

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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14th July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.30pm. The public and press are welcome to attend.

Prior to the meeting, at 7.00pm, as part of the development of a new Housing Strategy for Allerdale, Emma Bundock (Private Sector Housing Manager) will give a short presentation on the findings of the recent housing study and the draft Housing Strategy.

Yours faithfully



Lynda Walker
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th June 2016 (pages 8-11).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting). Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting

- 5. Police Report**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team (an officer may attend to update on crime and detection figures and address relevant matters of local concern).
- 6. Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however items raised should not be discussed for longer than ten minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.

7. Derwentwater Foreshore Management

Further to Minute No. 24, a representative of Allerdale Borough Council will be present to advise on the authority's future plans for the foreshore area and to respond to criticisms about the area's maintenance.

8. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies

9. Applications for Development

- i) To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Lake District National Park Authority
- ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions
- iii) To receive letter from Lake District National Park Authority re appeal by Your Housing Group in respect of Greta Gardens

10. Mayor's Engagements

To receive details of the Mayor's Engagements and meetings attended.

11. Payment of Accounts

To confirm the payment of accounts for July 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):

- i) For the Town Council
- ii) For the Trusts

12. Quarterly Budgets

To receive for information and approval the quarterly budgets.

13. Neighbourhood Planning

To consider setting up a Working Group to investigate producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.

14. Town Council Logo

At the request of Councillor Titley, to approve the creation of a local competition to design a new logo for the Town Council.

15. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive a report from Councillor Tony Lywood, Battersby Hall Charity.

16. Keswick Town Council Events Committee

To receive a report from Councillor Paul Titley, Chairman of the Events Committee.

17. Local Plan Review

To consider response to Lake District National Park on current issues or pressures affecting the parish.

18. Clerk's Report

To consider the Clerk's report.

19. Correspondence

To receive details of the following correspondence:

a. For consideration and action:

- i) United Utilities – response to comments regarding supply of water to Moorside

b. For information:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority:
Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement
Local Development Scheme – final adopted version
- ii) Environment Agency – Flood Protection, Keswick
- iii) DEFRA – Water Framework Directive and effects on flooding

Prior to the following business, the Chairman will move the following resolution:

‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable/in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw’

20. Contracting

To consider the report of the Admin & Finance officer.

21. Legal – the Hollow, Penrith Road

To receive the report of the Clerk.

22. Staffing

To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 7th July 2016.

To: All Councillors, Press, Police, Library

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), Jim Wilson (Chair of Underskiddaw PC), Geoff Davies (LDNPA representative), 2 members of the press and 2 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Heather Askew, Administration Support Officer, provided an update on the role of Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership, its structure and remit, and asked for feedback from people who were involved during and after the 2015 flooding with the aim of learning from what happened and improving the response in the future.

At the start of the meeting, the Mayor paid tribute to MP Jo Cox who had died earlier in the day after being shot and stabbed in her West Yorkshire constituency. There followed a minute's silence.

32. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lysser (work), Paxon (holiday) and Price (work).

33. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2016 (pages 1-7).

34. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensations had been received.

35. Declarations of Interests

Declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:

Councillor Susan Leighton – item 8 – family connection

36. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing Team for May. 14 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during May 2016 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month. No officer was in attendance.

37. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised.

It was agreed that item 10 be moved forward for consideration

38. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from representatives on:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood
- ii) Cumbria County Council – the Chairman reported on behalf of County Councillor Lysser
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies.

Note: it was agreed that an item on Neighbourhood Planning be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

39. Applications for Development

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following observations be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location:
7/2016/2076	Proposed rear extension Nether Place Nursing Home, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – Will utilise and infill an untidy part of the grounds, will enhance the property and the welfare of patients. This is a good design with no overlooking issues.</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2096	Spreading of silt on area, then grass seed Hospital Field and Archery Field <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> Declared Interest
7/2016/2123	Replacement of flooded dwelling and garage with new dwelling and garage set above known flood levels 16 Crosthwaite Gardens <i>Support – Entire property lifted by 900mm. Noise and traffic likely to be high during demolition, therefore any objections from neighbours should be listened to. Effectively a new property on an existing footprint.</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2129	Change of use to office 32 Lake Road <i>Support – Do not see that it will make any impact on the area. The previous occupant KE Travel was office/retail mix. West Cumbria Rivers Trust office is of little impact</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2131	Erection of storage shed on hard standings alongside café Café by the Lake, Lakeside <i>Support – Fits in with other storage area and service block and sits on approved hard standing.</i> SUPPORT
<i>Note: Councillor Pugmire declared an interest – member of Theatre Trust</i>	
7/2016/2135	Demolition of an existing bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. dwellings: 1 no. detached and 2 no. semi-detached - resubmission of 7/2015/2188 Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Object– A vote took place with unanimous objection from all Councillors present. Overdevelopment as the idea of 3 houses on the site would be over bearing and not in keeping with the area. Site visit made - Met with Mr Fletcher (no 13). Boundary dispute which does not affect the plan (but would affect construction).</i> OBJECT
7/2016/2137	Approval for size, siting, materials and appearance of 2 detached properties Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Support – A vote took place with unanimous support from all Councillors present. Site visit made - Met Mr Fletcher who is okay with these plans, although has same boundary issues as 7/2016/2135. This plot is more suited to either semi-detached</i>

property or good sized detached property. Two house plan meets all needs re roof height etc. and is a comfortable fit into the plot

SUPPORT

7/2016/2145

Single storey rear extension with internal alterations

Riverdale, Crosthwaite Road *Visited the site. It is certainly liable to flood.*

This is a good design, although we have concerns about the development on a flood plain

NEUTRAL

7/2016/2146

Variation of condition no. 3 of planning approval ref. 7/2013/2307 relating to extending opening hours to 8:00 - 0:00 each day

Café by the Lake, Lakeside

Support – Obvious application given that neighbour is the theatre and the outside areas closing time remains at 22:30.

