

Annex 1 – Best Practice Guidelines on Planning Applications between Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department & Parish Councils

Our way of working

Coniston Parish Council and the Lake District National Park Authority endorse the good practice protocol for parishes in development management.

Together, we are committed to:

- a strong working relationship built on confidence and trust
- a collaborative approach
- helpful, clear and timely communication

Coniston Parish Council will:-

- encourage people proposing to submit a planning application to discuss their plans prior to submitting the application. Private developers of housing schemes will be encouraged to discuss their proposals with the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust
- use a planning application checklist as a reminder of the points to consider when reviewing a planning application
- will respond to all planning application and submit responses within the required timescales.

Lake District National Park Authority:

- introduces their planner and team leader to Coniston Parish Council
- provides planning training to Coniston Parish Council
- encourages pre-application advice, including engaging with the community on significant schemes
- ensures the Development Control Committee will have a good understanding of the wishes of the community.

Agreed process for taking planning decisions:

- Lake District National Park Authority consults Coniston Parish Council electronically
- when appropriate Coniston Parish Council seeks clarification and or advice from Lake District National Park Authority planner before taking a decision
- when appropriate planner seeks clarification and or advice from Coniston Parish Council before recommending a decision
- if no consultation response is received the planner contacts the clerk to Coniston Parish Council for advice
- Lake District National Park Authority notify Coniston Parish Council if the decision is to be taken by Development Control Committee enabling them to be present at the meeting if they wish
- Lake District National Park Authority sends a weekly list of planning decisions to Coniston Parish Council
- Lake District National Park Authority sends an explanation of any decision taken contrary to the views of Coniston Parish Council