

# North Yorkshire Council

## Environment Executive Members

28 February 2025

### Yorkshire Dales National Park – Draft Management Plan Consultation

#### Report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Transport

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF BRIEFING**

- 1.1 To provide a summary and overview of our proposed consultation response in relation to Yorkshire Dales National Park – Draft Management Plan Consultation.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 What is a National Park Management Plan?

2.1.1 The Management Plan is the single most important policy document for a National Park. National Park Authorities are required by law to produce them, and to review them every 5 years. However, it is a Plan for the place, not for a single authority or body. As a strategic over-arching document, it should co-ordinate and integrate the policies, plans and strategies of many different organisations - where these are relevant to the statutory purposes for which the National Parks were designated (see below). The Management Plan is, therefore, the main means of ensuring that those statutory purposes are met.

2.1.2 The draft Management Plan has been pulled together by the Management Plan Partnership, which involves 15 local organisations including some input from North Yorkshire Council representatives. This reflects the fact that it is a plan for the place – not for any one organisation. None of the objectives within it can be achieved without the work and support of many other individuals and organisations.

#### **3.0 NATIONAL PARK STATUTORY PURPOSES AND DUTY**

- 3.1 The statutory purposes of English National Parks are set out in Section 61 of the Environment Act 1995. They are:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the National Parks; to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities [of the National Parks] by the public.

- 3.2 The landscapes of National Parks have been home to communities and industry for thousands of years and continue to be so. The National Park Authorities, therefore, also have a duty under Section 62(1) of the Environment Act:

- in taking forward the National Park purposes, [to] seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park.

#### **4.0 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER BODIES**

- 4.1 Section 245 (Protected Landscapes) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA) requires 'relevant authorities' (including local authorities, other public bodies, and statutory undertakers) to 'seek to further' the statutory purposes in respect of their functions which affect land in National Parks in England. Supporting the preparation of a National Park Management Plan, and the implementation of relevant objectives within it, is an important way in which relevant authorities can demonstrate compliance with this new duty.

4.2 In December 2024, Defra issued additional guidance on the how this enhanced duty should be applied. Key elements of this guidance affecting NYC in relation to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan include:

*“The duty is an active duty, not passive, which means:*

- *a relevant authority should take appropriate, reasonable, and proportionate steps to explore measures which further the statutory purposes of Protected Landscapes*
- *as far as is reasonably practical, relevant authorities should seek to avoid harm and contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty, special qualities, and key characteristics of Protected Landscapes*
- *a relevant authority should be able to demonstrate with proportionate, reasoned, and documented evidence the measures to which consideration has been given when seeking to further the statutory purposes of Protected Landscapes - for example, policies, strategies, operational procedures, estate management plans, investment plans, contracts, works instructions, assessments and reports which should be able to evidence the proper discharge of the duty by the relevant authority*
- *for ongoing functions, a relevant authority may consider it appropriate to instigate a formal compliance monitoring and reporting system to ensure adherence to the duty.”*

4.3 A link to the full Guidance document is provided in paragraph 7.1 of this report.

**5.0 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION | PROPOSED OBJECTIVES 2025-30**

5.1 A link to the full consultation document which sets out Plan objectives, and the rationale behind them, is provided in paragraph 7.2 of this report.

5.2 The six headline Objectives that underpin the Plan are set out in Table1 below.

Table 1: Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan – Proposed Headline Objectives

Reference	Headline Objective
A	A distinctive, living, working, cultural landscape that tells the ongoing story of generations of people interacting with their environment.
B	A friendly, open and welcoming place with outstanding opportunities to enjoy its special qualities.
C	Home to the finest variety of wildlife in England
D	Resilient and responsive to the impacts of climate change, storing more carbon each year than it produces
E	Providing an outstanding range of benefits for the nation based on its natural resources, landscape and cultural heritage, which underpin a flourishing local economy
F	Home to strong, self-reliant and balanced communities with good access to the services they need

5.3 The consultation draft Plan also contains 40 more specific objectives that support these six headline objectives. This includes a number of new objectives – for nature recovery and tackling climate change - that reflect targets that have been set by national Government for all National Parks and National Landscapes. The Plan also includes many objectives that focus on long-standing local priorities like supporting hill farming, broadening access to the National Park, and providing more affordable housing.