SUPPORT

Note: Councillor Pugmire declared an interest – member of Theatre Trust

- ii) No planning decisions had been received from the Lake District National Park Authority.

40. Possible Boundary Review

Consideration was given to whether Allerdale Borough Council should be asked to re-align the current Keswick town boundary with the line of the A66 northern bypass to incorporate the new development at Calvert Way. The Chairman of Underskiddaw Parish Council, Jim Wilson, was in attendance and advised that as the neighbouring Parish, his Council felt that such an alteration would make sense. As the Borough Council was currently involved in a review of ward boundaries, it was suggested that this could become the new district boundary for the ward review, and that Lonscale View should also be included.

RESOLVED that the Keswick ward representatives on Allerdale BC be asked to lobby for this change as part of the ward boundary review in the first instance.

Jim Wilson left the meeting.

41. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report on the Mayor's Engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13 May – 9 June 2016.

42. Keswick Flood Investigation Report

Councillors discussed the flood investigation report produced by the Environment Agency under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, in partnership with Cumbria County Council. Reference was made to the response prepared by Keswick Flood Action Group and a paper prepared by Councillor Jordan on the watershed of the River Greta. Concern was expressed regarding the failure of the Environment Agency to remove the silt and boulders from the River Greta and the need for urgent action to reduce the threat of future flooding.

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit a response to the draft report following consultation with the Mayor and Councillor Lywood, to incorporate the comments made, and that the response be made available to the local press for publication.

43. NuGen Stage 2 Consultation – the Moorside Project

Consideration was given to NuGen's proposals to build three AP1000 reactors on land to the north and west of the Sellafield site, in particular, whether the new UU water pipeline would be used to supply the development, and the impact of new electricity pylons on the area surrounding the National Park.

RESOLVED that the Town Council support Millom Without Parish Council's case for action against the proposed route corridor for the new 50 metre pylons and the preferred solution to bury the lines via an off-shore based route.

44. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for June 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 44 – FR1 amounting to £25786.86 (twenty five thousand seven hundred and eighty six pounds and eighty six pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP27 – FP39 amounting to £48632.18 (forty eight thousand six hundred and thirty two pounds and eighteen pence).

45. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2016 be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return.

46. Minutes of Committee Meeting

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 14th June 2016.

47. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report. Following a vote, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Titley be appointed to the Staffing Committee following Councillor Miller's inclusion as Trust Vice Chair.

48. Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the rota for reporting to Council.

49. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Local Plan Review feedback
- iii) CALC – Highways England Request for Evidence
- iv) CALC – Connecting Cumbria update
- v) Cumbria County Council – Western Coast and Lakes Travel Plan (previously circulated to Councillors)

50. Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Footpath

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Leighton following the Update meeting held on 9 June 2016.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following resolution:

'That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable/in the public interest that the public and/or press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'

51. Legal – the Hollow, Penrith Road

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that Allerdale BC be asked whether they intend to take any action and if they will be continuing to maintain the area.

52. Staffing

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that a meeting of the Staffing Committee be held at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

Date

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA - June 2016

The Annual General Meeting of the LDNPA took place on June 22nd. Mike McKinley – a member of Gosforth Parish Council and the West Distinctive Area Parishes Member – was elected for a third term as Chairman. Jane Barker, a Secretary of State (National) Member from Heltondale, was elected as Deputy Chairman. Jane has been a Member of the Authority since 2010 and has been Deputy Chairman since the beginning of April, having been elected to replace Chris Billinge. Chris left the LDNPA at the end of March having served his two four-year terms as a Secretary of State (National) member. Jane has now also been appointed to the North Distinctive Area Team.

Another important item of business at the AGM is the appointment of members to committees and other bodies. I have been appointed again to the following committees:

- Development Control Committee
- Park Strategy & Vision Committee
- Rights of Way Committee

In my reports in February and March 2015, I referred to Government's proposals to change the thresholds relating to the provision of affordable housing in small developments. In November 2014 the Housing Minister, Brandon Lewis, issued a Ministerial Statement that said that no affordable housing contribution should be required for developments of 10 or fewer units. Government made a concession to National Parks, where a threshold of 5 units could be applied instead. In March 2015 the LDNPA reluctantly adopted the new threshold of 5 (in place of the 3 units laid down in CS18 of the Local Plan Part 1). However, at that time, the Government's proposals were being challenged in the High Court by two planning authorities.

In July 2015, Mr Justice Holgate quashed the Government's decision to adopt the new policy. However, the Government took the matter to the Court of Appeal and, at this month's meeting of Park Strategy & Vision Committee, we were told about the latest development: on May 11th, the Court had upheld the Government's appeal.

Now that the Ministerial Statement has been held by the Court of Appeal to be lawful, the revised national guidance about thresholds is, once again, a material consideration in the LDNPA's decisions on applications for planning permission and the Authority will be updating its own practice guidance and Supplementary Planning Document in due course. I will keep you updated as this unfolds.

