



Newsletter

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Management Plan Review

The Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan is a strategic document that co-ordinates and integrates all other plans within the National Park. The current Management Plan, approved in 2015, is currently being reviewed and a new plan will be prepared for 2020-2025. In accordance with relevant guidelines the review will be undertaken as part of an integrated approach with the Local Development Plan (LDP), with the two plans being prepared in parallel. The LDP is one of the key delivery mechanisms of the National Park Management Plan and has a central role in delivering appropriate development, maintaining the special qualities of the Park while also fostering the social and economic well-being of its communities.

Local Development Plan Review

The LDP provides the legal framework for the development and use of land within the National Park. It also provides the context for determining planning applications within the National Park boundary.

The current Local Development Plan was adopted by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) in December 2013. A full review of the plan is required every four years. At the November 2017 meeting of the National Park Authority, Members agreed that work could commence on the review of the Brecon Beacons National Park LDP.

The purpose of the review is to identify whether the LDP remains up to date and what revisions are required to take account of changing national and local circumstances. This process includes several stages of preparation, consultation and engagement with the public and other interested parties.

What stages have we reached?

We have been successful in getting our Delivery Agreement approved by Welsh Government. The Delivery Agreement includes a Project Management Timetable and the Community Involvement Scheme.

What is the next stage of the review?

We are now in the Pre-Deposit Participation Stage which includes developing, assessing and appraising a vision and objectives for the LDP, identifying strategic options for future growth and agreeing a draft Preferred Strategy for consultation. Within this stage, we are also calling for Candidate Sites which will give landowners and the public an opportunity to tell us about land that they wish to be considered for development.

Tell me more about Candidate Sites?

As you know, the BBNPA has started to review the LDP. As part of evidence gathering for the Plan, we are inviting the public, land-owners and developers to put forward Candidate Sites, which if successful, will be included in the forthcoming LDP for various land uses including: employment, residential, tourism, waste and community uses.

How can I submit a site for the Authority to consider?

If you think you have a Candidate Site you want to put forward, please submit:

- A Ordnance Survey map clearly outlining the boundaries of the Candidate Site, **and**
- The assessment questionnaire form found on our website at <http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk> (click on 'Planning' and 'Local Development Plan Review').

There is **no guarantee that sites suggested will be taken forward** in the LDP. However their submission will enable the Authority to assess the availability of sites when considering development land requirements and Strategic Options for development.

It should be noted that **submissions cannot be treated as confidential**, due to the open and transparent nature of the LDP process. Candidate Sites will be included in a site register which will be made available for public inspection.

Submissions are welcome from now until midnight on 7th January 2019. Please send hard-copies to the following address:

- **Strategy and Policy, BBNPA, Plas y Ffynnon, Cambrian Way, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7HP.**

Alternatively please send electric copies of submission to strategy@beacons-npa.gov.uk.

If you require any further information please email: Strategy@beacons-npa.gov.uk, telephone: 01874 620412 or 620468.

Where can I find out more?

We publish as much information as we can on our website. We will keep you informed of progress and opportunities to get involved through newsletters, and our website:

<http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/draft-strategy-and-policy/local-development-plan-review>

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