

## Peak District Local Access Forum

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**Item: 5**

**Title:** National Park Ease of Use Survey

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To report the Ease of Use Survey results for 2018

### **Background**

Every two years a sample survey of 5% of the Rights of Way network in the National Park is carried out to assess its condition.

Known as the 'Ease of Use Survey', the methodology conforms to a nationally developed standard and is also used by other National Parks and Highway Authorities.

The 5% randomly selected sample is surveyed by National Park staff and volunteers in two 2.5% batches in spring and autumn and data collated at the end of the year.

A right of way will fail the survey test if one of the following applies at some point along the path:

- A roadside signpost or waymark is not in place or does not show correct status or alignment or is not visible.
- A missing bridge or any bridge, stiles, gates, steps & barriers where immediate repair or replacement is required.
- Any wall, fence, hedge, building, body of water, quarry, signage or beast or person obstructing or deterring the use of the path.

### **Results**

The results for the 2018 survey show an 81% pass rate.

Comparisons with previous years' data are shown below.

<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/16</b>	<b>2016/18</b>	<b>2018/20</b>
93%	91%	90%	89%	92%	81%

### **Recommendation**

That the report be noted.