

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Item: 5

Title: Active Travel Update

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Active Travel England Capability Fund programme.

Background

In April 2024, the Peak District National Park received £100k of funding to enable National Parks and co-located authorities to develop inclusive active travel programmes. This includes preparing a National Park equivalent of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan by March 2025.

In June 2024, a report to the Forum proposed the establishment of an Active Travel Sub group, with additional representation to be agreed in consultation.

Update

Over the last few months, work has focused on consultations and obtaining data. This has included two workshops with constituent and neighbouring Highway Authorities and a workshop to be held imminently with major land owners.

Internet-enabled people counters have been installed to complement Strava data and visitor surveys. These provide feedback on the type and level of use to prioritise, monitor, and evaluate any identified improvements.

Feedback is sought on the results of the workshops and for further input into the development of a high-level network plan at the first Local Access Forum stakeholder meeting on 16 October 2024. The terms of reference for the sub-group are attached in Appendix 1.

Recommendation:

1. The report be noted.
2. The terms of reference for the sub-group be approved.

Appendix 1

Peak District Local Access Forum Active Travel Sub-Group Terms of Reference

Context

The Peak District Local Access Forum is a statutory body, appointed jointly by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC), as the advisory body on access and recreation matters in the Peak District. From time to time the Forum may establish Sub-groups to consider and report back on (or act on if delegated) matters referred to them by the Forum.

The National Park Authority has received funding from Active Travel England to support capability building activities that will enable National Parks and co-located local authorities and highway authorities to develop inclusive active travel programmes.

Purpose

The Active Travel Sub-group provides guidance and feedback on the emerging National Park Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (NPCWIP). This is likely to include:

- 1) Identification of networks for walking, wheeling, cycling, and horse riding
- 2) Prioritisation of key routes
- 3) Feedback and auditing for scheme planning and design
- 4) Providing an input to consultations
- 5) Sharing of experience and expertise

Submission of advice

Where advice is to be provided directly to a body which the Forum has a statutory function to advise, the meeting will be constituted and operate as a Forum meeting in accordance with the Regulations.

Membership

Chair: Local Access Forum Chair or Vice Chair

- 1) Forum members including the Chair/Vice Chair representing a balance of:
 - Landowners/managers
 - Recreation user groups
 - Conservation
 - Local interest
- 2) Peak District National Park officers and other Highway Authorities' officers as required
- 3) Others including Sustrans, Cycling UK, Byways and Bridleways Trust, British Horse Society, Disabled Ramblers, Experience Community, British Mountaineering Council.

Membership may change over time according to need and focus of actions.

Meetings:

The Sub-Group shall meet every 2-3 months.

Other agencies and organisations may be invited to meetings on specific areas of interest as necessary.