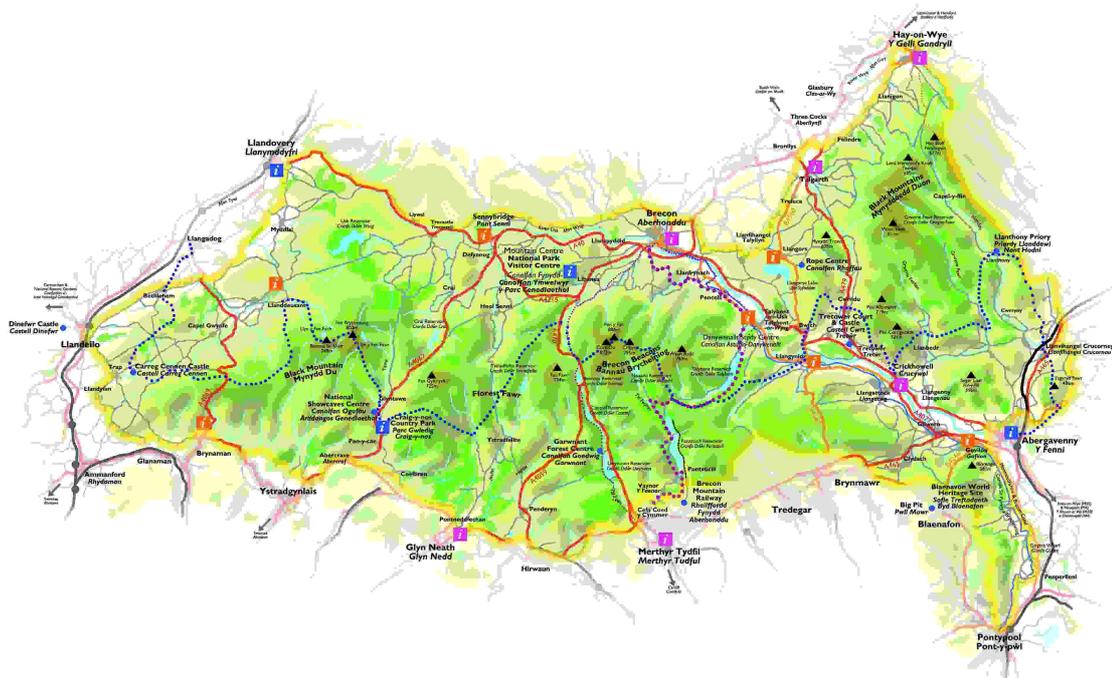


# The Environment Council

## INVOLVING PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PREPARATION OF A NEW NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

### Appendix 3 Outputs from workshop 20th October 2006



## Appendices

### Foreword to the Appendices

Appendices 1 to 3 are the typescripts of the outputs from each of the three workshops. TEC apologises if we have misread and so mistyped any of the outputs. We would welcome feedback from stakeholders present on the days if they think that anything has been misread and mistyped. The typescripts are presented as produced by the stakeholders; they have not been amended or edited. However, to aid the reader the facilitators have added some notes in some places. These notes can be clearly identified as they are in italics.

Table A1 presents the Outline for the day sessions with an explanation of what activity participants were asked to do in each session. The same approach was used on each of the three days.

<b>Table A1 Outline of the day and activity in each session</b>	
<b>Session</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Welcome and Introductions	Chris Gledhill, BBNPA CEO, welcomed stakeholders and introduced the overall consultation programme (see Table 1 above). The TEC facilitators (Steve Hill and Winsome Grigor) explained the aims of the day and the ways of working Participants were in four groups for the day.
Who participants are and what they bring	Participants were asked to identify one key thing they brought to the day from their work/organisation and one thing they brought personally
Your Visions for the Park	Participants were asked to write down their Vision for the Park by completing the sentence "My VISION for the Brecon Beacons National Park is" The definition of a Vision used was from the CCW guidance i.e. <i>Should provide a statement of what the Park should be like in 20-30 years and should be: <u>CLEAR</u> <u>ASPIRATIONAL</u> <u>AMBITIOUS</u> but <u>REALISTIC</u></i>
Special qualities of the Park	Participants were each asked to identify up to three Special Qualities they saw in the Park at this time. Special Qualities from the 2000-2005 Park were available as a reference.
Issues and Trends if no action taken	Participants were presented with lists of Issues (under sub-headings) in relation to the Purposes or Duty under consideration that day and taken from the 2000-2005 Plan  The themes for each day were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> October First Purpose, sub headings:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cultural Heritage</li> <li>○ Biodiversity</li> <li>○ Landscape and Geodiversity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Table A1 Outline of the day and activity in each session</b>	
<b>Session</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Issues and Trends if no action taken (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> October Second Purpose, sub headings:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open Access and Rights of Way</li> <li>○ Raising Awareness</li> <li>○ Transport and visitor facilities</li> <li>○ Recreation activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> October Duty, sub-headings:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tourism and transport</li> <li>○ Sustainable communities</li> <li>○ Thriving communities</li> <li>○ Economic activity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Participants were asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) identify any new key Issues; and</li> <li>2) identify up to three key impacts if no action were taken on each Issue</li> </ol> <p>Each group was given the opportunity to work on each sub-group of Issues</p>
Objectives for Issues with Who (deliverers)	<p>Participants were asked to identify at least one key Objective and deliver(s) for each of the Issues identified for each sub-heading.</p> <p>The definition of an Objective followed the CCW guidance that they should be SMART so participants were asked to develop Objectives that were: <u>Measurable</u> with <u>Clear outcomes</u> in a specific <u>Time scale</u></p> <p>Each group was given the opportunity to work on each sub-group Issues</p>
Revisit Visions	<p>Participants were asked whether they thought the Objectives produced (in the context of the Purpose and the Duty under consideration that day) would move the Park towards delivering their Vision</p>
Overview of outputs of the day and Next steps	<p>A plenary session was held, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked at Next Steps in the consultation Process;</li> <li>• Addressed comments and Questions raised by participants during the day (these were those placed in the “Park in the Park” throughout the day; and had an</li> <li>• Open discussion on other aspects of the NPMP process</li> </ul>
Evaluation of the day	<p>Participants were invited to complete an evaluation form</p>

