

Peak District National Park Authority: Review of Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Statement

Responses to Consultation Stage - March to May 2018

Response From	Summary of Comment	How Comment was Addressed in Document
Wardlow Parish Council's Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why continue with this in view of loss of EU funding? • And after asking for further clarification: 'How can you make a long-term plan when there is all the uncertainty regarding EU funding and the effect on Government funding. But I you must at least say this is how we plan today (sic).' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCI is a statutory planning document that all Local Planning Authorities need to produce and isn't affected by EU or Government funding.
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have no comments to make. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted.
Stanton-in-Peak Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistencies are occurring on the advertising of planning applications via public notification (yellow notice). Due to the remote nature of some properties within the PDNP, many members of the public are unaware of planning proposals. Many Parishes have the same issue and therefore a solution needs to be found. A suggested approach is that when the planning app documents are issued to each Parish, yellow notices can be included. Details can be affixed close to the property concerned by the Parish Council or by advertising on the Parish Notice Boards. The current ad-hoc system is creating a bad view of the planning process leading to questions of why some applications are advertised and others that appear 'immune to scrutiny' and slip through the public transparency system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How different applications are publicised by the Local Planning Authority is outlined at Table 3 of the SCI. • The Local Planning Authority typically notifies neighbours by letter, but in isolated locations where there are no neighbouring properties, a site notice is erected. Site notices are also used when they are prescribed by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (e.g. for Listed Building Consent). • The site notice, if one is required, is erected by the Planning Case Officer when they undertake a site visit. The Planning Officer is required to erect the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The changes suggested after the pre-consultation stage indicate that withdrawn applications will be advised to the Councils. There are also issues with 'invalid' applications. These are being removed from the PDNPA website which is a public record. Whilst it is accepted that applications can become invalid for a variety of reasons and also at any point in the planning process. They are however a matter of public record and the PDNPA should be treating them as such, therefore they should be retained on the public accessible website with all the public/statutory consultee responses as these have been submitted and should not be removed from public view.	<p>site notice <i>'on or near the land to which the application relates'</i>. It is the responsibility of the Planning Officer to erect the notice to ensure that it has been done in compliance with the Development Management Procedure Order and the SCI; done in a timely manner that does not affect the overall decision deadline; is erected correctly so that it does not result in complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman; and that the correct date is published.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Parish Council, if it so chooses, could advertise an application on their notice board or canvas local residents if they consider that a wider audience than that which is notified by the Local Planning Authority should be aware of an application.• No change required.• Only 'valid' applications are displayed on the Authority's website. This is an automated action of the Authority's computer system. In the unfortunate event that an application becomes 'invalid' after initially being made 'valid', the application would either be made 'valid' again once the required information has been submitted or withdrawn. If an application becomes 'valid' once more, the consultation procedure would start again
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Oldham Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oldham Council is pleased that the SCI recognises the need for Duty to Cooperate to address strategic matters and lists Oldham Council in Appendix 2. • Under Localism and Neighbourhood Planning, this section could also reflect that when a neighbourhood plan is being prepared which crosses Local Planning Authority boundaries there will be a lead Authority designated as the main point of contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • Noted and agree that this should be included within the SCI. Update SCI accordingly.
Calver Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council's (or at least Calver Parish Council) to be consulted on "Prior notification submissions" in future as well as routine planning application matters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior Notification applications have a short timeframe for issuing a decision (some as short as 28 days) and failure to issue a negative decision by the Local Planning Authority in the required timeframe leads to the automatic granting of permission. Due to the short timeframes involved it is

		<p>not possible to notify Parish Councils of these types of application, nor is there a statutory duty to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A different approach to consultation cannot be provided for just one Parish Council. • No change required.
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues to raise in respect of content. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted.
Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust welcomes the proposed changes, many of which should ensure more effective two-way communication between the Authority and the people and organisations of the area. • The extent to which the document has avoided jargon is impressive. On a minor point, however, we wonder whether the phrase 'member site inspections' (3.18 on p31) may not be entirely clear to the general reader, for whom the word 'member' does not necessarily have the specific resonance that it does for those who work for or closely with the Authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • Noted and agree that this could be clarified. Update the SCI accordingly.