

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

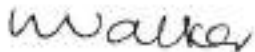
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10th March 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 7.30pm. The public and press are welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully



Lynda Walker
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

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 Thursday 18th February 2016 (pages 39 - 43).
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 Attendance**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team (not yet received). A Police Officer will attend when on duty and available.
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 10 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. **Mayor's Report**
To receive a report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.
8. **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
9. **Reports from Ward Representatives**
To receive reports from the following representatives:
 - i) Lake District National Park Authority North DA parishes representative
 - ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward representatives
 - iii) Cumbria County Council Ward representative
10. **Payment of Accounts**
To confirm the payment of accounts for March 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting) for:
 - i) The Town Council
 - ii) The Trusts
11. **Future of Keswick Hospital**
At the request of Councillor Leighton, to consider the implications for Keswick Hospital in the light of the February 2016 Public Progress Report of the NHS West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime.
12. **Local Plan Review and Public Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement**
To consider letter from Lake District National Park Authority advising on review of Local Plan and inviting representations on the new Statement of Community Involvement.
13. **HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration**
As requested at the last meeting, to consider arrangements to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th Birthday.
14. **Clerk's Report**
To receive the Clerk's report.
15. **Correspondence**
To receive details of the following correspondence:
 - i) Theatre by the Lake – future of Keswick Jazz Festival
 - ii) Theatre by the Lake – thanks for financial assistance 2015-16
 - iii) Lake District National Park Authority – Keswick Railway Updates
 - iv) Cumbria County Council – Various roads Keswick and Surrounding area Consolidation and provision of Traffic Regulations Order

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 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Price	Martin Pugmire

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), 3 members of the press, 6 members of the public, Geoff Davies (LDNPA Allerdale Parishes Rep.), and Peter Winter (PF&K Planning Consultant).

Prior to the meeting, representatives of United Utilities (Ken Holmshaw, Paul Phillips, John Saunders, John Butcher, Gaynor Murphy and Ian McCoy) gave a presentation on the management of Thirlmere Reservoir and in particular, how it operates during heavy rain/flooding. They also gave information about the new Pipeline project. A question and answer session followed.

164. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Titley (holiday) and Lywood (holiday).

165. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2016 (pages 35 - 38).

166. Requests for Dispensations

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

167. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Daniells – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2013 (resident of building)

Councillor Jordan – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2024 (lives nearby).

168. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for January. 16 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during January 2016 with 17 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month. Inspector Smillie was in attendance and undertook to ensure that the Police report was submitted one week before each meeting and would contain comparative statistics, 'drilled down' for Keswick if possible.

169. Matters to be received from the Public

Councillor Miller raised the issue of the proposed changes to car parking charges in Keswick which were to be considered by the Borough Council's Executive the following Monday. It was agreed that this issue be covered under item 15 (i) with input from the Allerdale Borough Council representative present.

170. United Utilities (UU) Pipeline Project

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Tourism Association (KTA) to work alongside the Town Council on a joint approach to United Utilities to delay the start of the Pipeline project to avoid an adverse impact on the local tourism economy following on from the flooding. Representatives of UU attending the meeting advised that they would be happy to have discussions with KTA and explained that the scheme was due to start in April 2017, with work in Keswick scheduled for winter 2017/18. They gave a reassurance that the disruption to Keswick would be minimal and roadwork would be controlled by traffic lights, with the possible closure of a sliproad in January 2018. They were also mindful of the impact on approach roads and had identified a 'pinch point' near the Calvert Trust premises. In view of the information supplied, the Town Council agreed to take no further action at this stage.

171. Applications for Development

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

Plan ref.	Description of Development Location:
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7/2015/2284	Modification of S106 Agreement on approval ref 7/2012/2034 to extend occupancy restriction to Cockermouth and/or local family connection Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road <i>This modification will change the whole complexity. The age profile should be reduced to below 55 to accommodate local need.</i>
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Comments are the same as sent in December 2015, stated below:-

Support the local family connection aspect of this application only

SUPPORT

Object to Cockermouth aspect as it is not within the National Park.

OBJECT

7/2016/2013	Construct prefabricated canopy to front entrance Lakeland Court, The Headlands <i>Support. Entry to building is by key pad and water pours off roof and soaks people trying to gain entry. Canopy is to 'protect' access door and is a very sympathetic addition</i>
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SUPPORT

7/2016/2014	Installation of shower room window 21 Stanger Street <i>Support. New window is tucked away at rear of property and no overlooking issues, fits in with surrounding properties and is a sensible modification</i>
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SUPPORT

7/2016/2020	Proposed local needs dwelling (revised scheme 7/2014/2309) (change of design to allow for bedrooms and bathroom in roof space) White Crag, Brundholme Road <i>Neutral – similar footprint to previous approved scheme. Use of obscured glass in bathroom in roof space will preserve privacy to both parties</i>
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NEUTRAL

7/2016/2021	6 no. awnings (externally illuminated) 49 Main Street <i>Neutral – on front awnings on Market Square. Would consider support with the exception of the awnings on Bank Street which may obscure traffic lights and affect turning buses, this has been addressed in the highways report.</i>
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NEUTRAL

- 7/2016/2024** Erection of detached dwelling (local needs) on land to rear of 61 The Headlands, Keswick
61 The Headlands
Support – on the proviso that the property meets local occupancy regulations.
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2025** Alterations & extension
8 Fenton
Support. Will give better balance to the bungalow. No overlooking of either 7 or number 9 Fenton (both of which are two storey houses). Most other properties have been changed and it fits in well.
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2028** Replacement windows
15 Eskin Street
Support – fits in well with surrounding properties as mainly upvc in area
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2032** Amend condition no 2 of approval ref 7/2014/2071 – change to design (flue through roof for log burner, and change from timber cladding to UPVC)
33 Millfield Gardens
Support – Others have already done similar with the cladding. Timber on all are in decay therefore this is the best way forward and this is a reasonable replacement
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2033** Change of use from fully residential to letting out 2 rooms of house as bed and breakfast from 3 bedroom residential.
Heathfield, Crosthwaite Road
Neutral – many properties on Crosthwaite Road are already B & B
NEUTRAL
- ii) **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate with the following observations:
- | Plan ref. | Description of Development
Location: |
|--------------------|--|
| E/2015/0134 | Change of Use from class 1 (Guest House) to class 3 (Dwelling House). Appeal against Lake District National Park Authorities' Enforcement Notice
2 St Herbert Street (Latrigg House)
<i>The Council believes that all new dwelling houses in the Parish, including change of use buildings, should be subject to a local occupancy clause. We support the Lake District National Park Authorities Policy that the re-use of an existing building for holiday letting accommodation should only be allowed if it is not suitable for local and affordable housing.</i>
Note – agenda item requested for a future meeting to consider policy on conversion of hotels to residential dwellings |
- iii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park Planning decisions

It was agreed to bring item 15 forward for consideration as Geoff Davies was present.

172. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative – Geoff Davies advised that
 - the Local Plan was to be reviewed which would involve a consultation exercise and provide an opportunity to influence future policy. There would also be a consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.
 - a 'Planning Pow Wow' was to take place to which all Parish Councils would be invited and asked to put forward issues for discussion
 - a Cumbria Floods Partnership had been established with 3 catchment directors including one for the Derwent
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Councillor Martin Pugmire reported that a meeting of the Executive was scheduled for 22 February 2016 at which a decision would be made regarding changes to car parking charges in the Borough. Councillor Miller informed the Council of the contents of the report to the Executive and the recommendations which were to go forward which had largely ignored the comments and petition put forward and had failed to make any concessions for locals. The Clerk was asked to reinforce the comments previously made in an urgent e-mail to the Executive Committee
- iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lysser advised on the amount of Council tax increase for 2016/17

173. Flooding Update

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council should invite the Environment Agency and other relevant organisations to attend a public meeting to provide views on the causes of the recent flooding and measures which might be taken to aid future flood resilience.

RESOLVED that Keswick Flood Action Group be consulted prior to raising the issue with the new Cumbria Floods Partnership Catchment Director.

Note – agenda item requested for next meeting on the Keswick Community Emergency Partnership and the Town Council's role within it.

174. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

175. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 180 to FR10 amounting to £19,627.94
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP109 to FP83 amounting to £1,539.37

176. Review of Internal Audit

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report on the annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit.

RESOLVED that Councillors Lysser and Price carry out a review of the effectiveness of the current internal audit systems, and that alternative quotes be sought for the internal audit of the 2016/17 accounts.

177. Review of Risk Assessment

RESOLVED that the revised Risk Assessment as at February 2016 be approved and adopted.

Note – an up to date valuation of the civic regalia was requested by Councillor Lysser.

178. Minutes of Committee Meeting

RECEIVED for information and approval the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 16th February 2016.

RESOLVED that the Premises Licence for Fitz Park be applied for as outlined in the Minutes and that no changes be made to the existing Premises Licence for Market Square.

Note – agenda item requested by Councillor Lysser for next meeting – to consider arrangements to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th Birthday.

179. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that Councillors Burn and Daniells be authorised to sign the agreements relating to the transfer of public toilets and finance from Allerdale BC and to the Keswick Community Asset Company.

180. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Jamie Reed MP – flooding
- ii) Mayor of Tewkesbury – flooding
- iii) Team Rubicon – flooding
- iv) Co-operative Bank – branch closure

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

Date

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17th March 2016

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 12th February – 10th March 2016

Monday 15 th February	Cumbria Flood Fund Charity Walk from Keswick to Cockermouth
Tuesday 16 th February	Events Committee – meeting held in Council Chamber, Keswick
Thursday 3 rd March	Meeting to discuss Keswick Town Council comparisons with Leader, Lyle Cox of Wanaka Council, South Island New Zealand

Planning Applications received between 12/02/2016 to 10/03/2016

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
E/2015/0088	Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick. CA12 5EQ	Your Housing Group has lodged an appeal against the enforcement notice recently issued to rectify the alleged breach of planning control relating to the installation of 18 lighting columns
7/2016/2024	61 The Headlands, Keswick. CA12 5EH	Erection of detached dwelling (local needs) on land to rear of 61 The Headlands, Keswick. TO BE RECONSIDERED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED following Town Council Meeting 18 Feb 2016.
7/2015/2246	Quaker Meeting House, Elliott Park, Keswick. CA12 5NZ	Replacement of wooden sash windows with upvc of equivalent
7/2016/2004	Elm Court, Elliott Park, Keswick. CA12 5NB	Creation of window opening to upper rear elevation to match existing window openings
7/2016/2031	Boat landing jetties, Derwentwater, Keswick.	Renewal of storm and flood damaged jetty no 4; renewal to replace to match previous jetty - no change in design or construction
7/2016/2034	Markholme, Keswick. CA12 5PW	Variation of condition no 2 (revised access arrangement) of planning application 7/2014/2241 - 2no local needs dwellings
7/2016/2039	94 and 96 Main Street, Keswick. CA12 5NH	Replacement of a joint extension at rear of properties
7/2016/2040	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.
7/2016/2045	James Court, Main Street, Keswick. CA12 5EF	Alteration to shop front including relocation of ATM, alterations to roof and infilling of garage opening

- 7/2016/2046 The Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DJ
Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory along with external ground works to provide a proper boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwent Water, plus a new erosion protection system incorporating a level lawn.
- 7/2016/2050 Boat House to the Waters Edge, Lake Side, Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DJ
Proposed restoration of existing flood damaged boat house
- 7/2016/2052 1 Greta Street, Keswick. CA12 4HS
Raising cill heights of existing front and rear windows, raising front boundary wall heights and installation of removable flood barrier front gates as required.
- 7/2016/2060 9 Market Square, Keswick. CA12 5BJ
Conversion of first floor former bank storage into a single bedroom self contained flat

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 12/02/2016 & 10/03/2016

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	RTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
7/2015/2211	January-16	3 Blencathra Street, Keswick	CA12 4HW	Variation of condition no 4 of approval ref 7/2004/2368 to widen occupancy condition	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2015/2271	November-15	Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick	CA12 5PG	The construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2281	November-15	Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick	CA12 5EL	Change of Use of Greta Gardens from C3 use (Dwelling houses) to C2 use (Residential institutions)	OBJECT	REFUSED	APPEAL notification recd 7.3.16	
7/2015/2307	December-15	Keswick Hotel, Station Road, Keswick	CA12 4NQ	10 Bedroom staff accommodation block	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2016/2013	January-16	Lakeland Court, The Headlands, Keswick	CA12 5EU	Construct prefabricated canopy to front entrance	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2016/2014	January-16	21 Stanger Street, Keswick	CA12 5JU	Installation of shower room window	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2016/2047	February-16	Lakeside Tea Gardens, Lake Road, Keswick	CA12 5DJ	Confirmation of compliance with condition 8 (landscaping) on application 7/2013/2307 - replacement of existing cafe/garden buildings with a new pavilion cafe building and associated landscape works	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	Details contained within the plans are ACCEPTABLE and COMPLY with the requirements of condition 8 of application 2013/2307		

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

The LDNPA has now set up a Floods Recovery Programme Board whose remit is to:

- Ensure the repair and, where appropriate, deliver improvement and further resilience of the Rights of Way network
- Contribute to an events and marketing programme to raise the national and international profile of the Lake District
- Ensure repair of the LDNPA's own property, including Information Centres and rural property (including the Keswick/Threlkeld railway).

Two Members of the Authority have been appointed to this board: myself and Miles MacInnes, who is the Parishes Member for the East Distinctive Area. Miles is the chairman of Barton PC and lives just outside Pooley Bridge.

There is interesting news this month about planning. At the February meeting of Development Control Committee, the Chairman announced that there is to be another planning "pow-wow" for parish councils. As with the previous pow-wow in October 2012, the aim is to focus on the way that planning policies guide the determination of applications and what are, or are not, material considerations in planning decisions. Parishes will be invited to suggest topics that they would like to be covered in the pow-wow. No date or venue has yet been set, but the event will not take place before the A591 is fully open to traffic again.

The second item of news on the planning front is that the LDNPA's Local Plan will be undergoing a review over the next two years. This will include a review of the policies in the Local Plan Part 1 (formerly called the "Core Strategy"). Extensive public consultation will be carried out and I would urge parish councils to respond to the consultation. I will keep you informed about when this is to occur.

On February 23rd a consultation began on the LDNPA's Statement of Community Involvement. This is a document that sets out how the Authority will consult with the public (including parish councils) in matters such as the development or review of the Local Plan and individual planning applications. The closing date of the consultation is noon on April 5th and your Clerk should now have received the documents.

