

Help Shape the Future Partner event

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Losehill Hall, Castleton

Report



Background to the event

The National Park Management Plan (the overarching plan for management of the Peak District National Park) is currently under review. The new plan will be published in Spring 2006.

The National Park Authority is also reviewing its development plans (the Structure Plan and the Local Plan) and will publish a Local Development Framework in 2007.

The National Park Authority is keen that both of these plans are produced with the input and support of a wide variety of stakeholders. During 2004, the Authority undertook a series of meetings across the Park and listened to the views and opinions of the general public. The Authority also spent time at summer shows listening to the views of the public and visitors to the National Park. In addition we have given Parish Councils, constituent Authorities, and Authority staff an early opportunity to contribute to an identification of the key issues facing the National Park. The results of this public work are recorded on our web site

<http://www.peakdistrict.org/helpshapethefuture/comments.htm>

This was only the beginning however. The National Park is owned by, lived in, worked in, visited and enjoyed by a huge number of groups and individuals. The different interests present huge challenges for managing a National Park, and the Authority already receives and appreciates the ongoing support of many organisations.

To re-enforce the support we already receive for National Park management, we invited a range of partners to begin to look at some of the options for future park management. The options described below are examples only. The full range of options can be found on

<http://www.peakdistrict.org/helpshapethefuture/issues.pdf>

In addition, the government puts sustainable development at the centre of land use planning having introduced the term spatial planning to land use planning work. The National Parks are also covered by a new layer of thought and opinion courtesy of community strategies (prepared by all constituent local authorities)

In April 2005, the government issued a new circular on the future of National Parks. In it, the general push for sustainable development naturally includes National Parks and the government expects that the solutions in National Parks may be different to elsewhere in parts of rural England.

The key note speaker for this event was Chris Church (an advisor to the Community Development Foundation on sustainable development) This brought a wider perspective to proceedings and asked participants to consider the challenge of working together for truly sustainable development of the National Park.

In closing the event, Jim Dixon thanks participants for their interest and enthusiasm and encouraged them to complete and return an expression of interest form. The form invited participants to become part of a forum, representative of all interests and areas to share the plan making process with the National Park Authority. Participants were given until the 27th May to express an interest (allowing time to take the idea back to colleagues where necessary before making any commitment)

Participants

Alex Bowness	GOEM Rural Affairs Team	
Alison Clamp	Peak District Rural Housing Association	manager
Andrew Mc.Cloy	Local Access Forum	Chair
Andrew Pugh	Visit Peak District	Head of Destination Management Partnership
Andrew Thompson	National Trust	Property Manager South Peak Estate
Andy Farmer	PDNPA	Senior Ranger
Andy Guffogg	PDNPA	Sustainable Tourism Manager
Ann Robinson	Friends of Peak District	
Anthony Barber Lomax	Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates	Estate Manager
Austin Brady	Forestry Commission East Mids	Conservator
Barry Neville	PDNPA	member
Brian Taylor	PDNPA	Policy Planning Manager
Chris Dean	Moors for Future	Project Manager
David Curtis	Sheffield City Council	Head of Development Services
David Lepper	Countryside Agency East Mids	
David Lomax	High Peak BC	
David Wright	Derby Derbyshire Economic Partnership	Chief Executive
Geoff Nickolds	STW Ltd	Conservation Access + Recreation Manager
George Wolfe	Friends of Peak District	
Giles Dann	Rural Action Zone	Development Manager
Graeme Chapman	Peak Park Parishes Forum	Secretary
Irene Coope	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	
Jane Chapman	PDNPA	Head of Conservation
Jim Dixon	PDNPA	Chief Executive
John Bull	PDNPA	member
John Herbert	PDNPA	member
John Lomas	PDNPA	Director of Conservation and Development
John Thompson	PDNPA	Director of Recreation and Education
Ken Parker	PDNPA	Director of National Projects
Laurence Rose	RSPB	
Les Reason	Kirklees MBC	
Lindsay Allen	High Peak BC	Community Strategy Devt Officer
Lisa Atkinson (Lisa)	EMDA	Rural Development Manager
Mark Jocelyn	Cheshire Rural Regeneration Manager	North West Development Agency
Mike Crompton	PDNPA	member
Mike Harris	DRCC	Chief Executive
Nic Hodgson	Derbyshire County Council	Chief Executive
Nick Young	Countryside Agency West Mids	Senior Countryside Officer
Paul Cobbing	Government Office West Midlands	
Paul Tame	National Farmers Union	Technical Officer
Paul Wilson	DDDC	Planning Services Manager
Pauline Beswick	Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Cttee	PDNPA member
Richard Campen	PDNPA	
Richard Fitzherbert	Tissington Estate	Landowner
Richard Tregenza	Peak Park Parishes Forum	chair