Turning finally to the ongoing "refresh" of the LDNPA's Local Plan, a dedicated web page has now been set up to keep parishes up to date with progress, including a summary of issues raised at the recent Distinctive Area meetings with parishes. You can find it at <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-review>

Geoff Davies

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Planning Applications received between 10/06/2016 - 14/07/2016

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2016/0090	12 Greta Hamlet	Fell 8 conifers
7/2016/2112	32 Lakeland Park, Keswick. CA12 4AT	Alterations and extensions for family room and utility & boot room - <i>Amended Application - LDNPA have already made their decision on this application prior to the July Town Council meeting - Therefore no comments required</i>
7/2016/2118	An Darach, 49 Wordsworth Street	Replacement of lounge and bedroom windows with double glazed upvc
7/2016/2138	25 Church Street, Keswick. CA12 4DX	Proposed dormer, change windows and internal alterations and associated works (resubmission of 7/2015/2169)
7/2016/2154	The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street	Placement of 5 no. bike racks to east elevation of a Listed Building
7/2016/2156	Keswick Bowling Club, Upper Filtz Park, Keswick.	New storage container (retrospective) - <i>Keswick Town Council application</i>
7/2016/2166	20 Riverside Court, Elliott Park, Keswick.	Demolition of car port - <i>for information only</i>

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 13/05/2016 & 14/07/2016

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2016/2040	February-16	Plots 32-41 Calvert Way, Brundholme Road, Keswick	CA12 4LZ	Amend condition no 2 on approval ref 7/2014/2300 - to alter the positions and house types of plots 32-41 including alterations to floor layouts and elevations	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2057	March-16	6 Fenton, Keswick	CA12 4AZ	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and replacement with 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2073	March-16	Oakden, Ambleside Road, Keswick	CA12 4DL	Remove and block up door opening, change window opening to door opening and fit new roof window	NEUTRAL	GRANTED	
7/2016/2074	April-16	6 High Street, Keswick	CA12 5AQ	New ground floor lean to extension and layout to integrate a new kitchen, dining and living space. Conservation rooflights to be added to make four in total	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2082	March-16	17 Grizedale Close, Keswick	CA12 4JL	Removal of concrete garage. Build new garage/utility attached to bungalow by glass porch (linked)	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2087	April-16	13 Manor Park, Keswick	CA12 4AB	Rear and side extension to 13 Manor Park and movement of existing garage	NEUTRAL	GRANTED	
7/2016/2091	April-16	Aysgarth, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick	CA12 5PG	Proposed single storey rear extension	NEUTRAL	GRANTED	

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KFC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2016/2093	April-16	Stanleys Joiners, Greta Side, Keswick	CA12 5LG	Minor material amendment to planning approval ref. 7/2015/2174 relating to amended design	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2097	April-16	9 Grange Park, Keswick	CA12 4AY	2 storey extension to the rear elevation of the house with kitchen at ground floor and utility room at lower ground floor. Installation of a multi fuel burner flue. Installation of windows. Replacement of front door. Addition of balcony to side and rear elevation	NEUTRAL	GRANTED	
7/2016/2099	April-16	7 Tithebarn Street, Keswick	CA12 5ED	Two flood doors - one to the front of the shop and one to the back	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2102	May-16	Greenstone, Eleventrees, Keswick	CA12 4LW	Rear extension to kitchen	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2106	May-16	Plots 7-10, Calvert Way, Bruntholme Road, Keswick	CA12 4LZ	Non-material amendment to planning approval ref. 7/2014/2300 relating to repositioning of the three bedroom houses within plots 7,8,9 and 10	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT - GRANTED	
7/2016/2108	April-16	3 Wordsworth Street, Keswick	CA12 4HU	Rear first floor extension and alterations to rear store	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2111	April-16	The Screens, Chestnut Hill, Keswick	CA12 4LR	Reconfiguration of lower section of existing drive. Removal of part of hedge. Betterment of access	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2120	May-16	The Screens, Chestnut Hill, Keswick	CA12 4LR	Confirmation of compliance with condition no. 9 of planning approval reference 7/2013/2115 relating to renewable energy	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	Details submitted are ACCEPTABLE and COMPLY with the requirements of condition no. 9	



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Our ref: DMST/7/2015/2281
Date: 21 June 2016

Dear Madam

The Town and Country Planning (Hearings procedure) (England) Rules 2000, as amended

Appeal by: Mr Roy Carthy, Your Housing Group

Site: Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5EL

We are writing to let you know that the Planning Inspectorate have informed us that they intend to change the procedure of the above appeal to a Hearing and a date for this event will be arranged as soon as it is possible.

We will inform you of the time, venue and date of the Hearing in due course.

Yours faithfully

Development Management Support Team

Richard Leafe, Chief Executive



A member of the
Association of National Park Authorities
A member of the Federation of Nature and
National Parks of Europe

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21st July 2016

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 10th June – 14th July 2016

Monday 13 th June	Anniversary of Somme arrangements with Rev Charles Hope – held in Café, central Keswick
Tuesday 14 th June	Events Committee – Keswick Festival Events - meeting held in Council Chamber
Thursday 16 th June	Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs – cheque presentation – held at Lakelovers, Keswick
Saturday 18 th June	Brass Band Competition – held at Fitz Park
Sunday 19 th June	Opening of the Lakesman Triathlon at 5.30am – held at Crow Park, Keswick
Sunday 19 th June	Scruffs Dog Show – held at Fitz Park
Sunday 19 th June	Civic Songs of Praise & Celebration of The Queen's 90 th Birthday Ceremony - held at St John's Church
Monday 20 th June	Armed Forces Day Ceremony - held at Allerdale House, Workington
Tuesday 21 st June	Hope Park Golf Competition – opening of event – held at Hope Park, Keswick
Wednesday 22 nd June	Prom in the Park – held at Fitz Park
Thursday 30 th June	Events Committee – Keswick Festival Debrief Session – meeting held in Council Chamber
Friday 1 st July	Commemoration of the 100 th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme – held at Keswick Cenotaph
Saturday 2 nd July **	100 th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme Memorial Concert – held at St Mary's Church, Maryport

