

REPORT OF THE PLANNING OFFICER (PARK DIRECTION)

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: RECREATION –
REPORT OF CONSULTATION**

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the response received on the above consultation and to ask Members to adopt the guidance for development management purposes.

Policy Background

The Recreation Supplementary Planning Guidance was approved for public consultation by the National Park Authority on 13th June 2012. The consultation began in July 2012 and closed on 19th October 2012.

Letters were sent to various consultees. These included Agents, Architects, Town and Community Councils within the Park, Housing Associations, Estate Agents, Developers, Local Community Groups, local AM's and MP's, County Councillors, Utilities, Chambers of Trade, Environmental Groups, Government agencies, and other people who had expressed an interest.

Letters and CD copies of the consultation documents were provided to libraries within Pembrokeshire, St Clears and Cardigan. They were also available at the National Park centres in Newport, St David's and Tenby in this format. Paper copies of the documents were available to view at the National Park Offices in Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock.

The consultation was advertised via the Authority's web site and via a public notice within the Western Telegraph which appeared in the 25th July 2012 edition.

A total of 2 organisations responded. 4 individual comments of support were made. These are attached in Appendix 1 to this report, for your information. This response rate is low but the guidance is based on the Authority's Recreation Management Plan which itself was subject to detailed consultation in 2010/11 when 60 representations were received.

Conclusion

As a result of this exercise, there are no recommended changes to the document. Subject to approval by Members, this document will be adopted and used in conjunction with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan Adopted September 2010 when considering planning applications linked to recreational activities within the National Park.

Recommendation

- 1. That the Officer Response set out in Appendix 1 be agreed as the National Park Authority response to this consultation.**
- 2. That the Recreation Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan be adopted for development management purposes.**

Background Documents

Draft Recreation Supplementary Planning Guidance, June 2012

http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/files/files/Dev%20Plans/PublicConsultations/Draft_Recreation_SPGNewmap.pdf

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Appendix 1 - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – Recreation. Comments

Ref	Comment	Draft Officer Response
Rec1092/1 Bourne Leisure	In the context of Bourne Leisure's operations and the Kiln Park Holiday Centre and Lydstep Beach Holiday Resort in particular, the company endorses in principle the draft SPG on recreation in the National Park.	Comment noted. No change is required.
Rec 1092/2 Bourne Leisure	In terms of the draft SPG's details, Bourne Leisure notes that the document defines 8 Recreational Character Areas; Kiln Park Holiday Centre features within the 'Resort beach coast' character areas, the most intensive area for recreation and accommodation in the National Park. This appropriately recognizes the high quality tourism offer here and promotes all popular tourism activities. Lydstep Beach lies within the 'Beach coast' character area. This designation contains similar attributes to the above, with the majority of recreational activities accepted and encouraged in the area. On this basis, Bourne Leisure is satisfied with the character area designations listed and supports these future designations.	Comment noted. No change is required.
Rec 1092/3 Bourne Leisure	Bourne Leisure supports the recognition of tourism areas within the National Park and the recreational activities that are associated with these areas. It is vital that the recreational activities that are promoted within these character areas are endorsed by both the statutory development plan, and SPG policy, as they provide key economic benefits eg. By ensuring that the tourism sector can continue to grow and that the visitor economy can thrive all year round.	The strategy of the Local Development Plan is to attract an optimum number of the visitors all year round whilst ensuring that the National Park environment continues to hold its attraction as a landscape of national and international importance. No change is required.
Rec 3457/1 Friends of the Pembrokeshire National Park	We do not have anything to add.	Comment noted. No change is required.