

JOINT WORKING GROUP (DDDC AND PDNPA) ON HOUSING IN THE NATIONAL PARK
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

Strategic policy-making authorities are required to cooperate with each other, and other bodies, when preparing, or supporting the preparation of policies which address strategic matters. This includes those policies contained in local plans¹.

The National Planning Policy Framework² sets out that strategic policies should make sufficient provision for housing, including affordable housing.

The *English national parks and the broads: UK government vision and circular 2010*³ sets out that ‘the Government recognises that the Parks are not suitable locations for unrestricted housing and does not therefore provide general housing targets for them. The expectation is that new housing will be focused on meeting affordable housing requirements, supporting local employment opportunities and key services’.

The Peak District National Park Management Plan sets the vision for the National Park and the context for the Local Plan. The Management Plan says that by 2028 we will have a Local Plan that:

- Enables people with local roots to live in or return to the National Park;
- Helps families to remain together in mutual support;
- Addresses a range of second and holiday home issues;
- Addresses a range of local population issues; and
- Increases the stock of affordable housing protected in perpetuity through housing associations, local housing trusts, and opportunities for individuals to own their own home.

A statement of Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and housing policy position is required here.

The Derbyshire Dales Local Plan is currently subject to review, with the intention that a revised Local Plan is adopted during 2026. The District Council has set out that its objectives for the revised Local Plan include that it should enable and strengthen flourishing communities within Derbyshire Dales, as well provide social and affordable housing where it is needed.

Purpose to

- Enable mutual understanding of the issues involved with the planning and delivery of housing in the DDDC areas of the Peak District National Park;
- Enable mutual understanding of the issues involved with the planning and delivery of housing within the DDDC area outside the Peak District National Park
- Explore scope for joint evidence base;
- Share and discuss evidence;
- Utilise the evidence base to prepare mutually agreeable local housing policies
- Share and discuss policy options;

¹ Planning Practice Guidance Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 61-009-20190315 Revision date: 15 03 2019

² [National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

³ [English national parks and the broads: UK government vision and circular 2010 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

- Facilitate the production of statutory Statements of Common Ground and Duty to Cooperate.
- Develop a framework for implementing the duty to cooperate that recognises the requirements and constraints on each party.
- Develop an agreed outcome for the duty to cooperate.
- Prepare a joint commitment and bidding framework for targeted funding from Homes England and any other relevant sources.
- Jointly lobby government for additional tools to tackle extreme issues of second and holiday homes.

Membership

- Derbyshire Dales district Council – three elected Members and two Officers.
- Peak District National Park Authority – three Members and two Officers.

Guiding Principles

- To show strong collective leadership and seek to deliver better local outcomes and more joined-up policy approaches to the provision of housing in the Peak District National Park and the Derbyshire Dales (outside the PDNPA).
- To work across organisational boundaries to deal with strategic and emerging challenges whilst maintaining local control.
- To focus on specific issues of concern (to be determined at first meeting).
- To prioritise the actions to be considered to address the issues of concern.
- To utilise the collective evidence base of the PDNPA and DDDC to secure closer alignment of our planning policy strategies.

Frequency of Meetings

- To be determined at the first meeting.

Chairing and Support of the Working Group

- To be determined at the first meeting.