Robert Greateorex	Peak Park Parishes Forum	vice chair
Roger Taylor	Cheshire County Council	Rural Affairs and Tourism Manager
Ruth Marchington	PDNPA	Director of Corporate Resources
Sian Ellin Jones	HPBC	Community Strategy Officer
Steve Trotter	National Trust	Property Manager HP and Longshawe
Steve Turner	PDNPA	Head of Policy Strategy Partnerships
Sue Buckenham	Rural Development Service (DEFRA)	Regional Manager East Midlands
Sue O Donnell	North East Derbyshire District Council	Neighbourhood Partnership Officer
Tim Miles	PDNPA	Transport Planner
Tim Stevens	LARA	
Trevor Bithel	Macclesfield Borough Council	Principal Planner
John Davies	PDNPA	development control representative
Chris Bell	South Pennines Integrated Transport Strategy	Project Officer
Nic Hutchens	PDNPA	ODPM Project manager
Mar Carr	PDNPA	policy planner
Dave Bent	PDNPA	senior minerals planner
Mark Forrester	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	LSP Manager
Richard Godley	PDNPA	SDF project manager
Tom Moat	English Nature	
John Lees	Peak Park Moorlands Owners and tenants Assoc	
Andrew Thompson	Haddon estates	

Apologies received from the following organisations

Don Stewart	Yorkshire Forward	Chief Executive
Keith Barnes	Government Office North West	
Lesley Savage	Staffordshire RDA	fieldworker and village agent manager
Nigel Pursey	Staffs County Council	
Bryan Thompson	PDNPA	Development Control south area manager
Chris Pennell	National Trust	East Midlands Director
Beccy Speight	National Trust	East Midlands Director
Jeff Wollaton	Oldham MBC	
Paul Tullett	Environment Agency	Ridings Area Manager
Dennis Patten	Barnsley MBC	Senior Planning officer
Tony Hams	PDNPA	Chair of Authority
Sean Prendergast	PDNPA	Head of Access and Recreation
Narendra Bajaria	PDNPA	member
Anne Ashe	PDNPA	member

Workshop 1 : Conservation and Enhancement

Option A : Consider integration of farm plans into small area management plans taking into account the wider landscape value and recreation and conservation issues

contributors	Scribe
Laurence Rose, John Lomas, Irene Coope, Chris Dean, Steve Trotter	
Comments on option	
Whole farm plan concept is appropriate	
Critical to get local people and partners on board	
Water Framework Directive and catchment areas is a relevant consideration	
Criteria for selection of boundaries need to be established	
Stange Forum is a good example of this type of approach but is expensive	
Farmers may be reluctant to open up their management plans to wider scrutiny and involvement	
PDNPA Vision Project is a good example (an LAA at a smaller scale not local Authority driven and good example of partnership working	
Landscape value is not necessarily the best way to define areas – better to have groups of Parishes defined by community.	
New land managers forum will be important	
We need to ensure that proposals are implemented or communities get disillusioned.	

contributors	Scribe	
Ann Robinson, Trevor Bothell, Chris Bell, Jane Chapman	Jane Chapman	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
We could consider various management tools and packages based on landscape character/ biodiversity targets and natural areas		
Bring together and link for funding purposes		
Area management in Macc Forest and Goyt works for public bodies – retain what works in these areas but consider other options elsewhere in the Park.		
Need to define what scale of plans we are talking about.		
If smaller area management plans are based on integrating farm plans, who would co-ordinate this? It doesn't have to be the NPA		Farmers, CLA, NFU, TFA, DEFRA, exemplar farms champions, parish councils/meetings, CPRE vision for future on ? change, FC, EN, EH.

contributors	Scribe	
Paul Tame, Andrew Thompson NT, Andy Farmer, Ian Fullilove.	Andy Farmer	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
We would not be able to go into business planning of farms – as farms will not co-operate if it affects business		NFU, NT, EN.
Any landscape characterisation needs consultation with farms		
Scheme should be incorporated into ELS but should be incorporated into HLS		
The challenge is to find the appropriate scale for such plans		
Suggest white Peak dark Peak scale is OK but with special areas within these being targeted for different management if necessary.		

contributors	Scribe	
Mike Crompton, Austin Brady Anthony Barber Lomax Sue Buckenham	Brian Taylor	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
What is a farm plan? Just environment or linked to business? – but good idea		Integrated advisory service Farmers Defra RDS PDNPA
Doesn't say much about partnership and how change of funding would affect it.		
Needs better link to business advice so NEE and EQM principles are built in. Also look at skills such as branding and business planning.		Development Agencies (from 2007) England's Rural Development Programme
Needs a change of peoples ideas of how to run a business – but there is a need to keep people farming and a need for grazing animals – farmers are skilled people.		NFU CLBA
Needs a combination of entrepreneurial skills and traditional skills		NFU CLBA
Remember that the Peak District is a farmed landscape and a managed landscape.		
Higher Level Scheme needs a range of partners		
In coming farmers tend to over manage (an urban idea of farm can result)		
Needs a good link to landscape characterisation, a better understanding of landscape; and compensation where landowners are prevented from managing how they would ordinarily do so by landscape character criteria		

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Steve Trotter		➤		
John Lomas		➤		
Irene Coope		➤		
Chris Dean		➤		
Chris Bell				➤
Ann Robinson		➤		
Trevor Bithell		➤		
Sue Buckenham		➤		
Austin Brady		➤		
Mike Crompton		➤		
Tom Moat		➤		
Anthony Barber Lomax			➤	
Brian Taylor		➤		
Andy Farmer		➤		
Andrew Thompson		➤		
Ian Fullilove		➤		
Jane Chapman		➤		
Paul Tame				➤

