

Peak District Local Access Forum

Access Sub-group

Context and Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Group

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.

In March 2009, a Restrictions Review Sub-group was established to advise and respond to the PDNPA, as the Relevant Authority, on its consultations relating to statutory reviews of long-term restrictions on access land. Delegation to the sub-group allowed these time-limited consultations to be dealt with in an expeditious manner.

In December 2010, an Access Sub-group was established to take forward the work of the Restrictions Review Sub-group in a wider access context. The main purpose of the Access Sub-group is to provide the Local Access Forum, PDNPA and DCC with specific and detailed advice on matters relating to open access land.

Nature of the Work

The actions of the sub-group are intended to inform the Local Access Forum, PDNPA and DCC on:

- Consultations on long-term directions including reassessments and statutory reviews
- Consultations on disposals and dedications of public property where they have implications and/or opportunities for public access
- Mapping and display of access land
- Accessibility of access land

Delegation

The sub-group will consider in detail access issues delegated to them from the LAF. It will report back to the LAF via notes from its meetings.

Membership of the group

Chair: Local Access Forum Chair or Vice Chair

Up to 8 Forum members including the Chair representing a balance of :

- Landowners/managers
- Recreation
- Conservation
- Local Interest

PDNPA Access Officer and other PDNPA and DCC officers as required

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

Frequency of meetings

As and when required, to deal with matters referred by the Forum.