualities of the national park through engagement and interpretation
- 50 Provide a wider range of learning opportunities through training, influence, and advocacy in order to teach about the special qualities of the Peak District

Now to read: 42 Raise awareness and understanding of the contribution that natural and cultural heritage make to the sustainability and special qualities of the national park, and promote their enjoyment through engagement and interpretation

D. New Aims

- 28 Highlight the impacts of inappropriate lighting, and promote the opportunities for dark skies with residents, businesses and Peak District Dark Skies group
- 29 Respond appropriately and adequately to new animal and plant health risks and invasive species