

We want to hear from **YOU!** The Peak District National Park Authority oversees all planning in the National Park. You can influence what is and what is not allowed, in the future. For example should we have more focus on green energy and habitat conservation? How should we promote economic development? **YOU CAN HELP US DECIDE**



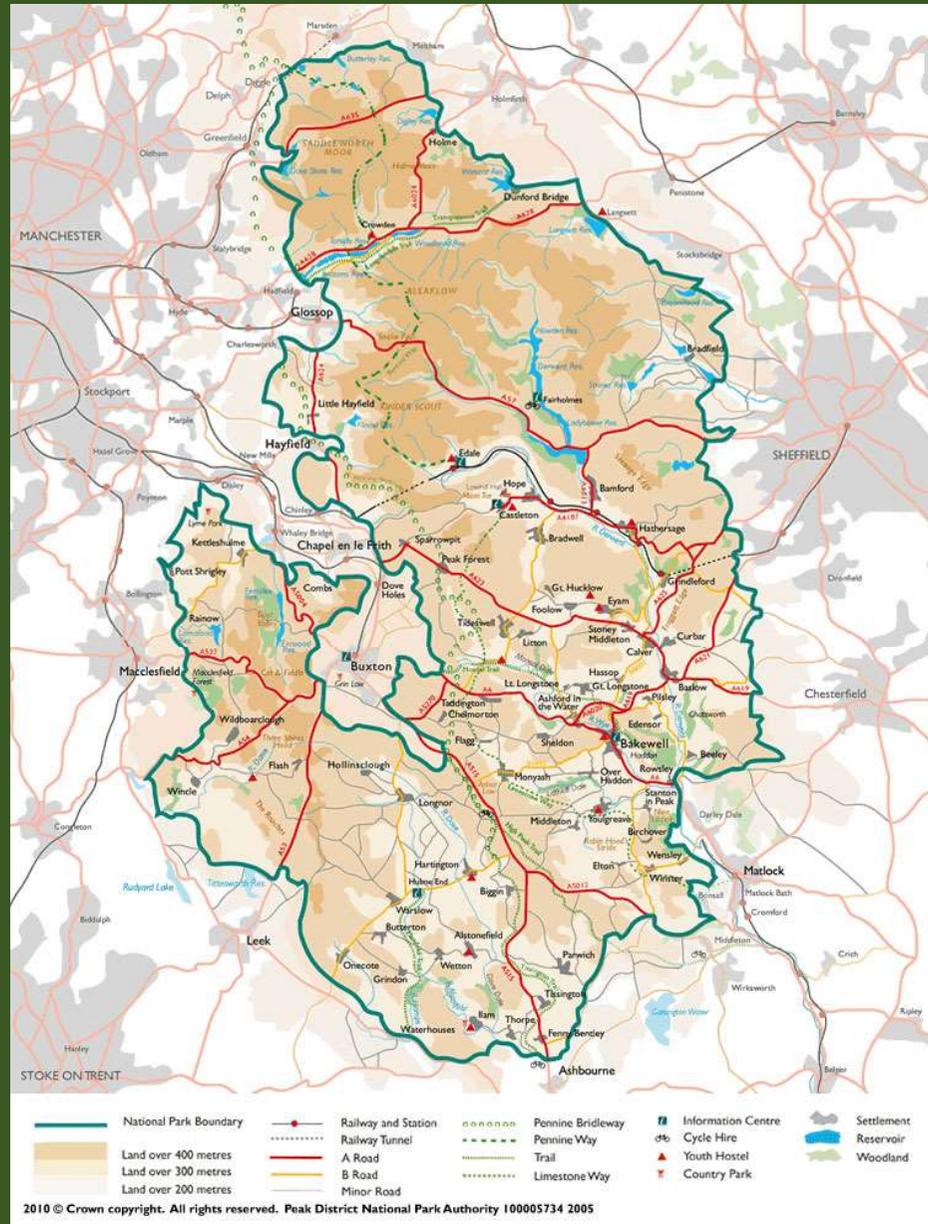


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The Peak District National Park Authority is having a consultation on how and if it should change its planning policies. I.e. what developments (housing, hotels, campsites etc.) should be allowed. Should we build roads? Should we allow wind and solar farms? And so much more. Your thoughts are really valuable to us.



PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK





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The Peak District National Park is one of 15 national parks in the UK. The purposes of English national parks are to:

1. conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Peak District
2. promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Peak District's special qualities

The Peak District National Park Authority must also foster the economic and social well-being of the local communities.

If there is conflict between the 2 purposes, conservation must come first.

National Parks - What Makes Them Special?

In the UK there are 15 national parks. These are protected areas because of their beautiful countryside, wildlife and cultural heritage.

All the national parks in England, Wales and Scotland have an aim and purpose to promote understanding and enjoyment of the 'special qualities' of their area.

Can you work out what we think the 7 Special Qualities of the Peak District National Park are?



National Parks - What Makes Them Special?