Option B: Re-assess the key settlements list for their ability to accommodate new physical development without detriment to their character

contributors	Scribe	
Trevor Bithell, Chris Bell, Jane Chapman, Ann Robinson,	Trevor Bithell	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
Yes – it doesn't have to be just 63		HBF
Local character is crucial		Parish Councils Community Councils
Needs suitable mechanism to keep houses in ownership of those with local need		RSLs
Promote benefits of staying local to retain local labour and local markets.		
Develop new arrangements for committing to develop a stock of housing types and sizes which always stay in public ownership/housing association		
Need to consider broader issues such as width of roads, capacity of facilities including school church, pub etc and use of green building techniques in settlement development.		

contributors	Scribe
Paul Tame Andrew Thompson Tom Moat, Andy Farmer, Ian Fullilove	Andy Farmer
Comments on option	
Do we have a definitive list or a set of criteria that would help re-define the list?	
A re-assessment of the list is inevitable (and the criteria that led to their designation in the first place)	

We need to consider the relationship between settlements and the towns surrounding the Park i.e. don't inadvertently pressure fringe towns in order to restricted development in the Park.
Need to look at wider policies to prevent 'holiday' villages

contributors	Scribe
David Lomax, Nick Hodgson, Paul Wilson Nic Hutchins, Robert Greatorex	Robert Greatorex
Comments on option	
Cater for local needs	

contributors	Scribe
Irene Coope, Laurence Rose, John Lomas, Steve Trotter, Chris Dean	
Comments on option	
Sympathetic development is vital to local character	
Accept that some settlements have gone and that there is little that can be done to resurrect them	
Criteria led approach to communities but with opportunities and limits but no community has a pre-determined settlement area	
Within an overarching policy context and framework set communities the challenge and the freedom to find solutions for themselves	
Market forces make control difficult and we can't control what happens with existing housing stock.	

contributors	Scribe
Sue Buckenham, Anthony Barber Lomax, Austin Brady, Mike Crompton, Brian Taylor	Brian Taylor
comment	
Need to link knowledge of the 63 settlements to the aim and objectives of policy	
Policy aims for a limit on the population to 38000 and achieves this.	
The Park needs its own centre of gravity to retain services and jobs	
Businesses can be focussed at community level	

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Chris Bell		➤		
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Sue Buckenham			➤	
Austin Brady			➤	
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Anthony Barber Lomax			➤	
Brian Taylor		➤		
Andy Farmer			➤	
Andrew Thompson NT			➤	
Ian Fullilove			➤	
Jane Chapman		➤		
Paul Tame		➤		
Paul Wilson		➤		
Nick Hodgson				
David Lomax		➤		

Option C: Promote green building techniques and introduce design awards drawing on good examples from inside and outside the Park.

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David Lomax, Nick Hodgson Robert Greateorex, Paul Wilson, Nic Hutchins	Paul Wilson	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
Affordability for all		RSLs
Flexibility in use of materials and standards		County Council
Acknowledge and recognise contemporary design		LAs
Acknowledge benefits of alternative technologies for locals benefit e.g. solar panels, wind farms whilst respecting environmental impacts		Parish Councils and building industry architects

contributors	Scribe
Andy Farmer, Tom Moat, Paul Tame, Andrew Thompson, Ian Fullilove	
Comments on option	
There are already schemes around in Derbyshire (Greenwatch) with categories for building and development like this. Is there a need for a new scheme? Perhaps get an NPA rep on the Greenwatch panel.	
Respect the local vernacular and blend new techniques into it where appropriate	
Keep large scale schemes out of the Parks and the Park fringes	
Support innovation in keeping with local styles but don't look for large schemes (use RAZ and Uni of Derby to find money and expertise in this area	
Look to get existing stock up to standard and as energy efficient as possible without damaging their character	

contributors	Scribe
Mike Crompton Austin Brady Anthony Barber Lomax, Sue Buckenham, Brian Taylor	Brian Taylor
Comments on option	
Encourage District Councils heating schemes	
Explore scope of policy to enable technology to be used	
Have higher thresholds for protected areas and consider whether glass and roof lines are consistent with character and appearance.	
We need to draw together traditional principles with sustainable construction techniques	
Update building design guide	
Diversification programmes based on landscape knowledge e.g. there could be areas where coppice crops would be appropriate with better understanding of landscape.	

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Paul Wilson		➤		
Nick Hodgson			➤	
David Lomax		➤		
Robert Greatorex			➤	
Nic Hutchins		➤		

Option D

Investigate charging an environmental levy to drive in or across the Park (this could reduce traffic and provide money for public transport, visitor and resident services or park and ride services.)