<p>These two are cross cutting aspects for consideration in the objectives</p>	
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- Mainstreaming embedding disability and access issues across all issues
- Integration and holistic working across all issues, departments, partnerships

## Appendix 3 Outputs from workshop 20th October 2006

### Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan Workshop

#### Transcript from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Evan Morgan	Brecon Beacons NPA
Richard Jenkins	Brecon Beacons NPA
Avril Barnes	Brecon Beacons NPA
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons NPA
Chris Green	Brecon Beacons NPA
Nick Toulson	Brecon Beacons NPA
Nigel Phillips	Brecon Beacons Park Society
Punch Maughan	Brecon Beacons Tourist Association and Bunkhouse Association
M.H. Gittins	Brecon Town Council
Alice Pyper	Cambria Archaeology
Howard Davies	CCW
Bill Purvis	Environment Agency Wales
Kayna Tregay	Environment Agency Wales
Lorraine De Souza	Environment Agency Wales
David Sheppard	Fire and Rescue Service
D.J. Crane	Llangorse Community Council
Gloria Jones Powell	PAVO
Chris O'Brien	Powys County Council
Owen Jones	R.C.T. C.B.C.
Ross Chamberlain	RCT CBC
Neil Bally	Talgarth Town Council
Steve Hill	The Environment Council
Winsome Grigor	The Environment Council
Dave Sherman	Vale of Grwyney CC
Roger Austin	Vale of Grwyney CC
Basil Hollington	Welsh Assembly
Steve Rayner	Welsh Canoeing Association/Brecon Canoe Club

## Welcome and Introductions

### Outline of the day

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Participants and what they bring
3. Your Visions for the Park
4. Special qualities of the Park
5. Issues and Trends if no action taken
6. Objectives for issues with Who
7. Revisit Visions
8. Overview of outputs of the day
9. Next steps
10. Evaluation of the day

### Outputs and Outcomes

#### Outputs

- Suggestions as to the park's special qualities.
- Identify key issues and likely future trends for each issue if no action were taken.
- Objectives for each issue and realistic options for achieving these.
- Suggested preferred options, identifying who would be responsible.
- Your vision for the park based on the objectives and preferred options.

#### Outcomes

##### Stakeholders

- feel empowered in having an input into the future of the park.
- Contribute your own (organisational or private) objectives to the NPMP.
- Gain a sense of ownership of the NPMP through involvement in its preparation.
- Commitment to helping that successful delivery of the NPMP.

### Working Agreements

- Mobile phones and pagers off.
- Respect other's views.
- One person speaking at a time.

### Purposes and Duty

First Purpose:

Conservation and Enhancement – to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park.

Second Purpose:

Understanding and enjoyment – to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the park, by the public.

Duty – to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the NP. ***(The Duty was the focus for the second part of the day for this workshop)***

## Who is here and what do they bring?

*These are presented as lists from each group. The things people bring are not necessarily in pairs*

### Yellow Group

<b>What they bring from their job and their organisation</b>	<b>What they bring personally as an individual</b>
NPA staff have a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the NP	Have lived in a NP (PCNP) for majority of my life and now working in the Brecon Beacon NP.
Environment Agency Wales. (Planning) Awareness of issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Waste</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Water Resources</li> <li>• Renewable Energy</li> </ul>	Personal interest in recreation in the countryside, particularly walking.
Local delivery of fire and rescue service for south Powys. Helping to make the community a safer place. Being more than just an emergency service, preventing and educating	I live in park (10 years) use walking/climbing and general outdoors activities.
Brecon Town Council Chairman Planning Committee. Vice Chair Finance Committee	. Interested in provision of social housing, environmental issues and sustainable communities and transport.
Now retired. Managed a local YHA Hostel for 19 years with my wife. Prior to that I was a P.O. engineer (now B.T.) for 25 years.	Member of Llangorse Community Council. Volunteer in the NP (for Park Watch).
Vale of G.CC Counsellor	Engineer. Lived and worked in the Parks all my life.
Work in the development planning section of RCT currently in early stages of producing LDP.	Have a role in helping to create sustainable towns and villages through producing the Local Development Plan.
Organisation: Powys County Council Planning Policy	Resident of the park, keen interest in the future direction of the park.

