

Peak District National Park Authority: Review of Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Statement

Responses to Consultation Stage - May to July 2023

| Response From | Summary of Comment | How Comment was Addressed in Document |
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| Bamford and Thornhill Parish Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Statement was reviewed at our Parish Council meeting this week, and was commented upon positively. We have no suggested changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted and appreciated |
| British Horse Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything in the draft consultation looks in order to me but under section 4.4 – ‘Non-statutory consultees’, I shall be grateful if the BHS might be added to your list whenever a planning application affects a public right of way as I am unaware if this is happening at present? The Committee of the local bridleways group, Peak Horse Power, would also be grateful to be added to the list and I have copied in their email as above. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated non-statutory consultation list BHS have been added to the weekly list notification, which lists if the application is affects a PRoW Peak Horse Power has also been added to the weekly list notification |
| Environment Agency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wish to highlight that the Environment Agency now charges for advice requested outside of the statutory duty to respond to planning applications and strategic documents. Therefore if an applicant or the Local Authority would like advice or Environment Agency involvement in any application or strategic document outside of the statutory process, we would ask that they contact the Environment Agency directly at planning.trentside@environment-agency.gov.uk. We will be able to offer details on what we offer and the costs associated with this. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted |
| Exolum Pipeline System Ltd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please find attached a plan showing our client’s asset within the area mentioned. Should any works take place in vicinity of the pipeline, we ask that you please notify us. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted - this is reflected on our Policies Map. |
| High Peak Borough Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have no comments to raise. However, we welcome being consulted on the SCI document that the Peak District are | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted |

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| | preparing. It is helpful to set out a clear and transparent approach to the consultation process for planning documents. | |
| Historic England | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome the various references to ‘statutory consultees’ throughout the document. It may be worthwhile to explain what ‘statutory consultees’ are in the document or refer to them as ‘specific/ general consultation bodies’. • Paragraph 4.3 references the consultation bodies being listed in Appendix 2, amend to Appendix 1. • We welcome reference in the list under Appendix 4 and note that we should also be consulted on applications affecting other heritage assets including Scheduled Monuments, Registered Parks and Gardens and Conservation Areas etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed and amended • Noted and amended para 4.3 • Noted and amended to refer to the requirements as outlined in the national Planning Policy Guidance (footnote 10 in Appendix 4). |
| Natural England | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. • We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications. • We regret we are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted |
| NHS Trust and Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would appreciate it if under the statutory consultees you could amend, NHS Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups to read NHS Trust and Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and amended Appendix 1 |
| Peak Park Parishes Forum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the PPPF Management Committee meeting this week, it was felt that Appendix 1 of the Statement should include the Peak Park Parishes Forum in the list of consultees. I appreciate that | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and amended The list in Appendix 1 of the draft SCI is based on the relevant regulations, |

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| | <p>you will have decided the list against certain criteria, so you might not agree with the above view - but I leave the thought with you.</p> | <p>however, this has been amended to also make reference to the PPPF.</p> |
| <p>Stanton in Peak Parish Council</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanton in Peak Parish Council would like to see the following incorporated: • 1) Point 6.6 of the document states 'the Planning Officer normally visits the site' Council believes that all sites should be visited as without seeing the actual location the planner cannot gain information on the topology, landscape impact and other vital information relating to the proposal. Council is concerned by recent events, Covid notwithstanding, where comments make it obvious the site hasn't been viewed and we wish to see the document amended to ensure the full impact of the location setting is considered. • 2) Council is aware that the present arrangement is that all responses from Parish Councils (whether supporting or objecting to a planning application) should go to the Planning Committee IF the Planning Officer wishes to decide the application in a manner that conflicts with the Parish Council's view. The exception to this is where a Parish Council does not support its position with reasonable planning grounds. Whilst these rules arise out of the Constitution of the NPA, through its scheme of delegation to Officers, and not through the Statement of Community Involvement, council wishes to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 6.6 changed to "<u>In the vast majority of cases the Planning Officer will visit the site. It is standard practice for a planning officer to undertake a site visit but occasionally it may not be necessary, for example when a site has already recently been visited by the officer.</u>" Although it is standard practice for a planning officer to undertake a site visit, there may be a small number of instances when a site visit is not required (e.g. the officer has recently undertaken a site visit). Could the wording be amended to strengthen e.g. "In most cases the planning officer will visit the site."? • Agreed and text added (para 6.9) |

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| | <p>see this statement incorporated to be assured that there is a unified approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3) 6.15 (now para 6.16) Informing of decisions - Currently Parish Councils are advised of all decisions, the proposal here is that we would be notified if an application is withdrawn for a site only. The current process is useful and should be retained. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Authority's Legal Team has advised that the Authority is not obliged to directly inform those that have commented on a planning application of a planning decision. The process has been amended to reflect this advice. This will ensure efficiencies and responds to the proposed reduction in staff resources. The information is readily available on the Authority website. |
| The Coal Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas. • Our records indicate that within the Peak District National Park area there are coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including; mine entries, coal workings and reported surface hazards. These feature may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety. • The Coal Authority's records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource. • It is noted that this current consultation relates to a Statement of Community Involvement. I can confirm that the Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted |

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| | team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this document. | |
| Trans Pennine Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.2 - Scope to include National Trail contacts – there are a number of National Trails (including the TPT) that travel through the Peak District National Park and are key stakeholders. • Pg 29 - The TPT has previously been asked to be listed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted - The TPT has now been added to planning system so that they are notified of relevant planning applications |
| West Yorkshire Police | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for your email about the Consultation Document. • I have checked our county borders and can see whilst there is a crossover into the National Park, this is minimal within a very rural area. In the five years I have been doing my job, I have only come across one planning application which had the National Park Authority involvement. • With the above being said, I would be more than happy to engage with the Authority on crime prevention measures for developments, as long as they are within West Yorkshire Police jurisdiction. As much of the park is covered by South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, it would be in the Authorities interest to engage with the DOCO's within those force areas as well if not already done. • Please feel free to remain in contact with West Yorkshire Police and myself for future planning applications within our area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and appreciated |