Easy Read



Our plan for the **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park 2015 – 2031**



Easy read version of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan (Replacement) Preferred Strategy 2015 – 31 (Summary)

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How to use this document

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Some words may be difficult to understand. These are in **bold blue writing** and have been explained in a box beneath the word.

If any of the words are used later in the booklet they are shown in normal blue writing. If you see words in normal blue writing, you can look up what they mean in **Hard words** on page 12.



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What is this about?



We are the **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority**. Our job is to look after the National Park.



A **National Park** is an area that is protected because of its beautiful countryside, wildlife and history.



This is a short version of our plan that we have for looking after the National Park. The plan will help to make sure we use the land well in the National Park. The plan says how we will:



 make sure government's plans for the National Parks are followed



 deal with the way climate change affects the National Park

Climate change is the way the Earth's weather is changing.



make sure that land is used for local communities





find the right way to look after the countryside and seaside



 deal with the need for homes that people can afford



look after and improve local towns.



We will say where we **will** allow new buildings to be built and where we will **not**.



We will use the plan when we make decisions about **planning applications** in the National Park.

A **planning application** is a way of asking for permission to build something new or add something to a building.



Our plan for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park



The law says we must:



 keep the National Park as a natural place of wildlife, history and beauty



give everyone the chance to visit and enjoy it.



The people who live here need jobs and a social life. We must do what we can to support them.



The National Park is a fabulous place that can be used and enjoyed by everyone. It has beautiful seas and coast with countryside full of wildlife.

New businesses

We do not think there will be a lot of new buildings for businesses. These are the reasons why:



 The number of people living in the National Park is not going up.



 There is not much room for more caravan or camping sites. But it may be possible to make some a bit bigger.



 We do not need a lot more shops. Our small towns are good for shopping. We want more people to shop there and keep them going.

New homes



We will decide if there is a need for some new homes that are easier for people to afford.

Climate change

The National Park will have some new **renewable energy** projects.



Renewable energy is making electricity using the sun, water and wind.



Any building needs to be away from places that flood.

Towns and villages



Most houses and jobs are in the main towns. The main towns in the National Park are Tenby, Newport, Saundersfoot and St Davids.



There are also smaller villages where smaller numbers of buildings can be built.



Any new buildings in the National Park must fit in well with the National Park.



Most new buildings will be in local communities. They will help those towns and villages to keep going.

The countryside



The countryside in the National Park will still have different things going on. For example, farms doing more such as bed and breakfast or a farm shop.



Most of the National Park is countryside so there will not be many new buildings. This means we will not be able to have many more people living here.

Community services



It is important to look after places where things happen in a community, such as schools and health centres.



Sometimes a community may need new buildings for these services. We will support this and make sure the building fits in with the National Park.





Tourists

Tourists are very important for the National Park.



Places for tourists to stay need to be good quality and at different prices.



We do not need many more places for tourists to stay.



There may be a few more places for caravans and camping on some sites.



We want to try to keep hotels for tourists to stay in.

Transport



We need to make sure we have good public transport that we can keep going.

Hard Words

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