Green Group

<b>What they bring from their job and their organisation</b>	<b>What they bring personally as an individual</b>
Clerk to Vale of Grwyney Community Council 'a living community??'	Resident Active in local affairs – Active Volunteer. Walker.
BBNPA. Statutory Body	Live outside the NP. Understand the pressures from neighbouring communities.
CPRW Newport and valleys Branch. Retired architect. General interest in environment.	Walker. Sketching. Live in the park.
Organisational. PAVO working with and supporting communities to improve health social care and well-being	Personal. Living and bringing up family in a small community in the park.
Cambria Archaeology holds the Historic Environment Record (HER). Carries out archaeological excavation, survey etc. Provides management advice on archaeological sites. Planning advice.	Interest in traditional buildings. Experience of giving management advice on the historic environment, particularly with agri-environment. Recreational use of park.
Share experiences of residents I meet in my role. Promote joined up economic and community development and regeneration.	Park user. Environment/rural space lover.

Red Group

<b>What they bring from their job and their organisation</b>	<b>What they bring personally as an individual</b>
Commitment to improving environment of the park in a sustainable way.	I live in Crickhowell. I am an angler.
Over many years have been consultant on M+ Plan, LDP and Future LDP. Support.	Live near Cardiff. Long standing park user (walker).
Talgarth Town Council. Leading involvement in the UDP policies for our area.	Professional Artist. Cultural interests and planning.
Experience of running a community sports club	Experience of being a 'naïve incomer', establishing 'base' in the community. Working as an outdoor instructor. Establishing a local business. Farming?
A fresh perspective!	Artistic Geology!

Blue Group

What they bring from their job and their organisation	What they bring personally as an individual
Detailed geographic knowledge of the Park	Live and work in park. Enthusiastic walker.
Brecon Beacons Tourist Association. Trade Rep on Strategic Tourism Partnership (BBNPA). Association of Bunkhouse Operators.	Live and work in park. Passionate about area for outdoor activities. Strong belief in sharing ideas/practise
Not sure	Musician
National Context. Understanding of planning process	Passion for the 'landscape'. Strong belief in the link between people and their environment
Dealing with the production and delivery of community strategies and their environment strategies for EAW	Enjoying walking and the beauty and protection of the countryside/park.

**My VISION for the Brecon Beacons National Park is:**Blue Group

- An area of outstanding landscape, valued nationally, loved locally. A landscape that functions as a habitat for people and wildlife, providing inspiration and a high quality of life for all (placed outside the park boundary) *(the participant placed their vision outside of the park and noted its position)*.
- For the area to be recognised as an iconic tourism destination with the national park, local authorities and the private sector working cooperatively to ensure a sustainable tourism product that is realistically funded by all stakeholders.
- To see a protected and valued park that will enhance tourism, farming will energise the communities that fall within it.
- Thriving and vibrant communities within a protected landscape and adequate funding for maintenance of Upland rows (= *Rights of Way?*).
- There will be no need of a National Park Designation anymore.

Red Group

- Thriving local communities.
- A place where: the countryside and way of life is protected and valued; visitors are welcome; communities thrive.
- A visible place which espouses a sustainable view of protection and promotes healthy access to its facilities for all its citizens.
- Harmony and tranquillity.

Yellow Group

- Preservation for future generations! Improve public transport. More affordable housing for the younger generations. Advertise the park to the rest of the UK.

- A place where people of all ages and generations can live in communities that have a range of basic day-to-day facilities. Also job opportunities within the park where they live.
- Park to remain unspoilt. Encouraging more visitors that will help communities in the park. Providing work for our youngsters thus keeping them in the Park.
- For it to develop in a way that respects the distinct communities/areas present in the park and builds upon their existing strengths whatever they may be (could be built heritage, existing settlement, historic function).
- To see an environment which reflects the social and economic circumstances that may prevail at the time as well as maintaining a working environment in partnership with the people who live in and visit the park.
- A safe place to visit, work, live that maintains the natural environment whilst being practical from a work/living aspect.
- An area that promotes sustainable development, where environmental, social and economic objectives are given equal importance and reinforcing each other.

### Green Group

- Of a wild and beautiful background to living communities – villages of diverse and active inhabitants NOT just dormitories for rich retired/holiday homers/commuters.
- Essentially a peaceful, tranquil and natural haven in which small vibrant communities can sustain social cohesion and protect an economic base.
- A park that demonstrates integrated management of historic and natural environment. Allowing sensitive new development where appropriate but respecting the historic integrity and traditional character of the area.
- An authority that uses its natural, heritage, historic, tourism assets and potential to the benefit of residents both within and outside the park. Use these assets to promote the economic regeneration of bordering local authority areas through active engagement with programmes like H.O.V. and Herian etc.
- The existing environmental quality is maintained with as little change as possible and the unique quality of the countryside and the communities in the park has been protected.