At the full Authority meeting on 25th February, another Neighbourhood Plan was brought into force – this time for Coniston. This followed a referendum held on 28th January, in which approximately 80% of those voting were in favour of the plan. It is again a useful read for any community considering producing a Neighbourhood Plan and I have attached it to the email with which I sent this report to your Clerk.

Geoff Davies

Geoff.Davies@lakedistrict.gov.uk

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*

Coniston Neighbourhood Plan

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Why have a Neighbourhood Plan and what is the process?

In September 2012 Coniston Parish Council completed the review of the second Parish Plan produced by the community. From this there were some issues identified specifically about planning, the future of Coniston and in particular ensuring the community retains control of its own destiny. As a result it was identified a Neighbourhood Plan would be beneficial.

One of the facilities of the Localism Act 2011 is to enable more decision-making at a local level. One way to do this is to encourage communities to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. The Coniston Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Coniston Parish Council as the Qualifying Body and covers the whole of the parish - this Neighbourhood Area was designated on 26 February 2014. The Plan complies with European and national legislation.

This Plan will be in place until 2025 and is designed to cover future development up to that time. However this date will not form a cut-off point. Future development beyond this date will continue to be proposed and a new Neighbourhood Plan may then be required to replace this one.

The local planning authority (Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA)) will consider the contents of this Plan when making decisions on planning applications. This is to ensure that the views of the local community are taken fully into account in the decision making process.

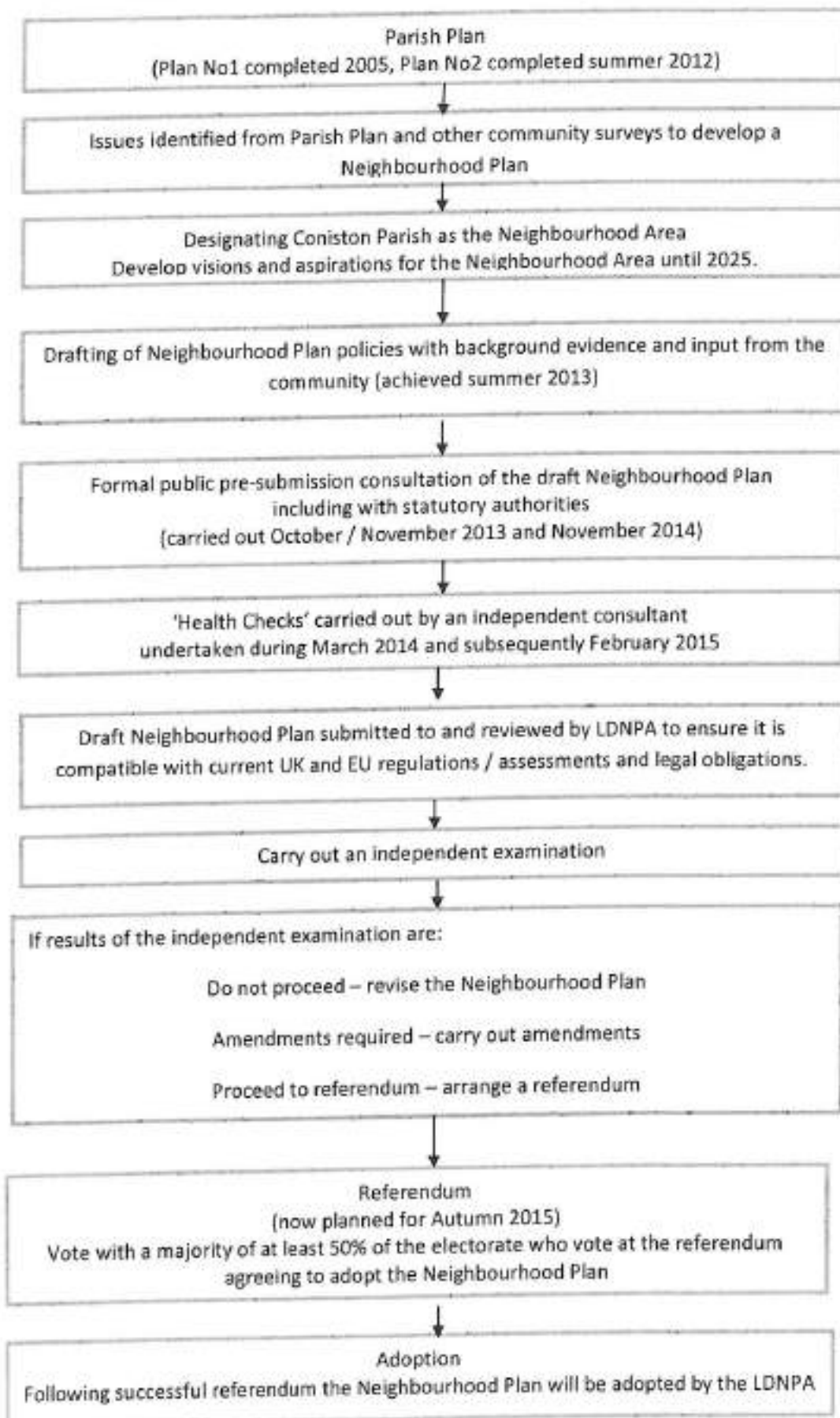
The Coniston Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the Development Plan for the area and will sit along-side the LDNPA's Local Plan. It is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Plan will take effect from January 2016. It covers the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2025. The Coniston Neighbourhood Plan has drawn the fundamental issues that it addresses directly from the 2012 Coniston Parish Plan, on-going community engagement and the work of Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust.

It is expected that the Neighbourhood Plan will assist in overcoming the major issues that the community is facing which are:

- the loss of village homes (homes occupied permanently)*, *the rate of loss is currently running at between 2 and 4 homes per quarter.*
- the lack of affordable homes to allow village families to remain in their home village, *despite successful affordable housing schemes the full requirement of affordable homes has never been satisfied.*
- the lack of local homes to allow professional families to move to the village, *it is estimated that, even if the affordable housing need can be fully satisfied, the resident population numbers will continue to decline as village homes are lost to the weekend home sector.*
- the effect on the village of the decline in tourism within the Lake District, *there is firm evidence that the steady rise in tourism that occurred during the 1980's and 1990's ceased in the early years of the 21st century and there is now a slow decline.*
- the potential for overburdening the community with excessive tourism *in the 2011-12 Coniston Parish Plan a 'top-tier' concern voiced by the community was that there should be no major developments or over-developments*
- and the potential loss of village facilities. *as the population declines village facilities will be lost, especially where they are operated by volunteers who are village people.*

***FOR INFORMATION** - It is appreciated that controlling the loss of village homes may not be possible in the present term by use of planning legislation. However Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust is currently running a project to encourage owners of smaller second homes to allow their home to be used for permanent and local occupancy on short-term leases by reviewing the cost comparison between using the properties this way as an alternative to holiday lets. Changes to legislation in the future may make the control of the loss village homes more practical.

Flowchart of Process of Neighbourhood Plan for Coniston



Introduction to Coniston

".....Further off the beaten track, and culturally distinct from the rest of South Lakeland, Coniston is fiercely independent, and while you'll get a warm welcome wherever you go, the locals aren't quite as in thrall to the gods of tourism and rampant consumerism as elsewhere in the Lakes.....".

Mark Sutcliffe, Editor, Country Walking Magazine, May 2014.

Coniston is the fifth largest settlement within the Lake District National Park. It is an old mining village and the evidence of many centuries of copper mining and slate quarrying are still very evident within the parish.

The Coniston Mine closed in 1898. It was one of the largest copper mines in Europe during the Victorian era and following closure many of the skilled miners moved away from the parish to find work elsewhere. The slate quarrying industry started in the 13th Century. It continued to expand until the middle years of the 20th Century but has since declined significantly. During the 1960's approximately 60% of village families were involved in some way with the slate industry and their descendents still live within the parish. This industry still supports a significant number of local families.

The first tourists arrived in Coniston during the 18th Century. Later, during the Victorian era, tourism expanded greatly, partially as a result of the opening of the passenger railway service to the village. The Coniston Branch Line closed to passenger traffic in 1959, a victim of the Beeching cuts.

Coniston is a relatively isolated village. The nearest large villages to Coniston are Hawkshead, 4 miles away and Ambleside, 8 miles away. However, despite being relatively isolated, Coniston is a popular tourist resort and is regarded by many as the finest venue for mountain walking in Northern England. Consequently its main popularity is with those who enjoy outdoor pursuits on its mountains and lake. Fortunately, despite its popularity, Coniston has not developed into a mass-tourist venue in the same way as other Lake District villages have. It retains a thriving village community and still maintains a 'local' character which is well-appreciated by its regular discerning visitors.

Notwithstanding the fact that Coniston is a thriving community, the Parish Plan exercises in both 2005 and 2012 identified a number of major issues that were already beginning to affect the community or were likely to affect the community in the near future.

The major issue of concern identified by the 2005 Parish Plan was a critical need for affordable housing to retain young village families that would otherwise move away from their home village. A housing-needs survey in the same year showed that a further 66 affordable homes were required. At that time over 40% of the housing stock in Coniston had ceased to be village homes but had become second homes and holiday houses. By the time the 2012 Parish Plan had been completed this figure had risen to 49%. The report 'Affordable Housing for Lakeland Communities' published by Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust (CLT) is also relevant evidence.

The 2012 Parish Plan reinforced this need for affordable housing but also reflected on further major community concerns including the fact that future development within the community both to provide affordable housing, and also for commercial reasons, should be on a modest scale.

An additional issue is the fact that the National Park, including Coniston has seen a decline in visitor numbers over the period 2008 to 2012. However this decline of numbers for Coniston is marginally less than the overall percentage decline within the National Park as a whole. Nevertheless it is clear that Coniston needs to re-focus on its main accolade; the fact that it is one of the leading mountain walking centres in Northern England. There is also a clear need to develop businesses not directly connected to tourism to reduce the dependency of the livelihood of the community on a single industry. To assist in this requirement it is essential to promote the introduction of Ultra High-speed Broadband.

Other potential issues that are likely to affect the community have been identified during the work of Coniston and Torver CLT. As well as identifying the acute need for affordable homes it has gone further and recognised that providing sufficient affordable homes will not prevent the population of the community from further decline. There is therefore a real need to encourage some families attracted to the expanding industries of Low Furness to set up permanent homes in the community either by purchasing existing properties or by allowing self-build of dwellings within the Parish.

The village at present

There is currently a good range of local services and social amenities including a primary and secondary school, fire station, post office and shops with basic supplies, although there are concerns about the potential future decline of these. The main employment locally is agricultural, slate quarrying and tourism although there are many other smaller local businesses. Coniston has a wide range of social and recreational opportunities. The population of the Parish is 928 (Census 2011).

Present special qualities of Coniston:-

- Thriving friendly village community – the number of clubs & societies is increasing.
- Rural old style community
- Picturesque landscape – enjoyed by local families and visitors to the village.
- Important flora & fauna
- Good range of local services & social amenities
- Village retains families that have been in the area for generations
- Iconic housing design, for example, The Banks, Yewdale Road shops, Tilberthwaite Avenue.
- Extensive recreational facilities on the mountains, lower fells, lake shore and lake for the benefit of the local community and visitors.

A vision for the parish in 2025

The parish of Coniston of 2025 will comprise of:

- a vibrant community with its current character still intact;
- a village that is similar to the present despite a small amount of growth and development;
- a permanent resident population that has increased; and
- have sufficient children to help maintain the viability of the primary and secondary schools.

Planning Process

Current planning policies

The LDNPA Core Strategy 2010 explains how the Planning Authority will deliver the overall vision for the National Park strategically and spatially by 2025. These are core policies which are criteria or area based and which broadly guide development in the National Park as a whole.

Development in Coniston will be assessed against the relevant policies within the Core Strategy (Local Plan Part One) and specifically by Policy CS09: South Distinctive Area. The village is considered to be a Rural Service Centre, one of thirteen within the National Park. The Development Plan also comprises the LDNPA Allocations of Land and Minerals Safeguarding Areas – Parts Two and Three respectively of the Local Plan.

The Coniston Neighbourhood Plan is additional to the Core Strategy and in general conformity with it. The Neighbourhood Plan provides more in-depth policies that the community wishes to be pursued. It is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Development Plan including the Allocation of Land policy and the Minerals Safeguarding Areas, Parts 2 and 3 respectively.

Planning applications are processed by the LDNPA Development Management Team. Applications are decided either through delegated powers by planning officers (Scheme of Delegation) or by the Development Control Committee.

