

Date: 29 May 2007

Report: STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT draft May 2007

Purpose of the report

1. To agree a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and begin consultation on it from August 2007.

Strategic Planning Framework

- **Best Value Performance Plan objectives**

'Provide an up-to-date development framework'

- **MISSION**

'We will work with partners and stakeholders to engage a wide audience in support for and delivery of National Park objectives.'

- **CORE VALUES (Participation)**

'We encourage wide participation in all our activities, seeking to make our role inclusive of a wide range of interests'

Background

2. Since the 1960s the public has had significant involvement in the planning system. The opportunities for consultation, public involvement, and even legal challenge are probably greater than any other area of public service. The reason for this is because of the direct effect regulation of land use has had on landowning interests, and because of the potential for development to affect quality of life, public amenity and even climate change.

3. The SCI is the Authority's policy for engaging the public in planning applications and the formation of planning policy. Preparing it is a statutory requirement of the new Local Development Framework (LDF).

4. The Authority already has well developed procedures for consulting on planning applications and the SCI simply repeats these. The main change it introduces is in the area of public participation in the development of planning policy.

5. The Government expects planning authorities to offer the public alternative policy options and to do that at the beginning of the process rather than carrying out consultation

once the details have been drafted. The intention is: to engage the public earlier in the process; to try to establish a consensus on the direction local planning policy should take, and to reduce formal objection at the end of the process.

Content

6. The SCI explains who will be involved in formulating planning policy in the National Park, how they will be involved, when they will be involved, what the main stages of involvement will be, and how the decisions will be made.

7. It explains the new procedures such as 'Issues and Options', 'Preferred Options' and 'Examination' and the involvement the public will have during these stages. It lists the target groups for consultation and suggests how each will be contacted and what the intended mechanisms will be.

8. The methods and timescales proposed are informed by the realities of the Authority's budgeting, prioritisation, staff resources and performance targets.

Process

9. The SCI is itself a process subject to public consultation. The timetable for its production is set out in the Local Development Scheme (see March Authority Agenda item). The intention is that the draft SCI will be subject to public consultation during August and September. This will lead onto a submission draft which will be examined by a Planning Inspector before being adopted. That process could take until 2009.

10. The absence of an adopted SCI at the present time does not prevent progress on other parts of the LDF. For example consultation on housing and minerals and waste will begin during May.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That Members consider the draft SCI and release it for the purpose of public consultation during August and September 2007.

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29 January 2007

Background documents:
Local Development Scheme 2007



YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park Authority

Statement of community involvement in town and country planning

Draft
May 2007

Part of the Yorkshire Dales Development Framework

Abbreviations

DPD	Development plan document The part of the Yorkshire Dales Development Framework that sets out planning policy It is subject to examination by a planning inspector It
LDF	Local development framework the replacement for local plans and county structure plans
SCI	Statement of community involvement. The Authority's strategy for consulting the public on planning policy and planning applications.
YDDF	Yorkshire Dales Development Framework the LDF for the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Introduction

1.1 Local plans and structure plans which have set out local planning policy since the 1970s, are being replaced by a new system of planning guidance. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced legislation that will replace earlier policies with a Local Development Framework and a Regional Spatial Strategy. The objective is to integrate planning policy with other local and regional strategies and to speed up the pace of review.

1.2 The Yorkshire Dales Development Framework (YDDF) will set out local planning policy for the whole National Park up until 2021. It will sit in a hierarchy below national planning policy and the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy. It will guide day-to-day decisions on planning applications and will replace the North Yorkshire and Cumbria Structure Plans, the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006 and the Yorkshire Dales Minerals and Waste Local Plan 1998.

1.3 The National Park Authority is required to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of the new process. The SCI will be the Authority's strategy for involving the public in the YDDF and in decisions on planning applications.

1.4 The SCI is a formal process that explains whom the Authority will consult, how they will be consulted, when it will happen and how the Authority will use the findings to influence local planning policies and decisions on planning applications.

1.5 As a process, the SCI is itself subject to consultation and the Authority will be asking the public to comment on it. This is the first draft. A final draft will be submitted to a planning inspector for examination. The inspector will determine whether it is fit for purpose or not.

Involving a range of people in planning

2.1 The government is keen for the public to feel able to put forward its own ideas about planning policy and to be confident about the way the National Park Authority will consider them.