## **Special Qualities**

### **Special qualities identified in the 2000-2005 Plan**

- Landscape and natural beauty
- Peace and tranquillity
- Opportunities for walking and access to open country
- Open spaces and qualities of remoteness
- Traditionally managed farmland
- Wildlife

### **Special qualities identified by participants**

### Blue Group

- Opportunity to engage with the natural landscape for all ages
- The observable changing face of nature

- A last wilderness
- Recreation purposes – water-sports, fishing, cycling, walking etc.
- Opportunity to discover a range of landscapes that are cared for
- Beauty – scenic, tranquillity, enjoyment, spiritual
- Spiritually stimulating
- Believe all current qualities there except traditionally managed farmland
- People and landscape obviously linked – cultural landscape
- Intimate communities
- Cultural heritage and close communities
- Archaeological sites

#### Yellow Group

- Access to the outdoors in this area
- Ideal opportunities for outdoor pursuits
- Opportunities for people from all over the world to enjoy the many activities that the park accommodates
- Where walker and visitor come to enjoy
- A place where local people and visitors can learn about the environment
- Gives a range of outdoor leisure opportunities – walking, climbing, water etc.
- A working environment which maintains the park's attractions
- An enjoyable area to live
- Retain planning control to prevent future over-development
- An area of (relatively) clean land, air and water
- Recognised for these other qualities across UK and more and more so internationally
- Outstanding landscapes and countryside and well maintained agricultural land
- A place of natural beauty
- An area of diverse landscapes and natural beauty
- Landscape and wildlife
- Historic settlements/features/landscapes
- A comparatively safe (crime free) area

#### Green Group

- Outstanding and beautiful natural environment to be treasured, respected and preserved
- Rich flora and fauna
- Beautiful landscape
- Living landscape
- Total landscape balance
- Wilderness and beauty  
(balancing line) *used by participants to separate the clusters*
- Towns and villages which are locally distinctive
- An incredible asset for promoting the built and cultural heritage of the SW region
- A rich well preserved archaeological resource
- Active communities
- Potential for contributing to the economic regeneration of communities inside and outside the park
- Wealth

- Vibrant, enterprising communities

#### Red Group

- Protected environment- official recognition
- Special wildlife, e.g. Kites/fish
- Remoteness, open spaces
- Space and tranquillity
- Variety of landscape; heterogeneity
- Diversity of man-made and natural features (archaeological interest, e.g. Canal)
- Special cultural landscape
- Working communities: 'it's not twee' (+ 'welshness'...)
- Not to over crowd or over do the parks. Do more by doing less
- Traditional features

## Issues & Trends if not action and Objectives and Who Tables

(The following tables for Issues and Trends, and table for Objectives are in the context of the Duty, the focus for the second part of this day. The tables are presented by subheading with Issues and then Objectives for each sub-heading in turn)

<b>Tourism and transport</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Sustainable tourism*	Increased food miles to the detriment of the environment
	Loss of economic base
	Plenty of pain, no gain (day-trippers)
	Increase in traffic and parking problems
	Fewer tourists and loss of economic base
Sustainable transport*	
Highway Design*	
Understanding the capacity of the resources and establish the baseline.	Non-sustainability
	No clear funding arguments
	Making decisions the effect of which are contrary to park purposes
	Loss of potential visitors
Acquisition of meaningful data for tourism and transport	No clear path
	No clear funding arguments
	Making decisions the effects of which are contrary to park purposes
Engagement of communities to recognise their responsibility to the area's resources	Lack of cooperation and understanding
	Lack of responsibility leading to general degradation
Investigate whether there is effective public transport across the Park, and creating gateways to the Park, e.g. Abergavenny, Merthyr	
Need for integrated transport system internally and externally	Environmental degradation
	Certain groups excluded from Park, e.g. disabled, non-drivers, elderly, young people.
Removal of all unnecessary street furniture	

<b>Tourism and transport</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Promoting tourism in partnership with other agencies within and beyond the Park boundary	Full potential of tourism for economic regeneration will not be realised
Recognition and protection of cultural assets (archaeological, historic, urban and rural landscapes)	Loss leads to cultural impoverishment, negative impact on tourism and economic opportunities)
Recognise enormous diversity of tourism assets	Reduced visits and reduced ongoing promotion
Pressures on other services, e.g. Health Service	Conflict on resources
	Greater pressures on prioritisation

<b>Tourism and transport</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Sustainable tourism*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish mechanism for rural communities to promote their own areas.</li> <li>Outcome: Greater engagement of community</li> <li>Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	BBNPA, Community Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Brecon Beacons in S.E. England</li> <li>Outcomes: Increased tourist numbers</li> <li>Measures: Survey Data</li> <li>Timescale: 1-2 years</li> </ul>	BBNPA
Sustainable transport*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish strategic gateway with public transport links, eg. Abergavenny, Merthyr, Llandovery, Ystradnyglais, Hereford</li> <li>Outcome: Welcome, control and manage visitors to enhance their experience of the area.</li> <li>Measure: Greater proportion of people visiting Park by public transport</li> <li>Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	Visit Wales accommodation provider, BBNPA, WAG, transport provider
Understanding the capacity of the resources and establish the baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interrogation of data from State of the Park Report</li> <li>Outcome: Being able to justify</li> </ul>	BBNPA, Tourism and transport provider, L.A.s

<b>Tourism and transport</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>resources and opportunities</li> <li>Measures: Targeted actions</li> <li>Timescale: by 1/1/2008</li> </ul>	
Acquisition of meaningful data for tourism and transport / Investigate whether there is effective public transport across the Park, and creating gateways to the Park, e.g. Abergavenny, Merthyr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish criteria and collection of data</li> <li>Outcome: up to date Data of the Park report</li> <li>Measures: completion of report</li> <li>Timescale: July 2007</li> </ul>	BBNPA
Engagement of communities to recognise their responsibility to the area's resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purposes of the Park to be included in tourism and transport strategies.</li> <li>Outcomes: Linking Park purposes with tourism and transport objectives</li> <li>Measures: Seeing in print the Park as a resource – tourism and transport strategies</li> <li>Timescale: ? related to cycle of strategies, possibly 5 years</li> </ul>	BBNPA , WTB, transport providers, funders, local communities
Need for integrated transport system internally and externally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable, accessible and effective transport network</li> <li>Outcome: More people using public transport</li> <li>Measures: Increase in number of people using public transport</li> <li>Timescale: 2007</li> </ul>	WAG, BBNPA, L.A.s
Removal of all unnecessary street furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get rid of visual clutter e.g. road signs, graffiti</li> <li>Outcome: a safe and pleasant environment</li> </ul>	Powys Highways, Monmouth, Carms., RCT, Torfaen, B-Gwen ( <i>Blaeneau Gwent?</i> ) etc.

