

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Local Development Framework Consultation

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Purpose of the Report

To encourage LAF members to comment on a public consultation on future planning policy in the National Park

Report

This consultation on the draft Local Development Framework runs until **10 April 2009**. It is your chance to influence the direction of future development across the Peak District National Park until 2026. It is not often you get that chance – just once every 15 years or so – so it is an important opportunity to get involved.

How to comment

- 1) You can comment online using our [consultation portal](#). You will be able to read the full document in detail and comment online. Instructions for using the portal are provided here: [How to use the Portal](#)
- 2) You can send your responses by email to: policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk
- 3) You can pass your comments through your parish or district council, business organisation or an environmental/recreational interest-group to be forwarded to us
- 4) You can also comment by letter to:

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Printed copies of the full document, which includes a summary, can be downloaded from the Portal or can be obtained by ringing us on 01629 816200. They are also available in [council offices and a number of libraries](#).

On the Authority website there is also general information on the [Local Development Framework](#) and the [background reports](#).

We are happy to provide this information in alternative formats on request where reasonable, so please contact us by phone on 01629 816200, by textphone on 01629 816319, or by email at customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Key dates

This consultation runs until **10 April 2009**. All responses will be looked at, preferred options selected, and community organisations consulted again.

The Authority will finalise the draft by the end of 2009.

Given that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government approves it, the new Local Development Framework is due to come into force in March 2011.

Background

Covering 2011 to 2026, the new Local Development Framework will be the master-plan against which planning decisions are made in the national park. As such, it will affect everyone who

makes a planning application, whether they want to alter their property, build a new home, add an extension or create a business.

It will replace the [1994 Structure Plan](#) which the National Park Authority currently uses to make planning decisions.

The Authority is consulting communities and interest groups through local councils and representative bodies. To reach as broad a consensus as possible, we would like to hear from residents through these groups or individually.

You are invited to comment on the draft Core Strategy, which will be the Framework's main policy document – it sets out the themes affecting possible development, areas where change could happen and at what level.

The themes are: landscape, settlements, climate change, housing, transport, economy and minerals. It also has appendices setting the context.

Its overall vision is to protect the national park's natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage and tranquility, to make it a place people enjoy and appreciate, and to foster thriving communities and a healthy economy.