5.4 Objectives for which North Yorkshire Council has been identified in the draft Management Plan as the potential lead or as a key supporting organisation are highlighted in the appendix to this note.

## 6.0 NYC INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

6.1 This consultation opened in late January and closes on 10 March.

6.2 The Objectives set out in the draft Management Plan cover a wide range of matters that potentially impact on NYC policy and service delivery. Hence, internal consultation has been undertaken with officers in the following service areas:

- Planning policy
- Transport
- Highways and Rights of Way
- Flood management
- Environmental policy
- Climate change
- Natural capital and ecology
- Tree and woodland management
- Economic development and skills
- Public health
- Broadband and telecoms
- Tourism

6.3 The development of the Management Plan to this stage has involved some input from NYC officers and Members. Following an initial public consultation early in 2024, the new Plan was discussed at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Annual Forum in May last year, and there has been direct input of local bodies and individuals to six expert 'drafting groups'. Cllr Yvonne Peacock, a NYC appointed member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, is a member of the National Park Management Plan Partnership that has drafted the Plan to this stage.

6.4 No significant areas of disagreement have been identified between the Council and the objectives set out in the Draft Management Plan and in many cases the Management Plan objectives clearly support wider NYC objectives and targets across the county as a whole.

6.5 The NYC Planning Policy and Place team has made the following specific comments in relation to the draft Management Plan:

- *"We consider the following as being of particular relevance to the work undertaken by the Planning Policy Team:*
- *A2. Maintain the National Park as a place where a true sense of tranquillity and remoteness can be found so as to retain 'Dark Sky Reserve' status.*
- *D4. Significantly increase take up of natural flood management measures, including re-naturalising 25 km of rivers by 2030, to reduce flood risks inside and outside the National Park.*
- *D5. Support more services along the Settle-Carlisle Railway and the reinstatement of other rail lines, increase bus and community transport links to surrounding towns, and improve infrastructure to support electric vehicles, so as to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from travel in the National Park by 50% by 2030 (compared to 2019 levels).*
- *D6. Support initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and increase small-scale and community renewable energy schemes, so as to reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from industrial, commercial and domestic properties by 50% by 2030 (compared to 2019).*

- *F1. Support the completion of 250 new dwellings by 2030, including at least 135 social housing, affordable or local occupancy homes to attract and retain younger working age households.*
- *F2. Increase the proportion of dwellings that are permanently occupied by requiring all new dwellings to be for principal occupancy, and, encouraging change of use from second homes, so that fewer than 20% of properties are under-occupied by 2031.*
- *F3. Improve local access to services that are essential to the long-term viability of local communities, including providing access to gigabit broadband to 99% of properties in the Cumbrian part of the National Park by 2026, and superfast (over 30Mbps) to 97% of properties in the North Yorkshire part by 2030.*
- *F4. Empower community groups to take on and manage services, take ownership of local assets and develop community wealth initiatives such as shops and community renewable energy.*
- *F6. Produce local plans to improve connections for walking, cycling, wheeling and riding in and around the National Park, so it is easier for residents and visitors to travel between places for work, for school and to key visitor destinations without needing a car, and create at least two new multi-user routes by 2030.*

*The Planning Policy Team support these objectives and agree with the identification of North Yorkshire Council as the lead or a supporting organisation for their implementation through the development of the North Yorkshire Local Plan. The Council will be mindful of the objectives when developing new local plan policies, and when producing evidence base documents to support the Local Plan, and seek to further those objectives which contribute to the advanced preparation of their Local Plan, and any future work undertaken by the Yorkshire Dales National Park.”*

- 6.6 The NYC Highways Team has made the following specific comment in relation to Objective A2 (dark skies) in the draft Management Plan:

*“NYC is and has been for some time, supportive of the Dark Skies initiative in the Yorkshire Dales (and North York Moors National Parks) and have worked with them on previous project involving lighting upgrades and the project we have just embarked on regarding footway lighting improvements as part of our current invest to save project.”*

## **7.0 MORE INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Protected Landscape Duty – Guidance issued December 2024  
[Guidance for relevant authorities on seeking to further the purposes of Protected Landscapes - GOV.UK](#)
- 7.2 Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Consultation Document January 2024  
[Download the consultation document and detailed objectives here.](#)

## **8.0 FINANCE**

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with this report at this stage, in terms of responding to the consultation except for existing officer time which will be covered staffing budgets already in place. There may be financial implications for NYC associated with the delivery of specific objectives which will need to be understood. Any additional financial implications for NYC associated with the delivery of specific objectives in the plan will need to be assessed in light of detailed service responses and at the relevant time will be subject to formal approval in line with the NYC Governance process.