2.2 One of the principles of the YDDF is the concept of 'front loading'. This means that the public should be involved in drawing up planning policy at the beginning of the process, rather than commenting on it at the end. The idea is to build consensus and avoid objection later on.

2.3 The context for the Authority's engagement with the public is set out within its mission statement and core values.

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2.4 With regard to involvement in local planning policy and planning decisions, the Authority identifies the audiences below.

Consultees

2.5 Appendix 1 contains a list of organisations that the Authority must consult by law. A further list sets out organisations that may be consulted if the Authority considers that their interests may be affected by a policy or proposal in the YDDF.

2.6 The Authority also has a database of contacts from the last round of public consultation on planning policy in 2002. It is assumed that these contacts will remain interested in the YDDF review of planning policy (Appendix 2).

2.7 Respondents to the recent review of the National Park Management Plan 2007-2012 will also be added to the list of consultees. Further contacts who want to be part of the YDDF process can be added at any time. Equally, contacts that do not wish to be consulted can be removed.

Residents and businesses

2.8 There are an estimated 8,300 households living in the National Park. Together with local businesses, this is the sector that is most directly affected by planning decisions. The Authority can reach this group directly by letter, or through the biannual Dales newspaper.

Parish councils

2.9 There are 83 parish councils and parish meetings in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. They represent the grassroots of rural democracy. They are a good way to inform

and receive opinion at the very local level. They have already been closely involved in consultation on the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006 and their views on planning applications are afforded formal weight in decision making by the Authority.

Local Strategic Partnerships

2.10 Each of the three district councils in the National Park (Craven, Richmondshire and South Lakeland) has formed a partnership to involve the public, private and voluntary sectors in creating joint strategies and projects which take account of the interests of local communities. Consultation with these partnerships therefore reaches a wide range of local interests.

2.11 The partnerships are responsible for preparing local community strategies which aim to improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors to their areas. Where they are relevant to planning, the objectives and detailed proposals of each strategy will be incorporated into YDDF documents. The Authority will meet each local partnership to discuss the options at each stage of the process.

Voluntary and amenity groups

2.12 A range of groups represent specialist and focused interests within the National Park. The value of consulting these groups is that they can bring advice on certain issues such as the historic environment and community facilities. Some of these groups also partly represent the interests of visitors to the National Park, people who might otherwise be hard to reach on planning issues.

Hard-to-reach groups

2.13 The government wants planning authorities to try to reach people who have traditionally not responded to consultation but who may have particular points of view on planning policy. Typically, such 'hard-to-reach groups' include young people, black and minority ethnic (BME) groups, people with disabilities, the poor and perhaps commuters.

2.14 The Authority hopes that by consulting voluntary groups and organisations such as the local strategic partnerships, it will reach at least some of these groups, where they exist in the National Park.

Professional and commercial sector

2.15 This group is well known to the Authority and is well organised in submitting and pursuing its views on planning matters. It has specialist and detailed knowledge of the planning system and is a key player in development decisions.

National Park Authority.

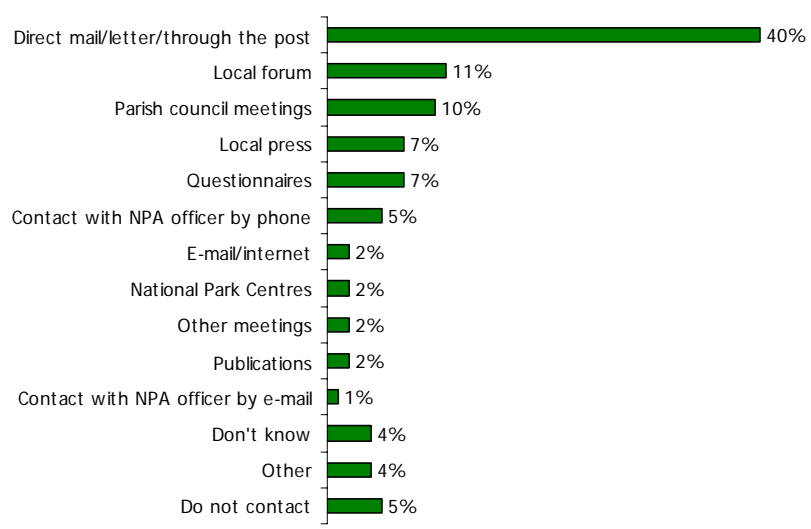
2.16 The National Park Authority is made up of 26 Members, although this will reduce to 22 in May 2007. Members are nominated to sit on the Authority either by the three district councils, the two county councils, the 83 parish councils and parish meetings or by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

2.17 Decisions on planning policy are made at meetings of the whole Authority. Smaller working groups of Members and officers also meet to discuss specific issues in greater detail before reporting back to the Authority for decision making.

