

Leekfrith Neighbourhood Plan SEA Statement of Reasons



1.0 This statement has been produced to comply with Regulation 15(1) e (ii) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

2.0 A neighbourhood plan is required to meet a number of basic conditions, one of which being it must not breach and be otherwise compatible with EU and Human Rights obligations. This requires neighbourhood plans to fully consider the requirements of the SEA regulations which transpose the EU's SEA Directive into law and which requires those making plans that could impact on the environment to consider whether they are likely to have a significant effect or not.

3.0 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Assessment was prepared by Peak District National Park Authority Planning Officers for the Leekfrith Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix 1). This Assessment was made available to the statutory environmental bodies (Natural England, Historic England and Environment Agency) for a 6 week period from 25 July 2018.

4.0 The Assessment concluded that the neighbourhood plan was not likely to have significant environmental effects and consequently that a strategic environmental assessment was not required. This conclusion was not objected to by the statutory environmental bodies.

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