## **9.0 LEGAL**

9.1 As set out in section 4 of this report, Section 245 (Protected Landscapes) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA) requires 'relevant authorities' (including local authorities, other public bodies, and statutory undertakers) to 'seek to further' the statutory purposes in respect of their functions which affect land in National Parks in England.

## **10.0 EQUALITIES**

10.1 There are no specific equalities implications associated with this report.

## **11.0 CLIMATE CHANGE**

11.1 The delivery of the objectives in the Plan, particularly under Objective D on climate change, will support wider activity on climate change response being undertaken across North Yorkshire.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 That the Executive Member for Environment, in line with delegated authority, note the North Yorkshire Council statutory consultation process and;

12.2 Authorise the submission of the Council's detailed response to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority once detailed officer responses have been collated.

### APPENDIX:

Appendix A Yorkshire Dales National Park Draft Management Plan consultation questions and objectives including, highlighted in red, those specific objectives for which North Yorkshire Council (and YNY Combined Authority) is identified in the draft Management Plan as the potential lead or as a key supporting organisation.

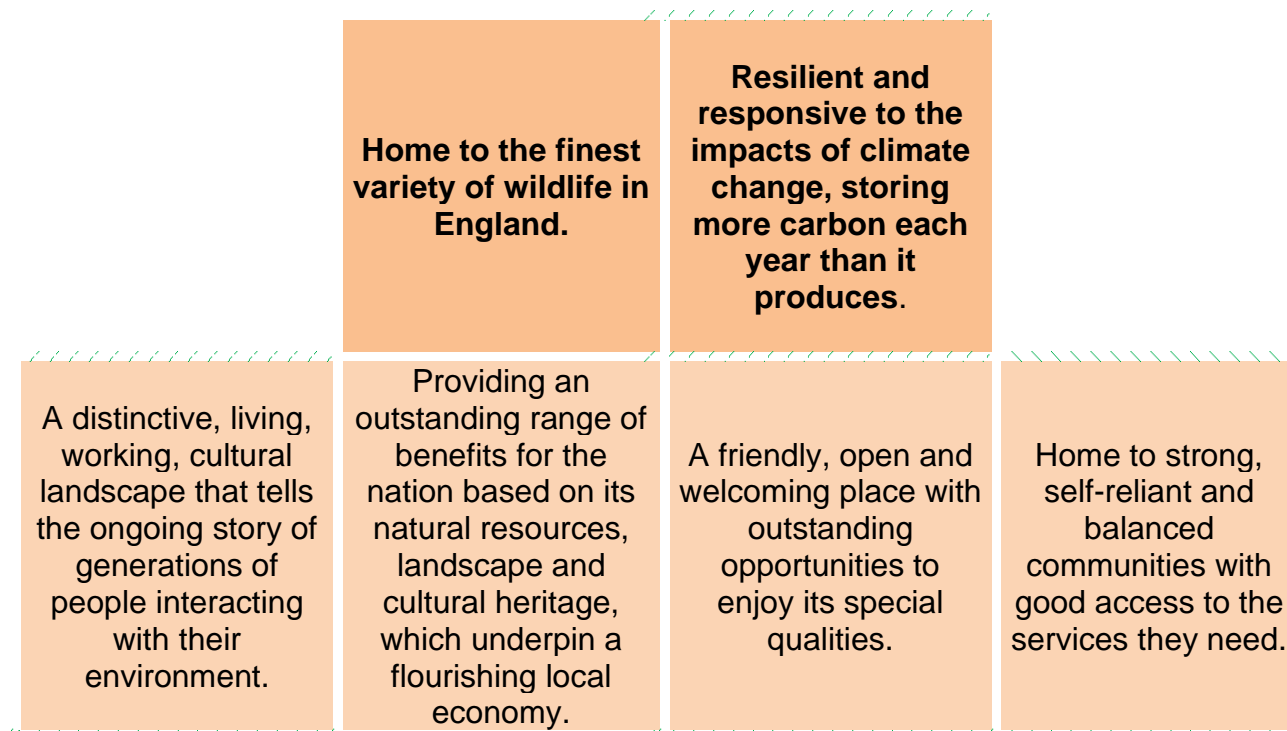
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**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS AND OBJECTIVES – INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTED IN RED THOSE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL IS IDENTIFIED IN THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN AS THE POTENTIAL LEAD OR AS A KEY SUPPORTING ORGANISATION (also highlighted are those for YNY Combined Authority).**

