

## **Post-Adoption Statement**

### **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Partnership Plan 2025–2029**

*(Prepared in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004)*

#### **1. Introduction**

This post-adoption statement has been prepared following the adoption of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Partnership Plan 2025–2029. It meets the requirements of Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and outlines how sustainability and environmental considerations have been integrated into the final plan.

The Partnership Plan sets out a framework for how the National Park Authority and its partners will work together to care for the National Park over the period 2025–2029, in line with statutory purposes and duties.

#### **2. Purpose of the Statement**

This statement addresses the following legal requirements:

- How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan
- How the environmental report (the Sustainability Appraisal) has been taken into account
- How opinions expressed during consultation have been considered
- The reasons for choosing the plan as adopted, in light of reasonable alternatives
- The measures to be taken to monitor significant environmental effects

#### **3. How environmental and sustainability considerations have been integrated**

The Sustainability Appraisal - incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment - has been integral to the development of the Partnership Plan.

The Sustainability Appraisal process began with the preparation of a draft Scoping Report, on which Cadw and Natural Resources Wales were consulted. Following this, a draft Sustainability Appraisal and accompanying appendices were published for public consultation.

Key sustainability objectives were used to assess draft Plan policies and actions, and to identify opportunities to maximise positive impacts while avoiding or mitigating negative effects.

Assessments were carried out in parallel with Plan drafting, enabling recommendations to be incorporated iteratively into the evolving Plan.

#### **4. How the Sustainability Appraisal has been taken into account**

The draft Sustainability Appraisal and its appendices were made available during the public consultation (2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024). Feedback on the Sustainability Appraisal also informed the final Plan.

The Sustainability Appraisal informed decisions regarding the refinement of actions and focus areas, highlighted areas for strengthening policy language to improve clarity and effectiveness, and supported consistency checks across related assessments (e.g. Habitats Regulations Assessment, Equality, and Welsh Language Impact Assessments).

#### **5. How consultation responses were taken into account**

The formal consultation ran from 2<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, and included the following materials for public and stakeholder review:

- Draft Partnership Plan and an Easy Read version with response forms

- Draft Sustainability Appraisal and associated assessments (Habitat Regulations Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Welsh Language Impact Assessments, Well-being Assessment)
- Summary assessments, interactive maps, and supporting consultation documentation

A summary report of consultations was included in Report No. 07/25 to the National Park Authority, 26th March 2025.

Summary of responses to the Sustainability Appraisal:

- Cadw and Pembrokeshire County Council offered supportive comments.
- Natural Resources Wales and the Campaign for National Parks submitted detailed and helpful suggestions for factual updates, corrections, and clarifications.
- These suggestions were carefully considered and, in most cases, adopted into the final Sustainability Appraisal and the Plan.

## **6. Reasons for choosing the Plan as adopted**

The Partnership Plan (formally a ‘management plan’) is a statutory requirement of the Environment Act 1995 (section 66), to formulate policy for the management of the National Park and for the carrying out of the National Park Authority’s functions in relation to the Park.

Thus the Plan should by its nature align well with sustainability objectives. The Sustainability Appraisal process is considered by officers to provide a further check and means of ensuring that the Plan adds value across and between sustainability objectives.

The Sustainability Appraisal process considers reasonable alternatives to draft policies, based on their performance against the Sustainability Appraisal objectives.

The adopted Partnership Plan was selected as it:

- Reflects the statutory purposes of the National Park and supports the Sandford Principle
- Responds to key sustainability issues identified through baseline analysis
- Addresses stakeholder priorities and consultation feedback
- Delivers the greatest overall benefit for environmental, social, and economic well-being
- Avoids significant negative impacts on protected habitats or cultural heritage assets

## **7. Monitoring**

Monitoring will track the implementation and sustainability performance of the Partnership Plan over its lifespan.

Indicators are included within the Sustainability Appraisal and the Plan itself. Metrics can be characterised as measures relating to the state of the Park, to policy effectiveness, and to programme impact.

## **8. Availability of documents**

The following documents are available online at:

[Partnership Plan 2025-2029 - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#)

01 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Partnership Plan 2025-2029

02 Easy Read version of the Partnership Plan

03 Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment):

04 Appendix A – Review of Relevant Plans, Policies and Programmes

05 Appendix B – Baseline Information  
06 Appendix C – Detailed Policy Assessments  
07 Habitat Regulations Assessment  
08 Welsh Language Impact Assessment  
09 Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment  
10 Stage 2 Well-being of Future Generations Assessment  
11 Sustainability Appraisal post-adoption Statement  
Conversion table for Impact Assessments