

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Update on the Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy

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Since the last meeting of the Peak District Local Access Forum in June, work has progressed on the Wider Peak District Cycle Strategy. We have revised the Strategy and Action Plan based on the responses to the public consultation that was held in February and March 2014, and further stakeholder engagement including feedback from the Local Access Forum. During this time the Steering Group has met to refine the Strategy (22nd July) and we have also met with authorities and stakeholders from the North West of the area (14th July) to ensure buy-in. Most recently this has included a meeting with the National Trust at Lyme Park (21st August).

The Strategy and Action Plan were brought before the National Park Authorities Strategic Advisory Group of Members on 18th July, and the comments received at that meeting have also been reflected in the development of the Strategy.

Over the last two months, there has been a concerted effort to ensure that the Action Plan comprises those actions that partners are committed to either investigating or delivering. As a result the document is shorter and more robust, with lead partners named under each action. It is intended that the Action Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

The next Steering Group meeting will be held on 11th September, where members will have the opportunity to comment on the final draft versions of the documents prior to the next meeting of the National Park Authority. A draft report on the public consultation will also be presented to this meeting seeking approval for its publication.

Following the Steering Group meeting, the Strategy and Action Plan will undergo a final edit / update prior to the National Park Authority Meeting on 3rd October where approval will be sought for both documents. The final drafts of both documents will be available on the National Park Authority website from the 26th September (one week before the meeting).