



Protocol for dealing with Planning Applications for 28-day camping sites

This guidance note outlines the protocol for prioritising planning applications which are subject to a non-immediate effect Article 4(1) Direction to remove permitted development rights for the use of land for camping, caravans and/or mobile homes for not more than 28 days.

The Article 4(1) Direction, effective from 1 January 2026, means planning permission will be required to use land for temporary camping, caravans and/or mobile homes for up to 28 days. This measure addresses concerns about the environmental impact and community disruption caused by temporary campsites, ensuring temporary campsites are properly planned.

The Authority recognises that 28-day sites may provide an income for farmers, small-holders and rural businesses and there is concern that an Article 4(1) Direction would restrict a form of income. The National Park Authority is committed to supporting economic growth and prosperous communities and the objective of this restriction is to ensure a fair, transparent, and efficient decision-making process that aligns with local strategic goals and community needs.

For those applicants who will now require formal planning consent as a result of the Article 4(1) Direction, the Authority will provide sufficient resource to ensure that consents for 28-day sites are prioritised and dealt with in a timely manner, with quality development outcomes.

The following types of planning applications will be prioritised:

1. Full Applications for 28-day campsites
2. Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing & Proposed) for 28-day campsites
3. Discharge of Conditions for 28-day campsites

Please note that officers will be unable to make any exceptions for individual cases although seek to reassure that every application will be given the required priority as stated above.

The prioritisation of planning applications is contingent on a pro-active approach from the applicant, which includes sufficient information to support a planning application. It is important that, where additional information is required by Authority officers to enable them to make a recommendation, the applicant provides it in a timely fashion.