Effective means of public involvement

2.18 The last survey of National Park residents was conducted in 2004. Question 17 asked about the preferred means of consultation.

Chart Q17: Preferred method of consultation



Based on 500 telephone interviews.

2.19 Direct mail to each household is clearly the favoured method of consultation. An earlier survey of residents in 1999 returned similar findings. It seems that email and the internet are not yet a preferred method of consultation, although that may change in the future.

2.20 Consultation on the YDDF should follow the findings of the residents' survey and focus on written communication and face-to-face interaction together with consultation with parish councils and articles in the local press. Other consultees will be contacted by letter.

Planning policy

Methods of consultation

3.1 All YDDF documents:

- will be made available on the Authority's website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk
- will be placed on deposit at National Park Offices, National Park Centres and local libraries (see Appendix 3)
- will be advertised in the local press.

YDDF Documents	Dales newspaper or letter to every household	Letter to statutory bodies	Letter to parish councils	Letter to other consultees	Press release	Area meetings	Site notices
Housing DPD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*
Minerals and Waste DPD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Supplementary Planning Documents	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

*for consultations dealing with proposed site allocations

Direct mail

3.2 This is a straightforward way to raise awareness. Letters to parish councils and statutory bodies and consultees will be accompanied by a copy of the YDDF document under consideration. Articles in the Dales newspaper, which is distributed to each household in the National Park, will summarise the issues and provide details of how to access/request a copy of the documents.

3.3 Letters to consultees will explain what the consultation is about, invite a meeting if practical, include a representation form, specify a deadline for reply, and explain how the Authority will deal with the comments returned.

3.4 Respondents will be kept on a database and will be notified of progress.

Press releases

3.5 Sending press releases to publications aimed at residents, Members, visitors and volunteers can be a useful way to inform and influence the content of local media. Articles, letters and public notices in local newspapers, are an effective means of engaging residents in planning policy discussion.

Area meetings

3.6 A series of meetings will be held at locations around the National Park. This will enable residents and local businesses to discuss policy issues with planning officers and Members of the Authority. A travelling exhibition could also stimulate informal discussion at the meetings.

Site notice

3.7 This would probably only be used for site specific proposals such as housing land allocations. It is a cheap and effective method of drawing attention to specific sites and proposals.

Stages of consultation (housing and minerals & waste DPDs)

3.8 The first review of policy under the YDDF will be housing and minerals & waste. This will involve the production of development plan documents (DPDs). It is intended that the public will be involved throughout the process as follows;

1. **Pre-production** (April 2005 – May 2007)

Incorporation of some of the issues arising from the Local Plan consultation 2001 – 2004 and emerging local, regional and national policy.

2. **Issues and options** (May 2007)

The issues and options stage sets out the topical issues and supporting evidence surrounding a subject and suggests potential solutions to problems. The purpose is to present the public with choices, to raise awareness, test ideas, discover if there is any consensus, permit scope for negotiation and shape the preferred options going forward into stage 3. Consultation will last six weeks.

3. **Preferred options** (March 2008)

Following consultation on issues and options the Authority will set out its preferred options and explain why it has rejected the others. Consultation on the preferred options will last six weeks. The Authority will consider representations, attempt to resolve conflict, decide whether there is any consensus and then prepare detailed policies.

4. **Submission to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.** (January 2008)

Detailed policies will be drafted and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The submission document will be made available for public comment during a six week period. This is the public's opportunity to make formal representations, including objections, to the representatives of the Secretary of State.

5. **Examination by planning inspector** (September 2009)

A planning inspector will consider the representations and decide who is permitted to appear at the public examination. The inspector will assess the policies to determine whether they display sufficiently good judgement or not. If they do not the inspector may recommend that the Authority go back a stage. The inspector's report will be legally binding upon the Authority.

6. **Adoption**

The DPD will be amended in accordance with the inspector's report. It will then be adopted, published and implemented. There is no opportunity at this stage for any further consultation.