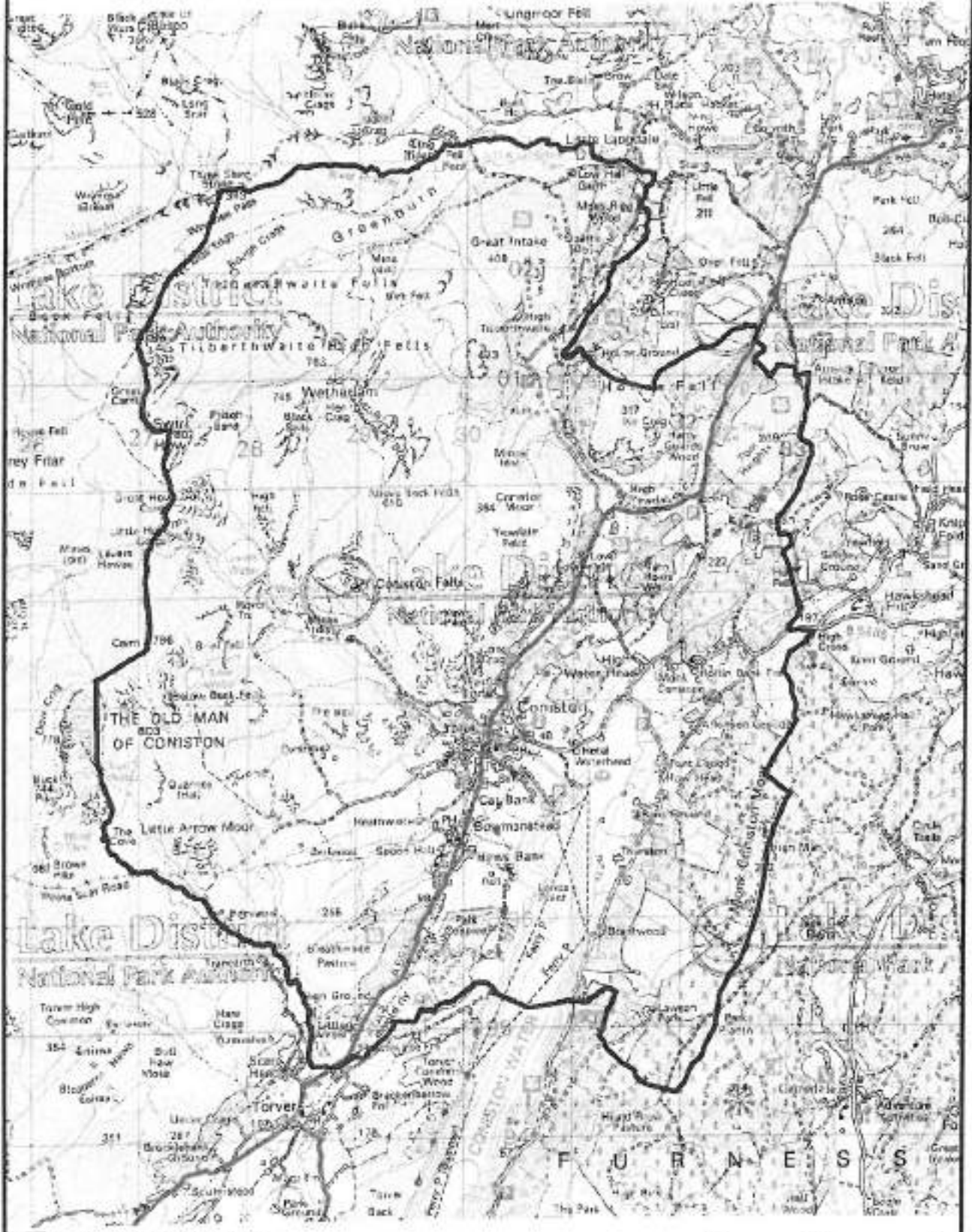
The community is permitted to comment on planning applications and their comments are considered when applications are processed by the Development Management Team. A checklist has been drawn up by Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT to be used as an aid-memoir to ensure all relevant points are considered when community comments are drafted. (See Annex 6)


The Development Control Committee meets monthly to consider planning applications, enforcement issues and other matters relating to the Town and Country Planning Acts. The Committee consists of 14 members representing local and national interests drawn from Cumbria County Council and District Authorities in addition to appointments made by the Secretary of State (some of these from Parish Councils).

Specifically, over the past ten years, the community of Coniston has developed a close form of co-operation with its planning authority with regards to planning for the village. In particular it runs the programme for the development of affordable housing and 'local-needs' housing based on Housing Needs Surveys. It also monitors compliance with occupancy restrictions. Coniston has over 160 dwellings carrying some form of occupancy restriction and any potential abuse of a restriction is reported to the Compliance Team at the Planning Authority for investigation and, if necessary, corrective action.

Additionally, work taken on by the Coniston & Torver CLT include some tasks normally performed by Housing and Planning Authorities. A summary of the development of this co-operation is given in the Companion Document *'Evidence to back up the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan'*.

Coniston Neighbourhood Plan Area



 Neighbourhood Plan Area

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Plan Format

Each of the following eight Sections of the Neighbourhood Plan are set out using the following sub-sections:

Aspiration – sub-component objectives of the vision.

Background Information – significant facts (including key outcomes of community consultation) that help justify the provisions in the policy that follows. This information is supplemented where appropriate with Annexes to the Plan and/or separate evidence and supporting documents. Reference is also made to relevant strategic policies in the Lake District National Park Core Strategy.

Policy – the key development and land use requirement for the topic being presented.

How to Implement – how the policy will be applied to have its intended effect.

Complementary Supporting Actions – other non-land use (and therefore not subject to Examination) activities that are intended to bolster the intentions of the policy – some of these are picked again in the Monitoring and Review Section.

1. Our Community

Aspiration

- 1.1 The community intends that Coniston will remain a friendly, progressive, family-based parish of all ages and with a wide range of facilities and services. The community will continue to be actively involved in making honest, fair and consistent decisions about future development, to the benefit of all who wish to reside and work there.

Background Information

In Coniston Parish Plan 2011/12 the following were requested to be retained by the community:-

- Maintain the character of the village
- Current facilities to stay within the village
- No major developments or over-developments

Following further engagement with local people the concerns and requirements of the community, as given in the Parish Plan 2011/12 have been included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please refer to:

LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS02 – Achieving vibrant & sustainable communities.

Policy CNP 1 – Our Community

- 1.A The Neighbourhood Plan supports development of an appropriate scale that meets the needs of the community, particularly where it enhances the role of Coniston as a rural service centre and helps to retain its unique character and that of the spectacular surrounding landscape.**
- 1.B In particular the Neighbourhood Plan supports developments that provide direct community benefits.**

How to Implement

Through the determination of planning applications.

Through ensuring that Coniston Parish Council and other appropriate bodies are involved at all stages of development.

2. Businesses

Aspiration

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to ensure that local businesses will prosper and expand, in particular providing additional quality, full-time, permanent and well-paid jobs.

Background Information

Businesses referred to in Coniston Parish Plan 2011/12 as being important are:-

- Local farms
- Motor mechanics
- Filling station
- Bank
- Post Office
- Newsagents
- Hardware store
- Local cafes, pubs and hotels
- Local tradesmen
- Dairy and florist
- Accommodation providers
- Local shops – including the community owned Coniston Co-operative Society

Current facilities the community feel are missing from the village are a bakery, chiroprapist and retail chemist facilities.

Businesses which it is also acknowledged provide important employment for the community are:

- Slate quarrying industry,
- National Trust maintenance site and wood-yard, Boon Crag,
- Coniston Boating Centre site and associated businesses,
- Outdoor Pursuit Centres and Brantwood.

Please refer to:

- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS10 – Achieving design excellence
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS20 - Vibrant settlement centres
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS22 – Employment

Local income levels:

Average median household income in the National Park in 2011 was £26,899
(CACI 2012)

In Coniston the average median household income in 2011 was £21,126

Internet speeds currently obtained by village businesses are 0.5 Mbps (standard high-speed broadband)

The number of local permanent residents (LPR's) who are employed locally is approximately 37%.

There has been a slow natural decline in the tourism industry in the Lake District since 2002. Coniston, along with several other Lake District communities is keen to support and assist new enterprises that create well paid jobs with year-round employment especially where it helps to develop alternative industry which is not directly dependent on tourism

Policy CNP 2 - Businesses

- 2.A** Development proposals will be supported that will enable the expansion and retention of existing local businesses including those listed in the Background Information. Support will also be given to development proposals for the establishment of new businesses that diversify and strengthen the local economy without significantly adversely affecting the distinctive character of the community.
- 2.B** The upgrading of broadband in the Parish will be encouraged, including the introduction of ultra-high speed broadband at 50Mbps and any further appropriate improvements over time, to assist local businesses and the community as a whole.

How to Implement – Action Plan

Through the determination of planning applications.

Coniston Parish Council will work with all relevant agencies and authorities including South Lakeland District Council, the Lake District National Park Partnership Business Taskforce and the CBI Small Business Taskforce to support development proposals that will enable the appropriate expansion of local businesses.

Coniston Parish Council will work with Connecting Cumbria to enable access to ultra-high speed broadband in Coniston for those who require it.

Complementary Supporting Actions

Sites for development for employment and also for housing are selected by the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust in conjunction with Coniston Parish Council and also the planning team at The National Park Authority.

Coniston Parish Council will campaign to improve transport access to Coniston to enhance the availability of people commuting to and from the village for employment purposes.

3. HOUSING – including affordable, empty properties, conversions, local needs homes, self-build & second homes.

Aspiration

- 3.1 Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust (CLT) wish to ensure that local people, including young families, will be able to live in their home village so that they can take an active part in community life.
- 3.2 Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston & Torver CLT wish to ensure that the level of 'village homes' (i.e. homes lived in permanently) is maintained at a minimum level of 60% by encouraging the return of weekend homes to permanent occupancy and by supporting new-build schemes that are covered by permanent and local occupancy clauses.

Background Information

As requested in Coniston Parish Plan 2011/12:-

- Aim for small developments of typically up to 7 houses per site for local affordable housing
- Any additional dwellings within the Parish must meet the need for permanent homes within the village.
- Character of village is maintained
- Core of local people needed to live in houses in the village to maintain sustainability
- Concerns at the number of houses that do not have local occupancy clauses on them and the potential loss of these homes to the second home market.

Coniston Housing Needs Survey Report – 2013, carried out by Coniston and Torver CLT identified need of 31 dwellings, mainly 1 and 2 bedroomed. See the Coniston Housing-needs Survey 2013.

Census 2011

- Total households = 635 of which 216 are second / holiday homes (34.5%)(although local knowledge puts this figure at 47%)

Figures from Lake District National Park Authority:-

Median figures

- Average median house price in the National Park is £243,617 (CACI 2014)
- Average median household income in the National Park is £27,857 (CACI 2014)
- In Coniston Parish the average median household income is £23,971
- Based on median figures the income to house price affordability ratio is 8.7:1

Lower quartile figures

These refer to people on low incomes and lower house prices.

- House price in the National Park is £180,590
- Household income in the National Park is £15,324
- In Coniston Parish the household income is £13,701

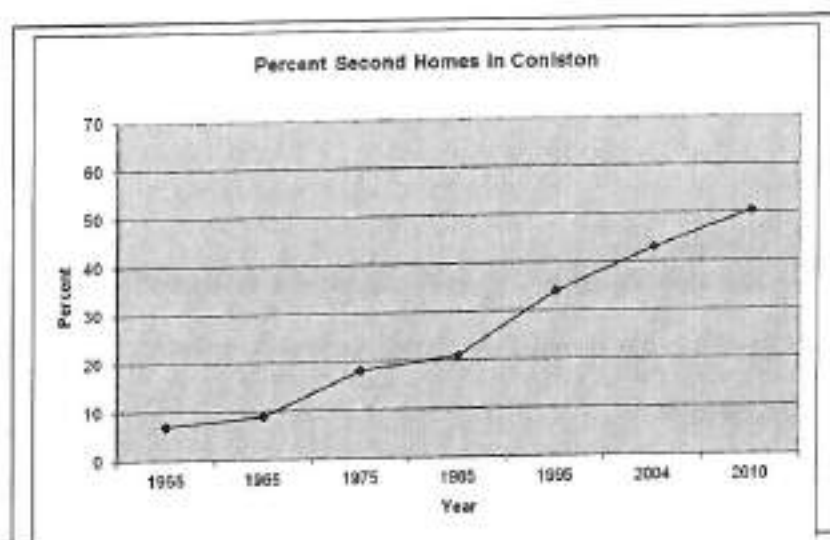
Based on mean figures income to house price affordability ratio for Coniston Parish is 10.2:1 (CACI 2014).

Strict Section 106 agreements have been applied to all homes developed in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust since 2008 as well as local occupancy agreements on privately developed Local Needs housing.

Please refer to:

- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS10 – Achieving design excellence
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS18 – Housing provision
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS22a – Re-use of buildings for holiday letting accommodation
- LDNPA Allocations of Land site CO01H at land off Collingwood Close, Coniston

For definitions of the different types of housing please see Annex 8.



Coniston Parish Council and Coniston & Torver CLT are concerned at the effect that the reduction in permanent residents is having on community sustainability and vibrancy. In particular village voluntary services are at future risk.

The attached chart shows the percent of second homes in Coniston Parish Since 1955. data has been collected from:

- 1955, 1965 – District Council records
- 1965, 1975 – Cllr Bill Rawdon Smith
- 1985 – calculations by the local GP
- 1995 – 2010 – calculations made by Coniston Housing Trust

Policy CNP 3 - Housing

3.A Housing development schemes will be supported that:

- meet local need and local affordable housing need and that satisfy Policy CNP1 of this plan.
- allow self-build homes to be developed where these are for permanent occupancy on appropriate sites and which conform to Affordable Housing For Sale criteria (see Annex 8) and satisfy Policy CNP1 of this plan.

How to Implement – Action plan

Through the determination of planning applications.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston and Torver CLT will strive to ensure that:

- sufficient affordable homes are available to satisfy the results of current housing-needs surveys. Priority will be given through Section 106 agreements, or equivalent, to residents of Coniston parish who are in need of an affordable home when such homes are allocated or re-allocated,
- sufficient Local Needs Homes are available to satisfy the results of the most recent Coniston and Torver Local Needs Homes survey (for details please see Companion Document '*Evidence to back up the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan*').

Coniston & Torver CLT will be consulted by all developers during the initial stages of new housing developments, new builds and conversion.

Complementary Supporting Actions

Coniston Parish Council and the Coniston & Torver CLT will strive to have the restriction rescinded concerning the current 'local connection' definition for occupancy of Local Need homes. Currently occupancy is restricted to those who originate from the South Distinctive area of the Lake District National Park as defined by the LDNPA's Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston & Torver CLT wishes the local connection area to be extended in the future to include parishes in surrounding areas as well as the whole of Low Furness. Historically Coniston has close employment and cultural links with Low Furness and we wish to be able to encourage those who move to the expanding industries of this area, for example GKN plc and the Barrow Shipyard site of BAE Systems, to be able to purchase homes in Coniston built to the Local Homes criteria.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston & Torver CLT is keen to continue the work previously carried out in partnership with the Lake District National Park Authority to develop, as a Joint Project, a list of sites which may be suitable for housing and which, in total, will meet the existing housing need, as assessed through the Housing Needs Surveys. They will also consider housing needs under Local Needs Homes and Affordable Housing for Sale criteria.

Coniston & Torver CLT will continue to monitor and record the reduction in numbers of permanent village residents and will publish the results periodically. They will also recommend effective corrective action to take to halt such a decline.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will encourage new developments to be of a style in keeping with the village and use local materials and where possible, local tradesmen.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will lobby South Lakeland District Council to increase Council Tax on second homes. Coniston Parish Council will also

lobby central Government, through our Member of Parliament, to amend the planning regulations so that the conversion of dwellings to holiday lets requires planning permission for change of use.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will work to encourage the return of existing second homes to housing that meets local need.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will maintain a list of empty homes and will actively endeavour to return homes to the local affordable housing stock by either assisting the home owner to obtain funding to carry out improvements or by acquiring the lease/ownership of the home to carry out the work.

