

# Peak District Local Access Forum

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**Item:** 10

**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 develop a programme for active travel. This includes development of a Peak District Walking, Wheeling, and Cycling Infrastructure Plan.

An Active Travel Sub group, comprised of LAF members and other key stakeholders has been established to advise on and support this work.

## **Update**

Following the workshops with Highway Authorities and major landowners, the Active Travel sub-group met to provide input into the identification and development of the high-level network of routes for walking, wheeling, cycling, and horse riding.

The [active travel consultation](#) on this high-level network is now live and runs until **16 March 2025**.

The consultation asks for

- 1) Important locations relating to the published network
- 2) Suggested improvements
- 3) Any other comments.

It also asks for details of where people are coming from, how often they visit or would visit if improved, and the type of activity. This is to help understand and prioritise what is needed for everyday journeys or the longer recreational routes.

The consultation includes interactive maps to show existing and proposed routes and allow for locational pins to be placed. Proposed routes are indicative only and will be subject to feasibility.

The network looks to connect main areas of population and key visitor attractions. Routes include former rail trails, Sustrans' NCNs, and those previously identified in the Peak District's Cycle Strategy and as part of Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network. Routes up to 10km beyond the National Park boundary are also shown for connectivity to and around the National Park.

A meeting of the Sub-group is proposed to co-ordinate the LAF consultation response.

**Recommendation:**

- 1) To note the contents of the report and to consider the response to the active travel consultation at a future meeting of the Active Travel Sub-group.**