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Paul Tame Andrew Thompson, Tom Moat Andy Farmer, Ian Fullilove	Andy Farmer	
comment		Relevant partners
Are we trying to achieve visitor payback and / or reduce cross Park traffic? It is important that we are clear what we want to achieve and that we communicate this very clearly from the outset. If we don't it won't have a chance of working.		Highways Authorities Government Offices for Regions Landowners Visitors
There are many other routes for people to choose but the technology is there is there is the will.		
There are issues to do with money that owners earn from car parking.		
There must be clear linkage between the money raised and the spending of the money		
Be aware of the visible impact of signage		
Be aware that charging might work against social inclusion objectives.		

contributors	Scribe	
Irene Coope, Chris Dean, Steve Trotter, Steve Trotter, Laurence Rose.		
comment		Relevant partners
Urban congestion charging seems to work		
Need to accentuate positive reasons and not just the money that it will generate		
Hugely complicated but technology exists if there is a will to do it		
Need to differentiate between target users and have clear objectives for these.		
Is public transport able to provide a realistic alternative? – needs a more comprehensive network than at present		
Needs clear objective money raising or congestion management		
Integrate the rationale e.g. more £ = more public transport		
Parking charges useful as an environmental levy but pricing mechanism only and may lead to increased roadside parking		
Consider road closures for busy periods		

Consider Park and ride network not just A - B	
Target main transport pressure areas and not the whole National Park	
Develop strategy within the next round of Local Transport Plans for e.g. Sheffield and Derby	
Market opportunity for well used routes e.g. Sheaf to Bakewell	
Use service buses for leisure during weekends and bank holidays	
Pilot a Park and ride route, destination framework and levy – it needs to be integrated	
Extend parking charges to all parking (road side and car park) and pilot this in a pressure location	

contributors	Scribe	
David Lomax, Nick Hodgson, Nic Hutchins, Robert Greatorex, Paul Wilson	David Lomax	
		Relevant partners
Difficult to square with residents or cross park traffic with little alternative		residents
Extra business cost may drive business away		Local Authorities
A tourist tax but what about residents using other areas of the Park?		
Possibly use in honey pot villages where access can be managed		Parish Councils
Administration costs would be high		
Manages visitors in a way that shows them they are at a tourist attraction		
Cost of driving must be higher than public transport if we want to discourage car use		
Is this about funding a need for public transport for residents or just about keeping tourist in a few places?		Employers, transport providers, Tourist boards
Improve public transport first or it wont work		

contributors	Scribe		
Ann Robinson, Chris Bell, Trevor Bithell , Jane Chapman			
comment	Relevant partners	Suggested contact names	
YES		Look to European models	
National Charging		DOT	
PDNPA lead by example		University of West of England research	
Must get benefits – do charging the right way		IPPR 'life in fast lane'	
Alternatives to driving must be high quality public transport			
Needs political will from NPAs that may not exist in the cities	Friends of Earth Local Business Transport Operators		
There is conflict between car use and Park purposes	Transport Operators		
There will be economic impacts on business – businesses affected must not be allowed to destroy the landscape			
Charging has to change behaviour so mind sets recognise the 'costly car'			
Use the Peak Park name as a focus for environmental excellence/action/knowledge (promoting environmental action and knowledge)			

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Ian Fullilove		➤		
Jane Chapman		➤		
Paul Tame		➤		
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	Nick Hodgson			
	Robert Greatorex			
	Nic Hutchins			
	David Lomax			

Option E: Enable development of touring caravan/camping based development rather than static caravans and chalets.

contributors	Scribe
David Lomax Nick Hodgson, Robert Greatorex, Paul Wilson, Nic Hutchins	Nick Hodgson
comment	Relevant partners
Need a mix of camping caravans chalets to attract range of overnight stays	Land owners FC Tourist Boards Local DMPs Highway Authorities DDEP RAZ National Trust STW and other Utility companies
Chalet parks are OK if well sited and well screened	
Chalets can be less obtrusive than caravans	
Small scale developments linked to and supporting local communities is appropriate	
They would have to be managed to prevent them becoming used as second homes	
Site them in natural landscapes – don't create new screening	
Successful temporary camping and caravan sites will be almost like a permanent facility	
There needs to be a reasonable concentration to help viability of local services	

Forestry Commission types would be OK but not Center Parks type of development	
Could there be an opportunity for community ownership of sites	
Chalet parks could create local employment opportunities (more so than temporary facilities)	

contributors	Scribe
Tom Moat, Andrew Thompson (NT), Paul Tame, Andy Farmer, Ian Fullilove	Ian Fullilove
comment	
Caravan sites of the type run by the National trust are environmentally acceptable	
The impact of more permanent development outweighs the benefits to the economy (caravans and camping trade does benefit the local economy – how much more would chalets bring?)	
Even touring caravans can start to ‘urbanise’ the locality.	
Chalets are permanent, visitors and tents and caravans are not	
Chalets may blend in when trees are in leaf but they don’t in winter when the landscape is less green	
Chalets may be OK if linked to farm business and assisting diversification but it doesn’t tend to be farmers who want this sort of business development	
Chalets are hard to accommodate without negative impact on the environment	
New developments are not justified	

contributors	Scribe
Sue Buckenham, Anthony Barber Lomax, Austin Brady, Mike Crompton, Brian Taylor	Brian Taylor
comment	
Diversification needs to add value	
B and B is OK with associated activities and courses. This would be better than permanent extra facilities	
Investment in site development would require a thorough understanding of what the market is	

for such development with industry bodies
Is large permanent infrastructure sustainable?
Is caravan and camping a big earner? – we doubt it is
High quality low impact development can be good
Needs high quality market research into the tourist industry
Will this type of development lead to affordable housing on farms?