The Coniston and Torver CLT will continue to assist planning inspectors during planning appeals and actively monitor and comment on the results of appeals.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will continue to oppose the development of all housing which is out of proportion and context to the surroundings and is not sympathetic to the immediate setting and neighbouring buildings.

4, Buildings, Structures and Sites of Historic Importance

Aspiration

- 4.1 The unique character of the area will continue to be retained and enhanced by conserving locally important sites of historic value.

Background Information

Coniston currently has 51 listed Grade 2 sites within the parish and 9 Scheduled Ancient Monuments. (see data in the Companion Document '*Evidence to back up the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan*').

However, there are significant numbers of sites in the parish which are considered to be important to the community but are not covered by any form of English Heritage listings.

In August 2008 an historic building and site survey of Coniston sites was carried out jointly by the Coniston Local History Group and Coniston Parish Council. This resulted in a list of locally important heritage assets being drawn up which has been used since then to guide planning decisions. The list has been included in Annex 7.

The advantage of a community-developed list is:

- It is under the control of the community
- It will always be up to date
- It will be accurate
- It does not involve lengthy and costly listing or scheduling

The List includes places of worship and former educational buildings such the village schools.

Please refer to:

LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS27 – The Acclaimed Historic Environment

Policy CNP 4 – Buildings Structure & Sites of Historic Importance

- 4.A The determination of planning applications will take account of the need to conserve and enhance the character, structure, integrity and settings of scheduled ancient monuments and Grade 2 listed sites within the parish as well as locally important heritage assets as shown on the list in Annex 7.
- 4.B In the event that a place of worship or the St Andrew's Youth Centre is no longer used for the existing purpose re-use proposals will be supported provided these are in accordance with the policies in this Plan.

How to Implement

Through the determination of planning applications.

Complementary Supporting Action

The list of locally important heritage assets will be reviewed periodically in conjunction with the Coniston Local History Group.

5. Village Services

Aspiration

- 5.1 The Community wishes to ensure that local village services are retained and enhanced. This applies to services in both private and public services.
- 5.2 The Neighbourhood Plan will also seek to ensure that there will continue to be a range of small independent shops and services.

Background Information

Valued services identified in Coniston Parish Plan 2011/12:-

- GP surgery with dispensing service
- District Nurses
- First Responders
- Coniston Carers
- Coniston Sports & Social Centre and Football field
- Coniston CE Primary School (2014 – number on roll 48, school capacity 70)
- John Ruskin Secondary School (2014 – number on roll 154, school capacity 240)
- Coniston Childcare
- Outdoor swimming pool at John Ruskin Secondary School
- Playground
- Sports grounds – bowling, cricket & tennis
- Coniston Institute
- Fire Station & retained Fire & Rescue crew
- Coniston Mountain Rescue Team
- Crake Valley Motors
- Library
- Public toilets
- David Watts Hardware store
- Butchers and Coniston Co-operative Society
- Undertaker
- Youth Clubs
- Churches
- Recycling facilities
- Number of clubs and organisations in the village
- Tourist Information Centre
- Milkman retailer / Coniston Dairy
- Florist
- Hairdresser

Current facilities the community feel are required or could be usefully developed further are a bakery, a chiropodist and retail chemist facilities (non prescription).

Please refer to:

- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS19 – Community, health & education facilities
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS20 – Vibrant settlement centres
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS21 – Open space and recreation

Policy CNP 5 – Village Services

5.A The Neighbourhood Plan will support appropriate development proposals that will enable the retention of key local services.

5.B The Neighbourhood Plan will:

- o **encourage and support development proposals for vital services that may be at risk of closure or decline and also support new development ventures that will provide additional services and facilities,**
- o **oppose development proposals that would result in the loss of a key local service unless it can be demonstrated that there is no longer a community need for the facility or that community use of the property is no longer suitable or viable.**

How to Implement

Through the determination of planning applications.

Complementary Supporting Actions

The services given in the Background Information will be monitored carefully for issues or trends that may affect their business so that any necessary action can be taken in a timely manner which may prevent loss of specific services.

Coniston Parish Council will facilitate an annual meeting of public and private stakeholders of relevance to the area to provide positive feedback and ensure service providers are aware of the relative isolation of Coniston and the problems that could occur if facilities were closed or removed.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will have regular contact with both schools in the village and be aware of any potential required changes.

The community considers it essential to retain a primary and secondary school in the Neighbourhood Area. Coniston Parish Council will strive to help maintain these facilities by making sure affordable housing needs are completely met, thereby ensuring young local families can remain in the parish and also by encouraging second home owners to allow their properties to be leased to those wishing to remain in the community.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will develop a Community Asset Register for South Lakeland District Council to ensure the community is told when any properties on this register come up for sale thereby enabling the community to acquire the property if appropriate.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will develop a Parish Register for vulnerable properties and land not eligible for inclusion in the Community Asset Register to enable the community to protect them and have some control over future use (see also Policy 4).

6. Tourism

Aspiration

- 6.1 The community wants visitors to Coniston to continue to recognise that it is a friendly, living and working community that takes pride in itself, the quality tourism experience it offers and the special qualities of the Parish.
- 6.2 The community wishes to ensure that tourism developments within the community are of an appropriate scale and meet the aims and wishes of the community as a whole.
- 6.3 The present accolade that Coniston is one of the leading centres for mountain walking in the North of England should be built on and promoted.
- 6.4 The Community is aware of the recent decline in tourism within the Lake District National Park. It wishes to recognise the causes for this decline and identify if any actions of a scale appropriate to the wishes of the Community, as identified in Policy 1 of this Plan, should be supported in the Parish.

Background Information

Coniston was one of the very first villages in the Lake District to welcome visitors (1710). During the early years of the 19th century tourism, as an industry, developed despite lack of suitable means of transport, as intrepid travellers reached the locality on foot and wrote about the village and its scenic attractions. Today, Coniston's special attraction as a visitor destination is that it still appears as a hard-working, friendly, 'real' local village and maintains a healthy distance from the pressures of mass-tourism and tacky tourist attractions. Those who provide facilities for visitors should aim to maintain this quality of service and Coniston's unique appeal to avoid discerning visitors from going elsewhere.

Currently (2014) the number of bed-spaces available for visitor accommodation are:

Hotels	57
Guest Houses / B&B	104
Youth hostels	86
Self catering accommodation	150

The following visitor attractions can be enjoyed in Coniston:-

- The landscape and natural history
- Coniston Water
- Coniston Boating Centre
- Steam Yacht Gondola
- Coniston Launch
- Ruskin Museum
- Brantwood House and Museum
- Coniston's rich industrial history
- Tarn Hows
- Rights of way and footpaths including Cumbria Way.
- Mountaineering venues, for example Dow Crag, Grey Crag.
- Iconic fell walking routes such as the ascent of Coniston Old Man.

Coniston has a Tourist Information Centre which has been run solely by local volunteers since 2008.

Many successful events are held within Coniston:-

- Records Week
- Coniston 14 Road Race – community organised event
- Malcolm Wilson Rally
- Coppermines / Grizedale Stages Rally
- Fred Whitton Four Seasons Ride
- Montane Lakeland 50 and Lakeland 100 Challenges
- Coniston to Barrow walk (as part of Keswick to Barrow walk)
- Guide Dogs Annual Charity Challenge
- Long distance swims
- Lakeland Trails Marathon & Coniston Challenge races

Important Visitor Accommodation available in the Parish

- Two Youth Hostels – Coppermines and Holly How
- Outdoor Education Centres – Low Bank Ground and Thurston
- Camping / caravan sites – Beckthwaite, Coniston Hall, Park Coppice, Pier Cottage
- Holiday Fellowship – Monk Coniston
- Hotels, guest houses and bed & breakfasts
- Self catering accommodation.

Visitor numbers for Coniston

- 250,000 – 300,000 (Jura Consultants producing the Ruskin Museum Business Plan for Bluebird Project in 2003)
- 30,000 Coniston Launch in 2010
- 27,934 Brantwood in 2010.

Visitor numbers for the Lake District National Park

- 15.8 million visitors a year (Source: STEAM 2009: Cumbria Tourism)
- 23.1 million tourist days (Source: STEAM 2009: Cumbria Tourism)
- Visitors to the Lake District coming by private motor vehicle: 89 per cent

Community concerns relating to tourism voiced during the Community Consultation exercise are that improved staff training is felt to be necessary within the tourist sector and the fact that some businesses would benefit significantly by up-grading their hospitality.

Please refer to:

- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS21 – Open space & recreation
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS24 – Delivering sustainable tourism
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS25 – Protecting the spectacular landscape
- LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS28 – Lakeshore development

Policy CNP6 - Tourism

- 6.A** The Neighbourhood Plan supports the development of new tourist attractions that have no significant adverse impact on the local community and are of an appropriate scale and in accordance with the policies of this plan.
- 6.B** The Neighbourhood Plan also supports development proposals that constitute an appropriate extension and / or improvement of existing tourist attractions and services, in particular:-
- **Steam Yacht Gondola**
 - **Coniston Launch**
 - **Ruskin Museum**
 - **Brantwood**
 - **Coniston Boating Centre**
 - **Industrial archaeological sites including The Coniston Coppermines, Penny Rigg Copper Mill and Coniston Old Man 18th Century slate workings, provided the proposals are in accordance with the policies of this plan.**

How to Implement – Action Plan

Through the determination of planning applications.

Coniston Parish Council will review development proposals from tourist providers including the Coniston Business Forum and will work and give advice to all tourist providers on the suitability of the proposals to the Community.

Complementary Supporting Actions

Coniston Parish Council will monitor the effect on Coniston of the recent decline in tourism in the Lake District National Park and help, discuss and advise both those serving the tourist industry and also the wider community on what development proposals would be acceptable to counteract this decline, in accordance with the policies of this Plan.

Coniston Parish Council will continue to encourage visitors to make use of, and enjoy the outdoor opportunities provided by the mountains, forests, fell-sides and the Lake that are within the Parish.

Coniston Parish Council will also support and encourage tourist signposting of the above attractions from both the A590 and A591 routes.

Coniston Parish Council will encourage and assist tourism providers to build on the present accolade that Coniston is one of the leading centres for mountain walking in the North of England.

Coniston Parish Council is keen to support organised events that make use of the Parish's natural mountain, fell and water features where they are in accordance with the policies of this Plan and do not interfere with the life of the community or create overcrowding or excessive noise. In particular Coniston Parish Council will also continue to encourage and support recreational events that:

- provide a direct economic benefit to the Parish community,
- use the Cumbria County Council Notification of Events Form
- follow guidance given in Nurture Lakeland Guide to Sustainable Organised Recreational Events
- publicise their events to the community in advance
- Have minimal negative effect on the local community.

7. Transport / Traffic Management / Parking

Aspiration

- 7.1 Coniston Parish Council wishes to ensure that the number of vehicles on the local road network will be sustainable, allowing local people to go about their daily business unhindered. Visitors will be encouraged to choose to explore the Coniston area by bus, boat, bike and foot as an alternative to car and will encourage the continued development of off-road facilities. However major promotions of cycling should be discouraged until suitable alternative are available.
- 7.2 Coniston Parish Council wishes to ensure the retention of existing off-road and on-road parking facilities and support additional off-road parking which is of a modest size and is proven to be required.

Background Information

Figures from Cumbria County Council:-

A593 Broughton to Torver southbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 572 vehicles
 A593 Broughton to Torver northbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 588 vehicles

A5084 Lowick Bridge southbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 853 vehicles
 A5084 Lowick Bridge northbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 932 vehicles

A593 Clappersgate southbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 3290 vehicles
 A593 Clappersgate northbound – average daily traffic in 2012 = 3304 vehicles

Congestion issues occur during the following dates and times.

Route	Date period	Times
A593, Ambleside to Coniston	Bank holiday weekends plus	9:30 am to 5:00pm.
A593, Coniston to Broughton	weekends March to October.	
A5084, Torver to Lowick Green	Weekdays, holiday periods plus	
B5285, Hawkshead to Coniston	June to September.	

The Community values the bus connections from Ulverston and Windermere (X12 and 505).

Currently there is limited coach parking with only 2 coach parking spaces available on Lake Road by Coniston Water and 3 coach parking spaces at Ruskin Avenue. Frequency of coach visits during the main tourist season (May to September) is:

Month	Average weekly visits
May	Average 6.5 a week, (1 per day)
June	Average 7.8 a week, (< 2 per day)
July	Average 9.7 a week, (1 to 2 a day)
August	Average 9.2 a week, (1 to 2 per day)
September	Average 5.5 a week, (up to 1 per day)
Other times	Average 2.3 a week, (up to 1 every 2 days)

The on-street time restricted parking on Yewdale Road, where the majority of the shops are located, is valued by the community. The free car parking is available on Coppermines Road, Station Road, Old Furness Road, the Walna Scar Fell Gate, Hawkshead Old Road, Shepherds Bridge Lane, and other areas throughout the village is valued by the community and benefits visitors to the area.

Comparative details of visitor parking per week in the central village car park during the main tourist season is shown in the Companion Document '*Evidence to back up the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan*'.

Please refer to LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS14 – Sustainable transport solutions.

The community considers that many sections of the main roads serving Coniston are narrow with blind corners and present a hazard to both cyclists and pedestrians. Further use of main roads by cyclists should be discouraged until suitable alternatives are available.

The community has expressed concern about the fact that the permitted dimensions of tour buses that are allowed to use the main roads that serve the village has increased in recent years (by approximately 11%).

Policy CNP 7 – Transport / Traffic Management / Parking

- 7.A** The Neighbourhood Plan supports development of the infrastructure that enables road users to remain safer, for example, through the provision of off-road cycleways to remove bicycles from main roads, and also footpaths to remove pedestrians from main roads.
- 7.B** The Neighbourhood Plan also supports:
- o development that improves the management of traffic in the parish,
 - o development that ensure that existing parking areas in the village are maintained for use by both local people and visitors.
 - o development of additional parking facilities of limited size where there is a proven need for such facilities.

How to Implement – Action Plan

Through the determination of planning applications.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will review with Cumbria County Council Highways the transport issues, including establishing off-road cycle routes to key locations within the parish and to improving 2-way traffic on Lake Road.

Coniston Parish Council will work with Lake District National Park Authority, National Trust and land owners to improve signage for footpaths and bridleways.

