



Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Development Scheme 2019 – 2024

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) describes the planning policy framework in the National Park and sets out a programme for its review.

Local planning policy framework

Local Plans provide land use strategy for up to 20 years into the future. They are used to guide day to day decisions on planning applications and appeals. They set out when, where and how development should take place. This includes identifying needs such as new homes and jobs and setting out policies that enable sufficient land to be released to meet those needs. Local plans also contain policies to protect sensitive areas from harmful development and set out the standards that new development is expected to meet.

The National Park Authority adopted its last Local Plan in 2016. In August that year the government extended the boundary of the Yorkshire Dales National Park bringing in additional areas of Cumbria and a small part of Lancashire. As a consequence the Authority inherited a number of older local plans prepared by neighbouring district and county planning authorities. This has resulted in a suite of planning policy spread over eleven different documents, prepared at different times by different bodies (Appendix 1).

In addition to the local plans, the Authority has also inherited a number of supplementary planning documents that provide further detail on certain aspects of policy (Appendix 2).

Local Plan review

In December 2018 the National Park Authority took a decision in principle to prepare a single Local Plan for the whole of the Yorkshire Dales National Park (Appendix 3). A harmonized Plan will conform to the latest [National Planning Policy Framework](#) and enable a single set of strategies and planning policies to guide new development in the Park between 2023 and 2040. It will also tie in with the long term vision and ambitions for the National Park set out in [the Management Plan](#) and will replace out of date policies.

Strategic policies in the new Local plan will include a spatial strategy that describes where new development will be located, an indicative housing delivery figure and definitions of sustainability and development quality that are appropriate to the context of the National Park.

Detailed policies will be arranged into sections that cover the following topics:

- **Community** - policies that allocate land for house building and control the release of unallocated 'windfall' sites. These will need to address housing affordability and tenure requirements including specialist accommodation for the elderly and

vulnerable adults. The community section will also contain policies about new and existing infrastructure and the use of land for waste management.

- **Business** - policies about farm and estate development, employment land, commercial reuses of existing buildings, railway corridors and the safeguarding of existing business sites.
- **Cultural heritage and landscape** - policies to conserve designated and undesignated heritage assets such as listed buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. This section will also cover mineral working and other landscape-scale issues such as the protection of open upland.
- **Tourism** - policies about visitor accommodation and visitor orientated facilities.
- **Wildlife** - policies that protect species and habitats including ecological networks, as well as policies that try to enhance biodiversity in new development.

The precise aim behind each policy will be explained in the Plan together with a detailed justification for it.

The plan would be illustrated by policy maps identifying areas of development opportunity and areas of development constraint. Given the large extent of the National Park there will be too many maps to print within a single document so they will be published online instead.

Appendices to the plan will list the Park's special qualities and contain other details of policy, such as the definition of affordable housing.

There will be a number of stages in the production of the Plan (see also timetable in Appendix 4)

1. **Evidence gathering (2019 - 2023)** – The plan will be based on objective evidence about the characteristics of the area, including population change, household formation, employment trends, landscape character, flood risk, infrastructure capacity and site availability. Studies will be commissioned throughout the process, to gather this information.
2. **Issues and options consultation (January 2020 - March 2020)** Once the initial evidence is in place the first consultation will be a discussion about the alternative options for responding to the Park's strategic development issues. This will cover the options around the number of new homes required, where these might be located and how the land might be released. From this stage onwards the Plan will be informed by an objective assessment of the sustainability of the various alternative options.
3. **Draft Plan (January 2021 - March 2021)** – a draft Plan containing detailed policies, justification and supporting maps, will be published for six weeks of

informal public consultation. The Authority will consider the responses and make changes. This will be a key opportunity for consultees to influence the Plan.

