



PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
Climate Change Member Task Group
Wednesday 26th November 2020
Webex videoconference

Attended by:

Members

Janet Haddock-Fraser (JH-F), David Chapman (DC), Charlotte Farrell (CFa), Lydia Slack (LS), Ken Smith (KS)

Officers

Matt Mardling (MM), Brian Taylor (BT)

Agenda item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> David Hickman (DH), Emily Fox (EF),	
2.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</u> Minutes agreed all actions completed	

3	<p><u>The planning process including home efficiency, retro-fitting and sustainable design</u></p> <p>Tension exists due to the role of building control being separate from Planning enforcement. Government have been pushing the view that building control should drive building standards and not planning authorities. Building control sits with the District Councils not the NPA. This creates an element of tension particularly linked to the desire to be exemplars of best practice. 2011 core strategy contains policy areas which referred to codes on sustainability which allowed greater efficiency to be required. However these codes have been taken away. Anaerobic digestion has been permitted but only for local waste and not as a destination for external waste. Our view on enhancement is developing to consider that enhancement should be necessary and not just incidental to the development. SPD provides guidance on renewable technologies to show how they can be incorporated. Especially in the farm environment.</p>	
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<p>3</p>	<p><i>Continued...</i></p> <p>Two large turbines have been permitted at Parwich. The approach has been that the features of the NP should be the dominant feature of the landscape. This example was controversial and difficult for the NP. Best practice case studies are available to guide future applications. Validation lists include guidance notes on climate change. We are now monitoring the difference between initial proposal and final scheme to see if the intervention is working. We need a better understanding of embedded carbon from new materials verses reused. Spatial strategy is intended to ensure the need for transport is minimised.</p> <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p>DC – Can SPD be more specific to individual building styles?</p> <p>BT – SPD must supplement to the policy but happy to relook at that plus the general design guide which is more about the building tradition.</p> <p>KS- Can planning agents be included in the debate?</p> <p>BT – Yes meetings with planning agents occur twice a year normally as workshops.</p> <p>DC – Can we make the SPD firm enough to ensure compliance?</p> <p>BT – It’s a good point. In the past sustainability has not been the breaking point for applications. The recent tone of guidance has been towards encouraging rather than insisting. At times we need to adopt much harder clearer language.</p> <p>JHF – Planning seems a rather impenetrable subject to the lay person. How would you go about finding out what to do?</p> <p>BT – Comprehensive guidance is available on the web site. We are looking to streamline the route to accessing the info online.</p> <p>JHF – What is the trade-off between insulation and listed buildings etc?</p> <p>BT – Full guidance is available.</p> <p>DC – Retro-fitting historic buildings is a real challenge.</p> <p>BT – Housing at DDDC is promoting potential options around rendered properties which could be helpful.</p> <p>JHF – What’s the progress with the planning review?</p> <p>BT – We should have our early findings in February and then we will identify the main issues for the plan. This will be contrasted with current policy to determine what needs to change from late Spring.</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p>An update and discussion on member participation by theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, forestry, Landscape – Lydia and Ken • Moorland – David and Ken • Cement works – Chris • Transport – Charlotte and Janet <p>JHF/CFa Reviewed Dave Marsden’s papers and our main observation is that we cannot do this in isolation. There is a paper to P&R next week regarding Recreation Hubs</p> <p>CFa – In an ideal world we would have a congestion charge. There is concern that the Manchester congestion charge will push traffic onto smaller roads.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><i>Continued...</i></p> <p>CFa – Still waiting for confirmation about the Breedon liaison group.</p> <p>KS – A Historic England project document on contribution of cultural heritage to agri-environment schemes based on natural capital accounting/ecosystem services, using the Lake District NP as a study area, will soon be available and can be circulated to the group.</p> <p>DC – MFTF have tendered for the green challenge grant £1.4m plus Europe have invited MFTF to bid for the next Life Fund but not sure if they will apply given alternative funding opportunities and work load.</p> <p>JHF – NPs have written to BEIS minister regarding funding for the audit of carbon emissions at national park level. I would like to invite Andrew McCloy and James Berresford to discuss the group’s role in the review of the corporate / NPMP and wider purpose of the group. The week beginning the 25th is favoured. JHF- to liaise with AMC to fix a date.</p>	<p>JHF</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Next meeting agenda to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future purpose and direction of the task group • Group communications • Any other business 	<p>JHF</p>

Future Meetings:

26th Jan 9 -11am

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***All invitees
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