

## **2019 Statements Received for Positions of Member Representative**

### **Member Representative for Connecting Young People and Nature:**

Mr Zahid Hamid

This flourishing area of work enables the Authority to remain connected with and relevant to future custodians of the National Park, with a successful schools engagement programme, the reinvigoration of the Youth Rangers model and work with other partners. I would wish to continue to support this great work as the Member Rep and use my links to other possible new audiences.

### **Member Representative for Landscape and Heritage:**

Mr Ken Smith

I wish to put myself forward for this position for two reasons. Firstly, to fulfil the remit of my appointment by the Secretary of State to promote sustainable conservation of Peak District landscapes; secondly, and equally, to promote maintenance and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the National Park, a remit identified by the NPA at the time of my appointment.

While I have only been a Member for just under a year, I have 34 years of experience of managing the cultural heritage of the National Park – the “cultural landscapes” referred to in Para 2.1 of the ENPA report (Appendix 1, Agenda Item 8) – as an officer of the Authority.

Nationally, I have contributed advice and guidance to Historic England as a member of its statutory advisory committee for 6 years to 2015; similarly for the National Trust as a member of its Archaeology Panel for 15 years, to 2014 (I am currently assisting the Trust in development of its Archaeology Strategy); I worked with colleagues from HE and NE in securing the historic environment provision in the first Countryside Stewardship agri-environment scheme, in the subsequent Environmental Stewardship, and at the start of development of the current Countryside Stewardship scheme. I am a Trustee and Chair of Trustees of the Council for British Archaeology, a national educational and archaeological charity that focuses particularly on communities and young people.

I believe that my skills, experience and expertise would benefit this Member Representative role, in addition to the position I seek to maintain on Planning Committee, and would enable me to assist the Authority further to achieve the maintenance and enhancement of the cultural landscapes of the National Park, and their component sites and historic buildings and settlements, amidst the competing demands of issues such as housing provision, job creation, climate change, communities, health and well-being, tourism, diversity and the natural environment. It is these cultural landscapes after all, viewed by so many as just scenery, that contribute so much to the £1.5 billion annual tourism income to the local economy.

I am also seeking to represent Landscape and Heritage on the Local Plan Steering Group, where I believe my experience of plan development and implementation (and cultural heritage) would be beneficial.

Finally, I would welcome the opportunity to continue my input to the work of the Governance Review Working Group.