4. **Publication (October 2021 - December 2021)** – At this stage the Authority declares it has a ‘sound’ plan. Consultation bodies and the public are invited to make formal representations, but the Authority can only make minor additional changes, without going back a stage. Formal objections will then be referred to the local plan examination.
5. **Submission and pre-examination (April 2022)** - The Plan, together with all its supporting evidence and formal representations, is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.
6. **Examination and post-examination (October 2022 - April 2023)** – The Government appoints an Inspector to examine the Plan and decide whether it would provide a sound strategy and is legally compliant. If found sound, the Authority will then adopt the Plan and give it full weight in its development decision making.
7. **Implementation and Monitoring** – National policy encourages planning authorities to use their emerging plans in decision making. Parts of the new Local Plan that have attracted few objections are likely to guide planning application decisions from the publication stage onwards. Once the Plan is formally adopted all the policies will carry legal weight and become the main determinant in decision making. Annual monitoring reports published each summer will review progress against the Plan’s objectives.

Duty to Cooperate

The National Park Authority is in regular dialogue with its neighbours. Officers co-operate on cross boundary strategic planning matters such as apportionment of housing demand, the economy, neighbourhood planning, minerals and flood risk. Members of adjoining planning authorities sit on the National Park Authority where they are able to scrutinise the production and delivery of the local plan.

The Authority works in partnership with district councils, county councils and many other organisations and bodies on a wide variety of projects set out in the National Park Management Plan. The Authority also works jointly to collect and share data.

In conformity with the Government’s latest national planning policy framework, the Authority will agree statements of common ground with neighbouring authorities to confirm that strategic cross boundary matters have been discussed and to outline areas of agreement and disagreement.

Review of supplementary planning documents

The National Park Authority adopted its last Design Guide in 2017. This may be reviewed in the context of the extended National Park to provide more detailed guidance for

developers across the whole local plan area. The need for other supplementary planning documents will be considered by the Authority as the Local Plan progresses.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

Parish councils and other designated neighbourhood areas can now produce their own development plans. These need to conform to the strategic policies in the Local Plan and, if adopted, will provide guidance for planning applications at a more local Parish level.

The following designated Neighbourhood areas have land inside the National Park: Asby, Clapham, Crosby Ravensworth, Gargrave, Tebay and Upper Eden. Only the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan has so far progressed to adoption.

Procedural documents

Several procedural documents will accompany the local plan:

Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix 5)

This sets out how the Authority will consult the public during the preparation of the new Plan and its up to date arrangements for involving communities and other consultees, in the determination of planning applications.

Annual Monitoring Report

This is an annual review of development within the National Park. It contains an analysis of planning applications permitted and development completed during the year. It is published on the Authority website in early summer each year.

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Adopted Local Plans, Yorkshire Dales National Park, February 2019

- Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2015-2030, adopted December 2016
- Eden Local Plan 2014-32, adopted by the Authority on the 18th December 2018
- South Lakeland Core Strategy 2010
- South Lakeland Land Allocations Development Plan Document 2013
- South Lakeland Community Infrastructure Levy 2015
- South Lakeland Local Plan (selected policies) 1997
- Lancaster Local Plan 2004
- Lancaster Core Strategy 2008
- Lancaster Development Management Plan 2014
- Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy (2009) Part 1, Part 2 and key diagram
- Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015-2030
- Upper Eden Neighbourhood Development Plan 2012

Supplementary Planning Documents, February 2019

Pre 2016 National park area

- Design Guide - adopted September 2017
- Traditional Farm Buildings Toolkit 2017

South Lakeland extension area

- Cumbria Wind Energy SPD 2007
- Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance and Toolkit
- Kirkby Lonsdale Conservation Area Character Appraisal (in respect of the small part of that conservation area within the National Park)

