**BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK**

**LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2021**

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| Name: Mr / Mrs / Ms / MissAddress:Home telephone number:Daytime telephone number (if different):Email:Occupation: |

**What are your areas of interest?**

The role of the Local Access Forum (LAF) is to advise the National Park Authority (NPA) and others as to the improvement of access in the area. The legislation also requires that all relevant interests are represented and that there is a balance in the membership (see The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001 7f). Please give a brief summary of your areas of interest, indicating which would be your main interest.

**Diversity (Removing Barriers)**

The National Park Authority is keen to take account of the needs of all users of the countryside and seek applications from people who can represent the interests of these people, including people with disabilities, young people, ethnic minorities and other people that may feel excluded. If you could represent any of these interests, please provide details of how below.

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| **Please complete the following questions as fully as possible. The selection of Local Access Forum members is normally determined on your application alone, without a personal interview. It is therefore important that you provide as much information as you can to assist the selection process.** |

**1. Why do you want to be a member of the BBNP Local access Forum?**

Please include anything that you feel is relevant to your application for membership. We would particularly like to know why you want to join the Forum, what you can contribute and what you want to achieve.

**2. If appointed, how would you fulfil this role?**

The role of the Local Access Forum is to provide an opportunity for representatives of users and landowners and other relevant bodies to advise the National Park Authority on the improvement of public access to land in the National Park for the purpose of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of that area. This should be done in ways that address social, economic and environmental interests, whilst encouraging and assisting access provision. The advice given by the Forum should be of particular local relevance.

It is important that all members agree to work within the context of the functions of Local Access Forums as defined in the CROW Act (S94(4)), see Guidance Notes for Members. Please demonstrate how you will be able to fulfil this role if appointed?

**3. What particular skills and experience could you bring to the Forum?**

Please include relevant interests or pastimes, your knowledge of access/rights of way, areas where you feel you would be able to provide specific advice, and any involvement or membership of organisations whose work is relevant to the LAF.

1. **How would you improve access in the BBNP area?**

Local Access Forum members must be committed to making the countryside more accessible and enjoyable for open-air recreation, in ways which address social, economic and environmental interests. Please summarise your ideas for the improvement of access in the National Park.

**5. What experience of access in the Brecon Beacons National Park do you have?**

Please provide details of what knowledge and experience you have of countryside issues and public access to the countryside, and the Brecon Beacons National Park in particular.

**6. What opportunities do you have to disseminate information and network with relevant organisations?**

It is essential that all members are able to pro-actively pursue opportunities to publicise the work of the Forum within their own area of interest and also amongst others with similar interests within the area covered by the Forum. How would you disseminate information regarding the work of the Forum?

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| I have read the information provided with this application form and am able to carry out the duties necessary. I understand the appointment will be for a period of three years, after which I may be considered for reappointment. I confirm that the details on this application form are correct.Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Members Skills and Experience Checklist**

If you have fully completed the application form you will have provided much of this information, but to help the National Park Authority ensure that it maintains a varied and balanced mix of members, please complete this short checklist. Thank you.

 Please tick or complete as appropriate

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| Male |  |
| Female |  |
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| Aged under 25 |  |
| Aged 26 - 40 |  |
| Aged 41 – 55 |  |
| Aged 56 - 70 |  |
| Aged over 70 |  |
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| Will you mainly represent ‘user interests’? (*please specify*) |  |
| Will you mainly represent ‘owner/occupier interests’? (*please specify*) |  |
| Will you mainly represent ‘other interests’ especially relevant to the area? (*please specify*) |  |
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| Do you consider yourself to be disabled? If yes, please state nature of disability.(The Disability Discrimination Act defines disability as “A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on the person’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities”) |  |
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| How would you describe your ethnic origin? |
| White European | Black British | British Asian |
| White other | Black other | Asian |
|  | Other ethnic group (please specifiy) |
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| Can you speak Welsh? Yes/No |  |
| Fluent | Intermediate | Beginner |  |
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| How did you become aware of this vacancy? |  |

Please note that all application forms and supporting information will be securely retained for six months and we may contact you should a suitable vacancy arise. After six months all application forms and supporting information will be destroyed. Should you object to your information being retained, please could you let us know and we will destroy your application form after the outcome of the recruitment process.