

Lake District  
National Park

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## Local Development Scheme

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## What is the purpose of this Local Development Scheme?

We are required by planning regulations to produce and keep up-to-date a 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS). The purpose of this document is threefold;

- it informs the public about local development documents that will make up the planning policy framework – known as the Local Plan – for the Lake District National Park, and the timescales for the preparation of these documents;
- it establishes and reflects current priorities, enabling work-programmes to be set for the preparation of documents; and
- it sets a timetable for the review of the documents once they have been adopted.

### The Lake District National Park Local Plan

The Lake District National Park Local Plan currently comprises of three parts and covers the period up to 2025. The three parts are:

- **The Core Strategy (Local Plan Part One)**, adopted October 2010. It contains our vision for how we want the National Park to look in the future; our strategic objectives we are setting to achieve this; and our proposed spatial development strategy to 2025.
- **The Allocations of Land Plan (Local Plan Part Two)**, adopted November 2013. It identifies suitable, available land for priority developments throughout the Park. This supports the development of sites for affordable housing and employment uses, and provides a framework to enable the regeneration of Bowness Bay and The Glebe. It also designates important local green spaces, where development would not normally be supported.
- **Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three)**, adopted November 2013. All minerals planning authorities such as the Lake District National Park Authority are expected to identify the presence of minerals that are of potential economic importance. We have adopted a criteria-based policy approach to determine planning applications in a way that will not prevent extraction of minerals in the future – without giving any presumption that their extraction would be acceptable.

The Local Plan is complete and proving to be highly effective in supporting the delivery of developments that are a priority for local communities and which contribute to achieving the Vision for the Lake District National Park. However, Planning Practice Guidance recommends that for Local Plans to be effective they need to be kept up to date, and most Local Plans are likely to require updating in whole or in part every five years. We are now part way through the review of the Local Plan.

The Lake District National Park Authority is also required to produce a new Management Plan every five years. This Management Plan was adopted in December 2015, and through its preparation the Vision for the Lake District was reviewed. Only very minor editorial changes were made and it remains substantively the same as it appeared in The Core Strategy (Local Plan Part One). During the Local Plan review the amendments will be made to reflect the vision outlined in the Management Plan.

**Table 1:**  
**The Vision for the Lake District from the Lake District Management Plan, December 2015:**

**The English Lake District will be an inspirational example of sustainable development in action.**

**A place where its prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities come together to sustain the spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage.**

**Local people, visitors, and the many organisations working in the National Park or have a contribution to make to it, must be united in achieving this.**

The Vision's four themes and outcomes that we aim for:

**A prosperous economy** Businesses will locate in the National Park because they value the quality of opportunity, environment and lifestyle it offers – many will draw on a strong connection to the landscape. Entrepreneurial spirit will be nurtured across all sectors and traditional industries maintained to ensure a diverse economy.

**World class visitor experience** High quality and unique experiences for visitors within a stunning and globally significant landscape. Experiences that compete with the best in the international market.

**Vibrant communities** People successfully living, working and relaxing within upland, valley and lakeside places where distinctive local character is maintained and celebrated.

**A spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage** A landscape which provides an irreplaceable source of inspiration, whose benefits to people and wildlife are valued and improved. A landscape whose natural and cultural resources are assets to be managed and used wisely for future generations.

## Other local development documents

A range of **Supplementary Planning Documents** help to provide further detail on how the Local Plan's policies are implemented and applied in practice.

An **Annual Monitoring Report** is produced each year to monitor the progress of policies in the Local Plan.

Preparation of local development documents are supported and guided by two process documents, both of which are produced by us:

The **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** explains the relationship and status of all the main documents and activities we are involved with. It also identifies key principles which we abide by when consulting and engaging communities during the preparation and review of the components of the Local Plan. We adopted a revised Statement of Community Involvement in 2016.

The **Local Development Scheme** (this guide) establishes the scope of the Local Plan and the timescales for its production and review. Reviews are informed by regular monitoring of development and planning decisions, to assess the impacts of policies. We report on our key monitoring activity annually.

## Neighbourhood Plans

The 2011 Localism Act gave powers to local communities to produce their own, locally distinctive plans to guide development decisions in their localities. These are called Neighbourhood Plans.