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Paul Tame			➤	
Paul Wilson			➤	
	Nick Hodgson			
Robert Greatorex			➤	
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David Lomax			➤	

Workshop 2 Understanding and Enjoyment

Option A: Link the travel experience to the whole visitor experience, e.g. Park and Ride, cycling, to encourage a quieter/slower pace to enjoy the special character of the area.

contributors	Scribe	
Comments on option		Relevant partners
We must appreciate that people do come to the Peak Park for the travelling experience e.g. driving and cycling/ and motorcycling as ends in themselves		SPITS, PPTF
Should certain roads (esp. smaller ones) have speed limits reflecting their nature (tie in with quiet lanes initiative)		Motor Sports Association and other motoring organisations
Explore the validity of designated tourist routes along country lanes		

contributors	Scribe	
Roget Taylor, Richard Campen, Nick Young, George Wolfe, Richard Fitzherbert, Steve Turner	Roger Taylor	
Comment on option		Relevant partners
How do we change the psyche of the visitor?		Other NPAs
Will tinkering bring about significant change in habits required?		
Conflict of interest between encouraging for tourism and managing the visitor.		
We have to accept that in the immediate future the majority will arrive by car (and plan how to manage this)		

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Geoff Nickolds STW			➤	
Roger Taylor Cheshire CC			➤	
Richard Fitzherbert Tissington Estate and VPD		➤		
Andrew Mc Cloy Local Access Forum		➤		
George Wolfe Fof PD		➤		
Pauline Beswick Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee		➤		
Nick Young Countryside Agency West Midlands		➤		
Andrew Pugh Destination Management Partnership			➤	
	Tim Stevens LARA			

Option B: Create ways to move round the Park by bus instead of car (e.g. feeder buses from the edge of the Park to a circuit inside; a regular 'hop on hop off' service around the Park and regular service to cars parked on the edge of the Park

contributors	Scribe
Comment on option	Relevant partners
In principle a good idea but practicalities present problems	Bus companies
Existing Park and ride works well at specific locations – Feedholes, Tittesworth but would it work across the whole Park?	Local Authorities (SPITS)
How would you carry specific kit on buses e.g. climbing equipment or could you leave it somewhere?	YHA and accommodation providers
Dilemma of finding suitable car park sites for such a scheme	Rural Transport Partnership Officers
Pressure to use public transport will deny motorised users who specifically come here to drive (car rallies, motorbike use	Rural Developments Agencies Sub regional Strategic Partnerships Motor Sports Association Users themselves

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Geoff Nickolds STW			➤	
George Wolfe FOPD			➤	
Pauline Beswick DAAC			➤	
Andrew Pugh DMP			➤	
Nick Young CA West Mids		➤		
Lisa Atkinson EMDA			➤	
Richard Fitzherbert, Tissington Estate			➤	

Option C: Investigate ways to rationalise parking, to harmonise the needs of both visitor and residents

contributors	Scribe
Comment on option	Relevant partners
Need for joined up thinking here. 'day or similar parking ticket visitors could be used in car parks run by different organisations. This may help rationalise things	All car park operators – public and private
Where residents are inconvenienced and in bottleneck villages – encourage farmers to open up fields at peak times	Parish Councils and Landowners
How does this 'sit' with road pricing and people directly contributing money for parking?	
Should residents have priority over visitors – should residents have priority parking (permits etc)	

contributors	Scribe
Andrew Pugh, Geoff Nickolds Tim Miles Pauline Beswick	Tim Miles
Comment on option	Relevant partners
Survey research and monitoring is fundamental to being able to achieve this objective. Data must be collected to identify patterns	County district and parish councils
Data must be co-ordinated by Destination Management Partnerships	SPITS, DMP
Problem of seasonal pressures. Most of the time 100s of spare spaces but massive pressure on Bank holidays. Establish the pattern and implement measures accordingly	
Could open school playgrounds on busy days to temporarily increase capacity and benefit local economy	Parish councils, landowners and highways authorities
Improved signing of existing car parking would prevent aimless searching for spaces in areas such as Stanage	Low key temporary signing as required – satellite information in future
Tackling parking by itself will not work. We need to encourage people to travel around the area sustainably once they are here. (integrate this into wider travel network)	
We need to be welcoming and encourage people to use more sustainable modes of transport in the future	SPITS and Peak Connexions
Shuttle bus hop on and off service possibly in small? areas	
Link attractions together to make it easier to travel between them by bus/ public transport e.g. minibus links from Chatsworth to farmshop	DMP, Community Transport SPITS, operators and Authorities
More research needed to monitor movement patterns within the Park not just visitor movements	DMP, Community Transport SPITS, operators and Authorities
Park and Ride in urban areas	
Derwent Valley is good example of frequent bus service	
Chairlifts and cable cars deliver vast amounts of people in short amount of time	

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Pauline Beswick DAAC		➤		
Andrew Mc Cloy LAF			➤	

