

# Parish Forum Meeting Monday 18 September 2017

## Welcome by Allen Kirkbride

We have created a page on our website specifically for parish councils [yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/parish-councils-and-meetings](https://yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/parish-councils-and-meetings).

The page includes:

- notes of the Parish Forum meetings, copies of the presentations, and details of forthcoming meetings.
- quarterly 'briefing note' with latest news
- links to some of the most relevant parts of the website including the planning section, and the Management Plan.



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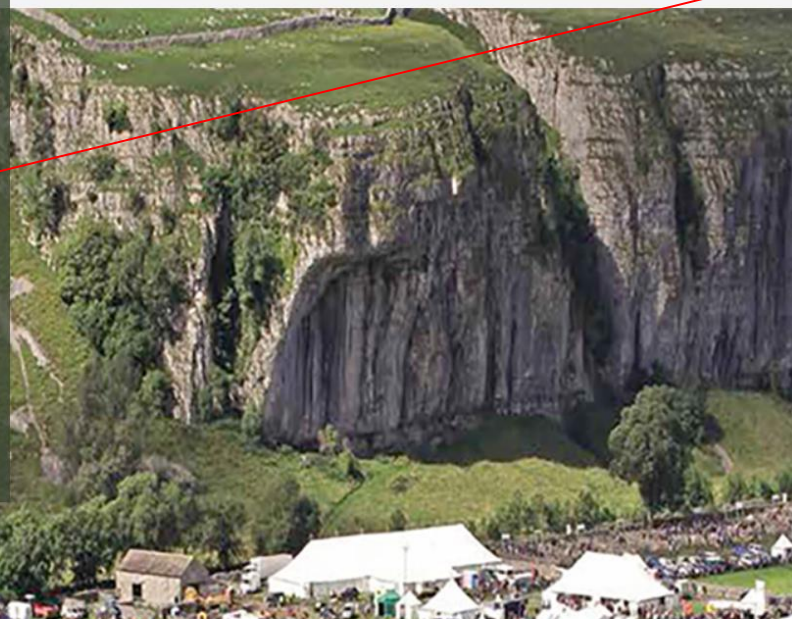
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## Quarterly Updates

A regular update on topical issues and current news that we hope will be of interest to local communities. Please click on the link(s) below to read more ...

**February 2017**

## Parish Forums

We have regular Parish Forum meetings for all parishes wholly or partially within the National Park, with the parishes divided into 3 areas. One Forum is for the parishes in the north of the National Park, one for the parishes in the south and one for the parishes in the west. The Forums encourage a two-way discussion about any and all National Park issues relevant to parish councils. Two meetings of each Forum per year are currently being held, in the spring and autumn. Meetings are chaired by the four parish-appointed Members of the Authority, and agendas are agreed in advance to include items requested by the parish councils. Dates of future meetings and agenda items will be made available on this page; the next round of Forum meetings will take place on:

**Northern Forum Wednesday 26th April, 7pm, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge**


**Southern Forum Wednesday 19th April, 7pm, Games Room, Devonshire Institute, Grassington**

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## Quarterly updates

## Meeting Agendas







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**Western Forum Monday 8th May, 7pm, Orton Market Hall**

Notes from previous meetings, including some of the facts, figures and general information from presentations, can be found on the [Parish Forum Archive](#) page.

**Notes of meetings and presentations**


## Our Parish Appointed Members

The membership of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is set out in legislation (Environment Act 1995). Of the 25 members, four are appointed by the Secretary of State to represent the parishes in the National Park. Those parish members are:

- [Chris Clark](#)
- [Allen Kirkbride](#)
- [Ian McPherson](#)
- [Neil Heseltine](#)

If you are interested in becoming a 'Parish Member' you can find out more by visiting our [How to](#)

**How you can help** ❤️



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# Parish Initiative: Hudswell Community Led Housing Scheme

Annie Sumner



# Hudswell Community Charity

NEW HOUSES FOR HUDSWELL

# Hudswell

- Rural village in Swaledale
- Population about 280 – 110 dwellings
- Working village – a few holiday homes
- 3 miles from Richmond
- One village hall, a village shop, one church and
- One pub (just the best in the UK!)