Sunday 3rd July

Allerdale Civic Service of Celebration – held at St Paul’s Church,
Seaton

Thursday 7th July

Staffing Panel – held in Council Chamber, Keswick

****Attended by Deputy Mayor**

* available from Keswick

Plan ref 150315

CONISTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2015

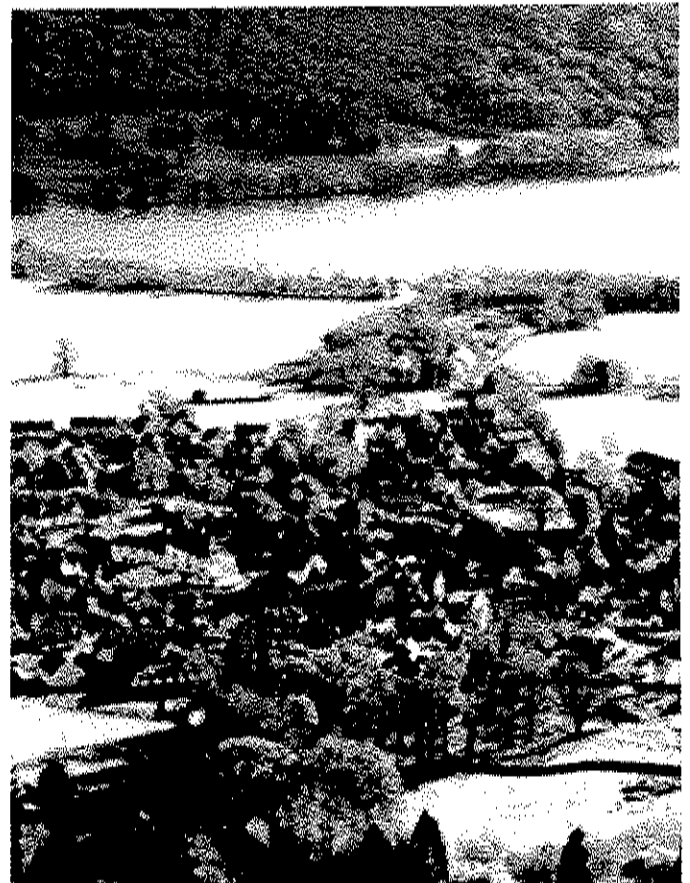
A Community Planning document which will supplement the Local Plan as part of the DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AREA and will be in place from adoption until 2025.



*Coniston from
Maundry Bank, 1940*



*Present day Coniston
from Maundry Bank*



Battersby Hall Charity

Report for Keswick Town Council

The purchase of the Moot Hall is proceeding. The length of the holdup is a legal one about the 'overage' provisions that Allerdale wish to impose and the extent that the Battersby Board wish to agree to them.

I believe that these will soon be solved and the Battersby Hall Charity will in due course be the freeholders of the Moot Hall.

There are no plans at this time to change the tenancy agreement with the LDNP and the Tourist Information Centre therein.

Work to the outside of the Moot Hall a timely repair of the roof and tower are proceeding.

Events Committee report for July 2016 Council meeting

The Keswick Midsummer Festival managed to dodge most of the bad weather and was well attended. Many residents and visitors spoke to directly to stewards to record their appreciation that it had been staged. The committee has already met to review what worked and what did not and to consider how to move forward to another event in 2017. It is too soon to put any flesh on 2017 but it is likely to be over fewer days as this year stretched our resources. Our reliance and thanks for local sponsorship and Council support cannot be overstated.

- Festival of Brass. It was disappointing to have only one band (who did play two long sessions), but the event had an appreciative crowd in the sun. A resident came forward to donate a trophy for next year if it is repeated.
- Scruffs Dog Show. Almost 450 dogs competed for the many prizes. It was hugely popular. For the third year running there was no dog litter.
- Keswick Open Golf. Hope Leisure demonstrated how local businesses can take part in the Festival. It was a lot of fun (the proceeds were donated to Fitz Park Trust) but councilors dreadful scores will never be revealed!
- Prom in the Park. Well over 500 listened to the evening of light classical music and song. This was the second year and shows a clear growth in interest and in 2017 we should be able to include a wider variety of local contributors.
- Saturday and Sunday Music. This was rescued on Sunday by using market stall canopies to keep the crowd dry in Market Square.

Somme 100 – July 1 2016

Our ceremony was a tasteful and sombre occasion attended by many and was an appropriate event given the national commemorations held all over the country and in France.

Xmas Lights Switch-on 2016

We move on to complete the arrangements for November 18.

Lynda Walker

From: Sandra Edmondson <Sandra.Edmondson@lakedistrict.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Sandra Edmondson
Subject: Local Plan Review Website now Live

Dear Parish Clerk,

We recently informed you that we have published our Local Development Scheme and Statement of Community Involvement, we now want to advise you that we have created a dedicated webpage for the Local Plan Review on which you can follow our progress.

The address is:

<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-review>

As you will see we have published the comments from the early engagement sessions with Parishes http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/767218/DA-early-engagement-summary-notes.pdf. If any Parishes who did not respond or attend these events would still like to give us your views on current issues or pressures affecting your parish we would be happy to hear from you. The following questions may help guide your response:

- Is there pressure for a particular type of development in your Parish that isn't being addressed through current policies?
- Are there any specific issues that need addressing within your Parish, such as environmental protection, renewable energy, community facilities?
- Are there any sites for development in your Parish which you consider acceptable, such as for housing and employment land?
- Do any of the issues you have identified at Parish scale apply to the wider landscape such as National Park / Cumbria scale?

Please send any comments to localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Regards,

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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
21 JULY 2016

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Staffing Committee Membership

Councillor Titley has resigned from the Staffing Committee. The Committee has agreed to keep the situation under review and to ask for a nomination for a replacement should this be considered necessary. The current membership is four to include the Mayor (ex officio Chair of the Committee), the Deputy Mayor, the Trust Chair and Vice Chair.

2. Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership

The Partnership is currently going through the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Four Trustees are required to establish the organisation who will serve for the first year, following which they may stand down. As Town Clerk, I have agreed to be one of the initial trustees to enable the charity to become established.

3. Transfer of Community Assets

I attended a training session organised by CALC on 5 July 2016 delivered by Roger Taylor of Wellers Hedleys Solicitors covering the legal and practical application of sections 87-108 of the Local Act 2011 which contain provisions to preserve and enhance land and buildings as community assets. The session gave useful advice regarding the need for a comprehensive business plan to be prepared before any asset transfer is considered, and what should/should not be included in any transfer agreement, plus advice on trading as a Parish/Town Council.

4. Legal Notes

NALC has circulated two new legal topic notes covering Responsibilities of Councils as Landowners and Copies of Planning Documents. Copies are available from the office on request. There is also an updated 'Councils Guide to Employment' available at £2.50 a copy. Please let me know if you would like one.

The law has now changed regarding bankruptcy being an automatic disqualification to serving as a member of a local authority. Bankruptcy only now disqualifies councillors if they are subject to a BRO – a bankruptcy restriction order. These are served on individuals 'whose conduct has been irresponsible, reckless or otherwise culpable.'

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Lynda Walker

From: Paul Titley <paul@westviewkeswick.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2016 3:51 PM
To: News | The Keswick Reminder; Lynda Walker; Derwent 7 Community Led Planning Group
Subject: Response from UU re query on supply to moorside

I asked UU to respond to the comments at both Keswick Town Council and Derwent 7 meetings..... This was sent to me today July 8 2016

Ennerdale, its lake and the River Ehen, play host to protected species and our stakeholders, the scientific evidence and the law tell us that we need to change the water supply arrangements in West Cumbria to make them resilient, reliable and sustainable for the long term. It's a very special place and we want to make sure we do our bit to keep it this way. Unless we reduce the amount of water we take, we risk doing long-term damage to the wildlife that relies on them.

We will need to stop using Ennerdale as a source of water by 2022, when the Environment Agency will withdraw the abstraction licence for Ennerdale. The forecast for the West Cumbria resource zone by the year 2020 shows a deficit in available water due to the licence being withdrawn. If a new water source is not delivered in advance of the licence change, there will be no legally available abstraction to provide public water supply to 85,000 people and businesses in the Allerdale and Copeland Area. United Utilities would be in breach of its obligations under the Water Industry Act 1991 to maintain a water supply system. The need for this project is to be able to reliably replace the deficit to enable the licence change to occur as soon as possible, maintain the supply-demand balance and reduce the risk of loss of supply.

We plan to link West Cumbria to the rest of our regional water network via a major new pipeline from Thirlmere to West Cumbria, a new water treatment works, pumping stations and underground service reservoirs. We can tap into the spare capacity at Thirlmere reservoir and with careful planning, make sure there is minimal long term environmental impact. The proposed pipeline was subject to an Examination in Public in Autumn 2014. The Secretary of State (SoS) requested that an independent Planning Inspector review the proposed solution and interim measures to reduce demand on Ennerdale Water. On 9th December 2014, the SoS accepted the Inspectors conclusion which was that the Thirlmere option represents the most appropriate option to address the cessation of the Ennerdale water abstraction licence and should be delivered by March 2022.

I appreciate that there has been much speculation about the reasons for the pipeline and providing West Cumbria with an alternative supply. However I can only reiterate what is stated above and that is the absolute reason why we need to carry out this project. Regardless of what is planned for West Cumbria either via the nuclear industry or other growth areas this project would be going ahead. It is based on the current population of West Cumbria and any growth in that population along with other issues such as changing weather patterns is factored into a long range forecast of water demand.

For more information on what drives how we manage water resources in the North west please see either our summary report <http://corporate.unitedutilities.com/documents/WRMPSummaryReport.pdf> or the full report <http://corporate.unitedutilities.com/documents/WRMPMainReport.pdf>

Many thanks

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Stakeholder Manager

Lynda Walker

From: Sandra Edmondson <Sandra.Edmondson@lakedistrict.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Sandra Edmondson
Subject: Notification of Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement

Dear consultee,

You recently requested to be added to our new Local Plan consultation list in order to receive updates on consultations relating to the Local Plan. I am writing to inform you that Members of our Park Strategy and Vision Committee agreed and adopted our new Statement of Community Involvement on the 27 April 2016.

I wish to thank you if you sent us comments during the public consultation.

You can view the new Statement of Community Involvement and the document outlining the comments made and our response to these using the link below. If you do not have access to the internet you can view a paper copy at one of our deposit locations listed in table 1.

<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/planningpolicies/communityplanningpolicy>

For information, our Local Development Scheme has also been updated and this can also be viewed using this link or at our deposit locations. The Local Development Scheme sets out our timetable for producing planning policy documents over the next three years.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Rob Allison
 Strategy Planner
 Lake District National Park Authority

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Table 1: Locations where paper copies of documents are available to view

Location	Opening times
Bowness Bay Information Centre, Glebe Road, Bowness on Windermere, LA23 3HJ	Daily 09.30 – 17.30
Keswick Information Centre, Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick, CA12 5JR	Daily 09.30 – 17.30
Ullswater Information Centre, Beckside Car Park, Glenridding, Penrith, CA11 OPD	Daily 09.30 – 17.30
Ambleside Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside LA220BZ	Mon 10.00 – 17.00 Tues 13.00 – 19.00 Wed 10.00 – 17.00 Fri 10.00 – 17.00 Sat 10.00 – 13.00
Broughton in Furness Library, The Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6HN	Mon – Fri 09.00 – 17.00