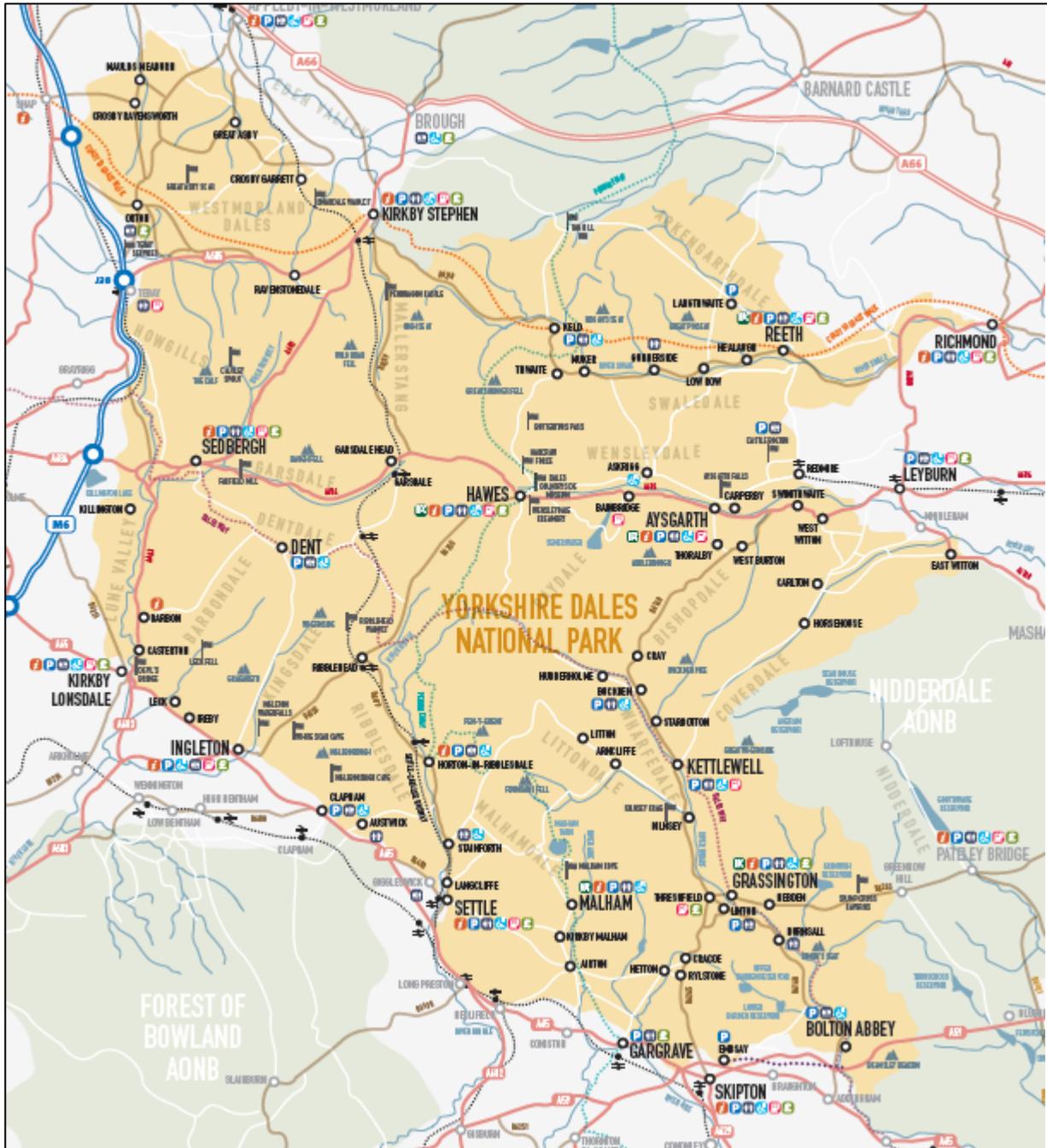
Eden extension area

- Shopfront and Advertisement Design SPD 2006
- An Accessible and Inclusive Environment SPD 2007
- Housing SPD 2010
- Management of Conservation Areas SPD 2011
- Cumbria Wind Energy SPD 2007
- Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance and Toolkit 2011
- Farm Diversification Guidance 2005
- The Eden Design Guide Summary 1999

Lancaster City area

- Meeting Housing Needs SPD 2013
- Shopfronts and Advertisements SPD 2016

Park wide Local Plan 2023 - 2040



Local Plan Timetable

Stage	2019												2020												2021												2022												2023											
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Statement of Community Involvement in planning

Reviewed January 2019

This Statement of Community Involvement contains our policy for public consultation and engagement in the local planning system.

Our general principles

- We will be approachable, impartial, consistent, transparent, and proactive
- We encourage wider and diverse participation in our planning service
- We will seek views of interested and affected parties as early as possible
- We will choose the type of consultation by balancing effectiveness, cost and time constraints
- Our consultation documents will be clear and avoid jargon
- We will offer to maintain contact with people who respond to consultation.