7. Monitoring

The effectiveness of the DPD in guiding planning applications, achieving its objectives and continuing to conform with national and regional policy, will be assessed by an annual monitoring report published each January on the Authority's website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Role of Members and officers

3.9 Two working groups of seven Members representative of the National Park Authority, have been established to manage the review of housing and minerals & waste policy under the new YDDF. Both working groups are chaired by the Member Champion for Planning Policy and serviced by the Head of Planning and the Strategic Planning Officer or the Minerals & Waste Officer.

3.10 The purpose of the working groups is to consider policy issues in detail and to make recommendations to the Authority for decision.

Resources

3.11 Consultation will meet and exceed the statutory minimum requirement set out in the Planning Regulations (Local Development, (England) 2004). It will, however, also be strongly influenced by the modest budgets afforded to planning policy, in line with the Authority's scheme of prioritisation for its work.

3.12 Public consultation will be delivered by the Planning Department with occasional assistance from other departments. One full-time officer will be responsible for administration and delivery.

Decision making

3.13 Representations arising from consultation will be summarised and stored in a database. At each stage of the YDDF these will be considered and reported to the working groups along with a recommendation. The working group will then report to the Authority, which will make the final decision. A report of public consultation will be published on the Authority website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Planning applications

4.1 Most people engage with the planning system when they submit, or are affected by a planning application. The National Park Authority has therefore put its emphasis and resources into providing a high standard of planning application service for the benefit of applicants and the general public.

Pre-application discussion

4.2 Pre-application discussion between applicants and planning officers is strongly encouraged. It can identify constraints and issues, suggest alternative solutions and raise awareness of the need for wider community involvement, at an early stage.

4.3 Pre-application consultation with residents and neighbours by the applicant, is becoming more common with larger scale proposals. It enables applicants to address potential problems sooner and improve the quality of the proposal. Recent examples in the National Park have included proposals for housing and an extension of time to complete quarrying.

4.4 The Authority cannot refuse to register an application which raises issues of significant interest to local communities because a developer has not carried out pre-application consultation. Applicants should, however, be aware that not doing so might cause delays while these issues are addressed. It is therefore usually in a developer's interest to take notice of pre-application comments in order to minimise objections when the application is submitted.

4.5 The types of application that are likely to generate local interest include housing schemes, quarrying or proposals that depart from the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan policies.

4.6 Developers may choose a variety of pre-application consultation methods. Direct mail to neighbours, exhibitions and/or meetings with representative groups and parish councils and meetings can all be good ways to give people an early chance to understand and comment on a proposal.

Planning surgeries

4.7 To assist applicants and Members of the public the Authority operates weekly planning surgeries in six centres across the National Park. These provide the public with free and easy access to the services of an area planning officer. It is not essential to make an appointment. Details of timing and location are available on the Authority's website.

Notification of planning applications

4.8 A weekly list of planning applications is distributed to anyone who requests one. Full details of all current applications are also available on the Authority's website.

4.9 All planning applications are advertised by site notice, except where the planning officer has decided that individual notification of neighbours is appropriate. The decision

about which properties to notify is a judgement made by the officer on the basis of the impact development would have.

4.10 The following types of application will also be advertised in the local newspaper (Darlington and Stockton Times, Craven Herald or Westmorland Gazette).

- An application accompanied by an environmental statement.
- An application that will depart from planning policy.
- An application affecting a public right of way.
- A major development proposal.
- Development affecting the setting of a listed building .
- Development affecting the character or appearance of a conservation area.

4.11 Parish councils, parish meetings and other statutory consultees are sent a copy of each planning application. The site notice, press notice or notification letter explains what the application is about and where it can be inspected (National Park Authority offices in Bainbridge or Grassington and the National Park Authority website).

4.12 Consultees have 21 days to submit representations.

Negotiation

4.13 The Authority offers a planning service that puts emphasis on discussion and negotiation. The objective is to improve the quality of development for the benefit of the public. Negotiation often makes proposals more acceptable and avoids refusal of permission. This is best achieved by pre-application discussion because national targets for speed of determination limit scope for negotiation once an application has been submitted. The Authority will, however, convey to the applicant any emerging problems identified through consultation and will negotiate to resolve them, whenever there is time to do so.