Coniston Library, John Ruskin Institute, Coniston, LA21 8DU	Mon, Wed, Fri 09.00 – 17.00
Gosforth Library, Public Hall, Gosforth, CA20 1AS	Mon 10.00 – 12.00 Wed 14.30 – 18.30 Fri 10.00 – 12.00 Sat 10.00 – 12.00
Penrith Library (due to the temporary closure of Ullswater Information Centre), St. Andrew's Churchyard, Penrith, CA11 7YA	Mon – Tues 09.30 – 19.00 Wed – Fri 09.30 – 17.00 Sat 09.30 – 16.00 Sun 12.00 – 16.00
Windermere Library (due to the temporary closure of Bowness Bay Tourist Information Centre), Ellerthwaite, Windermere, LA23 2AJ	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 09.30 – 17.00 Sat 10.00 – 13.00
Bootle Post Office, 4 Main Street, Bootle, LA19 5TF	Mon – Sat 09.00 – 17.30 (except Wed 09.00 -12.00, and Sat 09.00 – 12.30)

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To: Sandra Edmondson
Subject: Notification of Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement
Attachments: Local Development Scheme - FINAL ADOPTED.PDF; Statement of Community Involvement - FINAL ADOPTED.PDF

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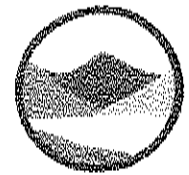
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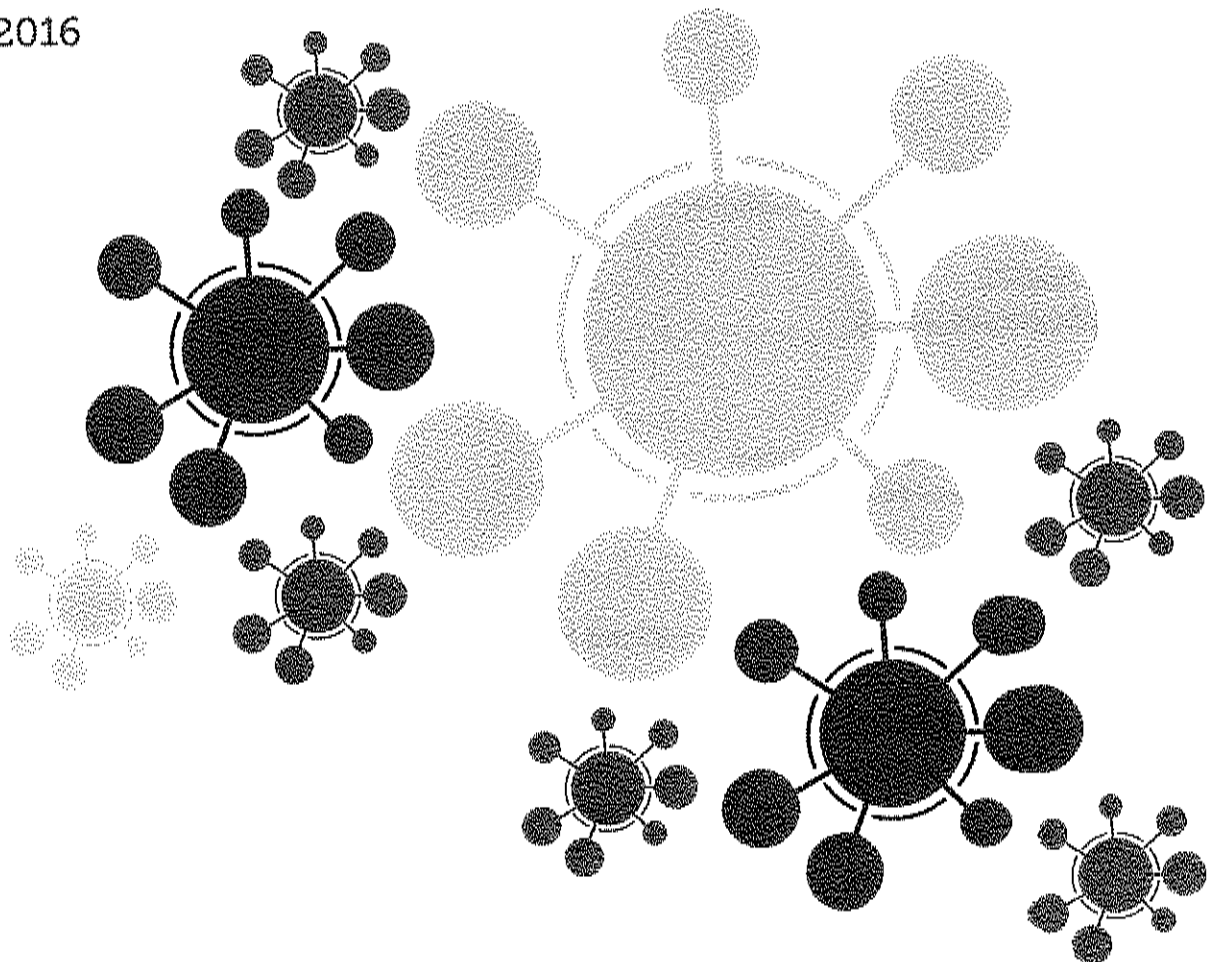


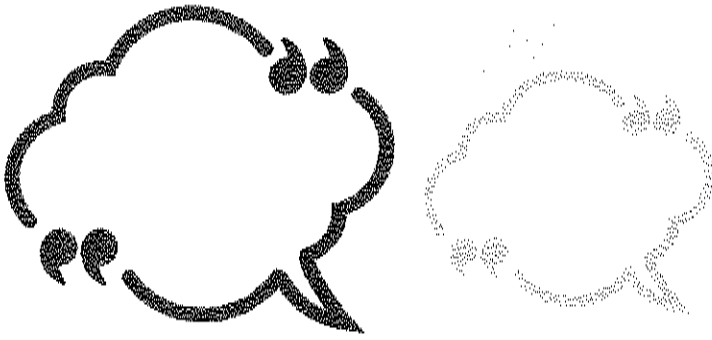
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Local Development Scheme

APRIL 2016





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.