Coniston Parish Council will pursue a bridleway from Coniston to Broughton, Coniston-Hawkshead and around Coniston Water by liaising with landowners and horse riders.

Complementary Supporting Actions

Coniston Parish Council will encourage authorities to improve the local road network to increase ease of access to and from Coniston for all road users.

Coniston Parish Council will work with bus transport authorities to examine the feasibility of:

- establishing new routes such as linking Coniston directly to the West Coast Main Line rail services at Oxenholme via Ambleside and Hawkshead,
- and improving the connections between new electric train services running from Manchester Airport into Windermere station once electrification to Windermere has been completed.

Coniston Parish Council will work with local organisations and authorities on car park pricing with the aim of establish appropriate realistic pricing for car parks to support the community, local businesses and help encourage visitors to the area.

Coniston Parish Council will work with Cumbria County Council Highways Department to accommodate the parking of additional coaches at agreed locations on the edge of the village.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with the Coniston & Torver CLT will work with Cumbria County Council Highways, the Planning Authority and landowners to survey the car-parking needs for residents and visitors to the village and establish any required off-road parking to meet the results of the survey.

Coniston Parish Council will work with Cumbria County Council Highways to identify possible solutions to the problems that are likely to be caused by the permitted increase in the size of tour buses using the narrow main roads into the village.

8 Environmental Sustainability

Aspiration

- 8.1 The Community of Coniston wishes that the local environment, including the landscape, special habitats, flora and fauna will be protected and we will have effective measures in place to attempt to guard against the adverse effects of climate change. The non-renewable resources will be used wisely and all the buildings will be as energy efficient as possible.
- 8.2 The community will be fully protected from future flooding incidents by joint action between the Coniston Flood Forum group, Coniston Parish Council, local authorities and the Environment Agency to ensure timely preventative-action work is completed.
- 8.3 Yewdale Wood, Tilberthwaite Valley, the Coppermines valley, Monk Coniston and Common Lands to the south of the village are used by many local people and visitors for walking and cycling. These areas are important in their current state and the community would like them to be retained as such.
- 8.4 Coniston Parish Council is keen to promote renewable energy schemes within the Parish which are realistic in benefit and where there is minimal visual effect on the environment.

Background Information

Coniston as a community is generally supportive of the LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS15 which requires that all new development incorporates the highest practical energy efficiency standards. Where possible, Coniston residents would also like to see existing buildings obtain higher still energy efficiency standards.

Renewable Energy

Potential sites for additional renewable energy hydroelectric schemes include:

- Former Far End Saw Mill site, fed from Yewdale Beck
- Scrow Beck (above the existing Coppermines Beck scheme)
- Meally Gill, above Holywath footbridge

Flooding

The flooding events in 2005 and more seriously in 2009 suggest that increased storm rainfall events are to be anticipated. Part of Coniston is a designated flood risk area by the Environment Agency with serious potential threat to life and property.

Additionally, there are records of historic flooding in Coniston dating back to 1850. Flood modelling carried out by the Environment Agency confirms which areas in the village are at greatest risk of flooding. Twelve residential properties out of approximately 500 in the village were flooded in 2009 which is to date the worst flooding experienced in Coniston since 1950.

The sites in the Parish designated as being prone to flooding are shown on the Environment Agency flood map (April 2014 edition) (see Companion Document 'Evidence to back up the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan').

There is a Low and Medium Risk of flooding within the village and a High Risk of flooding adjacent to the lake shore.

Definitions and references:

Quieter areas = restful, tranquil areas, free of loud noise, and also natural areas with no developments.

Green corridor = land close to urban environment with habitat to support wildlife, biodiversity and promotes environmentally sustainable forms of transport

Please also refer to:

LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS16 – Generating renewable and low carbon energy

Policy CNP 8 – Environmental Sustainability

8.A When determining planning applications affecting the following environmental attributes of Coniston Parish, due account will be given to protecting, enabling and enhancing:

- the Coniston & Crake Catchment area to ensure the long-term protection of water quality within the area.
- Yewdale Wood to protect it as a green corridor
- renewable energy schemes including hydro schemes
- the quieter areas at the head of Coniston Lake in the Monk Coniston area
- the Yewdale and Tilberthwaite Valleys
- Coppermines Valley
- the Common Lands to the south of the Village

8.B Development proposals and engineering works which reduce the risk of flooding will be supported.

How to Implement – Action Plan

Through the determination of planning applications.

Coniston is supportive of renewable energy and the objectives of LDNPA Core Strategy Policy CS16. In particular, the parish is keen to attract renewable energy schemes that demonstrate evidence of community consultation at early stages in the development – especially when this leads to a tangible benefit to the community. This could, for example, be in the form of allowing community investment in the scheme or developer investment in other low carbon initiatives in Coniston. The Parish will identify potential schemes and invite interest from private funders.

The parish is keen to see its renewable energy opportunities optimally utilised. The parish is particularly keen to develop local hydroelectricity potential, and would like to see greater use of renewable heating – especially in off-gas buildings, to achieve the greatest reductions in fuel bills and carbon emissions. Therefore, as above, the parish will identify potential schemes and invite interest from private funders.

Complementary Supporting Actions

Coniston Parish Council will support and promote any work that is undertaken to protect and enhance the natural environment and the landscape of the parish.

Studies by Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership are ongoing with respect to the effect of current environmental issues on the long term water quality in Coniston Water and associated watercourses.

Coniston Parish Council in conjunction with Coniston Flood Forum will liaise with the Environment Agency to request and support any hard engineering solutions to flooding threat and associated planning requirements and to ensure these plans are implemented in a timely manner. They will liaise with Cumbria County Council to ensure that all drains and gullies are kept well maintained to an agreed schedule to guard against surface water flooding. They will also ensure that full accurate assessments of flooding consequences are carried out with all proposed new developments in the parish.

Coniston Parish Council will work with South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council to educate the parish on reducing wastage (for example water & energy saving) and to encourage the development of environmentally friendly schemes (for example walking buses).

Monitoring and Plan Review

Coniston Parish Council, supported by the Lake District National Park Authority will monitor and review progress annually of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The attached Performance Monitoring Framework (Annex 2) shows how the implementation of each policy in the Neighbourhood Plan will be undertaken and what efforts will be made to address under-performance.

An overarching review of the issues and concerns within the community will take place every 5 years. If this and/or the annual monitoring work shows that the Neighbourhood Plan is no longer fit for purpose then work will start on altering part or producing a new Plan.

Otherwise it is envisaged that the Plan will be replaced by a new one in 2025.

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**West, North and East Cumbria
Success Regime**

**Public Progress Report
February 2016**



Foreword

The West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime has been established to help create the right conditions for high quality health and social care to develop in this area. Its aim is to secure improvement by introducing new care models where appropriate, developing leadership capacity and capability across the health system and ensuring collaborative working.

When I was appointed to chair the Success Regime programme board I said, "The passion from local people and local staff to improve health and care services is evident. The key will be in developing services which are both safe and affordable in the long-term, and which meet the healthcare needs of local people."

I stand by that statement.

I am acutely aware there is a strong feeling in West, North and East Cumbria that over the past few years there has been a lot of talk but not enough action when it comes to improving local health services. Our focus is now upon action.

I am also aware that the local community's trust in the NHS has been eroded over time. It is against this backdrop that today I am publishing a progress report on the evolving ideas that are emerging from the Success Regime work streams.

Our aim is to be completely transparent about our current thinking. It is important, however, that I make clear the ideas contained in this progress report are simply emerging options. No decisions have been taken. We are now in a period of reflection and engagement with patients, public and staff. This is the opportunity for everybody to shape these options.

Over the next few months some of these options may fall. Others may emerge. But this is our emerging thinking as at the end of February 2016.

I propose to publish further progress reports in the future and only when the engagement process is complete will we crystallise some final options which will then go out to public consultation.

There are no simple answers to the challenges we are facing in health and social care. If there were we would have found them by now but please be assured that no effort will be spared in looking for the right answers.

I would urge you to consider the emerging ideas contained in this progress report and to feed back to us any thoughts or ideas you may have. A number of engagement activities will be advertised on our website (www.successregimecumbria.nhs.uk) and you can feed back your observations online.

Here are the engagement questions. We need to know...

- What do you think of the emerging options outlined in this progress report?
- How can we shape and improve them?
- What other options do you think we should be considering?

These are our emerging ideas. I look forward to hearing yours.

Sir Neil McKay

Chair of the West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime Programme Board

Health and care system challenges

Historically there have been significant quality challenges across the local health and care system and these persist today. In September 2015 the Care Quality Commission rated urgent and emergency services at North Cumbria Acute Hospitals Trust (NCUHT) as 'requires improvement', with general medical services at West Cumberland Hospital rated 'inadequate'. As a consequence the Chief Inspector of Hospitals required the local health system to produce a clinical strategy by March 2016 and to begin the move towards a new organisational form by September 2016. NCUHT has been in special measures since 2013 and the health system regularly fails to achieve the key waiting time requirements in A&E, cancer and diagnostics etc. and recently the number of delayed transfers of care has increased significantly.

The current position reflects many years of steady decline as result of:

- A workforce recruitment and retention problem that presents a major barrier to improved quality, performance and sustainability.
- A financial challenge arising from both structural issues (multiple sites, PFI etc.) and system inefficiencies that means this year the NHS in West, North and East Cumbria is likely to be overspent by at least £70 million. This figure is likely to double within five years – and could well more than double – if we do nothing.
- An ageing population, high prevalence of disease, high demand for services, significant health inequalities and variable health outcomes.
- There being no single, strategic plan for the provision of local health and care.

In addition to the above the West, North and East Cumbria (WNE Cumbria) health community continues to struggle with the ongoing challenge of providing decent services to rural, remote and isolated communities.

Despite these deep rooted issues the local health community has, to its credit, some positive and notable achievements including the fact that 94% of primary care services are rated 'good' or better, hospital mortality rates have reduced significantly and patient satisfaction across the health and care sectors is, at least, on a par with national averages.

Overall the Success Regime is gratified by the positive approach towards "change at pace" that has been adopted locally by many managers and clinicians and it is optimistic about the chances of transforming this health community.

Success Regime – ambitions

It is unacceptable that WNE Cumbria consistently fails to achieve key NHS standards. We must achieve these standards and then go further.

Our emerging vision is to develop within WNE Cumbria an international centre of excellence for integrated health and care provision in rural, remote and dispersed communities. Our ambition is to see the WNE Cumbria health community become an international beacon for integrated health and care provision for remote populations.

It is an exciting vision and we hope to underpin it by developing ground-breaking academic partnerships focused on rural healthcare and innovative workforce initiatives that promote Cumbria as a great place to live and work. This emerging vision of future services will be crystallised in a draft clinical strategy which we anticipate will go to public consultation in late May or early June 2016.

While our priority is clinical safety we must, of course, address the questions of sustainability and affordability and this will inevitably involve some tough decisions.

Central to the approach that WNE Cumbria must adopt if it is to successfully transform services for local people is the development of radical new care models coupled with a clear recognition that the geography of this area includes some relatively densely populated towns and cities along with many small, remote and dispersed communities.

Emerging Views

As we begin to consider new care models we have defined a number of fixed points or “givens” which we believe are essential prerequisites if the Cumbria health and care system is to be the best it can possibly be. These include:

- A commitment to the concept of ‘single specialist clinical teams’ across the NCUHT, for example a single team covering children’s services in both West Cumberland Hospital (WCH) and Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle (CIC).
- A commitment to a secure future for West Cumberland Hospital (WCH).
- A commitment to ensuring that any proposals that are eventually put out to public consultation are safe, affordable and deliverable.

A secure future for West Cumberland Hospital

We want to explore every possible means of delivering our commitment to establish a secure future for WCH. A clear and compelling vision for a future model of care in WNE Cumbria is now emerging. Fundamental to this vision is that both WCH and CIC remain as strategically important and vibrant hospitals for the population of WNE Cumbria.

The large population centres on the West Cumbrian coast need high quality hospital services at WCH but it is increasingly clear that staff recruitment and retention challenges make it very difficult to ensure that a full range of services can be sustained.

Local NHS organisations have already stated their wish to continue to provide Accident and Emergency services at WCH and our emerging thinking is that there are opportunities for more elective services to be provided at WCH to make best use of the new facilities there and to enable CIC to concentrate on dealing with more acutely ill patients.

Crucially WCH could be the focus of our new vision for an international centre of expertise for the delivery of integrated health and care provision for people living in rural, remote and dispersed communities. We have established a joint venture with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) to create a Centre of Excellence for Rural and Remote Health Services to be based in Whitehaven. This will offer exciting opportunities for clinicians of all disciplines, grades and levels of experience – particularly in research and teaching. Moreover, innovative workforce packages will provide clinicians who commit to North Cumbria with the time and resources to consolidate and share their unique learning and insights gained through turning around this particularly challenged health care system.

We anticipate that this newly stabilised hospital workforce at WCH will be linked to the developing community integrated teams and will work closely with GPs with a specialism in rural and remote medicine.

Integrated Care Communities and Community Hospitals

Much of our emerging thinking involves the development of Integrated Care Communities (ICCs) designed to strengthen out of hospital care. ICCs will bring together general practice, social care, community services and community assets including community hospitals to provide coordinated care **and** better approaches to improving population health.

Based on natural communities (of between 20,000 and 70,000 people), these ICCs will form an extended primary health and care team wrapped around clusters of GP practices.

We anticipate the impact of ICCs will be to:

- Deliver more care outside of hospital
- Ensure an increased focus on the prevention of ill health
- Focus more attention on to self-care
- Improve the consistency of care delivery

We anticipate there may be around seven ICCs and we have identified three potential early adopter sites (Workington, Maryport & Cockermouth and Eden) two of which will benefit from being part of the national *Primary Care Home* initiative.

Our community hospitals will be critical to the success of the integrated care communities but we will need to re-imagine how we use them in order to provide safe, sustainable care.

We are reviewing the community hospital model currently in operation in WNE Cumbria. We have nine predominantly small community hospital units and we have three Minor Injuries Units delivered on a historical basis rather than on a need-based pattern.

Our community hospitals typically have a small number of beds and that gives us great challenges in recruitment, meeting safe staffing levels and providing medical cover. In addition some of the buildings are ageing and no longer fit for purpose.

We held two workshops on urgent care at the end of 2015 which included discussion about the future role of community hospitals and how we develop high quality sustainable care in community settings. They involved a wide range of health and social care partners.