<b>Tourism and transport</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure: Visual improvement</li> <li>• Timescale: within 12 months</li> </ul>	
Promoting tourism in partnership with other agencies within and beyond the Park boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved communication and joint working between responsible agencies</li> <li>• Outcome: (1) joined up thinking/planning/implementation (2) Increase in visitors to the region</li> </ul>	L.A.s, BBNPA, Welsh Tourist Board, National Trust, Herian, Cadw etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures: quantity/quality of joint promotional material. # Joint tourism ventures.</li> <li>• Timescale: Now</li> </ul>	
Recognition and protection of cultural assets (archaeological, historic, urban and rural landscapes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint provider of archaeological and built environment advise and support.</li> <li>• Outcome: Recognition and protection of assets and regeneration of historic environment</li> <li>• Measure: Existence of maintained and enhanced historic database</li> <li>• Timescale: within 12 months</li> </ul>	BBNPA
Recognise enormous diversity of tourism assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of businesses, Tourism Operators, Attractions etc. in the Park</li> <li>• Outcome: Increase visitor spend and sustain local communities</li> <li>• Measure: Info accessible through BBNP website</li> <li>• Timescale: Feb 2007</li> </ul>	BBNPA

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
The Park's eco-footprint*	Increase in: food miles; building material miles; personal mileage Increase in cars (tourists); road safety Tourism money supports local employment
Renewable energy*	Other energy resources used – environmental issues
The effects of changing lifestyles*	Losing interdependency within community – less people/families in village during the day Further loss of community resources and interaction (dormitory) Selfish attitudes increasing Retention of 'flexible' planning
Local identity and distinctiveness*	Loss of sense of place Loss of traditional skills and building Loss of citizenship
Social Inclusion / Income levels	People on lower incomes will move away because they can't afford housing Lose balance of age ranges Dormitory communities. More commuters and second homers (see following to issues)
Age – Young and Old	Loss of balance of ages within communities Reduced impetus to create facilities for young people – loss of opportunity Focus of services on older population Loss of employment potential. Lack of inward investment.
Active Communities	Reduction in Community Spirit Farming – loss of farmers Deteriorating landscape and communities
Diversity	Leads to social exclusion

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Employment	
Better (lack of) communication between existing initiatives, groups etc.	Duplication of effort – poor use of resources and time Conflict of aims and outcomes – bad press If groups do not work together opportunities would be missed – funding etc.
Mix of land use	Losing mix of community and employment facilities Unsuitable use of land – building on flood plain Smaller scale developments – work with what is there – recreation areas.
Democratic involvement	Lack of engagement, ownership, pride – disenfranchisement Unrepresentative decision making
Access to technology	Loss of learning potential Loss of economic opportunities

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
The Park's eco-footprint*	Make Park carbon neutral	
Renewable energy*	<p>Encourage development of small scale renewable energy technologies (micro-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation)</li> <li>• Outcome: Less reliance on large scale energy generation; Potential for local income generation for communities.</li> <li>• Measure: Number of installations</li> <li>• Timescale: Ongoing</li> </ul>	NPA, Energy Agencies, Private sector
The effects of changing lifestyles*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To empower local communities to initiate/generate their own solutions to combat changing lifestyles (housing, car-sharing</li> <li>• Outcome: Local people involved in community life/self-help/responsibility</li> <li>• Measures: Against existing transport and planning policies; against local schemes</li> </ul>	Planning authority, community development
Local identity and distinctiveness*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong local identity and character; promoting use of local materials. Sensitive new development and regeneration of historic buildings; within Management Plan</li> <li>• Timescale: Within 5 years</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	LPAs

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Social Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create better social balance (social inclusion) within communities</li> <li>• Measures: Affordable and supported housing embedded in planning process (LDP);</li> <li>• Demographic; productivity levels.</li> <li>• Timescale: 2010</li> </ul>	Planning Authority
Income Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a balance of incomes within communities</li> <li>• Outcome: balanced community</li> <li>• Measures: Productivity levels; demographic survey</li> <li>• Timescale: 2010</li> </ul>	Community/Residents Planning Authority (Indirect) Economic regeneration WAG
Active Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People engaged in community activity</li> <li>• Outcome: More vibrant, interactive, coherent societies</li> <li>• Measure: Number of community activities</li> <li>• Timescale: 2007 (ongoing)</li> </ul>	County Voluntary Councils
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain active village communities by...</li> <li>• Outcomes: allowing small scale house building in every community</li> <li>• Measures: Number of houses built per village</li> <li>• Timescale: 2015</li> </ul>	Planning Authority