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.

As it is now five years since the Local Plan Part One was adopted we will be commencing a review of our Plan in order to update it. The Lake District National Park Authority is also required to produce a new Management

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

<p>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.</p>
<p>The Vision's four themes and outcomes that we aim for:</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Vibrant communities People successfully living, working and relaxing within upland, valley and lakeside places where distinctive local character is maintained and celebrated.</p>
<p>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.</p>

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.

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, following established parish boundaries.

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 will undertake a review of the Local Plan, commencing in 2016, which is reflected in the timetable for production and review. 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. From April 2016 onwards the review of these documents is shown in the timetable under 'Local Plan Review'. Other Supplementary Planning Documents will be considered for review following adoption of the Local Plan in 2018.

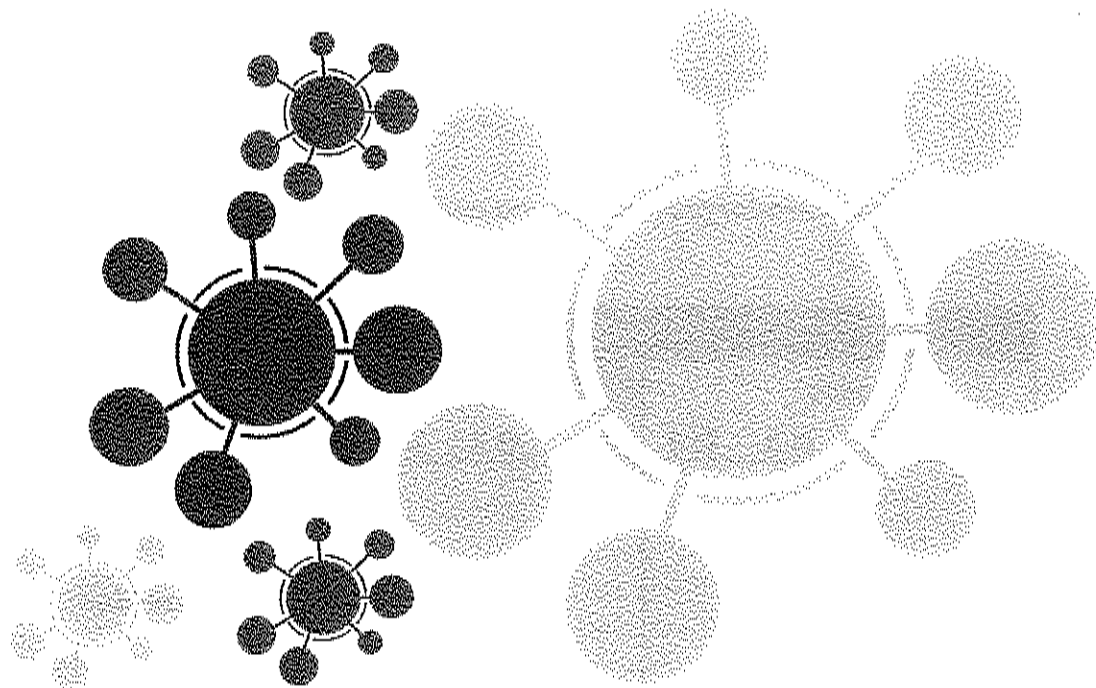
The Statement of Community Involvement was formally adopted in 2006, and whilst this document continues to provide the overarching principles of consulting and engaging with stakeholders, new methods of engagement are available. As such we will be reviewing and updating our Statement of Community Involvement in 2016.

Table 2: Timetable for production and review:

Lake District National Park Local Development Scheme				
	2016			
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Local Plan				
Core Strategy	C	P		
Policies Map	R	A		
Allocations of Land	R	A		
Minerals Safeguarding Areas	R	A		
Local Plan Review*			C	P
			E	E
Supplementary Planning Documents				
Re-use of Ambleside Campus				
Landscape Character				
Housing Provision				
Planning Obligations				
Wind Energy				
Site specific guides / development briefs				
Process Documents				
Local Development Scheme	C	A		
Statement of Community Involvement	R	C	A	
Annual Monitoring Report				G
Key				
Consultation on document				C
Consultation on published document				P
On-going engagement with stakeholders as required, and review				E
Submission to Secretary of State				S
Receipt of Inspectors Report and consultation on changes				I
*If new sites for allocation need to be sought, this may require a review of the timetable of the Local Development Scheme				

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
								Local Plan Core Strategy Policies Map Allocations of Land Minerals Safeguarding Areas Local Plan Review*
								Supplementary Planning Documents Re-use of Ambleside Campus Landscape Character Housing Provision Planning Obligations Wind Energy Site specific guides / development briefs
								Process Documents Local Development Scheme Statement of Community Involvement Annual Monitoring Report
								Publish Annual Monitoring Report Pre-hearing meeting Hearing in Public Adoption Review of document



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Our ref: MC405427
Your ref:
Date: 24 June 2016

Dear Mr Reed

Flood protection, Keswick

Thank you for your letter dated 1 June 2016 to Rory Stewart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs, regarding your constituent Mr Paul Titley of 32 Penrith Road, Keswick. Rory has read your letter and asked us to respond on his behalf. We will send him a copy of this response.

