

# Help Shape the Peak District National Park Management Plan Update

## RESPONSE FORM

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**All comments must be received no later than 31st July 2017**

It is not mandatory to fill in all sections of this form. Please focus your attention on those sections that are relevant to you or your organisation.

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# Special qualities of the Peak District National Park

Please refer to Appendix 1 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

1. This is a special quality of the Peak District National Park.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Beautiful views created by contrasting landscapes and dramatic geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internationally important and locally distinctive habitats and species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Undeveloped places of tranquillity and dark night skies within reach of millions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Characteristic settlements with strong communities and traditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscapes that tell a story of people and industry since prehistoric times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An inspiring space for escape, adventure, exploring and quiet reflection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic features offering visible and buried reminders of past lives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vital benefits for millions of people that flow beyond the landscape boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. As a whole, do the special qualities capture what makes the Peak District National Park special to you?

Yes	No	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If 'no', can you tell us why?

Please enter your comments here:

4. Do you have any general comments on the special qualities? Please indicate below which special quality you are commenting on (if applicable).

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 1: A National Park for everyone

This aims to widen participation by helping to remove physical and mental barriers, supporting access for all and promoting the health and wellbeing benefits that this can provide.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

5. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

7. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to create a National Park for everyone?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Overcome physical barriers to access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overcome perceived barriers to access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

9. What else could we do to create a National Park for everyone?

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 2: Securing the most for the Peak District National Park

This is about securing the political and financial support that is necessary to conserve and enhance the Peak District National Park's special qualities. By working collectively and pooling resources, we can be effective in influencing and responding to policy and funding decisions. This is especially important, following our exit from the European Union.

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10. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

12. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to secure the most for the Peak District National Park?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Collectively influence to provide a supportive policy, decision making and funding framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engage in new ways of working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

14. What else could we do to secure the most for the Peak District National Park?

Please enter your comments here:

### Area of impact 3: Encouraging enjoyment with understanding

This is a key purpose of the Peak District National Park. It is about making the most of opportunities for everyone to enjoy the special qualities by promoting a sense of harmony and responsibility.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

15. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

17. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to encourage enjoyment with understanding?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Balance opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure shared responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:



19. What else could we do to encourage enjoyment with understanding?

Please enter your comments here:



23. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

24. What else could we do to prepare for a future climate?

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 5: Enhancing the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides

This means increasing our knowledge and understanding of the benefits provided by the Peak District National Park. Then we can use this knowledge to inform our work, so the benefits remain for future generations.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

25. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

27. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to enhance the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Develop an awareness and understanding of the benefits of the Peak District National Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engage with businesses on the benefits of the Peak District National Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

29. What else could we do to enhance the benefits that the Peak District National Park provides?

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 6: Ensuring a future for farming and land management

This aims to support the sustainability of our farming community. It seeks to ensure that farmers and land managers conserve and enhance the special qualities of the Peak District National Park and the benefits they provide.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

30. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

32. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to secure a future for farming and land management?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Support farm diversification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure succession for farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure future land management support schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

34. What else could we do to secure a future for farming and land management?

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 7: Managing landscape conservation on a big scale

This is about a holistic approach to landscape conservation. This means working on a larger geographical scale and bringing all specialists together to have the biggest impact.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

35. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

36. If you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

37. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to manage landscape conservation on a big scale?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Establish monitoring at a landscape scale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establish a White Peak partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain existing landscape scale delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

38. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:



39. What else could we do to manage landscape conservation on a big scale?

Please enter your comments here:

## Area of impact 8: Supporting sustainable communities

This is about ensuring our communities are sustainable now and in the future. It is about balancing community needs while conserving the Peak District National Park.

Please refer to this section in Appendix 2 of the consultation document before answering the following questions.

40. Do you agree that this should be a focus of the Peak District National Park Management Plan (NPMP) over the next 5 years?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

41. If you disagree or strongly disagree, can you say why?

Please enter your comments here:

42. Do you agree with 'what we want to do' to support sustainable communities?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Improve access to services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support the provision of locally needed housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

43. Are there any ways in which you or your organisation can help achieve this area of impact?

Please enter your comments here:

44. What else could we do to support sustainable communities?

Please enter your comments here:

The National Park Authority could also focus on supporting a diverse range of sustainable employment for those living within and adjacent to the park boundaries that is not constrained by being seasonal, low skilled and low paid.

## Opportunity for general comments

45. Please indicate below which area of impact you are commenting on. If you are referring to a section within the document please reference the section and page number.

Please enter your comments here:

The Mineral Products Association's (MPA) members have been an integral part of the National Park community for centuries as a traditional local industry. Quarries and mines have helped shape the National Park and our members continue to partner with stakeholders to help meet National Park objectives.

Nationally important minerals are worked within the Park or just outside its boundaries. These include industrial minerals such as cement and high purity limestone. Aggregates are also worked within the Park and form a significant proportion of national crushed rock aggregates production. The Park also hosts dimension stone producers that supply building stone for heritage purposes both within the Park and to maintain historic buildings in major cities such as Sheffield. Building stone is also used in new build projects within the Park itself. The industry is thus a major contributor to economic activity within the Park and, directly and indirectly, provides for hundreds of job opportunities for the communities living within and around the Park boundaries, which are essential to ensure healthy and sustainable communities.

Mineral working within the Park is governed by National Planning Policy which does not oblige the NPA to provide a landbank of aggregates, but which allows for the possibility through paragraph 116 of NPPF for major developments to be rigorously tested against criteria for need, including national need, and the economic impacts of permission or refusal; the costs and scope of developing elsewhere, or meeting need in some other way, say through the use of alternatives; and any detrimental effect on the environment, the landscape and recreation, and the extent of moderation of impacts. There is therefore no absolute ban on mineral working (along with any other major development) within National Parks, so long as proposals are able to demonstrate that they meet these criteria of exceptional circumstances.

The MPA's view is that mineral working can continue to co-exist within the National Park quite happily with minimal impacts on national park objectives, with co-operation and appropriate management of impacts. MPA members have reduced their environmental footprint steadily over the last few decades and continue to make strenuous efforts to further reduce the impacts of their operations as far as it is viable to do so. The MPA would like to work with the NPA to further this objective whilst continuing to work the important minerals it has permission to extract.

The MPA should like the industry's current contribution to the National Park and its identity to be acknowledged in the Management Plan as a crucial component of the economic activity of the area and the current and future contribution it can make to sustainable local communities.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this response form and helping to shape the next Peak District National Park Management Plan. We will bring together all responses and publish a report of the consultation on our website: [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/nmpmconsultation](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/nmpmconsultation)