- One emerging option is to focus the inpatient beds on a smaller number of sites in three geographical areas. Under this option Carlisle, Eden, and West Cumbria would each have one or two locations of centralised in-patient beds. For example, this might involve:
 - The creation of a new 32 bed unit at the Carleton Clinic in Carlisle
 - The expansion of the Penrith community hospital in Eden
 - The expansion of the Workington and Cockermouth community hospitals in West Cumbria
 - Other sites at Alston, Wigton, Brampton, Maryport, and Keswick could deliver a larger range of health services along with social care and third sector services but no inpatient beds.
- An alternative option would see all of our community hospitals developed as community hubs without in-patient facilities. This option is the most radical but it would require significant investment in the development and maximisation of community and social care services to support patients at home rather than relying on in-patient beds.

Urgent care, emergency care and acute medicine

The current fragility of acute medicine at WCH is the result of a heavy reliance on locum medical staff due to high levels of vacancies at consultant and middle grade doctor levels. There is a particular concern about senior clinical decision-making at night. We aim to improve this position in the short-term through the development of a clinical task force (see workforce and leadership section later in this document) and in the medium term through improved recruitment on the back of the new clinical strategy and increased confidence in a positive future.

Steps have already been taken to reduce clinical risk at WCH by transferring a number of high risk services (e.g. heart attacks, emergency surgery, GI bleeds and upper GI services) to CIC. We propose to further reduce risk by developing a wider clinical strategy that reduces the volume of patients presenting acutely at night and weekends alongside the implementation of a 'deteriorating patient' pathway. We also propose to develop a hyper-acute stroke unit at CIC, alongside enhanced stroke rehabilitation services. Depending on the impact of these initiatives we may also need to consider temporary partial selection through postcode shifts to ensure that the volume of activity at WCH can be safely managed.

We expect the overall impact of these changes over time will be to reduce the number of hospital admissions and length of stay in both acute and community hospitals. We anticipate that this – along with the fact that more services will be provided within the community – will enable us to reduce the overall number of inpatient beds in the local health system (in both acute and community hospitals) once the enhanced community services are fully operational.

Women and children's services

A number of maternity options are being considered as we seek to find a model of care that is clinically sustainable, given the small number of births in each location. The annual numbers of births are as follows (2014/15 data):

- Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle (CIC) – 1703
- West Cumberland Hospital (WCH) – 1264
- Penrith Birthing Centre – 69

The obvious challenges associated with running small units such as these include staff recruitment, staff retention and difficulties with providing appropriate professional training. In addition the continuation of consultant led maternity services at both sites is dependent upon a range of other clinical services being in place.

The options under consideration have been put forward by external experts including representatives of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Maternity Network. The Maternity Services Liaison Committees have been closely involved in seeking the opinions of patients and the public about how these services should develop.

The four main options under consideration are as follows:

- Keeping services as they are now and stepping up attempts to recruit staff to fill medical vacancies at the so-called middle grade. The question to be addressed with this option is whether recruitment at this level will improve given it has been a serious problem for some time now.
- The implementation of a "Consultant led, Consultant resident-on-call" system at both WCH and CIC. This option would require additional consultants and would need to be able to demonstrate that recruitment would not be a problem. This would only be a realistic option if there were sufficient women having babies to enable the Consultant staff to maintain their clinical skills and if it were affordable and deliverable.

- The identification of anticipated higher risk births with arrangements made for these to take place in a Consultant-led service at Carlisle where the comprehensive array of clinical support is more robust than it is at WCH.
- The provision of a Midwife-led unit at WCH with all other births booked for delivery in Carlisle. This option would need to show how the question of access and transport could be addressed.

In addition, there are also some variations on the above.

Ultimately the preferred option will need to be able to demonstrate it is capable of offering a safe service for mothers and babies and it will need to be a clinically and financially sustainable option for some years to come.

Work is also proceeding on a whole system plan which redefines children's health services within an integrated model of care involving the provision of services closer to home. This model would have the important involvement of the Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Emerging options for children's health services include:

- The creation of a single, integrated children's health team covering the whole of West, North and East Cumbria to enable much more care to be provided for children at home rather than in hospital. This team would be developed in partnership with Cumbria County Councils children's services.
- The development of a 14 hours-a-day Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit at West Cumberland Hospital with a maximum inpatient stay of 24 hours.
- The development of a 14 hours-a-day Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit at West Cumberland Hospital with no overnight paediatric inpatient beds.

To some extent final proposals for children's services at WCH will be influenced by the outcome of discussion on maternity services.

It should also be noted that we are working with the Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust (NUTHFT) to explore the development of a branch of the "Great North Children's Hospital" in WNE Cumbria.

Elective services

Our emerging thinking is that we could do much more elective surgery at WCH. This will involve a continuation of the shift of elective activity already undertaken towards WCH in breast, upper GI and thyroid surgery.

Furthermore, our assessment of current provision at NCUHT indicates room for improvement in day case rates and theatre utilisation. Patients often still have long waiting times and there are an excessive number of short notice cancellations. There is a small number of specialist diagnostics and treatments – especially within gastroenterology – where patients may have to wait lengthy periods for investigation and treatment. In addition there are care pathways that can be disjointed and inefficient.

We are also looking at radically new ways of designing outpatient pathways including electronic referrals, advice and tele-consultations as well as decentralising outpatient clinics from the Cumberland Infirmary site.

Specialised services

Diseases such as cancer (particularly lung cancer) and circulatory disease are the main causes of premature mortality in Cumbria. Most of WNE Cumbria is at least an hour away from a specialised centre. Access is worst in the west of the region. As a result the take up of specialised services is significantly lower than the national average and many of the services – including assessment, investigation and treatment – are entirely provided outside of the county.

In order to move forward productively, it is also critical that WNE Cumbria explores how it can take greater advantage of existing links and how it can develop new ones. This will have demonstrable benefits for patients and for existing and new clinical staff.

Following discussions with Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, as the main tertiary services provider, agreement has been reached to pursue three services in the first instance; namely cancer services, children services and trauma services. This will give all parties the opportunity to develop tighter clinical links and deepen the degree of trust which is always an important aspect of collaborations of this nature

Mental Health

Integral to the delivery of the best possible mental health services will be the full integration of physical and mental health care delivered by community teams.

Key focus areas for the mental health work stream are to develop a multi-agency crisis assessment centre on the CIC site which would be an alternative urgent care response to A&E for patients with mental health problems. This would also help reduce the number of repeated, inappropriate hospital attendances at CIC and ensure people get the right care at the right time.

In addition the Police and Crime Commissioner has recently agreed to fund a Mental Health Services triage phone line. This will be a "professional to professional" service accessed by GPs, police and the ambulance service. It will be available 24/7 and service providers, based at CIC, will have access to individual care records.

Consideration is also being given to whether patients would receive a better service if inpatient mental health beds were consolidated on a smaller number of sites.

General Practice

The WNE Cumbria health community invests heavily in supporting GP practices to work smarter and more productively. The CCG is, for example, investing £3.5m in medicines optimisation, referral support and a Local Incentive Scheme (LIS). We are also exploring the possibility of offering bursaries to attract GPs to train in this part of the country.

Despite this investment, performance data continues to show a wide variation which results in poorer outcomes for patients. We are keen to see a focus on population health and to encourage GP practices to work together in Integrated Care Communities. We are also looking at ways of using GP premises more effectively.

Our emerging thinking is that the current investment should be bundled into a local improvement scheme for 2016-18 to focus on interventions where General Practice could make a difference to patient outcomes and demonstrate continuing improvement against the CCG outcome indicator dashboard.

In addition a minor ailments service is being made available across WNE Cumbria to support patients in self-care and to assist in the management of acute conditions in the wider primary care setting. This new service is designed to help relieve capacity pressure within general practice and across the wider health economy.

We are also developing strong links with both Health Education North West and Health Education North East (HENW & HENE), the North East and North West deaneries and with GP trainees undertaking their training in Cumbria.

Workforce and leadership

The emerging thinking on new models of care described above requires an ambitious plan for the development of the new and current health and care workforce for Cumbria. This will be developed against the background of arguably some of the most difficult recruitment and retention challenges in the NHS. More of the same cannot be the only answer. Our emerging thinking on how we might recruit the staff that we need includes the following:

- The development of a new workforce strategy (to be developed by April 2016) with an investment plan for the next 3 years supported by local organisations and Health Education England. This will complement the draft clinical strategy that we propose to develop.
- Exploring an innovative idea for a clinical task force to be piloted in Cumbria called the Post Operational Support Team (POST). This would be a team of healthcare professionals that would work alongside local clinical teams to provide an answer to short term recruitment challenges and help in the design and delivery of new models of care.
- Exploring a single, local approach to the employment of temporary staff to help radically reduce the current over reliance on locum staff.

- An education, training & development plan that aspires to create the first 'Associated University Teaching System' in the country supported by new centres of excellence for support staff and clinical networks. This will be complimented by the development of a new rural/remote clinical school at UCLAN with international prestige.

We also need to consider the need to rebalance the workforce as we move services into the community. This may well require the employment of more staff in community settings and fewer staff in hospitals.

Transport

Ambulance response times are poor and we acknowledge public concern about ambulance services and access times across WNE Cumbria.

We are considering a radical proposal to establish a helicopter based Emergency Medical Retrieval Service (helimedicine). This service, based at WCH, would provide patients in remote and rural areas of the North of England with rapid access to an emergency medicine or intensive care consultant, equipped to provide lifesaving, specialist, and critical care. At the request of local doctors, nurses and ambulance staff, the team would fly from a base at WCH to rural hospitals and practices to assess, resuscitate and/or stabilise patients before they were transferred by air to either an emergency department or to intensive care within a main hospital. As well as consultants, the team would include registrars and critical care practitioners (paramedics and nurses) with additional skills in critical care retrieval.

In addition to the above and in recognition of the benefits of more distributed care models, with home as the default setting wherever possible, we will seek to reinforce current transport capacity and increase "see and treat" capability. We are also considering the possibility of significantly scaling up the use of telemedicine.

Organisational Form

It is obvious that having a strong organisational form is critical in terms of delivering the huge challenges facing acute services in WNE Cumbria. Potential clinical recruits want to see an organisation which demonstrates strong leadership so getting this right is important for that reason alone. The recent appointment of a successful CEO to NCUHT is a major statement of intent.

Clarity is emerging about the future organisational form for NCUHT. There is a consensus that the original plan for a full acquisition of NCUHT by Northumbria Healthcare FT is no longer appropriate because of the risks associated with the acquisition of an organisation with a major financial deficit, poor performance and some services which are not sustainable in their present form. However, discussion on this matter are continuing and no decisions have been made.

The "buddying" relationship between NCUHT and Northumbria has provided benefits for the NCUHT and until the ultimate future organisational form is determined, it is intended to cement the "buddying" arrangement with a formal legal partnership agreement between the two Trusts.

The means of doing this are under consideration, including the use of the freedoms Northumbria has through the establishment of its Vanguard proposal which is intended to lead to the formation of an Accountable Care Organisation.

The advantage of a legal agreement is that it will unequivocally describe the responsibilities of the two Boards and the specific support Northumbria will provide to NCUHT. It is likely to include the commitment from Northumbria to be the provider for some specific clinical services, arrangements for joint clinical appointments, supporting clinical leadership development, the provision of support for strategic and operational leadership and management and access to full shared services.

This is likely to be supplemented by the involvement of the Newcastle Foundation Trust managing some clinical services. These arrangements will be articulated and agreed during the summer for implementation from 1 September 2016.

In the longer term consideration will be given to a new organisational form which is consistent with the new integrated service models which will feature in the clinical strategy due for completion by the beginning of April. Consideration will be given to the type of accountable care arrangements being pursued in South Cumbria and Northumbria and the development of the service chain concept.

Conclusion

The Success Regime is merely the latest 'authority' to try and plan a way forward for this troubled health system. Previous regional, strategic and local health authorities and indeed the current regulatory, supervisory organisations have all tried to agree and implement ways forward for WNE Cumbria.

Previous planners have made relevant commitments to West Cumbria services acknowledging the large population that lives and works remotely from mainstream NHS networks and facilities. Primary Care has long had a strong voice and we have noted the intense passion of local communities when it comes to facilities themselves. Yet somehow the sum total has never been enough to create a path out of the operational and financial cul-de-sac of the system as a whole.

The strength of our emerging thinking is that it builds upon the good work done so far, it creates a future that has a hope of attracting staff and it uses learning from other places (from Scotland and Wales to New Zealand) that have similar challenges. We still have much to do if we are to make the system more affordable while at the same time significantly improving quality for the patients and service users. We have to deliver a way forward that enables change and not just plans for it. We have to retain and inspire the current staff as well as attract new staff. The good news is that all of these things can be done.

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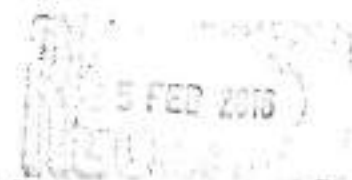


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Dear consultee

Notification of Local Plan Review and Statement of Community Involvement consultation

Local Plan Review

I am contacting you because you previously expressed interest or commented on our planning policy documents. We are beginning to review our Local Plan (this includes our Core Strategy documents) in order to update our planning policies that are used to inform planning decisions. It is anticipated there will be various opportunities for you to give us your views on the review over the next few years.

If you are still interested in being notified about forthcoming consultations we need to make sure your details are up to date. Please email localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk or write to 'Local Plan Review, Spatial Strategy and Partnerships Team, Lake District National Park Authority, Murley Moss, Kendal, LA9 7RL' listing your name, email address, and postal address stating that you wish to be notified about future Local Plan consultations. If you do not respond by **5 April 2016** we will assume you no longer wish to be notified and will not send your further notifications.

Public consultation of the Statement of Community Involvement

I am also inviting you to make representations on our new Statement of Community Involvement. Public consultation is taking place from **23 February until noon on 5 April 2016**. This document explains how you can expect us to consult and involve you in:

- preparing the local development documents (such as the Local Plan which we will begin to review this year); and
- the development management process, including determining planning applications and offering planning advice.

The consultation document is available on our website at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/sci or paper copies can be viewed from a number of locations within the Lake District listed in Table 1 in the Consultation Plan (enclosed).