## Management Plan Vision

By 2040, the Yorkshire Dales National Park will be:



**(For further detail on the rationale behind each of the objectives set out below and the links between objectives, please refer to the full consultation document - [Download the consultation document and detailed objectives here.](#))**

### National Park Management Plan Consultation | Proposed Objectives 2025-30 and consultation questions

**Objective A - A distinctive, living, working, cultural landscape that tells the ongoing story of generations of people interacting with their environment.**

Question Title

1. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document A1-A6)

Question Title

2. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

**Objective B - A friendly, open and welcoming place with outstanding opportunities to enjoy its special qualities.**

Question Title

3. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document B1-B7)

Question Title

4. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

### **Objective C - Home to the finest variety of wildlife in England**

Question Title

5. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document C1-C8)

Question Title

6. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

### **Objective D - Resilient and responsive to the impacts of climate change, storing more carbon each year than it produces**

Question Title

7. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document D1-D6)

Question Title

8. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

### **Objective E - Providing an outstanding range of benefits for the nation based on its natural resources, landscape and cultural heritage, which underpin a flourishing local economy**

Question Title

9. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document E1-E7)

Question Title

10. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

### **Objective F - Home to strong, self-reliant and balanced communities with good access to the services they need**

Question Title

11. Do you have any comments on the proposed objectives to support this ambition (refer to the consultation document F1-F6)

Question Title

12. Would your organisation be able to help support the achievement of any of these objectives? What contribution might you be able to make?

### **Additional comments**

Question Title

13. Are there any other objectives you would like to see included in the new plan or any further comments?

## Lead and Supporting Organisations identified for each specific objective

### A. A distinctive, living, working, cultural landscape that tells the ongoing story of generations of people interacting with their environment

- A1 Support farmers and land managers to maintain and improve the outstanding landscape, geology, wildlife and rural heritage of the National Park, so that at least 80% of land managers have adopted nature-friendly farming on at least 15% of their land by 2030.**  
**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Natural England; Rural Payments Agency; Dales Farmer Network; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
- A2. Maintain the National Park as a place where a true sense of tranquillity and remoteness can be found so as to retain ‘Dark Sky Reserve’ status.**  
**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.  
**Supporting organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council; Friends of the Lake District; Parish Councils
- A3. Reduce the number of nationally designated heritage assets at risk, so that no more than 12 are at risk by 2030.**  
**Lead organisation:** Historic England.  
**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Natural England.
- A4. Support farmers and landowners to conserve and enhance the distinctive landscape of field barns and drystone walls, so that at least one of the Barns and Walls Conservation Areas (Swaledale & Arkengarthdale and Littondale) is no longer at risk.**  
**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
**Supporting organisations:** Natural England; Historic England; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.
- A5. Support farmers and landowners to take up measures that will enhance the wider Dales’ landscape, and support nature, climate and farming resilience, including planting 6,000 field trees, creating 300 ha of wood pasture, and creating or restoring 60 km of hedgerows by 2030 (from 2022 baseline).**  
**Lead organisation:** Forestry Commission  
**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Natural England; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; **North Yorkshire Council.**
- A6. Continue to reduce the amount of intrusive overhead power lines and other equipment, including putting another 15km of existing power lines underground by 2028.**  
**Lead organisation:** Electricity North West; Northern Powergrid  
**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.