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Age – Young and Old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage young people</li> <li>• Outcome: their voices will be listened to; better informed planning</li> <li>• Measure: young people feel involved, therefore engaged and more active</li> <li>• Timescale: now</li> </ul>	LA, BBNPA, etc.
Better (lack of) communication between existing initiatives, groups etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Communication between initiative bodies.</li> <li>• Outcomes: More effective delivery of initiatives; wider consultation with groups – more inclusive</li> <li>• Measures: Increased numbers communicated with; Increased numbers of responses</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	LA, NPs, All bodies involved in consultations.
Mix of land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create sustainable (self-sustaining) communities.</li> <li>• Outcomes: Everyone having access to local jobs, services, recreation, open space</li> <li>• Measures: Amount of people with access to outcomes; Amount of development on undefended floodplain</li> <li>• Timescale: Preparation of LDP- 4 years</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	L.A.s, Developers, Planning Authority, Community and town councils, stat consultees
Democratic involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage/increase democratic involvement in local decision making</li> </ul>	NPA (instigator), Community Councils, stat consultees

<b>Sustainable Communities</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Increased engagement in NP (Flow chart of how to get involved)</li> <li>• Measure: Number of people involved/participating in NP activities and consultations</li> </ul>	
Access to technology	<p>Ensure local communities have access to current technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Communities that are disadvantaged by their location</li> <li>• Measures: Broadband connection- Mobile phone coverage; - coverage of interactive digital technologies.</li> <li>• Timescale: 2008</li> </ul>	Media/Communications industry; Planning Authority

<b>Thriving Communities</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Housing*	Lack of affordable houses for young people
	Stagnation of communities
	In-migration due to house prices (change in balance of community)
	Uncontrolled development (spoil character of Park)
Facilities and Services*	Young people moving out of Park for higher education opportunities
	Increased use of private car
	Problems with access to emergency services/local Dr's.
	lack of ownership/responsibility for the community and it's facilities.
Young People*	Continued migration
	Ageing population
	Increase in anti-social behaviour
	Loss of opportunities for young people
Health and well-being*	Problems with access to emergency services/local Drs
	Putting people's lives in danger
	Diet related problems
	Over burden on some social services
Safer communities*	Increase in anti-social behaviour
	Loss of local accountability
(lack of) Community events	Stagnation and possible decrease in community events
	Lack/decrease of community spirit
	Increase in commuter villages
Employment opportunities	Increased car use/commuting
	Out-migration
	Further loss of skills
Local production	Increased imports with loss to local economy (+increased 'food miles')
Connectivity within and between communities	Lack of social cohesion
	Loss of potential of communities (economically and socially)

<b>Thriving Communities</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
	Diminishing feeling of citizenship and responsibility for community/environment.
Young economically active	Out migration (impact on local economy) Ageing agricultural population
Social capital (loyalty to a particular community)	Loss of special quality that is traditionally inherent in rural communities Loss of citizenship and involvement in community activities Loss of social activity = loss of economic activity
Tourism and recreation opportunities	Loss of opportunity economically Loss of opportunity socially (lack of social cohesion)
Recognition of multiple communities (embedded as a principle in the Plan – no objective)	No cohesive communities Generic idea of what community is – therefore individual needs of communities become ignored.
Learning Opportunities	Loss of identity – disconnection from community

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Housing*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Increase of provision of affordable housing</li> <li>• Measure: Housing needs surveys</li> <li>• Timescale: 2-3 years</li> </ul>	NPA, RHE Community/Town Councils, EAW, CCW, RSLs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Retention of agriculture/key worker dwellings</li> <li>• Measures: No. of agriculture/key worker dwellings erected</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	NPA, Unitary Authorities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing to sustain existing communities</li> <li>• Measure: Size and vitality of communities</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	NPA, Unitary Authority
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross border working between Unitary Authority and NPA</li> <li>• Measure: cross working groups</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	Unitary Authority, NPA
Facilities and Services*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Maintain and improve</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities and services within communities of the NP</li> <li>• Measure: Survey work</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	LHB, Unitary Authority, Community/Town Councils, WAG, NPA, EAW, CCW

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Improved public transport and park &amp; ride facilities. Innovative transport; increased cycling</li> <li>• Measure: Transport survey work</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	WAG, NPA, Unitary Authority, Private transport companies, sports council, Sustrans.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stronger links with partnership agencies and cross-border enterprises</li> </ul>	BBNPA, Unitary Authorities, Visit Wales
Young People*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Increase and improve recreational facilities</li> <li>• Measures: Surveys; market analysis (increase and improve)</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	WAG, Unitary Authority, Town and county councils, Sustrans, sports council, schools, LEAs, youth groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Further education and skills and training for young people</li> <li>• Measures: No. of courses</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	WAG, LEA, University, NPA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Engage young people</li> <li>• Measure: Surveys; no. of representatives at meeting</li> </ul>	Schools, LEA, Sustrans, sports council, BBNPA, Community Forum, Unitary Authority
Health and well-being*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Encourage healthy eating and diet – local produce</li> <li>• Measures: Stats – medical</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	LHB, Unitary Authority, Schools, BBNPA, local businesses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People take responsibility for their own health and well-being</li> <li>• Outcome: Healthier communities, less pressure on health and social services</li> </ul>	LA.s, LHB, National Public Health Service etc.
Safer communities*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Joined up working with</li> </ul>	Emergency services, Town/Community