Neighbourhood Plans are produced and owned by the community, but they must be broadly consistent with our Local Plan. Once Neighbourhood Plans are adopted they become part of the development plan for that area. This means that when we are making decisions over development proposals, the decision would be guided by the Local Plan which would include the adopted

Neighbourhood Plan.

There are a number of Neighbourhood Plans which have been adopted or are being prepared either wholly or partly within the Lake District National Park.

## The 'Duty to Co-operate'

A formal Duty to Co-operate has been introduced through the Localism Act 2011, which requires local planning authorities to work together constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on strategic, cross-boundary matters in the preparation of their Local Plans and proposals.

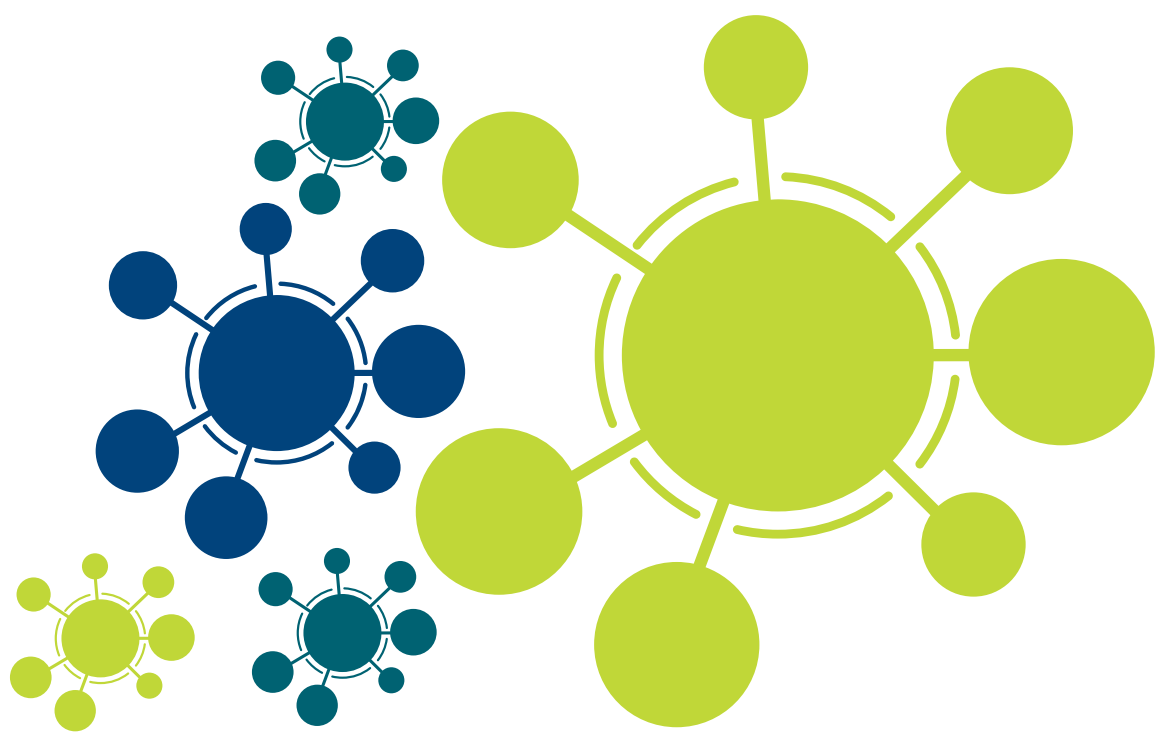
Whilst only formalised in 2011, our approach was already consistent with the principles set out in the Duty to Co-operate, and this has been aided significantly by the function of the Lake District National Park Partnership, which we established in 2006.

## Next steps

We are currently undertaking a Local Plan Review, and will continue to undertake this review over the period of the Local Development Scheme. The timetable of the Local Plan Review has been extended as we needed to incorporate a search for new site allocations to cover the plan period. This review will consider all parts of the existing Local Plan (Core Strategy, Policies Map, Allocations of Land, and Minerals Safeguarding Areas) and the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document. Other Supplementary Planning Documents will be considered for review following adoption of the Local Plan..







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