

# Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 15

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## Planning Services Staff Update

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Congratulations to Jane Newman who has been promoted to Acting Head of Development Management from her previous post of the Minerals Team Manager. This is a new post that is responsible for the Authority's Development Management service, which covers the two area planning teams, Minerals and Monitoring and Enforcement.

Welcome to Fiona Todd who joined the PDNPA on 27 November in the role of Planning Liaison Officer. Details of the staffing structure in Planning Services is attached for your information.

## Planning Policy Consultations

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As you may have seen on the PDNPA website, the Planning Policy team are currently undertaking two consultations.

### **Modifications to the Development Management Policies (Part 2 of the National Park's Local Plan).**

The consultation on the published policies ended in January 2017. Since then we have been organising and considering the various representations made. In response we have decided to make a number of changes (modifications) to the plan both to improve its clarity but also to respond to many of the points arising. Before we submit the plan to the Secretary of State we now wish to re-consult and give representors the chance to consider the modifications we have made.

The consultation is only on the modifications at this stage. We will not be able to accept comments on the published plan. The link to the consultation document is <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/development-management-policies-modifications>

### **Peak District transport design guide**

Peak District residents and visitors are being asked for their views on proposed new transport infrastructure guidelines. A draft guide has been drawn up to help transport developers to take into account the character and appearance of the Peak District National Park when designing their schemes.

The Transport Design Guide covers large scale transport schemes, road safety and management schemes and the design of transport within housing or other developments.

It is hoped that the guide will influence the design of transport schemes – from road signs to buildings such as bridges – ensuring they are sympathetic to their surroundings

You can view the document at the <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/about-us/have-your-say/consultations/current-consultations/transport-design-guide-consultation>

Paper copies of the consultation documents can be viewed at local libraries and at the Peak District National Park Authority reception, Aldern House, Bakewell.

Details of how to submit your comments can be found via the weblinks above.

**The Consultation period close at 5pm on the 12 January 2018**

# Statement of Community Engagement

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You may have spotted a recent letter referring to our Statement of Community Involvement. This sets out how we intend to consult parishes and other bodies in both our policy making and development management functions. We will formally seek your views through a review of the current document in the New Year”

## Working with your Community

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Earlier this year we asked if parish councils would be interested in using a community Facebook site. Most of you said ‘yes’ or ‘maybe’. The site is now up and running and the National Park Authority is inviting residents to join. This group is for anyone who lives or works in the Peak District but we are particularly keen that parish councils get involved as it’s a great way of sharing experiences, stories and images about Peak District Life.

You can promote events, discuss problems and let others know how your community is tackling them. Or you can simply post photographs of the places you love. On the site at the moment you can see the story of how a small group of villagers in Hathersage, together with the parish council, are redeveloping their village centre. Or how residents in Bradwell, working with the local school, have built a mini hydro scheme to generate electricity for the Christmas lights!

To join simply search for 'Peak District National Park Community' on Facebook or forward the email address you use to log into Facebook to [adele.metcalfe@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:adele.metcalfe@peakdistrict.gov.uk) and we'll send you an invite.

The Authority will run a training session in the New Year about using Facebook and other social media.

We look forward to seeing you online!

## Community Small Grants Scheme

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This grant is to help residents with plans and projects for their own community, especially those that also help to look after the National Park’s special qualities. Applicants must be a parish council or a formally constituted community group with a bank account. Exceptionally the grant may be awarded to a business or private individual if the project is of demonstrable benefit to the wider community and helps to look after the National Park’s special qualities.

We will pay up to 75% of project costs, to a maximum grant of £1,500. There is no minimum.

This is a small grant designed to help residents get started with developing plans and projects for their own community. The grant may also be awarded as contribution to a large scale, long term project. Any project that benefits the community, and/or helps to look after the National Park’s special qualities is eligible.

Information on the type of projects that can be supported, and how to apply are available at <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/living-and-working/your-community/communities-small-grant-scheme>

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