The winter storms led to devastating flooding across Cumbria and Lancashire and badly affected local people. Since then we have carried out a significant amount of recovery work. All emergency repairs to defences have been completed and over 100,000 tonnes of gravel have been removed from rivers. Investigations are also well underway to assess the causes and the extent of flooding to help to reduce future flood risk.

Mr Titley mentions the 8 weeks that we take to approve environmental permits for work in or near a main river or sea defence. We need up to 8 weeks to make sure that our decision takes account of our environmental duties, environmental legislation and allows for consultation with other organisations if needed. The 8 weeks start from when we have all the necessary information from the applicant.

Where possible, the permit application will be determined within a shorter timescale than 8 weeks. This depends on the complexity of the individual activity and application. Since the floods in December we have been working hard to issue permits for flood recovery work as quickly as possible to help communities recover from the devastating impacts.

To help speed up the process, we have:

- Recruited additional staff.
- Agreed a process with Natural England for simple in-river works in designated habitat areas that removes the need for consultation and so reduces timescales.
- Continued not to charge for permits that are for flood recovery works.



There is a significant amount of in-river work that is being undertaken by many different people and organisations across Cumbria. This includes a large number of the 650 farmers affected by the floods and several hundred locations needing road and bridge repairs. We are assessing environmental permit applications for this work as quickly as possible. We are often achieving this in 4 weeks or less, though more complex applications can take longer.

With regard to the silt, we have advised Keswick Town Council's park manager of our waste regulatory position statement for the December floods. In our statement we said that if material is used directly, without processing or treatment, and is suitable for the use it is intended for, we would not consider it waste and so no waste controls apply. In these cases there would be no requirement for permits or exemptions from ourselves.

Taking a pragmatic approach to this situation, we advised the council that no permit from us would be needed if the silt at the park was used to landscape the park boundary. The council has since carried out this work. We also funded the removal of some of the flood debris, including trees, from the park. Our advice and assistance in this matter has helped the council to carry out work at the park as quickly as possible without any unnecessary delay.

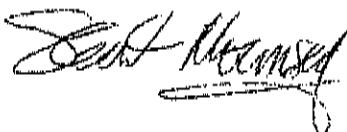
Tree planting within 8 metres of a river bank would require our permission. However, the organisations listed by Mr Titley are not our statutory consultees for this type of work.

I would like to highlight that we currently have no applications from the Fitz Park Trust or for the Wivell Bridge location. We are ready to discuss any proposal put forward. For any such application, we would require the applicant to take into account that we would need access to inspect the river bank and maintain it if necessary.

The 'end-of-September deadline' for working in the river allows for legislation that means we have to stop work at various times to take into account fish breeding periods. However, I would like to stress that environmental legislation would never stop us from doing essential flood maintenance work and work that was essential to protect human life.

I understand the frustrations of your constituent. I hope my letter has helped to reassure you that we continue to work as hard as possible in supporting communities recover from the December floods.

Yours sincerely



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20 May 2016

From Rory Stewart OBE MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs

Dear Jamie,

Thank you for your letter of 11 April to the Secretary of State on behalf of your constituents, Mr and Mrs R Smith of Three Ways, 1 Glendermackin Terrace, Threlkeld, about the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) and its effects on flooding. I am replying as the Minister responsible for national flood policy, and I am sorry for the delay in doing so.


As you know, December 2015 brought some extreme and enormously challenging weather conditions right across the North of England and I would again like to express my deepest sympathy to all those affected. As well as the wettest calendar month ever, December 2015 also featured the highest UK rainfall recorded in a 24-hour period, resulting in the flooding of around 21,000 properties (based on local authority returns). I have seen for myself the terrible impact the storms and flooding had on homes and businesses. This is why our focus has been on helping those affected by flooding get their homes, businesses and communities back up and running.

I am sorry to read that Mr and Mrs Smith have gained a negative impression of the WFD, as it aims to protect and improve the water environment (including rivers, coasts, lakes and ground waters), and promote sustainable water use, so we have a sufficient supply of good quality water for people and the environment.

Actions to achieve WFD goals are set out in river basin management plans (RBMPs) every six years. The RBMPs are designed to protect and improve the quality of our water environment, which is essential for wildlife, agriculture and business to thrive. Good water quality is also a means of boosting regeneration, recreation and tourism. RBMPs can be found on the GOV.UK website at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/river-basin-management-plan-update, together with details of progress made and measures revised since the first set of plans. The most recent (2015) RBMPs build on work in the previous five years to protect and improve over 9,320 miles of our rivers. They set out how a minimum of 680 (14%) of waters will be improved over the next six years with around £3 billion of investment. RBMPs also support the Government's 25-year environment plan, and allow local communities to find more cost-effective ways to further improve our water environment.

In pursuit of our WFD goals, including promoting a better understanding of the environment at a local level and encouraging local collaboration, the Environment Agency (EA) uses the 'Catchment Based Approach'. Catchment Improvement Groups (CIGs) have been established in the majority of England's river catchments and the EA works closely with each one. CIGs look at local catchment issues and ensure they are discussed in a local setting, using local knowledge. CIG members include local councils, utility companies, community groups and local landowners, who work together to understand how rivers in England are managed. They all contribute to developing and delivering any work that will improve water quality and habitat while ensuring their current uses are retained, such as flood protection, water storage or navigation.

After last winter's flooding, it is important to look at what happened and to learn lessons. That is why we have commissioned an in-depth review to look at our defences, ways of working and modelling to explore new ways of tackling these types of floods in the future. This includes upstream land management options for slowing key rivers to reduce the intensity of water flows at peak times and to also build stronger links between local residents, community groups and flood defence planning.

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