Local Plan making

We prepare a Local Plan which contains development strategies, planning policies and supporting maps which indicate where certain policies apply in the National Park. The purpose is to guide predictable, consistent and effective decision making about new development, such as planning applications. The Local Plan is backed by evidence and is in general conformity with prevailing national policy and Government guidance. We will keep our local policies under review and when we make changes we will follow the legal regulations and consult the public and stakeholders from start to finish.

[Government guidance on Local Plans](#)

Who we will consult

- We consult Councils, infrastructure providers Government bodies and other organisations, as required by the regulations or as otherwise appropriate.
- We consult Parish Councils, Parish Meetings, local businesses, voluntary and other organisations.
- We consult the general public, including anyone who has expressed an interest in the Plan.

How we will consult

- We will contact organisations by email unless they request contact by letter.
- We will publicise consultations in the local press and through our website and social media, as appropriate.

- We will leave consultation documents on display at our offices in Bainbridge and Grassington and at Sedbergh library.
- Our planning consultation documents will always be available on our website
- If requested we will make reasonable numbers of printed documents available to Parish Councils, Parish Meetings and other community groups and organisations.
- Where appropriate we will organise or support additional consultation events, such as community based meetings, drop in sessions or specialist topic seminars.
- We will publish on our website comments received, or a summary of them after the end of consultation. We will explain how these comments have been taken into account as part of the local plan process.

When we will consult

- At the start of a new Plan we will invite discussion about the priorities the Plan should address and the range of policy options available
- We will invite information and evidence to support the policy options
- We will publish draft policies and draft land allocations and invite comment and discussion
- After consultation we will publish a final Plan so that the public may make formal representation to an independent local plan Inspector who will examine the soundness of the document.

Supplementary Planning Documents

As part of our planning policy responsibility we prepare Supplementary Planning Documents to give more detailed advice on matters such as design.

Supplementary Planning Documents are not subject to the same rigorous process as Local Plans but are required to be informed through public consultation. We will therefore consult statutory bodies, Parish Councils and local interest groups on our Supplementary Planning Documents as part of their drafting process.

Neighbourhood Planning

We encourage Parish Councils to discuss with us their proposals for forming neighbourhood groups, preparing or updating neighbourhood plans or considering neighbourhood development orders.

We will provide advice and evidence to neighbourhood planning groups in support of their plan preparations.

We will encourage neighbourhood planning groups to consult with those who live, work or operate businesses in their area and can advise on the statutory consultees that needed to be involved.

We will work with neighbourhood planning groups to help them take account of the issues raised through consultation.

Major Planning Applications

For major development proposals¹ or locally sensitive schemes, developers will be encouraged to carry out consultations before submitting a planning application.

Prospective applicants should:

- Engage with the Authority through its pre-application advice service
- Talk directly with statutory consultees to minimise technical objections
- Consult the Parish Council, Parish Meeting and neighbours that would be affected.
- Consider the advice of the Authority and the pre application consultation responses, and show how they have been taken into account as part of the design and access statement supporting the subsequent planning application.

Other planning applications

All potential applicants are advised to consult anyone likely to be affected by their proposal and consider their views before submitting an application. This may be as simple as talking over plans with a neighbour. The Authority operates a pre-application advice service and holds planning surgeries for National Park residents, in Bainbridge, Sedbergh, Orton and Grassington. Further details can be found on our [website](#).

All submitted planning applications are advertised by site notice. Applications for major development will also be published in a local newspaper.

In addition, the Authority will:

- use its judgement to discern those neighbours most affected by a proposal and notify them by letter
- notify the Parish bodies and other statutory consultees about relevant planning applications
- subject to data protection, make all new planning applications available to view on the Authority website or, by request, at its offices in Bainbridge and Grassington
- allow Consultees at least 21 days to submit comments
- where applications are referred to the Planning Committee, give applicants, objectors, and the relevant Parish body, a reasonable opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting.
- publish decisions on all planning applications on its website, and where appropriate, notify consultees who have made representations
- On request, email a weekly list of planning applications received, to interested parties

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¹ Major development is defined as 10+ dwellings or 1000+ square metres of floorspace, a quarry extension, a significant proposal that departs from adopted policy or which might potentially cause harm to national park purposes or have significant impact on a community.

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