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To Emma Stone, Head of Visitor Experience Development PDNPA

**Stanage North Lees Consultation**

Dear Emma

I am writing on behalf of the Peak District Local Access Forum to offer our comments on the current Stanage North Lees consultation regarding the future management of that estate.

John Thompson (now LAF Chair) wrote to the Authority with the LAF's views as part of the previous consultation in 2014. Our views today are broadly similar and we stress the importance of Stanage as the jewel in the crown of the Authority land holdings.

Louise Hawson, representing the British Mountaineering Council, is a current LAF member and Secretary of the Stanage Forum Steering Group.

**The Peak District LAF fully supports the Stanage Forum Steering Group response to the options appraisal consultation (submitted 13/2/2020).**

In Particular:

We support an integrated and holistic approach to the management of the North Lees Estate and its assets. In particular, options for individual properties cannot be considered in isolation – there must be due consideration to maintaining the character of the estate as a whole.

In 2014 John Thompson highlighted the importance of providing an asset for the Public Good - because Stanage is public land which provides great benefit to hundreds of thousands of people. Indeed since then providing "Public Goods" has become the priority outcome for use of public funds and assets, such as Environmental Management – which also plays a role here.

However we recognise the Authority needs to take reasonable steps to generate income as long as this is in keeping with the overall visitor experience – as outlined in the 2019/2020 Stanage –North Lees Management Plan.

Parking and Car Park charges – attempts have been made for over 20 years to improve parking and overall the situation does seem to have improved. However roadside verge parking continues to be a problem and would be difficult to stop completely. Any changes to parking need to ensure the situation gets better, not worse.

We hope you find our comments useful and we'd be happy to be involved in any further developments.

Yours sincerely

Bob Berzins

LAF Vice Chair  
(Chair Access sub group)