

## **Peak District National Park Authority – Meet the CEO Event Community Issues Feedback**

**Venue:** Hartington Hall Youth Hostel Association

**Date:** 22 March 2024

**NPA** – National Park Authority

*Please be aware feedback briefings will not always include information on personal, individual or private business queries or specific planning applications (unless of wider community interest).*

The following responses are based on questions raised at the above meeting with Peak District National Park chief executive, Phil Mulligan. This briefing note responds to the most frequently raised issues and isn't intended to cover all questions raised.

You may also wish to review previous event briefing notes, which may cover additional topics of interest.

### **Parking capacity**

The Authority recognises the strength of feeling regarding parking provision in the Whetton area and associated highways management issues. Some of these matters fall outside the remit of the Authority and this has been covered in previous roadshow event responses [available here](#). The Authority will provide additional information to the parish in regards to the pre-application process for propositions such as a 'community car park'. Where pressures exist for visitor parking, communities can also explore the use of local agricultural land for temporary car parking under permitted development rules. The Authority can offer advice in this regard.

### **Local Neighbourhood Plan**

The following actions/points of clarity were noted:

- i. The Issues and Options for our new Local Plan will be launched at the end of summer
- ii. The Authority recognises that support is needed in getting key documents commissioned regarding the Local Neighbourhood Plan and will reply to the parish regarding any available legal support.
- iii. The Local Plan consultation process will be an opportunity to feed back regarding the identification of suitable sites for housing.
- iv. Pre-application advice service: this is now active again  
<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/advice/pre-application-advice>
- v. Manchester Airport flight frequencies: officers in attendance confirmed new technologies analyzing disturbance zones due to launch later this year. There is likely to be consultation on flight paths at every airport as a result.
- vi. Local private helicopter use; noise concerns. Authority planning colleagues to respond to individual enquirers.
- vii. Flooding – the Authority has no jurisdiction in this area which is covered by the County Council.

The Authority's wider planning service has been significantly boosted in capacity in recent months, and is currently meeting all required government targets.

## **Amos**

The Authority confirmed that it is aware of the frustrations of residents with the developer at this site, including the blocking of rights of way and removal of the cattle grid. The Authority remains committed to ensuring that four of the houses will be completed and available as more affordable dwellings either for sale or rent. Any further information will be shared with the parish.

## **Access**

The majority of access issues are raised and addressed by the Local Access Forum, (LAF) which meets twice a year and is convened by the Authority. The Authority is currently exploring a 'Recreation Hub' approach to specific areas of the National Park – encompassing access issues – and this will be piloted from this year, most likely at primary 'hotspot' locations initially.

## **Tourism**

Peak District Environmental Quality Mark (EQM) is a long-established programme in the region, however its focus is primarily on the sustainability credentials of individual businesses, along with some aspects of wider sustainable tourism. It is not the EQM's remit to tackle broader issues regarding sustainable tourism as a whole across the Peak District.

The National Park Authority itself does not undertake general commercial advertising or editorial destination marketing of the region (with the specific exception of individual tourism businesses run by the Authority), which is the role of the Local Visitor Enterprise Partnership (LVEP), Visit Peak District & Derbyshire. The two organisations work closely to ensure messaging is appropriate and with a focus on sustainable and responsible visiting wherever possible.

Work is also ongoing within the Authority and with partners to develop a strategic sustainable tourism charter.

## **Local communications**

There are several ways to keep up to date with the Authority's work, largely depending on your main areas of interest. First and foremost, our official social media channels will carry the latest developments. In addition:

- i. Our media release pages can be found here: [News and media: Peak District National Park](#) – this can also be added as an RSS feed for instant notifications.
- ii. Events and engagements relating to Phil Mulligan as CEO are likely to be shared here in the first instance: [Meet the Chief Executive of your National Park: Peak District National Park](#).
- iii. Press releases are also currently sent to all Parish clerks for forwarding on; if you believe we're missing any key contacts in this regard please tell us and we can add to any relevant mailing lists. Please note we are not able to send press releases to personal individuals.

Regrettably, due to financial constraints we no longer offer a direct-mail printed magazine to residents and communities, which has instead been superseded by our *Welcome Guide*: [Welcome Guide: Peak District National Park](#) This is available via our visitor centres, but additional supplies could be sent locally if you have any suitable venues. The focus of this publication is safe, sustainable and responsible visiting.

The Authority is reviewing the opportunity to offer a regular 'e-news' bulletin by email – if this goes ahead Parishes will be contacted with an opportunity for residents to sign-up.

In respect of works on the Warslow Estate, the Authority will take forward an action to offer a 'meet the manager' session. The Authority will also arrange an opportunity for Phil Mulligan to attend a Parish Council meeting.

## **Peakland Grange**

The Authority is aware of the strength of feeling and concerns regarding this site locally. The Authority understands the developer tried to sell the 4 affordable homes to two housing associations however this was unsuccessful, and therefore the current sale of the homes is allowed, but subject to a District Valuation as local need dwellings. The Authority does acknowledge the delivery and availability of the affordable homes has been very slow. The Authority is undertaking all that it can to encourage progress on the site, whilst retaining key environmental and quality aspects of design to ensure the enhancement of the site is realized.

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