**Sustainability Appraisal of the draft National Park Management Plan**

The Sustainability Appraisal of the draft National Park Management Plan incorporates the statutory ‘Environmental Report,’ required under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 (as amended). It also provides the assessment of the Plan’s contribution to Wellbeing, the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR), and the Welsh Language.

The Sustainability Appraisal draws on the Habitats Regulations Assessment which screened as having no likely significant effect, either alone or in combination on Special Areas of Conservation within the National Park or within 15km of its boundary.

The appraisal explains how the draft Plan has been prepared including consultations on issues and the draft vision and objectives. It also includes details of how an alternative suite of policies was prepared in response to a gap analysis of the draft vision and objectives against plans, policies, and programmes to which the plan has had regard, including *Valued and Resilient: The Welsh Government’s Priorities for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks* and Natural Resources Wales’ *State of Natural Resources Report* and *Area Statements*.

The appraisal concludes the draft plan would bring likely significant positive effects across each of the assessment topics biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage and landscape.

The level of detail provided in the draft Plan means the magnitude of these positive effects depends on the way it is implemented.

No likely significant adverse effects have been identified. The potential for negative impacts from polices supporting sustainable tourism, managing busy places, local food economies and payments for ecosystems services are likely to be mitigated / offset by working through thematic and spatial partnerships, strong project development and management processes and detailed assessments undertaken at the project stage.

Furthermore, by supporting the National Park in providing nationally important cultural benefits, the draft Plan is likely to have a significant positive impact the national well-being goals and each of the priorities detailed in *Valued and Resilient: The Welsh Government’s Priorities for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks*.

The draft Plan’s contribution to the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) is identified in response to the ‘bridges to the future’ for each of the 4 aims of SMNR presented in Natural Resources Wales’ State of Natural Resources Report 2020. The contribution of the draft Plan to meeting the goal of 1 million Welsh language speakers by 2050 is presented against relevant elements of the Welsh Language Standard.

To help understand the ‘just and safe space’ within which the national park can continue to provide nationally significant recreational benefits, a ‘National Park Doughnut’ has been developed. The doughnut is yet to be fully integrated within the sustainability appraisal methodology; however, this is an aspiration in the near term. The doughnut will help focus research and environmental monitoring and will, in the future, replace and act as the State of the Park Report.