## **B: A friendly, open and welcoming place with outstanding opportunities to enjoy its special qualities.**

**B1. Manage and maintain the standard of all public rights of way, so that, on average, 90% remain 'easy to use' and at least 10% are suitable for a diverse range of ages and abilities.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**Supporting organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**, Westmorland & Furness Council, Yorkshire Dales Access Forum, Lancashire County Council.

**B2. Manage and promote the Pennine Way, Pennine Bridleway and Coast-to-Coast National Trails and other established long-distance routes, and improve linkages from the Coast-to-Coast route to 5 nearby settlements by 2030.**

**Lead organisations:** Pennine Trails Partnership; Natural England

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; **North Yorkshire Council**, Westmorland & Furness Council, Lancashire County Council; Yorkshire Dales Access Forum, Dales Way Association, Wainwright Society.

**B3. By 2030, provide activity days, support and training to 200 groups from under-served communities, helping more people to experience the special qualities of the Yorkshire Dales National Park more easily.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

**Supporting organisations:** Natural England; Lancashire County Council; **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council;

**B4. Provide outdoor learning and skills-based activities to enable 5,000 young people from in and around the National Park to explore and enhance their environment each year.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority;

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; Bolton Abbey Estate; National Trust; Secondary Schools, Colleges & Universities, Ernest Cook Trust, **North Yorkshire Council**.

**B5. Give people from all backgrounds an opportunity to enjoy and contribute to looking after the National Park by providing at least 7,000 volunteer days per year, with at least 20% coming from under-served communities by 2029.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; National Trust; Friends of the Dales; Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust; local CVS.

**B6. Enhance at least five 'green lanes' by 2030 and manage use by recreational motor vehicles and motorcycles - encouraging and supporting responsible use and enforcing restrictions where necessary.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

**Supporting organisations:** North Yorkshire Council; Westmorland & Furness Council; Lancashire County Council; North Yorkshire Police; Cumbria Police; Lancashire Police; Land Access and Recreation Association; Trail Riders Fellowship; Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum; Green Lanes Association

- B7. Help to tackle health inequalities and improve people’s health and well-being by enabling at least 1,500 people with health conditions to connect with and experience the special qualities of the National Park through ‘social prescribing’ activities by 2030.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

**Supporting organisations:** Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (DHSC); Clinical Commissioning Groups; Natural England; Integrated Care Partnerships; RSPB

## **C: Home to the finest variety of wildlife in England**

- C1. Improve the condition of protected wildlife sites so that 60% of Sites of Special Scientific Interest are assessed as having ‘actions on track’ to achieve favourable condition by the start of 2028, and 45% are in favourable condition by 2030.**

**Lead organisation:** Natural England.

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Peat Partnership; Cumbria Peat Partnership; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; National Trust; Cumbria Wildlife Trust; Yorkshire Wildlife Trust;

- C2. Support farmers and landowners to restore and manage landscape-scale mosaics of semi-natural habitats in 6 ‘nature recovery areas’ (‘Cumbria Connect’; ‘Heart of the Dales’; ‘Snaizeholme’; ‘Tees-Swale’; ‘Three Dales’; and ‘Ure Dales’), and develop similar initiatives for at least 3 additional areas.**

**Lead organisation:** Natural England; Environment Agency

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Peat Partnership; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Forestry Commission; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; National Trust; Cumbria Wildlife Trust; Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; RSPB.

- C3. Ensure that all the priority habitat outside of Sites of Special Scientific Interest is in favourable management through agri-environment or similar funding schemes by 2042.**

**Lead organisation:** Rural Payments Agency; Natural England

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Environment Agency; Forestry Commission; Cumbria Wildlife Trust; Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

- C4. Ensure that monitoring plans are in place for all ‘priority wildlife species’ by 2030, and undertake conservation projects so that 85% of those species have stable or increasing populations by 2035.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

**Supporting organisations:** Natural England; Environment Agency; British Trust for Ornithology; Butterfly Conservation; local natural history societies

- C5. Work with farmers, landowners and water companies to reverse the decline in the condition of rivers so that 65% are in 'good ecological status' by 2031.**

