

PDNPA LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED APPROACH CONSULTATION

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Derwent & Hope Woodlands Parish Council Response Part 1

Please find below our comments on the above consultation.

There has been no response to comments from last time - Hope Woodlands is omitted from your village list. And we see that Wash, near Chinley, is also not on the list. Why is this?

P21 No.2 Should read supporting the farming economy whilst conserving and/or enhancing.....

P22 Trees - Plantation ancient woodlands restored - this doesn't make sense.

P25 Recreation hubs - We do not support the concept of hubs nor the intended development of them. Neither the Parish Council nor local residents want Fairholmes Visitor Centre to be a 'hub' - in fact they are vehemently against it and request that it is removed from your list. A hub at Fairholmes goes against all of your overriding principles. Our comments are in a separate email that I am sending today.

P73 Listed buildings - not allowing the sub-division of large interior spaces. This is too rigid and will prevent conversions of otherwise unusable buildings. Whilst the buildings and original features should be preserved where at all possible some things have to be sacrificed.

P79 A 'large number of people' how many is this? Too woolly.

P84 Why 28 days? Too restrictive. People who have temporary work for example that may last 6 weeks or more should be allowed to live in holiday lets. Why can't owners apply for temporary extensions?

P85 B should not be restricted to 'wooden pods'. 'Small structures made of natural materials' would be better? Too restrictive.

Why is a single shepherds hut restricted to a farmstead? What about hotels, pubs, private residences? Too restrictive.

P87 Why returning to 28 days? Which is only 14 weekends and does not cover the Summer. This means fewer camping spaces will be available so campsites will then want to expand to meet demand. Have you got evidence to show permanent campsites have experienced a drop in demand due to the 60 day rule for temporary sites?

P105 Have you included people who are renting but want to buy?

P142 The definition should be widened to include green spaces that are not in Local Plans. Just because such a space is in a village with no LP does not mean it is less important to residents. Currently there are so few on the list that they're not worth including.

Many of these points are too prescribed, too restrictive. They will stifle innovation and new business ideas.

S A Report Intro

P15 'visitation' should this be 'vision'?

P16 3.4 Global insecurity - the invasion of Ukraine has not led to large shift in populations into the UK. The wars in the Middle East and uncertainty in Africa has caused this.

Brexit - increasing numbers of EU laws apply to the UK and probably more to come in the future. This needs rewriting.

Chapter 4 P32/33. option 3 settlement tiers. The rest are too rigid in approach.

C222 needs updating. There are no longer any farming subsidies.

C223 What evidence do you have to support these statements? Eg Hay meadows are being restored and created under environmental schemes. Has the use of fertilizer increased or decreased since the huge price increases from 2020. The statement is outdated.

C224/225 Contradict each other. Is the soil poor or rich?

C230/231 In the last 20 years bare peat has been covered to stop erosion. Unsustainable management practices are being reversed. The statement is therefore outdated and the effects of schemes have been ignored. In any event, much of the bare peat has been caused by people walking on it and in the past, by pollution in the atmosphere, not by farmers.

C234 This is already happening. The word 'could' would be more appropriate.

We look forward to your response to these comments.

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