Lisa Atkinson EMDA			➤	
Nick Young CA West Mids			➤	
Richard Fitzherbert Tissington Estate			➤	

Option D: Increase community involvement in land use planning exercises at village level (conservation area work, housing site search etc.)

contributors	Scribe
Comment on option	Relevant partners
Local communities do have real concern here. Closure of village schools is particularly critical	Parish councils , PPPF
Parish Councils and local people do feel and think differently to strands of Parish Plans	Rural Community Councils, village agents
Needs more emphasis on providing affordable housing and greater support from PDNPA	Local Authorities, Housing Associations
Lack of understanding of process and policy by local people and Parish Councils, but overall support for this option	Natural England
Increased community involvement should start with Parish Councils (devolve some planning responsibilities as involvement must be bottom upwards)	
Consultation must be matched by engagement	

contributors	Scribe
Roger Taylor Richard Campen Nick Young Richard Fitzherbert, George Wolfe	
Comment on option	
How do you make involvement meaningful? – is it simply PR or consultation or real engagement	
How do Parish Plans fit in?	
Beware consultation overload	
What are the most common issues? – affordable housing , parking, village halls	
How do you get local issues reflected in higher level plans	

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Support this option	Don't support this option	priority		
		high	Medium	Low
Graeme Chapman		➤		
Geoff Nickolds STW		➤		
George Wolfe FOPD			➤	
Andrew Pugh DMP		➤		
Pauline Beswick DAAC		➤		
Andrew Mc Cloy LAF		➤		
Lisa Atkinson EMDA			➤	
Nick Young CA West Mids			➤	

	Richard Fitzherbert Tissington Estate			
Roger Taylor Cheshire CC		➤		

Option E: Increase specific provision to encourage more outdoor sport and recreation for people especially to meet government health and social inclusion objectives.

contributors	Scribe	
Comment on option	Relevant partners	
Can partly be achieved by improvements to definitive map – hopefully via rights of way Improvement Plans showing where you can go	Local Access Forum	
We need to liaise with specific sports and recreational representatives e.g. water sports, cycling, caving	County sports forum, Governing bodies	
We question the inclusion of the term summer holidays activities – this should be an all year round approach	Tourism forum	
We should think strategically, linking up with other Authorities e.g. cycling links into the Park		
More opportunities for people with disabilities e.g. easy access trails and greater promotion and joined up thinking necessary. Specific routes and paths should be highlighted.		

contributors	Scribe	
Roger Taylor, Richard Campen, Nick Young, Richard Fitzherbert, George Wolfe		
Comment on option	Relevant partners	
What does outdoor sport and recreation mean?		
We need to encourage Park visitors to take up physical activities		
How do we get people to understand maps and use them to get out?		
Formal sports facilities for residents must be provided where need is established – a sports strategy for investment	Sports England Lottery PCTs	
Should there be provision for high impact sports in the Park? – it could reduce pressure on more sensitive areas		
Trail surfaces need to be right for use.		
Big potential for green gym idea – this is a place to come and be healthy, there's good food and good places to exercise or does this just bring more cars? Do you need to come to the Peak District to get this sort of exercise?	PCTs	

contributors	Scribe
Tim Miles, Pauline Beswick, Geoff Nickolds, Andrew Pugh, Andy Guffogg	

Comment on option
Sports Action Plans needed for each sport
Climbing areas are recognised as a nationally significant resource
We should identify areas suitable for different sports e.g. mountain biking (areas of low habitat value in little visited areas of the Park
Do we have any information about what people want to do?
We need to establish what is appropriate in a National Park and then meet a need accordingly
Are there are cost implications of accidents?
Explore recreational opportunities in quarries
We need to consider levels of participation and not attract vast crowds
We need to develop cultural trails and heritage walks
We need to consider the impacts on the local economy e.g. encourage activities that encourage people to stay overnight and links the Park to the surrounding areas.

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Andrew Pugh DMP			➤	
Pauline Beswick DAAC			➤	
Andrew Mc Cloy LAF		➤		
Lisa Atkinson EMDA			➤	
Nick Young CA West Mids			➤	
Richard Fitzherbert Tissington Estate		➤		
Roger Taylor Cheshire CC			➤	
Tim Stevens LARA		➤		

Workshop 3: Social and Economic Well being

Option A: Mainstream proven approaches to strengthen the rural economy (e.g. New Environmental economy, Environmental Quality Mark) which currently suffer from short term funding regimes

contributors	Scribe	
Giles Dann, Mike Harris, John Davies, Sue O' Donnell, Mark Forrester		
comment	Relevant partners	
Yes – mainstream such projects but don't just rely on NPA money – explore improved ways of working and other sources of money	DDEP and other SSPs Rural Pathfinder, Local Area Agreement, Local	
Obviously short term funding makes projects unsustainable		

Single Pot funding is preferable to multi programme funding	
NPA should develop an economic development role.	

