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Dear Sirs

Transport for the North Strategic Transport Plan Public Consultation (January 2018); Response on behalf of the Peak District National Park Authority

The Peak District National Park Authority welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Transport for the North Strategic Transport Plan Public Consultation. The document accompanying this letter comprises a response on behalf of the Authority to that consultation, following consideration of the Consultation Document at the National Park Authority meeting on 16 March 2018.

Our response is divided into four main parts, the first of which is some background information about the National Park which seeks to provide context to the response as a whole. Secondly the response gives more general comment about the Plan. It should be noted that the Plan puts forward large scale proposals for major transport infrastructure across the National Park. This part of the response expresses our considerable concern about the likely, but as yet unknown impacts of that infrastructure on the special qualities of the Peak District National Park.

Thirdly, our response recognises the ambitions of the Transport for the North Strategic Plan, and the mutual benefits of a close relationship between the population of the Northern cities surrounding the Park, and the Park itself. This includes the ability of the ecosystem services provided by the land within the National Park to enhance the health and well-being of its neighbouring population.

Finally, our response also contains a number of detailed observations about the Plan which range from observations about its content, through to the identification of some typographical errors within the document.

We trust that this response will prove useful to you in refining the draft Strategic Transport Plan into a final document. The Peak District National Park Authority looks forward to working with Transport for the North to enable the delivery of a Transport Strategy that meets the needs of the North, whilst enhancing the Park's Special Qualities and having regard to, and promoting National Park purposes.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter or to arrange a meeting so that we can consider how to address the National Park Authority's concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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