Once you have reviewed the consultation document I would like to hear your views on these three questions:

Richard Leaf, Chief Executive



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

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National Parks of Europe

1. How we consult and engage on local development documents meets requirements set out in law by the Government. If you believe we should be doing something else at any stage in the process please explain what you think we should be doing, and why it is necessary.
2. Are there any additional consultation options that you believe we should add to the list of 'additional options that we will consider'? Please list and explain why you think it is necessary.
3. How we publicise planning applications and involve people in the planning application process meets requirements set out in law by the Government. If you believe we should be doing something else at any stage in the process, over and above these legal obligations, please explain what you think we should be doing, and why it is necessary.

Email or online responses are preferable as this saves us time and money. You can complete the questionnaire online at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/sci or email your response to localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk and you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt. You can also send your response in writing to 'SCI Consultation, Spatial Strategy and Partnerships Team, Lake District National Park Authority, Murley Moss, Kendal, LA9 7RL'.

If you respond to this consultation we will use these details to keep you notified of further public consultations related to the Local Plan Review.

If you have any question about any aspects of the Local Plan Review or Statement of Community Involvement consultation please do not hesitate to contact one of the Strategy Planners by calling (01539 724555), emailing (localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk), or writing to us using the details above.

Yours faithfully



Juliet Hoggar
Team Leader – Strategy and Planning Policy
Lake District National Park Authority

Richard Leafe, Chief Executive



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Consultation Plan - Statement of Community Involvement

Purpose of consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to seek feedback and agree the methods by which the Lake District National Park Authority will consult and engage with communities on its local development document that are prepared and published over the coming years, including the revised Local Plan. This consultation also seeks feedback about how communities can be involved in the determination of planning related applications.

Consultation period: 23 February 2016 until noon on the 5 April 2016

Consultation Plan

As this document has not yet been adopted we have considered what the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement describes and considered the additional options available to determine the measures we will undertake for the consultation. We will:

- Consult for six weeks;
- Notify appointed members of the National Park Authority;
- Notify Town/Parish Councils/ Parish Meetings;
- Make consultation documents available from our principal office;
- Make consultation documents available at prescribed locations (see table 1);
- Make consultation documents available in alternative formats on request;
- Make consultation documents available on our website www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/sci;
- Publicise consultation on social media;
- Questionnaire (see table 2);
- Notify registered contacts (email or letter) from previous Local Plan consultations to explain the beginning of the Local Plan review and draft Statement of Community Involvement;

Table 1: Locations where paper copies of the Statement of Community Involvement is available to view

Location	Opening times
Bowness Bay Information Centre, Glebe Road, Bowness on Windermere, LA23 3HJ	Currently closed due to flood damage
Keswick Information Centre, Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick, CA12 5JR	Daily 09.30 – 16.30
Ullswater Information Centre, Beckside Car Park, Glenridding, Penrith, CA11 OPD	Currently closed due to flood damage
Ambleside Library,	Mon 10.00 – 17.00

Kelsick Road, Ambleside LA220BZ	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)

Table 2: Questionnaire questions for the consultation

Local Planning	
Question 1	How we consult and engage on local development documents meets requirements set out in law by the Government. If you believe we should be doing something else at any stage in the process please explain what you think we should be doing, and why it is necessary.
Question 2	Are there any additional consultation options that you believe we should add to the list of 'additional options that we will consider'? Please list and explain why you think it is necessary.
Development Management	
Question 3	How we publicise planning applications and involve people in the planning application process meets requirements set out in law by the Government. If you believe we should be doing something else at any stage in the process, over and above these legal obligations, please explain what you think we should be doing, and why it is necessary.



Norman J Thompson, Esq., DL

Thompson Ground, North Lane, Haverigg, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 4LX
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18 February 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

As you are no doubt aware Her Majesty The Queen will celebrate her 90th birthday on the 21st April 2016 and events are being organised to celebrate her birthday. I have been requested by the Lord-Lieutenant to co-ordinate the Beacons for the county.

With this in mind I am asking you to consider organising a beacon in your area or using your contacts with other organisations to encourage them to become involved and arrange beacons.

Other organisations will be involved in the celebrations and I am sure that we as members of the Lieutenancy will support events.

Full details can be found on the web site, www.brunopeek.co.uk or from Bruno Peek, OBE., LVO., OPR, Pageantmaster, Pageantmaster House, 110 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6NB

I feel sure that many of us will participate as we did for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The beacons will be lit between 7-15 and 8-30pm on 21 April. Registration dates for public events must be received by Bruno Peek by 10 April and for private events by 14 April. On page 4 of the Guide to Taking Part are details of portable gas fired beacons, they could be used for future events and once purchased would be able for other such occasions, this could be a good investment for future events. Page 3 of the Guide gives further information. I look forward to receiving your support, if you need any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Norman

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
17 MARCH 2016

CLERK'S REPORT

The office workload continues to be high as year-end approaches and work on flood reinstatement at Fitz Park continues. Arrangements have been put in place to ensure that key work can be completed on time. I would like to thank Councillors for their forbearance at this time.

1. Request to Waive Financial Regulations – Sensory Garden

Steve Harwood of ADK Architects is managing this contract on behalf of the Fitz Park Trust and the Town Council's financial regulations will apply, although the project will be externally funded. A detailed quotation to carry out the work has been provided based on the prepared design, and Steve Harwood has been pressing for alternative quotations on specific areas of the work from local tradesmen with a view to obtaining 3 tenders for the work. This was instigated at the end of September 2015, however, none of the local tradesmen have submitted a quotation and as efforts have been made to obtain alternative quotations, the Trust has requested that approval be given for Financial Regulations (which require 3 tenders for work of this value) to be waived, and that the project proceed on the basis of the one quotation received. This is acceptable to Friends of Keswick Parks though further efforts will be made to obtain quotations for specific areas of work. Steve Harwood also supports this course of action on specialist work of this nature.

2. Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership Update

The Keswick Flood and Emergency Recovery Group was set up following the 2009 floods with representation from a number of local authorities and voluntary groups. The aim of the Group is to increase local resilience in emergency situations by establishing and maintaining a Community Emergency Plan, providing co-ordination and training for volunteers, assisting with specific issues facing individuals following flooding, and liaising with the numerous bodies involved in planning for and responding to emergencies. The Group is supported by a Steering Group and Project Co-ordinator employed on a freelance basis part time. Funding was provided by Allerdale BC on condition that the Town Council should act as the accountable body, and all expenditure is approved and accounted for using the Council's systems and controls. The Steering Group includes a Councillor (currently Martin Pugmire) and the Town Clerk in addition to representatives from Keswick Volunteers, Churches Together in Keswick, Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councils.

Following the recent flooding and the resignation of the current Project Co-ordinator, the opportunity has been taken to review the remit of the group and its structure. To avoid confusion with other Flood Groups and to better reflect the community and voluntary nature of the group, its name has been changed to 'Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership' and one of the key tasks of the new Project Support Officer will be to set up the Group's own bank account so that it can operate independently of the Town Council with regard to finance, and to seek additional funding to continue the work of the group. It is also intended to review the current Emergency Plan in the light of lessons learnt.

Although the Town Council does not have a formal role in emergency planning and recovery, these being the responsibility of the Borough and County Councils, it has always supported and facilitated the voluntary Group which has an office base in the Council building and use of the Council Chamber as a control centre, and Councillors and officers have acted on a personal and voluntary basis during times of flooding.

3. New Financial Regulations 2016

New Financial Regulations have been issued by NALC which contain a number of amendments including changes related to procurement and public contracts. The Council will need to adopt the new regulations and a copy is to be sent out by CALC.

4. Forthcoming Meetings

The next CALC Allerdale meeting is on Thursday 24 March at 7 pm at Cockermouth Town Hall with the next LDNPA Parish forum on Monday 25 April at 7pm venue tbc. The Council has nominated Councillors Titley, Lywood and Pugmire to attend such meetings but if any of these are unavailable, I will ensure that other Councillors are notified so that the Council can be represented.



Lynda Walker
Town Clerk, Keswick Town Council
Council Offices
50 Main Street
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Cumbria CA12 5JS

11 February 2016



Dear Lynda

Keswick Jazz Festival

You may remember that I got in touch with you in June 2014 to advise the town council of our concerns for the future of the Keswick Jazz Festival and that Theatre by the Lake would not have the capacity to sustain the festival in the long term, unless there were to be substantial further investment.

Although we were unable to secure any new funding at that time, we took the bold but risky step of expanding the festival in 2015 – and the festival we are planning for May this year is of a similar scale – except that we have lost an important venue (Rawnsley Hall) to the floods.

We have not been able to secure new investment and the time has come for Theatre by the Lake to make a decision about the future of the festival beyond this year. Our Board has decided that the theatre can no longer manage the festival in its present form from 2017 onwards and we are seeking expressions of interest from alternative organisations or promoters to manage and develop the event into the future. If we cannot find an alternative promoter to take responsibility for the festival, this year's event will be the last to be staged in a number of venues in and around the town.

However, if a new promoter for the festival in its present form cannot be found, Theatre by the Lake will commit to staging a 'Jazz Week' at the theatre in May 2017.

I enclose a copy of a press release (embargoed until 15 February) which gives more detail of our reasons for this decision. However, I wanted to advise you of our position in advance of any public announcement.

In summary, Theatre by the Lake can no longer sustain the financial, legal and organisational responsibility for a Keswick Jazz Festival. However, I would welcome a discussion about the festival, particularly if you might be able to identify organisations or individuals who would consider taking over responsibility for the festival from next year onwards.

I would be grateful if you could advise members of Keswick Town Council of our position - and let me know of other individuals to whom you think I should write. Please get in touch with me if you would like to discuss these issues in more detail.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patric". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'P' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patric Gilchrist
Executive Director

cc. Cllr Martin Pugmire (Keswick Town Council's nominated representative on Cumbria Theatre Trust)

EMBARGOED until Mon 15 February 2016

THEATRE BY THE LAKE SEEKS NEW FUTURE FOR THE JENNINGS KESWICK JAZZ FESTIVAL

Theatre by the Lake is to explore options for the future of the Jennings Keswick Jazz Festival, which has been a regular event in the town since 1991. The theatre announced today that it is no longer able to manage the festival in its present form from 2017 onwards and is seeking approaches from an experienced promoter or event manager to manage and develop the event.

Whilst Theatre by the Lake will not be able to continue managing the event beyond 2016, the theatre will continue to make its Main House and Studio available for jazz performances.

Any new arrangement would need to be in place for the festival in 2017; the 2016 festival will be run by the theatre as planned from 12-16 May.

"We regret that we are no longer able to bear the responsibility for the festival," said Patric Gilchrist, Theatre by the Lake's Executive Director. "The present arrangement is unsustainable for the theatre and there has to be change if the festival is to survive. We hope to find an experienced and enthusiastic promoter who can devise a credible business plan to take the festival forward and ensure its financial stability by our deadline of 9 May 2016. If no credible offers are received by that date then 2016's festival will be the last in its current format. However, Theatre by the Lake will commit to offering a full week of Jazz at the theatre in May 2017, even if there is no one able to organise a multi-venue festival in the town."

A series of factors have led to the proposed change:

- Falling ticket sales
- Lack of public funding
- Shortage of affordable accommodation for artists
- The complexity of managing multiple temporary venues
- Demands on the time of Theatre by the Lake staff

The number of tickets sold has fallen steadily since 2011 leading to significant loss of income for a festival that receives no regular support from local authorities. The only regular financial support has been from

Jennings Brewery, without whose sponsorship the festival would have become unsustainable several years ago.

"The festival makes very heavy demands on Theatre by the Lake staff in almost all departments," added Patric. "We calculate that we allocate 165 days of staff time to the event each year.

"We are also aware that the people who have loyally supported the festival for many years are getting older and that younger audiences are not being attracted; 86 per cent of people who book tickets are over 65 and 42 per cent are over 75."

After the 2014 festival, Patric applied, unsuccessfully, to local authorities and other bodies for cash support for the festival.

"At a time when the theatre is having to adapt to public funding cuts, with the prospect of further cuts to come, we cannot continue to support the festival in the way that we have since the theatre opened in 1999," said Patric. "We very much hope that we can find an individual or organisation with the investment and vision to provide the festival with a sustainable future."

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Catherine Parker
Administration & Finance Officer
Keswick Town Council
Council Offices
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Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 5JS

21 January 2016

Your Ref: D1/Grants/LW/CP

Dear Catherine

Financial Assistance, 2016/17

Thank you so much for your letter of 6 January, formally confirming a grant of £3,500 for 2016/17 towards Theatre by the Lake's work with young people and voluntary organisations in the Keswick area.

As I have said in previous years, the support of local authorities has been a key element in the Arts Council's criteria for the regular funding of organisations in England. At a time when local authorities are under ever greater pressure, retaining local authority support is a hugely helpful indicator to the Arts Council that an organisation enjoys local political support. Indeed, the Arts Council has recently confirmed its level of support for us in 2016/17 at the same level as this year (£604,068) – a real achievement at a time when public funding continues to be under the cosh.

It is an exciting year ahead for Theatre by the Lake. The theatre will have its first change of regime since its opening in 1999. With new leadership will come new initiatives. My colleagues look forward to working with the community of Keswick, particularly young people, next year to increase engagement with the town that has shown us such fantastic support.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Patric Gilchrist
Executive Director

Town Clerk

From: Catherine Johnson <Catherine.Johnson@lakedistrict.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 February 2016 12:56
To: Catherine Johnson
Subject: FW: Keswick Railway Footpath Up-date

Dear All

Keswick Railway up-dates – 29 February 2016

1. **Short term** – *the temporary reconnection of the route for cyclists and walkers, using alternative footpaths and roads.*
 We are meeting with Cumbria County Council on Friday to discuss the possibility of opening the Brundholme Road up to walkers and cyclists in the near future.

2. **Stabilising and making safe damaged structures and re-opening sections of the route where safe to do so.**
 We are working towards opening the boardwalk before Easter and will keep you informed with progress. There will be information panels constructed at either end of the path, Threlkeld Bridge and Gale Road carpark advising people about the work in progress and alternative routes. These will be up-dated as work progresses to reconnect the route between Keswick and Threlkeld.

 We have also been looking at options to open up an alternative route, for walkers, through Brundholme Woods. This will still require a considerable amount of work to remove wind-blown trees and improve the ground conditions. Please can I remind everyone that the permitted paths through Brundholme Woods are currently out of action, due to flood damage, and we ask people to please take notice of the signs and cordons, which are in place for public safety.

3. **Long-term** – *the permanent reconnection of the entire route between Keswick and Threlkeld*
 We are still in the process of securing the funding necessary to move forward with design and plans for full reconnection of the route.

