

13 November 2020

Parishes Day review

The annual Parishes Day was held virtually on 3 October 2020. The theme of the event followed on from the 2019 event with an update on the Authority's work on visitor management, sustainable transport and events management. In particular the discussion was inevitably based around the impact of Covid-19 and the challenges faced by communities in the event of increased visitor numbers and how communities had coped with the challenges of the pandemic.

The notes from the day are attached for your information. If you parish would like further information on any of the matters discussed at the event please email policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Please see attached a briefing relating to Events Management, in particular the work that has been undertaken on the action point in the National Park Management Plan.

Policy and Communities updates

Local Plan review consultation

The National Park Authority has commenced a review into its planning policies, in a document we call the Local Plan. To kick this off we want to scope out the big issues for the National Park over the coming 15 to 20 years. Before we start writing policies we want to test the water with some big questions. Amongst other things these will relate to climate change, nature recovery, sustainable design, opportunities for economic recovery, sustainable tourism and of course local needed affordable homes.

We have placed an article in the next Parklife and there is a link to a survey we want as many people as possible to complete to give us a strong feel for the right policies going forward. The survey can also be accessed from our Local Plan Review webpage at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/localplanreview> .

Thriving and sustainable communities

The National Park Authority (NPA) along with many local councils, social care bodies, the NHS, emergency services and the voluntary sector use terms like "Thriving Communities" and "Place-based thinking" but what does it all mean? Officers at the NPA have been working closely with the Peak Park Parishes Forum to create a definition of what we mean by a Thriving and Sustainable Community. We believe it will give us a focus and sense of direction for future community policies and engagement work with partners. With that in mind we have just commenced a consultation period with a set of stakeholders to see if they support our definition or have any other views. We hope to complete the consultation before Xmas and be ready to report back and adopt our definition early in the New Year.

Residential Annexes Supplementary Planning Document

Following a period of consultation with Parish Councils, Planning Agents and various other statutory bodies during the spring and summer the Authority voted to adopt this new piece of guidance at Planning Committee on the 6th November. The guidance is largely focussed at Planning Agents and helps to describe the intention of planning policies for ancillary accommodation. These policies were adopted to give greater scope for families to remain together and supports various care needs and farming succession. Watch out for this in our [Policies and Guides](#) section of our website.

Rural broadband for Derbyshire communities

Derbyshire County Council has £500,000 in order to step up efforts in delivering high-speed broadband to the most rural areas. The funding from the council will 'top-up' the Government's existing Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme which helps homes and businesses in hard-to-reach locations get a fast and reliable broadband service. Further details on this initiative are available [online](#)

Development Management updates

Re-instating the pre-application advice service from 16 November

We are happy to report that the service will be reinstated on 16 November. This is a phased reinstatement with the details being available online at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/advice/pre-application-advice>

Covid-19 update

The Development Management service is reacting to the current situation regarding the Covid-19 virus. New planning applications are currently being registered and allocated to officers. We are unable to carry out meetings or site visits to sites where social distancing cannot be achieved, or where the personal circumstances of the planning officer or applicant prevents it.

Due to limited staff resources if you have made a report of potentially unauthorised development to us, there may be delays in investigating and responding to these reports.

In line with government guidance we have issued a temporary update to our [Statement of Community Involvement](#), which outlines how we involve the public in the planning process.

Strategy Update

Carbon Management Plan

In July, the Authority agreed its second Carbon Management Plan which set a vision to be a net zero carbon Authority no later than 2050. The scope of Carbon Management Plan 2 covers emissions from activities over which the Authority has operational control. This Plan builds on the success of our first Carbon Management Plan which achieved a 29% reduction in the carbon at the end of the 2017/18 period against the 2009/10 baseline. The reductions were made across electricity, fleet vehicles, water use,

energy use, waste disposal and business travel. We have developed our second Carbon Management Plan to cover the period 2020 to 2050, which is the latest possible date for the Authority to meet the national target of carbon zero. We aspire to achieve net zero before that point if possible. The scope of our second Carbon Management Plan covers emissions from activities over which the Authority has operational control: including energy and fuel used by the Authority and within its property portfolio, as well as the operational emissions from transport, waste and water. The full Plan is available at the following link on our website.

https://democracy.peakdistrict.gov.uk/documents/s37152/Carbon%20Management%20Plan_P%20and%20R%2017.07.20_MF.pdf

National Park Management Plan

The 2019/20 Annual Monitoring Report for the Peak District National Park Management Plan has been approved. The National Park Management Plan is a partnership plan for the National Park that is coordinated by the National Park Authority. The second year's delivery of the 2018-23 Peak District National Park Management Plan has been highly eventful. Despite this, progress has been made against most of the intentions identified for the second year of the National Park Management Plan. Twenty three delivery actions were achieved or are on schedule to be achieved in the future, two actions were not achieved and a further three actions are at risk of not being achieved on schedule. The full Annual Monitoring Report is available at the following link on our website (a full designed version is now being produced).

<https://democracy.peakdistrict.gov.uk/documents/s37231/Appendix%201%20NPMP%20YEAR%202%20AMR%2019-20%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

PDNPA other news

Covid-19 information

The National Park website Covid-19 visitor pages have recently been updated with key government guidance on travel and exercise, following on from previous amends to reflect the Tier system. This has also been shared on our social media channels and will be reiterated weekly. #PeakDistrictProud advice will also be shared on a regular basis including issues such as car parking. Existing hard-copy signage was considered to still be appropriate for the period up to 2 December. PDNPA car park and toilet facilities will remain open during this shorter, second lockdown period, with any specific local issues addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Phytophthora - 'larch disease'

Parishes close to the Goyt Valley may be aware that tree felling has begun in a bid to tackle an outbreak of Phytophthora in woodland within the valley. A legal requirement under Statutory Plant Notices, the felling operations are being overseen by Forestry England, following earlier analysis by tree experts. A small number of non-larch species may also be impacted for access and logistical reasons, but this will be minimised. Visitor access route diversions may be in place during the works. The Authority is working with all relevant partners to ensure that re-planting schemes suitably reflect the landscape and special qualities of the local area and wider National Park. Survey and analysis is underway in other woodlands within of the Peak District, and any additional landscape impacts will be shared on the Authority website.

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/frequently-asked-questions/tree-felling-in-the-goyt-valleyphytophthora>

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