Contributors Mary Carr, Lindsay Allen, David Wright, Richard Tregenza	Scribe Lindsay Allen	
comment		Relevant partners
What does mainstreaming mean? – need to align funding		Through LSP level
Need new pilots local and government led approaches		
The statement is not inspirational		
We shouldn't be funding driven		
The examples are more projects not strategic aims		
Identify the issues before considering funding		Voluntary and community sector
Needs an injection from outside the National Park Authority to stimulate ideas		DDEP/RAZ Integrated agency
There are no/ limited forums for different people from different specialisms / interest groups to develop innovative projects		NPA to aid development to enable planning consent
Craft. Technology is a potential growth area Promote the idea to get names		Private sector – so we know what they need to stay here -

Contributors John Herbert, Alison Clamp, David Bent, John Lees, Richard Godley	Scribe Richard Godley	
comment		Relevant partners
Review and consolidate funding programmes		Government funders, local authorities, businesses, tourism, chambers of commerce, participants.
Complicated multiple streams		
Problem when funding streams temporary		
Biodiversity, landscape and sustainability should be embedded		
More communication needed prior to programmes being devised		
Longer funding regimes?		
What is the administrative cost of running large funding pots?		

Too many schemes to allow an answer to this question – needs breaking down	
Is the focus on agriculture?	

Contributors Paul Cobbing, David Lepper, Andrew Thompson (Haddon) Sian Ellin Jones, Ruth Marchington	Scribe
comment	
Must make application process simpler for customer as terms are putting people off.	
Role of Business Link to integrate more and make it easy for people	
Encourage simplification of funding streams	
Encourage three year plus financial planning from government - at least 5 – 10 years	
Are these relevant questions for smaller grants	

Contributors Mark Jocelyn Ken Parker Les Reason Alex Bowness	Scribe
comment	
Short term – mainstream it or accept you cant and move on	
Need longer term budgets	
Local delivery and value in diversity of delivery	
Need clear identity/ functions	
If things work do them more	
Mainstreaming in rural areas is less likely than in urban areas surrounding the Park	
Linking environmental manager with economic benefits is the way to achieve both	
Involve local people as well	
Biodiversity targets will be met long term but programmes need to measure progress towards targets in shorter terms.	
Mainstreaming of programmes happens at national and regional level more than local level	

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David Lepper		➤		
Andrew Thompson Haddon		➤		
Mike Harris		➤		

Paul Cobbing		➤		
Ruth Marchington				
John Lees		➤		
John Davies		➤		
Les Reason		➤		

Option B: Value cultural associations between settlements as well as the traditional measure of distance when enabling a settlements development.

Contributors Sue O' Donnell, Mark Forrester Mike Harris, Giles Dann John Davies	Scribe JD
comment	Relevant partners
Associations can be school shops and transport related	
Community plans are a means of focussing on associations. We need to connect with them but how does this lead to action?	Parish Councils, Rural Community Councils, Community groups CVSs, village agents, all elected representatives of communities, neighbourhood forums and community forums
Some associations reach out of the Park	
Engagement needs to be built into our work not just considered at key stages	
Changing relationships between NPAs and communities will take time. We need to recognise different priorities and plan over time.	
Listening to the local view is the key to effective engagement	
PDNPA works well with Parish Councils but not necessarily with communities.	
We need to be more innovative about how we work with local communities (e.g. village agents)	
'Quick wins' for local communities builds working relationships	

Contributors Mark Jocelyn, Ken Parker, Les Reason, Alex Bowness	Scribe
comment	
Problem with the question	
People don't think about accessibility if changing modes of transport	
Question leads to putting all 3 bed houses round schools and 1 and 2 bed houses everywhere else	
Cultural associations depend on whether you have moved around or lived in the same place all	

your life
Culture changes each decade – it's the rules of the game!
Map the size of village to keep service i.e. new houses to keep school roll but don't like the idea of social engineering e.g. SAGA developments
National Parks are for the benefit of the wider population (compare with Yosemite and Yellowstone)
Pay a £5 fee will stop commuters.

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Andrew Thompson Haddon				➤
Mike Harris			➤	
Sian Ellin Jones		➤		
Sue O' Donnell		➤		
John Davies		➤		
Les Reason		➤		
Mark Forrester		➤		
Giles Dann			➤	
Richard Tregenza			➤	

Option C: Review village planning work in light of emerging community strategies, partner priorities and funding availability.

Contributors Mark Jocelyn, Ken Parker, Les Reason, Alex Bowness	Scribe
comment	
Deliver on the existing plans – action needed whilst feeding local plans into sub regional plans – a two pronged approach	
Build capacity to enable villages to deliver for themselves	
The rules of engagement need to be set from the outset of community engagement work	

Contributors Paul Cobbing, David Lepper, Andrew Thompson (Haddon) Sian Ellin Jones, Ruth Marchington	Scribe
comment	
Parish Councils role issues – they are the focal point and can get grants and access funding because they are democratically accountable but they aren't the only community group	
Representation on Parish Councils is not always ideal. Could we encourage young people and newcomers and people with different needs through co-opting them onto the council?	
Use the Parish Plan and other consultations to feed NPA policies in the LDF	

Encourage Parish Councils to work in clusters to meet common needs – e.g. for transport and health services
Community facilitators at a local level to make things happen and work with agencies who in turn work in partnerships
Participative processes and make sure that communities understand the implications of different choices e.g. affordable housing may affect landscapes, neighbour?
Needs local authorities, agencies, service providers, church to target funding and corporate plans to address local issues and needs.