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	statutory bodies and local groups and communities (through training) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures: National crime and disorder statistics</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	Councils, Community farms
Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Encourage and increase community events by raising awareness</li> <li>• Measure: No. of community events</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	Town/Community Councils, interest groups, local people
Employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Increase number quality of jobs through partnership training</li> <li>• Measures: Number of jobs created</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	WAG, BBNPA, Unitary Authority
Local production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage local production for local needs – network of trading</li> <li>• Measures: Amount of local produce sold in supermarkets though added value</li> <li>• Timescale: 1 year</li> </ul>	Supermarkets – farmer cooperative, local restaurants/businesses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Promoting local produce through tourism marketing, including restaurants</li> <li>• Measure: customer feedback; number of establishments using local produce</li> <li>• Timescale: 1 year (ASAP)</li> </ul>	BBNPA, tourism, local businesses
Connectivity within and between communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use existing and/or establish new community forum</li> <li>• Outcome: More evidence of socially</li> </ul>	Local councils; residents' groups; BBNPA/LA.s

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cohesive communities.</li> <li>Measures: Number of fora; survey of their effectiveness</li> <li>Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	
Young economically active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep young people working in the Park</li> <li>Measure: Local employment figures; training stats; vocational course figures</li> <li>Timescale: 1 year</li> </ul>	Higher Education establishments; BBNPA; employment and skills partnership; schools; Unitary Authority
Social capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporating WAG Sustainable development objectives</li> <li>Measure: Use WAGs measures/indicators</li> <li>Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	WAG; NPA; Cynnal Cymru
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and productive use of social capital</li> <li>Outcome: More cohesive communities; happier residents; more productive communities; more communicative, less isolated, less fractures community.</li> <li>Measures: Number of active groups; increase in active groups; qualitative feedback from residents</li> <li>Timescale: now</li> </ul>	LA.s; Voluntary/community/statutory sector
Tourism and recreation opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase and develop local tourism and recreation opportunities</li> <li>Measure: State of Park Report</li> </ul>	BBNPA; tourism partnership/enterprise

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	
Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and support existing village schools</li> <li>• Measure: school closures cut</li> <li>• Timescale: 1 year – plan period</li> </ul>	LEA, Unitary Authority
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more diverse and innovative learning environment. Informal learning</li> <li>• Measure: Number of courses, societies, clubs</li> <li>• Timescale: 1 year ongoing</li> </ul>	YFC, scouts, Guides, craftsmen, local businesses, BBNPA, Wildlife trust
	<p>More people engaged in learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: population with appropriate, desirable, saleable skills. More people in jobs.</li> <li>• Measures: People of different ages in learning; No. gaining qualifications; No. finding active employment as a result of learning.</li> </ul>	Education sector; Local business partnerships, voluntary sector.

<b>Economic Activity</b>	
<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Economic regeneration and development*	Stagnation of entire communities Balance of communities affected. Becoming dormitory settlements Breakdown of economic infrastructure
The agricultural economy*	Fewer farms- changes in practices subsequent changes in traditional landscapes Less balanced grazing of uplands- bracken invasion- consequent change to biodiversity Opportunity lost to enhance biodiversity
Sustainable use of the Park's natural resources: water, minerals, etc.*	Potential over-abstraction and change to river regime and biodiversity Continued unsustainable importation of fine aggregate from Bristol channel Potential contamination of ground water Building materials
Connecting business with the local community	Reduction in social cohesion Lost opportunity to use local produce, people and potential.
Green Business (also: Forestry and regeneration of Woodland)	Missed opportunity to promote the Park as an exemplar Continued waste of natural resources
Awareness of outside drivers	Missed opportunities and always playing catch-up Be 'savvy' to survive!
The tourism economy	Potential damage to existing (and more appropriate) infrastructure Missed opportunity for sympathetic developments
The footloose economy in this geographical space (the park area)	Lack of engagement. No recognition of connectivity to the Park and it's qualities and hence their responsibilities Missed opportunities in terms of added value Knock-on effects on more traditional activities
Sustainable use and recognition of Park's cultural heritage	Missed opportunities in terms of regeneration

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<b>Issues</b> (* = Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Impacts if no action</b> Top 3 impacts per issue
Social enterprise, community enterprise and 'not-for-profit'	Potential loss of social and economic diversity
	Disillusionment of local people
	Ideas stifled
Encouraging active communities	Potential loss of future opportunities for economic activity
	Loss of informal 'barter' economy and hence social contract
	Reduction in social cohesion
Social Inclusion	

<b>Economic Activity</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Economic regeneration and development*	Increased number of good quality jobs for local people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Retention of balanced communities and increased GDP of Park</li> <li>• Measures: Number and type of quality jobs created during Plan</li> <li>• Period</li> <li>• Timescale: 5 years</li> </ul>	WAG, County Councils, Business Associates, LPA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase vocational training opportunities to increase indigenous skill base</li> <li>• Outcome: see above</li> <li>• Measure: Number of people taking up training places during Plan period</li> <li>• Timescale: 5 years</li> </ul>	LEAs; Industry; NPA; DELLS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create stronger links with partnerships</li> <li>• Outcomes: Economic growth</li> <li>• Timescale: Now</li> </ul>	BBNPA; Unitary Authority; WDA; Visit Wales etc.
The agricultural economy*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and enhance traditional farming practices</li> <li>• Outcomes: Cultural landscape of the Park is protected</li> <li>• Measures: Change in number of farms managed traditionally during Plan</li> <li>• Timescale: Now</li> </ul>	Farmers; Landowners; WAG; EA
Sustainable use of the Park's natural resources: water, minerals, etc.*	Limiting river and groundwater abstraction to appropriate licensed locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Park will be compliant with the Water Framework Directive</li> <li>• Measures: Number of abstractive practices licensed/not licensed</li> <li>• Timescale: Ongoing</li> </ul>	EA Wales