We now have a monthly column in the Keswick Reminder to keep the general public up-dated with news relevant to the path. We also appeared on Border News last Tuesday reporting the damage and the project to reconnect the route: [Bridges washed away between Keswick and Threlkeld could take 'two years' to be repaired | Border - ITV News](#).

We are still advising the public not to cross or pass underneath Rawsome Bridge (NGR NY 304 245). To date the route across the bridge remains closed off and we have placed a warning notice at the canoe access point at Threlkeld Bridge (NGR NY 314 246).

More information is available at [Lake District National Park - Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path](#).

THE COUNTY OF CUMBRIA (VARIOUS ROADS, KESWICK AND SURROUNDING AREA)
(CONSOLIDATION AND PROVISION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) ORDER 2016

1. The Cumbria County Council hereby give notice that it proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 19, 32, 35, 35A, 38, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 64 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effect of the proposed Order will be to:-
 - (a) Consolidate the provisions of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Keswick and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) Order 2012 and the following proposed restrictions, into one concise Order;
 - (b) Introduce the following restrictions:-
 - (i) "Parking for Disabled Persons Vehicles Only, At All Times" on the north west side of Station Road, Keswick, from a point 215m north east of its junction with Victoria Street, to a point 233m north east of its junction with Victoria Street; and
 - (ii) "No Waiting At Any Time" restrictions on parts of Station Avenue, Trinity Way and Windebrow Avenue, Keswick
 - (c) Extend the "No Waiting At Any Time" restrictions on the access road to Keswick Leisure Pool and on parts of Borrowdale Road;
 - (d) Remove the "National Trust Loading Area, Waiting Limited to 15 minutes, Return Prohibited within 2 hours" restriction on Lake Road, Keswick, as this is no longer required due to the new development and resultant access to the theatre; and
 - (e) Make minor amendments to some of the measurements in the Consolidated Order which relate to Station Road, so as to more accurately reflect the length of the restrictions on site.

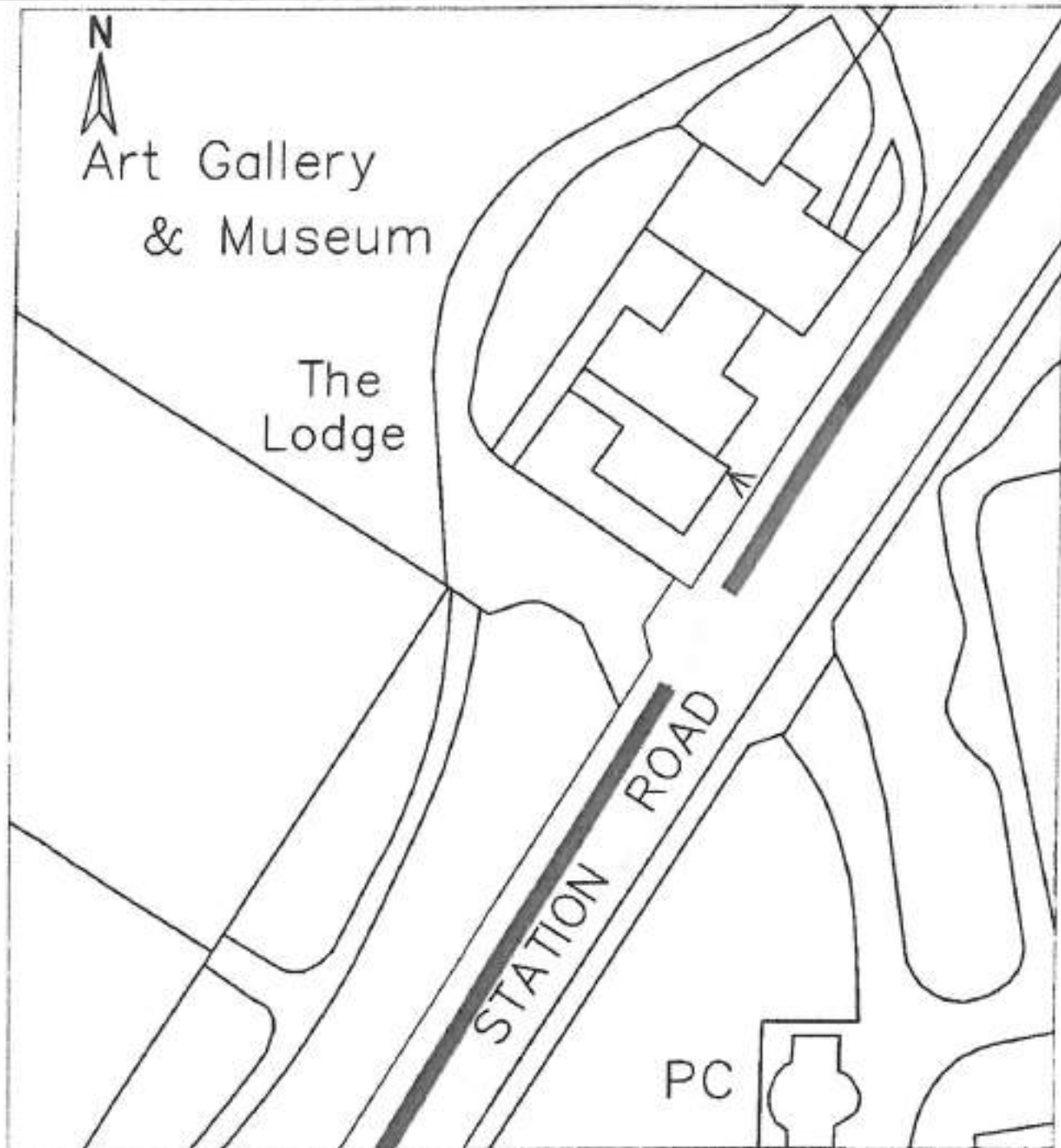
PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT FOR FULL DETAILS.

3. Full details of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the lengths of road concerned, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order and copies of the Order to be consolidated and revoked, may be inspected at the offices of Keswick Town Council, 50 Main Street, Keswick, and the offices of the undersigned during normal working hours.
4. If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the Assistant Director, Corporate Governance, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA, or by emailing kim.baxter@cumbria.gov.uk, by **11 March 2016, marking your correspondence with reference KB/4.4.962/15.000989**




D Roberts, Assistant Director – Corporate Governance, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA

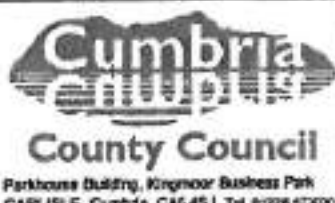
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-  Existing disc parking (8am-6pm, 7 days; 2 hrs no return 4hrs)
-  Proposed disabled parking (8am-6pm, 7 days; 2 hrs no return 4hrs)



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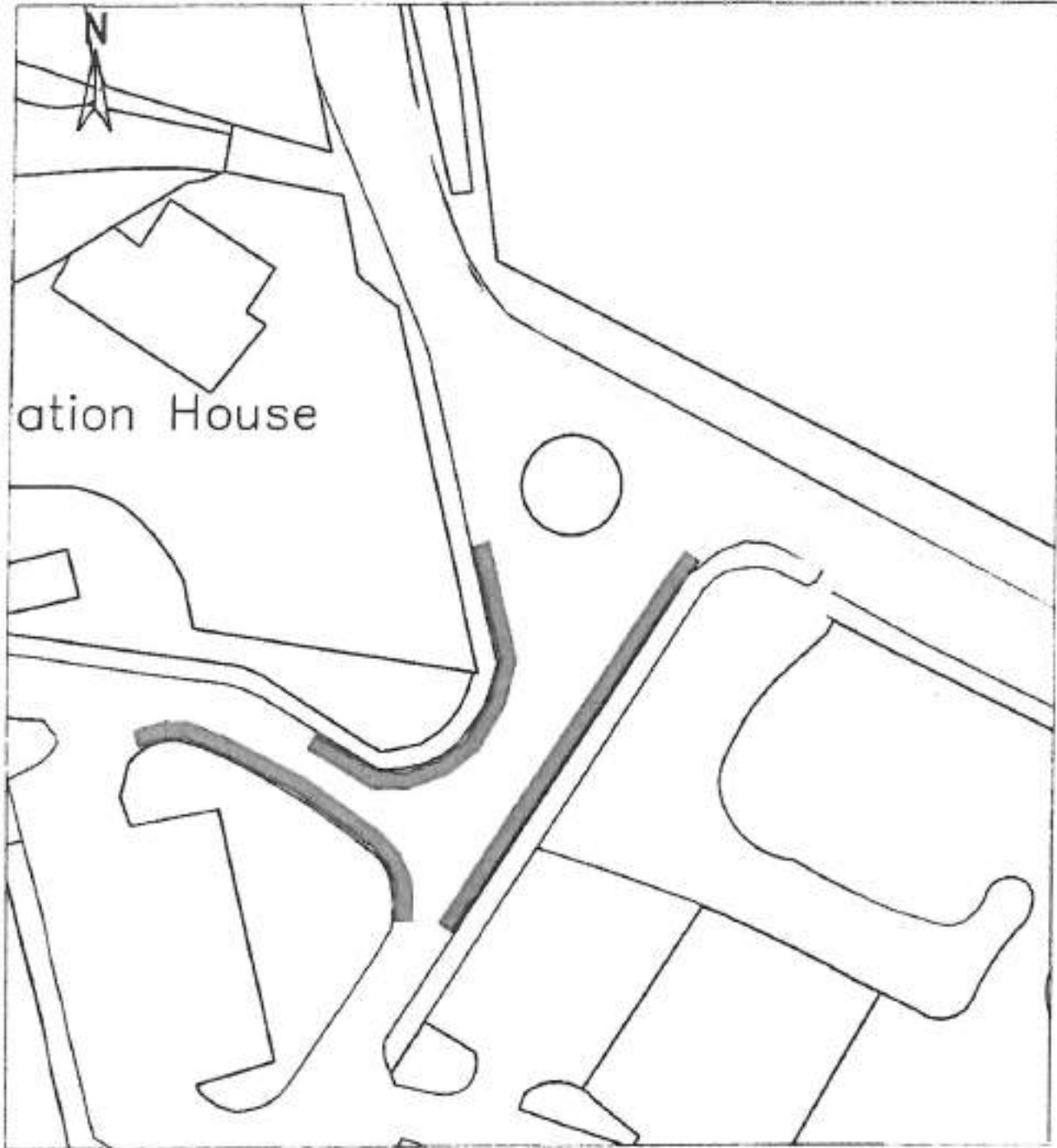
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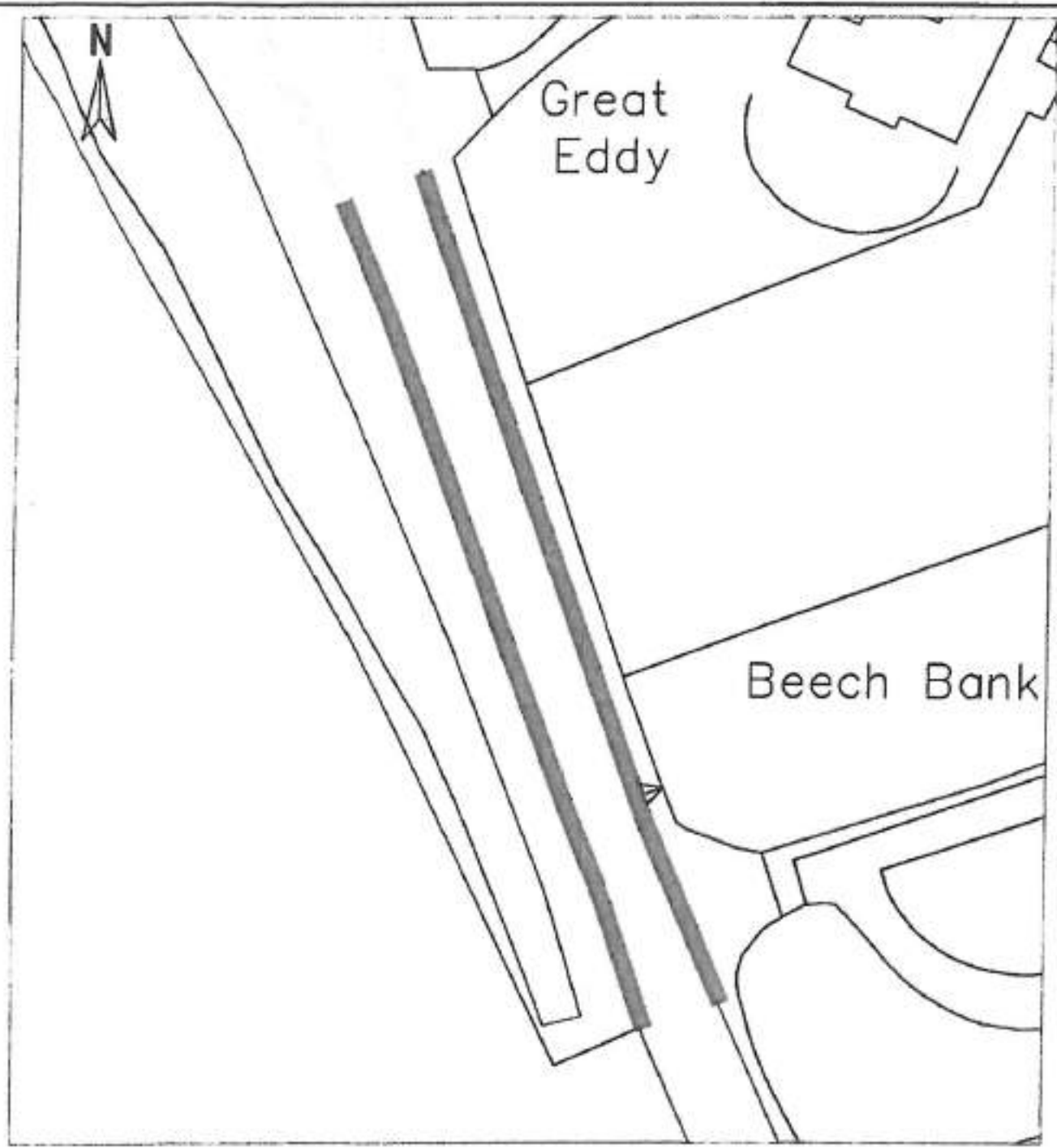
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