

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

# **Consultation on membership of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authorities**

## **Summary of responses**

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# 1. Period of consultation

This consultation ran from 24 February 2016 12:00am to 24 March 2016 12:00am

## 2. Reason for consultation

Following Secretary of State approval of extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, which will take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, we were required to consult upon and, if necessary following consultation, make amendments to the membership of each National Park Authority.

We wanted to know what you thought about our proposal to increase the membership of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority by 3 members. We also wanted to know what you thought about leaving the membership of the Lake District National Park Authority unchanged.

## 3. Lake District National Park Authority

Proposal - "Given that the extensions to the Lake District National Park are small, and do not encompass the area of any principal local authority not already represented, Defra proposes to leave the membership of the Authority unchanged."

Responses - 6 responses were received, 1 from the NPA, 1 from a principal authority, and 4 from national/local groups or individuals. All 6 respondees supported the proposal.

Action to be taken - Given that all respondees supported our proposal, we will leave the membership of the Lake District National Park Authority unchanged.

## 4. Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Proposal – "Defra proposes that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority should be increased in size from 22 to 25 members to accommodate one new member from each of the newly constituent local authorities, i.e. Eden District Council, Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council. The number of "national" members (appointed by the Secretary of State) and parish members (chosen by the parish councils collectively and appointed by the Secretary of State) would remain the same."

Responses - 20 responses were received, 1 from the NPA, 7 from principal authorities, 4 from parishes, and 8 from national/local groups or individuals. 11 respondees supported the proposal. All newly joining principal authorities confirmed their intention to take up their right to a seat on the NPA.

Of the 9 objections to the proposal, 5 asked for greater Cumbrian representation, 3 asked for greater National representation, and 1 asked for greater Parish representation.

Action to be taken - Given that the majority of respondees supported our proposal, and the lack of consensus between those who requested an alternative, we will increase the size of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority from 22 to 25 members to accommodate one new member from each of the newly constituent local authorities.



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