Internationally important and locally distinctive **wildlife** and **habitats**



Vital benefits for millions of people that flow beyond the landscape boundary



Landscapes that tell a story of thousands of years of **people, farming and industry**

These qualities are what we think make the Peak District National Park special. What do you think is special about the green spaces you enjoy spending time in?



An inspiring space **for escape, adventure, discovery** and quiet **reflection**



Undeveloped places of **tranquillity** and **dark night skies** within reach of millions



Beautiful views created by contrasting **landscapes** and **dramatic geology**



Characteristic settlements with strong communities and traditions



What a consultation is

A consultation is where people are asked for their views. It is often the first stage in a process and might be followed up with another consultation or meetings.

Here and now, we are asking for your views in this consultation.

Why it is important for YP to have a say

It is really important that you young people have a say in consultations that will affect the areas where you live and where you may work when you're older. Often, the people that make these decisions are in their 40s, 50s and even older. They might not be around to see the effects of their decisions, but you will be.

So far, this consultation has had no responses from people aged 17 or under. We need to hear from you.

- 1. What do you think you can bring to this consultation as a young person?**
- 1. How do you think your views might differ from someone in their 50s?**

Introduction to Planning

As a National Park Authority, we are working towards sustainable development of the Peak District. This means a commitment to improving the quality of people's lives without using up natural resources that cannot be replaced. The countryside is one such resource as it cannot be replaced if destroyed.

The Peak District National Park Authority is the statutory Planning Authority for the National Park area and essentially this is how the landscapes are protected, by rigorous planning procedures.

We also need to consider the following, in addition to the above:

- Health & well-being
- Mitigating climate change
- Sustainability

What about transport? How do people get to these places? Does that impact on where they are built?



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Tourists



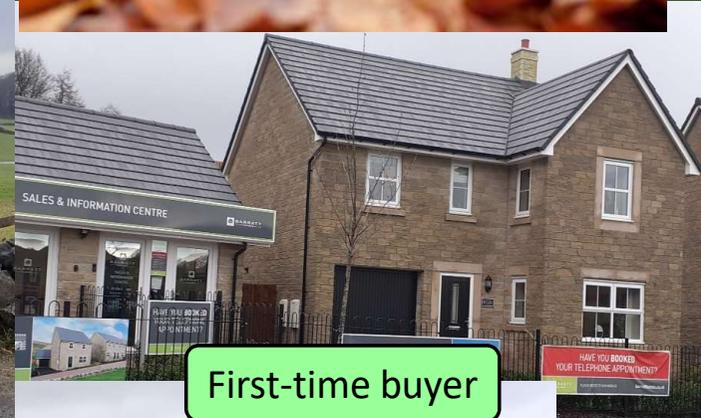
Wildlife campaigner



Entrepreneur



Home owner



First-time buyer

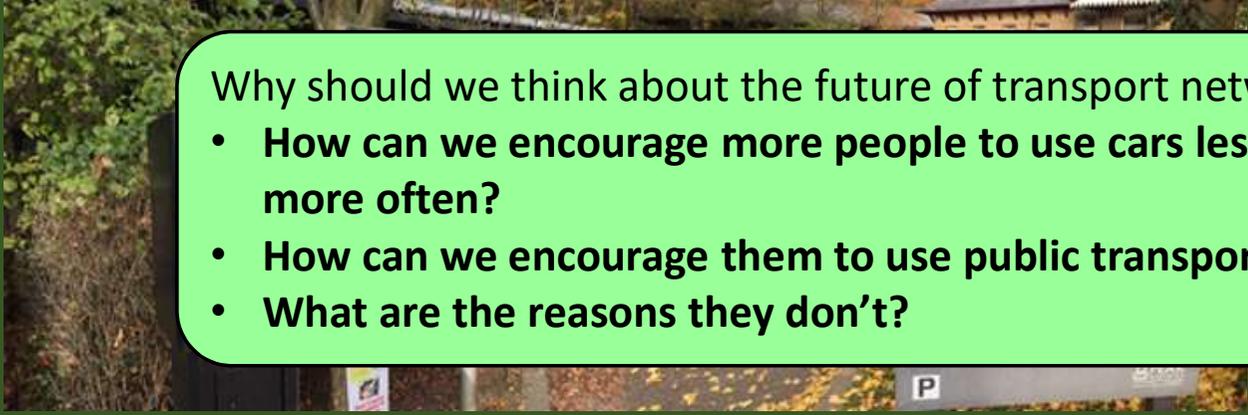


Campsite owner



Farming family





Why should we think about the future of transport networks?

- How can we encourage more people to use cars less and walk and cycle more often?
- How can we encourage them to use public transport more?
- What are the reasons they don't?

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1. Where do you travel and why?
 2. What transport do you use?
 3. Do you encounter any problems with transport when visiting these places; e.g. delays, parking problems?
 4. What would make your travel more enjoyable, safer, more environmentally friendly?



















[Peak District Local Plan Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

If you would like to be involved in more consultations and projects like this, helping the voice of young people get heard, please email Carina Humberstone

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If you would like more resources and activities that will encourage you to take action to help conserve your local environment, please also email me at the address above.

Thank you