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Sue O' Donnell		➤		
John Davies		➤		
Les Reason			➤	
Mark Forrester		➤		
Giles Dann			➤	
Richard Tregenza				➤
Ruth Marchington				➤
Paul Cobbing		➤		

Option D : Adopt a more proactive approach in securing a greater number of 'more affordable' homes (retaining the current approaches; trying to secure more homes in settlements through conversion; and having a process that allows site allocation within settlements for affordable housing in response to proven need.

Contributors	Scribe	
David Wright, Richard Tregenza, Lindsay Allen , Mary Carr	Mary Carr	
comment	Relevant partners	
All are expensive but the quality is good		
Can it be demographically led?		
Large houses are occupied by 1 or 2 people – understand the dynamics	Parish Councils and groups	
Needs surveys are relatively short term – longer term needed	Local Authorities	
Commuter villages = closure of services		
Join up with economic investment		
Discuss with others		
Identify certain settlements and integrate policies for transport etc.		

Resident should get services on demand	
Additional research needed	
More houses needed in the right places	
Land supply has to be addressed –	
Compulsory Purchase Option	
Make decisions early - Look ahead	
Sound collective view to back this up = sustainability.	

Contributors David Bent , Alison Clamp, John Lees, Chris Church, Richard Godley	Scribe	
comment	Relevant partners	
Agree to adopt a more proactive approach but recognise that this is difficult – how many affordable homes are required?	Parish Councils, Local Housing Authorities, Building and property developers, Rural community Councils, Housing association providers	
Hard to Find suitable land to allocate		
Hard to secure as affordable and keep affordable.		
Change the government policy on the sale of council housing or be more proactive about attaching covenants to restrict sale to locals.		
Involve the local community in site allocation		
Force CPOs on landowners of brownfield and derelict land to bring it back to productive use if its considered suitable for housing		

Contributors Paul Cobbing, David Lepper, Ruth Marchington, Andrew Thompson (Haddon) Sian Ellin Jones	Scribe	
comment		
Definition of affordable housing needs to be agreed		
Must address in partnership Private sector parish councils, housing associations local authorities community and voluntary sector, landowners		
Sustainable communities must be the core approach – need to consider alongside infrastructure e.g. schools, transport, health, employment opportunities		
Consider how NPA delivers its objectives. How many houses do you need to deliver a landscape?		
Involve local communities so that people understand the implications of decisions and choices made – use village surveys and revise data		

Look at innovative ways of addressing the issue by looking at practice elsewhere (e.g. West Midlands papers)
Develop good practice in the Peak District and make it test bed. (would add value to the NPA and show more proactive approach)
More flexible approach needed to small businesses operating in the National Park to supplement declining farming industry – using redundant buildings and landscapes
Re-build the link between land and economy – what economic activity do we need to deliver that? –what sustainable communities do we need to deliver that?
Communities surrounding the National Park need to understand the situation too.

Contributors Sue O Donnell, Mark Forrester, Mike Harris, John Davies, Giles Dann	Scribe Sue O Donnell	
comment		Relevant partners
This is a national problem – each authority needs to decide its own policy but learn from others		Housing Authorities, RSLs Landowners, Local businesses , Local community forums
How to make conversions affordable - change of function – restrict to affordable – limit other developments (shops ,community uses)		
Identify areas suitable for housing, local community plans, predict future needs for young people, key workers		
This is a top priority – if we fail Peak Park will change – key area for liking with partners but is not part of Local area Agreements		

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Giles Dann		➤		
Richard Tregenza		➤		
Mary Carr		➤		

Option E: Introduce a policy that all 1 and 2 bed houses are built so they can accommodate the elderly or disabled, to increase the range of accessible dwellings.

contributors		Scribe
David Bent, John Lees, Alison Clamp, Chris Church, Richard Godley		Alison Clamp
Comments on option	Relevant partners	
Should it be all, most or just a %	Housing Associations and providers, Parish Councils, Local housing Authorities, Builders and developers, Rural Community Councils	
Building regulations already insist on level access to all new buildings		
Presumption against bungalows doesn't help		
Needs shown through surveys need to be checked		

contributors	Scribe
Alex Bowness, Mark Jocelyn, Les reason Ken Parker	
comment	
NO – all new build, not just 1 and 2 bed houses. Or...	
... just where need for pensionable age/ disabled (could be variety of sizes – granny flats etc. in larger settlements)	
If all houses are required to have these facilities the consequence is that all house prices will increase – contrary to policies for 'affordable' housing	

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Les Reason		➤		

The results of this event will be considered alongside representations made on the issues and options document with a view to publishing a draft National Park Management Plan in November 2005 and a draft Local Development Framework in late 2005 early 2006.

The event was evaluated and the results were as follows

	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Pre-event administration	7	16	2		
Organisation	8	15	1		
External Speakers	8	15	1	1	
Process	1	16	7		
Outputs	1	15	7		
Facilitation	6	15	3		
Total	31	92	21	1	0