**Lead organisation:** Environment Agency

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust; Ribble Rivers Trust; Lune Rivers Trust; Eden Rivers Trust; Natural England; Forestry Commission; **North Yorkshire Council**; Mining Remediation Authority

- C6. Support implementation of the national Wildlife Crime Strategy to end the illegal killing and disturbance of birds of prey and other wildlife by 2028.**

**Lead organisation:** National Wildlife Crime Unit

**Supporting organisations:** Cumbria, Lancashire and North Yorkshire Police; Natural England; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Moorland Association; North East Raptor Forum; British Association for Shooting and Conservation; National Gamekeepers Association; RSPB.

- C7. Support farmers and landowners to restore or create 5,000 hectares of new wildlife-rich habitats outside protected sites by 2030 (from a 2022 baseline).**

**Lead organisation(s):** Natural England; Yorkshire Peat Partnership

**Supporting organisations:** Forestry Commission; Environment Agency; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Woodland Trust; White Rose Forest; National Trust; Cumbria Peat Partnership; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; Cumbria Local Nature Partnership; Westmorland & Furness Council.

- C8. Support farmers and landowners to bring 70% of woodland into sustainable management by 2030, including positive management of conifer plantations to increase habitat for red squirrels and black grouse.**

**Lead organisations:** Forestry Commission

**Supporting organisations:** Natural England; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Woodland Trust; Dales Woodland Forum; White Rose Forest; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

## **D. Resilient and responsive to the impacts of climate change, storing more carbon each year than it produces**

- D1. Work with farmers and landowners to support food production through the use of regenerative farming practices across at least 100 farm holdings (c15,000 ha) by 2030.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

**Supporting organisations:** Dales Farming and Land Management Forum; **York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority**; Pasture for Life; Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership; Dales Farmer Network; National Farmers Union.

- D2. Work with farmers and landowners to bring all remaining degraded peatland (c28,000 ha) into initial restoration and management by 2035, so that all the 67,000 ha of peat in the National Park has been restored by 2050.**
- Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Peat Partnership.
- Supporting organisations:** Cumbria Peat Partnership; Environment Agency; National Trust; Natural England; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
- D3. Work with farmers and landowners to encourage creation of 6,000 ha of native broadleaf and mixed woodland, including, scrub, wood pasture and natural regeneration by 2031, to create a network that is more resilient to climate change and helps to reduce downstream flood peaks.**
- Lead organisation:** Forestry Commission
- Supporting organisations:** White Rose Forest; Woodland Trust; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; National Trust; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust; Natural England.
- D4. Significantly increase take up of natural flood management measures, including re-naturalising 25 km of rivers by 2030, to reduce flood risks inside and outside the National Park.**
- Lead organisation:** Environment Agency
- Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust; Lune Rivers Trust; Eden Rivers Trust; Dales Farmer Network; Aire Rivers Trust; Ribble Rivers Trust; Leeds City Council; Natural England; National Trust; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, **North Yorkshire Council**; York City Council.
- D5. Support more services along the Settle-Carlisle Railway and the reinstatement of other rail lines, increase bus and community transport links to surrounding towns, and improve infrastructure to support electric vehicles, so as to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from travel in the National Park by 50% by 2030 (compared to 2019 levels).**
- Lead organisation:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council; Lancashire County Council; **North Yorkshire Combined Authority**
- Supporting organisations:** Wensleydale Railway; Skipton East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership; Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company; Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company; Little White Bus; Upper Wharfedale Bus Community Interest Company; Upper Wharfedale Community Interest Company. Cumbria Tourism; Visit North Yorkshire; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.
- D6. Support initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and increase small-scale and community renewable energy schemes, so as to reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from industrial, commercial and domestic properties by 50% by 2030 (compared to 2019).**
- Lead organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council; **York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority**.
- Supporting organisations:** Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS); Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership; ACTion with Communities Cumbria (ACT); Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

***E: Providing an outstanding range of benefits for the nation based on its natural resources, landscape and cultural heritage, which underpin a flourishing local economy***

- E1. Establish an integrated National Park farm advisory service to: support regenerative farming; increase take-up of national agri-environment schemes and green finance opportunities; and, so support the viability and retention of low input livestock farming across the National Park.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