<b>Economic Activity</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Connecting business with the local community	Encourage businesses in the park to form links with their communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure: Survey</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-2 years</li> </ul>	BBNPA; trade associations
Forestry and regeneration of Woodland	Maintain mixed hardwood/conifer woodlands to ensure: landscape diversity; increase recreation; be used as a biomass fuel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: Maintenance of 'known' landscape</li> <li>• Timescale: Over six plan periods</li> </ul>	FC; landowners; NPAs
Green Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote business benefits to businesses and local economy of reducing environmental footprint.</li> <li>• Outcome: More businesses meeting green [?] but practice industry standards</li> <li>• Timescale: 1-5 years</li> </ul>	EAW; Business groups; LPAs
Awareness of outside drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of an economic forum for the park (or joining one)</li> <li>• Outcome: Greater awareness of external cyclists!</li> <li>• Measures: Number of businesses surviving during the Plan period (and employment)</li> <li>• Timescale: Forum on Monday! Revise at end of Plan period</li> </ul>	BBNPA; County Councils
The footloose economy in this geographical space (the park area)	To harmonise the changes to ensure continuity of the Park's qualities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes: Footloose economy embedded in the Park's purposes and duties.</li> <li>• Measures: Find them quickly in an economic evaluation of the footloose economy with recommendations</li> <li>• Timescale: Within 1 year and reviewed at end of Plan</li> </ul>	BBNPA; County Councils; CC

<b>Economic Activity</b>		
<b>Issues</b> (* Issues from 2000 to 2005 Plan)	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Who?</b>
	period	
Sustainable use and recognition of Park's cultural heritage	<p>To promote knowledge and understanding of the Park's cultural Resource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome: (1) Greater access to and understanding of why the cultural resource is important to all (2) A maintained and enhanced Historic Environment Record (HER).</li> <li>• Measure: Increase in recording/consultation of HER</li> <li>• Timescale: 6 months</li> </ul>	WATs; BBNPA

## Plenary sessions

### Park in the Park

Points raised	Replies/comments
Do not mention the word sustainability in future documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overuse of term 'sustainability' in consultation documents. Meaningless term. Waste of resource (e.g. Paper) to produce documents that say nothing.</li> </ul>
Sustainability is essential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But no point in undertaking this kind of planning without considering what is lasting, a vision for the future.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point that communications need to reflect better use of the term</li> </ul>
The definition of duty doesn't mention engagement with the world outside the park!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty doesn't mention engagement outside of Park. Authority has to stay within the legislation, but sees people around and just outside the Park as important.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education outreach and social inclusion work encompasses them within resource constrictions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Important to link in with L.A.s surrounding the Park.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This consultation includes those L.A.s</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Even though Duty doesn't include it, partnership working is essential</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service and delivery improvements by the NPA</li> <li>• -where would this be analysed in the management plan.</li> <li>• How does high-level vision fit in with day-to-day running and NPA delivering better service?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPMP is the overarching plan, doesn't contain 'nuts and bolts' but is more strategic.</li> <li>• Business Improvement Plan (annual plan) will be on website by the end October and contains P.I.s Internal document 24 members contribute as representatives of their wards, WAG and Welsh Audit Office input.</li> <li>• Difficulty with system of representation.</li> </ul>
National Grid Gas Pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Grid Gas Pipeline didn't fit into today's issues. Currently with DTI for approval, likely December. Work likely to start Feb 2007.</li> <li>• NG have agreed to a reinstated plan for the existing pipeline               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ covered under First Purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pipeline is for national benefit and will be forgotten in time, as previous ones have been. Especially if reinstatement plan goes well.</li> </ul>

### **Do these Objectives work towards achieving your vision?**

- Objectives fit broadly with vision. Today a mixture of high-level and more detailed objectives. Concern that not got the totality of what we need and there are still gaps (because of the number of issues being raised)
  - NPA to note

### **Next Steps**

- First engagement on new MP, so groundwork has been done here then will be taken around the Park to communities.
- Meetings will be advertised and community councils invited to comment on these outputs Nov-Feb.
- March/April will consult with large organisations to refine. Publish draft end July 2007. Final Plan Dec. 2007.
- NPA will publish meeting report on website, but people can request paper copy.
- There will likely be duplication of outputs over the 3 days. Draw out themes and interactions between issues.
- Next phase will be refining, rather than generating a lot more.
- NPMP guidance says it must be aspirational and realistic. Consultation will help prioritise .
- Common priorities will form basis of bid to WAG but also to NPA corporate objectives.
- Doesn't have to be only deliverable by NPA (Environment Act, Section 62 ) therefore NPA objectives can link into other bodies' objectives through SEA. Spatial Plan should be overarching document.
- NPMP provides Vision. LDP will take its vision from the NPMP, but can't do this planning for the LDP until April.
- NPA invited as many organisations as they knew of, but not many individuals or small organisations. Powys Chamber of Commerce likely to be contacted in next round.