Amendments

4.14 Amended details that would change the nature of the application in a significant way will lead to further consultation with the parish council or meeting and any other consultee or neighbour whose interest the amendment may affect. The decision on re-notification is essentially an issue for the case officer who must decide whether further amendments are sufficient to modify the scheme to an acceptable standard. The officer may decide not to re-notify if the amendments are judged insufficient to avoid refusal or don't address the concerns expressed.

4.15 Re-notification may necessitate a shorter consultation period given the requirement to attain national targets for determining applications within eight weeks.

Delegated planning decisions

4.16 Decisions on planning applications are delegated to the Head of Planning as long as the conditions below are met.

- The district council, parish council, parish meeting or statutory consultee has not made an observation contrary to the decision which the Head of Planning proposes to take. Any observations contrary to the Head of Planning's proposed decision which relate to a planning matter and are substantiated, will result in the application being referred to the Planning Committee.
- No Member of the National Park Authority has written to the Head of Planning requesting that an application be considered by the Planning Committee.

The Head of Planning will also refer matters to the Planning Committee for decision where, in his/her opinion, it is in the best interest of the National Park Authority to do so.

4.17 Applications that are not delegated to the Head of Planning are referred to the Planning Committee for decision.

Planning Committee

4.18 The Planning Committee consists of 15 Members who represent the various groups on the National Park Authority. Meetings are held monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at the National Park Authority offices in Bainbridge, Wensleydale.

4.19 Officers advise Members by preparing reports that contain all the relevant information including reference to the Authority's planning policies and the views of consultees and neighbours.

Addressing the Planning Committee

4.20 A Member of the public who supports or objects to an application can address the Planning Committee. The procedure is as follows:

- 1) the Chairman announces the application,
- 2) the Area Planning Officer presents the item,
- 3) Members of the public are invited to speak for or against the application,
- 4) the Planning Committee debate the item and make a decision.

4.21 A Member of the public can speak for up to three minutes. Where a group or number of individuals with similar opinions wish to speak they will be expected to agree a spokesperson, to avoid unnecessary repetition.

4.22 The Committee will not question a speaker but the Chairman may ask for a point of clarification. Only planning and land use matters will be taken into consideration by the Planning Committee.

4.23 A request to address the Planning Committee must be made in writing to the Planning Department by noon on the day prior to the meeting.

How to find out what was decided

4.24 The Authority's website contains full details of planning applications and planning decisions since September 2006. Information relating to applications and decisions made prior to September 2006 is available from the Planning Department on request.

Notification of decisions

4.25 The parish council or meeting receives a copy of each decision notice. Where a decision is contrary to their views, however, the parish will normally be informed of the reason.

4.26 Where an application has been approved on the basis of amended plans copies of the latest plans will be sent out with the decision notice to the parish council or meeting.

4.27 Neighbours and other third parties are notified of the decision if they have submitted representations.

Appeals

4.28 Applicants have the right of appeal against the Authority's decision. They can offer their submissions in writing or verbally to an independent planning inspector who will hear the evidence and make a final decision. The parish council or meeting is notified of appeals in its area and is invited to make representations.

4.29 All other objections and supporting representations will also be forwarded to the planning inspector for information.

Breach of planning control and enforcement

4.30 Enforcement is one of the very few areas of the planning system that excludes community involvement. Enforcement matters are treated confidentially and without public consultation although in some appropriate cases the parish council or parish meeting may be consulted.

4.31 The Authority will keep the identity of complainants confidential. If, however, a case reaches the courts it may not be possible to sustain that. The Enforcement Officer will therefore keep complainants informed about progress and the possibility of court proceedings.

YDDF Consultees

Statutory

This is the list of bodies that the Authority is required to consult;

Craven District Council
Cumbria County Council
Durham County Council
Eden District Council
Electricity and Gas companies
English Heritage
Government Office Yorkshire and the Humber
Govt. departments with large land holdings
Harrogate Borough Council
Health Authority
Highways Agency
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission
Lancashire County Council
Lancaster Borough council
Local Strategic Partnerships
 - Craven
 - Richmondshire
 - South Lakeland
North Yorkshire County council
Natural England
Richmondsire District Council
South Lakeland District Council
Strategic Rail Authority
Teesdale District council
Telecommunication Companies
Town and Parish Councils and Meetings
The Environment Agency
Water companies
Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Assembly
Yorkshire Forward

Other

These organisations may be consulted at the discretion of the Authority, if it considers they are likely to be affected by a proposal in the YDDF.