**Supporting organisations:** Natural England; Forestry Commission; Yorkshire Dales Farming & Land Management Forum; **North Yorkshire Council; York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority**

- E2. Encourage and support farms and estates to provide more opportunities for visitors and schools groups to experience the special qualities of the National Park, including establishing a ‘peer mentoring’ network to help build capacity by 2029.**

**Lead organisation:** **North Yorkshire Council;** Westmorland & Furness Council

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Natural England; Dales Farmer Network; Yorkshire Dales Farming & Land Management Forum.; Country Trust, Ernest Cook Trust

- E3. Make the National Park more accessible to a diverse range of ages and abilities, including by providing ‘Changing Places’ accessible toilet facilities, all terrain mobility scooters, and accessible routes at 10 locations, and creating 5 new ‘access for all’ trails.**

**Lead organisation:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority;

**Supporting organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

- E4. Develop and promote events and attractions based on the special qualities of the National Park that will be attractive to a more diverse and younger audience, so that 15% of visitors each year are coming for the first time.**

**Lead organisation:** Cumbria Tourism; Visit North Yorkshire

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

- E5. By 2030 provide at least 30 apprenticeships or traineeships, and wider programmes of training in land management, heritage and countryside skills, including the new skills needed by businesses to support more nature-friendly farming and tackle climate change.**

**Lead organisation:** **York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority**; Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership

**Supporting organisations:** University of Cumbria Land and Nature Skills Service; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

- E6. Provide advice, training and support for rural and land-based businesses to help them to innovate, diversify and secure investment in their natural assets so as to retain at least the same number of jobs within the sector.**

**Lead organisation:** York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority; Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Forestry Commission; Dales Farmer Network; **North Yorkshire Council**, Westmorland & Furness Council.

- E7. Improve the quality and sustainability of the tourism ‘offer’ and visitor information to encourage more overnight stays, and to encourage visitors to experience parts of the National Park that are currently less visited, so that the value of tourism grows by at least 5% in real terms by 2030.**

**Lead organisation:** Cumbria Tourism; Visit North Yorkshire

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council .

## **F. Home to strong, self-reliant and balanced communities with good access to the services they need**

- F1. Support the completion of 250 new dwellings by 2030, including at least 135 social housing, affordable or local occupancy homes to attract and retain younger working age households.**

**Lead organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council

**Supporting organisations:** Housing Associations; Community Land Trusts; Homes England; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

- F2. Increase the proportion of dwellings that are permanently occupied by requiring all new dwellings to be for principal occupancy, and, encouraging change of use from second homes, so that fewer than 20% of properties are under-occupied by 2031.**

**Lead organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

- F3. Improve local access to services that are essential to the long-term viability of local communities, including providing access to gigabit broadband to 99% of properties in the Cumbrian part of the National Park by 2026, and superfast (over 30Mbs) to 97% of properties in the North Yorkshire part by 2030.**

**Lead organisation:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council

**Supporting organisations:** Broadband for the Rural North; Fibrus; Connecting Cumbria; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

- F4. Empower community groups to take on and manage services, take ownership of local assets and develop community wealth initiatives such as shops and community renewable energy.**

**Lead organisation:** **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council.

**Supporting organisations:** Community First Yorkshire; Cumbria Community Foundation; Lancaster City Council; Lancashire County Council; Parish Councils; Charitable bodies; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

- F5. Improve connectivity by reducing mobile phone ‘not spots’ from 21% of the National Park to less than 10% by 2027.**

**Lead organisation:** The Home Office; **North Yorkshire Council**; Westmorland & Furness Council

**Supporting organisations:** Telecoms companies; Connecting Cumbria; Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

**F6. Produce local plans to improve connections for walking, cycling, wheeling and riding in and around the National Park, so it is easier for residents and visitors to travel between places for work, for school and to key visitor destinations without needing a car, and create at least two new multi-user routes by 2030.**

**Lead organisations:** **North Yorkshire Council**, Westmorland & Furness Council,

**Supporting organisations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority; Active Travel England; Sustrans; **York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority**; Yorkshire Dales Access Forum; Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.