

Active Park, Healthy People

Outdoor Recreation Delivery Plan

Q1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the plan?

Yes

Policy context

Q2. Is the policy context found on pages 5 – 9 clear?

No

Q3. Is there anything you would change/add? Please specify.

SLE agrees with the overall direction of the plan. We are pleased to see a plan that is balanced and builds on the 2013-17 Outdoor Recreation Plan however, there is no timescale for delivery detailed in the draft plan. Additionally, it is important to ensure future developments do not compromise the special landscape and features that make the park unique.

The policy context found on pages 5-9 could be made clearer. It is not immediately clear that the column on the right-hand side of page 5 follows on from the statement on the left-hand side of page 5. Altering the layout on this page may be helpful in making this clearer. The second paragraph is very long and could be split into two separate sentences or bullet points.

Additionally, on pages 6 and 7, the document is referred to as 'it' and 'the plan'. We believe it would be more consistent to refer to the document as 'the plan' throughout.

On page 6, under 'Why do we need a plan', the beginning of the paragraph could be more positive by removing the following wording: 'While the National Park Authority is not required to have a plan for outdoor recreation'.

On page 7 under 'How has it been created', we advise the word 'reflected' be altered to 'reflects' to keep the terminology current.

Overview

Q4. Is the strategic overview map found on page 11 clear?

Yes

A Park for All

Q6. Do you agree with the vision for A Park for All found on page 13?

No

Q7. If 'no', please explain why and provide alternative wording.

We agree with the overall vision on page 13, however suggest adding the following to the second last paragraph on barriers to access: "With sufficient resources, good design and working collaboratively with local landowners and businesses, these man-made barriers can and should be overcome".

Q8. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under A Park for All on pages 14 – 17?

Yes

Q10. Do you think the right delivery partners for A Park for All have been highlighted on pages 14 – 17?

No

Q11. If 'no', please explain why and recommend alternative partners.

SLE is pleased to be included as delivery partners under 'promote and protect the public's right to responsible access and remove barriers where they exist'. We consider that landowners and land managers have an important role to play in providing inclusive access, for example through clear signage and removing man-made barriers where these are not compliant with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. We believe it would be worthwhile also including landowners as delivery partners for 'promote a national park access panel and ambassador programme'. As key stakeholders within the national park, it would be valuable to include local landowners in an Access Panel and have involvement in the early stages of projects within the park. Land managers have detailed on the ground knowledge and experience and should therefore be highlighted as delivery partners.

Active and Vibrant Places

Q12. Do you agree with the vision for Active and Vibrant Places found on pages 18 – 19?

Yes

Q14. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under Active and Vibrant Places on pages 20 – 23?

Yes

Q16. Do you think the right delivery partners have been highlighted for Active and Vibrant Places on pages 20 – 23?

Yes

Q17. If 'no', please explain why and recommend alternative partners.

We are pleased to see local businesses highlighted as delivery partners for each of the priority initiatives.

Happy and Healthy People

Q18. Do you agree with the vision for Happy and Healthy People found on pages 24 – 25?

Yes

Q20. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under Happy and Healthy People on pages 26 – 29?

Yes

Q22. Do you think the right delivery partners have been highlighted for Happy and Healthy People on pages 26 – 28?

Yes

Q23. If 'no', please explain why and recommend alternative partners.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of local businesses as delivery partners for the Walk in the Park programme as we consider land based businesses have an important role to play in providing access to many of the places that could be of real benefit to those involved in the programme. SLE considers it would be useful to include local businesses as delivery partners to the Vale of Leven Outdoor Health Partnership and Promoting National Park sport, recreation and lifestyle partnerships as well.

Connecting Places

Q24. Do you agree with the vision for Connecting Places found on pages 30 – 31?

This isn't relevant to me

Q25. If 'no', please explain why and provide alternative wording.

We will leave to other stakeholders to comment on this area.

Q26. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under Connecting Places on pages 32 – 35?

This isn't relevant to me

Q28. Do you think the right delivery partners have been highlighted for Connecting Places on pages 32 – 34?

This isn't relevant to me

Exploring Further

Q30. Do you agree with the vision for Exploring Further found on pages 36 – 37?

Yes

Q32. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under Exploring Further on pages 38 – 41?

Yes

Q33. If 'no', please explain why or suggest alternatives.

We are pleased to see inclusion of promoting responsible access in priority 19.

Q34. Do you think the right delivery partners have been highlighted for Exploring Further on pages 38 – 40?

Yes

Coasts and Water

Q36. Do you agree with the vision for Coasts and Water found on pages 42 – 43?

Yes

Q38. Do you agree with the key focus areas and delivery principles outlined under Coasts and Water on pages 44 – 47?

Yes

Q40. Do you think the right delivery partners have been highlighted for Coasts and Water on pages 44 – 46?

Yes

How will we measure success?

Q42. Do you have any comments on the indicators for success, or suggestions on how we can measure our success?

Measurements of success should be consistent and evidence based across all areas within the National Park.

Other comments

Q43. Are there any other comments you wish to make on the draft Active Park, Healthy People: Outdoor Recreation Delivery Plan?

N/A

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Q46. Do you provide your consent for us to process your personal information?

I consent to the National Park Authority processing my personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018; specifically its storage and use by members of staff working on the Active Park, Healthy People: Outdoor Recreation Delivery Plan, who may contact me regarding my response or to update me on the progress of the strategy.