Amenity Groups
Environment/Conservation groups
Fire and Police
Health Care Groups
Housing Interest groups
Landowners
Local business/Business groups
Local developers/House builders
Local disability groups
Local equality groups
Local residents associations
Older persons groups
Planning Agents
Religious groups
Womens groups
Youth groups

Local Plan Consultees

List of organisations that responded to the 1st Deposit Local Plan 2002.

1st Deposit Local Plan Respondents (2002)
Arncliffe Estate (Partnership of)
Austwick Parish Council
Aysgarth and District Parish Council
Bainbridge Parish Council
British Horse Society
Brow Well Fisheries LTD
BT Group PLC
C.T.C. North Yorkshire
Carter Jonas
Clark Scott - Harden
Conistone With Kilnsey Parish Council
Council for British Archaeology
Council for National Parks
Council for the Protection of Rural England
CPRE Craven Branch
Craven District Council
Craven Housing Forum
Cumbria County Council
David Hill Chartered Surveyors
Defence Estates
Dent Parish Council
Durham County Council
Ecoscope
Eden District Council
English Heritage
English Nature
Environment Agency
European Plant
Exchange Developments (Long Preston) LTD
Executors of F.M Clayton
Giggleswick Parish Council
Government Office for Yorkshire & the Humber
Grinton Parish Council
Hall Varley Homes
Harrogate Borough Council
Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council
Hawes Farmers Auction Mart Company Ltd
Heritage Developments (UK) LTD
Highways Agency
Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Hutchison 3G UK Ltd
Ingleton & District Tradespeoples' Association
Ingleton Parish Council
James Homes UK Ltd
Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council
Kirkby Malhamdale
Lafarge Aggregates Limited
Lancashire County Council
Langcliffe Community Primary School
Langcliffe Kennels
Laughing Gravy LTD

Linton Parish Council
Long Preston Parish Council
Marrick Parish Council
Messrs MJ&R Brooksbank Trustees of the Heber Trust
National Farmers Union (NE & NW Regions)
National Grid
North Yorkshire County Council
Railtrack
Richmondshire District Council
Sedbergh Parish Council
Sedbergh School
Sedburgh and District Buildings Preservation Trust
Settle & District Chamber of Trade
Settle-Carlisle Enterprise Network
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Sport England
Stainforth Parish Council
Stirton with Thorlby Parish Meeting
The Bolton Estate
The Countryside Agency
The National Trust
The Ramblers Association
The Simonstone Estate
Transport 2000
Trustees of Chatsworth Settlement
United Utilities
Upper Swaledale Arkengarthdale Business Association
Upper Wensleydale Business & Tourism Association
Upper Wensleydale Parish Councils Forum
Vodafone Limited
Weatherald Wood Components LTD
Wensleydale Railway
Wensleydale Railway Association
West Witton Parish Council
West Witton Playing Field
Yorkshire & Humber Assembly
Yorkshire Archaeological Society
Yorkshire Dales Society
Yorkshire Tourist Board
Yorkshire Water
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

YDDF Deposit Locations

National Park Authority Offices

Yoredale, Bainbridge

Colvend, Hebden Road, Grassington

Tel: (0870) 1 666333

Opening hours:

8.30am – 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday

8.30am – 4.30pm, Friday)

National Park Centres

Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

Tel: 01969 662910

Opening hours:

April – October: 10.00am – 5.00pm

*November – March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays*

Grassington National Park Centre

Tel: 01756 751690

Opening hours:

April – October: 10.00am – 5.00pm

*November – March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays*

Hawes National Park Centre

Tel 01969 666210

Opening hours;

Seven days a week: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Malham National Park Centre

Tel 01969 652380

Opening hours:

April – October: 10.00am – 5.00pm

*November – March: 10.00am – 4.00pm
on Saturdays & Sundays*

Reeth National Park Centre

Tel 01748 884059

Opening hours:

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on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays*

National Park Authority website

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Local Libraries

Embsay Library, Village Hall,

Gargrave Library, Village Hall,

Ingleton Library, Main Street,

Richmond Library, Queen Road,

Sedbergh Library, Main Street,

Settle Library, 4 High Street,

Skipton Library, High Street,

