

Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

Since becoming a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration in February 2007 the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) has undertaken the following in response to the voluntary commitments we made to help tackle the causes and consequences of climate change.

1. Getting our own house in order

- We audit our environmental performance annually and continually monitor our energy use, travel activities and waste production.
- Our carbon footprint is a key performance indicator and we have reduced our emissions from 999 tonnes in 2007/08 to 843 tonnes in 2009/10, a decrease of 16%.
- We are working with the Carbon Trust to develop a 5 year carbon management plan which will help us to achieve a further 30% reduction in our emissions over the coming years.
- The amount of waste we dispose of has decreased by 15% and we have increased the proportion recycled to 33%.
- Specific actions we have taken to reduce our corporate carbon footprint include:

In our own properties

- We use more sustainable sources of energy for some properties including a biomass boiler at Losehill Hall and ground source heat pumps at two other properties.
- We ensure that heating systems are properly controlled and train staff in how to ensure their buildings are heated efficiently.
- We use composting toilets in some public facilities and select water-saving fittings wherever possible.

When undertaking business travel

- We are currently implementing our Green Travel Plan. All staff must travel by the most sustainable means available to them.
- We have replaced our fleet of pool cars with low-emission cars, this has resulted in reductions in CO₂ emissions. Some of our rangers have moved to vans instead of 4x4s.

When managing waste

- We have installed recycling bins in some of our sites used by the public and hope to roll this out to more sites over the next year.
- All our operational properties have the ability to recycle plastic and paper based materials.

During 2010/11 we will be working towards a further 10% reduction in our carbon footprint in line with our commitment to the 10:10 campaign. More detail of our current targets and achievements to date can be found in our new environmental report (www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/EMR2010.pdf) which has been designed to read on-line.

- Our main targets are summarised below:
 - To achieve a further 10% reduction in CO₂ emissions (when compared against 2007/08 baseline data) by the end of the 2010/11 reporting period.
 - To reduce travel mileage and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions by 9% so that emissions will have been reduced by a total of 15% since 2007/08.
 - To increase the proportion of waste recycled by the Authority to 45%.
 - To reduce water use by 5%.
 - To use 100% recycled paper in our offices and publish more documents in an electronic format.

2. Making our services more climate friendly and resilient

- We have undertaken environmental awareness training for staff across the Authority.
- We are currently implementing a system where all goods and services which could have a significant impact on the environment must meet criteria that ensure that the risk to the environment is minimised.
- Our suppliers and contractors must demonstrate that they meet all legislative requirements as an absolute minimum.
- We have contributed to a Derbyshire wide Local Climates Impact Profile (LCLIP) which highlighted the impacts of past extreme weather events on our services. These included responding to moorland fires, flood events, damage from high winds and managing visitor pressures during hotter summers.
- We are assessing the risks of future climate change to our key services.
- We will be developing an Adaptation Action Plan which will set out how we will reduce the highest risks.
- We are working through the Fire Operations Group (FOG) with the Fire Services that cover the National Park, so our Ranger Service can better spot and respond to wildfires on the moorland within and around the Park.

3. Providing civic leadership on climate change to the wider community

- We worked with partners to produce the Peak District National Park Climate Change Action Plan as per our commitment in the 2006-11 National Park Management Plan.
- We are partners within the numerous Local Strategic Partnerships that cover the National Park.
- We are working with our constituent authorities to support action on climate change linked with their work on NI 186 and NI 188.
- We are members of the Nottingham & Derbyshire Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP).
- We support the Peak District Sustainable Energy Group (PDSEG) and the newly formed Peak Hydro Forum.
- We contribute to the English National Park Authorities Association (ENPAA) Climate Change Working Group.
- We recognise, through the Environmental Quality Mark Award, those businesses which have good environmental practices and contribute to the conservation of the Peak District National Park.

4. Making it easier for those who live, work or visit the National Park to take action on climate change

Specific actions we have taken include:

- Providing £269,539 of support to projects during 2009/10 through our DEFRA funded Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). A large proportion of these projects have a climate change focus e.g. hydro power schemes, renewable energy feasibility studies and woodchip supply development.
- Providing renewable energy advice and support to individuals, communities and businesses around the National Park from our Sustainable Development Officer.
- Keeping residents informed about what they can do to mitigate the effects of climate change through our twice-yearly magazine *Parklife* – delivered to all 38,000 Peak District National Park households.
- Offering environmental support and advice to businesses and communities via the Live & Work Rural Programme to help people save money on their energy bills and reduce their own carbon footprint.
- Hosting the Peak Connections Project which provides information on how to travel to and within the National Park by public transport.

- Hosting the Moors for the Future partnership project which is carrying out important moorland stabilisation and restoration work to protect the moorland peat carbon store.
- Promoting the Act on CO₂ website to provide more information on actions individuals can take.
- Developing new climate change policies in the draft core strategy of the Local Development Framework.
- Including sustainability and climate change related questions in the Design & Access Statement completed during householder development planning applications.

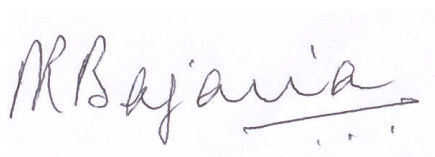
For further details, see:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/climatechange

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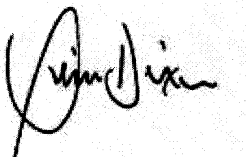
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