# Hudswell Community Charity

- ▶ **Founded during the reign of Charles II**
- ▶ **For the relief of poverty and hardship in the parish of Hudswell**
- ▶ **Owns endowed land and property**
- ▶ **Manages three cottages converted from the former school since about 1920**

# Hudswell Community Charity

- ▶ **Now a Charity Incorporated Organisation**
- ▶ **Seven Trustees – all residents of Hudswell**
- ▶ **Reporting annually to the Parish Council**
- ▶ **Also linked to the Church of England ecclesiastical parish**

# Hudswell Community Charity



# The Thompson Field

- ▶ Owns the Thompson Field – land left by a man called Thompson to be used by the Charity
- ▶ Let to farmers for grazing which produced a low income
- ▶ Fronts onto Hudswell Lane and had been thought of for many years as a possible site to build more houses

# Work began in 2014

- ▶ Secured a £10,000 grant towards the cost of feasibility work
- ▶ Conducted a housing needs survey
- ▶ Commissioned Evolve Architectural Services to design a scheme and prepare a planning application
- ▶ Liaised with the Yorkshire Dales Planning Authority and Richmondshire Council
- ▶ Negotiated with the Charity Bank over a loan
- ▶ Applied for grant aid to support the development costs
- ▶ Sought changes to the governance structure in order to gain limited liability

# Why a housing development?

- ▶ The Charity already owns and manages three properties
- ▶ There is demand for “affordable” rented housing in Hudswell
- ▶ The Charity has considerable reserves which it is not using
- ▶ The Charity Commission expects charities to have plans to use their reserves to meet the Charity’s objectives
- ▶ The land belongs to the Charity, it fronts onto Hudswell Lane and was likely to receive planning consent
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# Public consultation

- ▶ Regular newsletters to the village
- ▶ Two public meetings
- ▶ Additional meetings with the site neighbours
- ▶ Made adaptations to the design to meet objectors concerns (spent a lot of time on this!)
- ▶ Most people in the village support the proposal



# The site





The Field

# What kind of housing?

- ▶ Two, three bedroom, dormer bungalows
- ▶ One, two bedroom bungalow
- ▶ Good quality build, with modern “green” heating systems
- ▶ Plenty of off road parking
- ▶ Landscaped to look attractive
- ▶ Retaining the front boundary wall and trees

# Advantages for the village

- ▶ Additional housing for people with a local connection who cannot afford to buy a home in Hudswell (i.e. your elderly parents – your children)
- ▶ Helps to sustain local services like the shop and pub
- ▶ We can build to an appropriate design and do not need to cram the site

# Advantages for the village

- ▶ The Charity will maintain control of the allocation of the properties
- ▶ The Charity will ensure that they are well managed



# How do we know there is a demand?

- ▶ The housing needs survey conducted recently received seven responses from residents in housing need for a two or three bed properties.
- ▶ During the past 25 years our current properties have always been let
- ▶ Both the Richmonshire and YDNP local plans stress the need for affordable rural housing to rent

# It takes time!

- ▶ Started work on the proposal mid 2014
- ▶ Secured feasibility grant late 2014
- ▶ Prepared plans and consulted locally early 2015
- ▶ Submitted planning application early 2016
- ▶ Planning approval March 2016
- ▶ Section 106 agreement July 2016
- ▶ Out to tender October 2016
- ▶ Selected builder December 2016
- ▶ Secured loan agreement Feb 2017
- ▶ Started on site March 2017
- ▶ Due to be completed November 2017

# Legal issues

- ▶ The former Hudswell Charity was unincorporated
- ▶ The land and property was held on our behalf by the “official custodian” for the Charity Commission”
- ▶ We needed to establish a new Charity Incorporated Organisation
- ▶ Link the former original charity to the new CIO via a vesting document
- ▶ Transfer the ownership of the land and property from the” official custodian” to the new CIO
- ▶ Our lawyers, Muckle llp carried out this work for us
- ▶ It also took a long time to complete these tasks



# How is it funded?

- ▶ **Total cost of the scheme is £360,000**
- ▶ **£80,000 from the Charity's reserves**
- ▶ **£40,000 from grant from Richmondshire Council (Community Led Housing Fund)**
- ▶ **£240,000 loan from Charity Bank over 25 year at 4% above base rate**

# Our allocations policy – applicants must either:

- ▶ Currently live in the village of Hudswell
- ▶ Have previously lived in the village for a considerable period of time
- ▶ Have close family members, such as parents, siblings or children currently living in the village
- ▶ Work in the village
- ▶ And be in housing need

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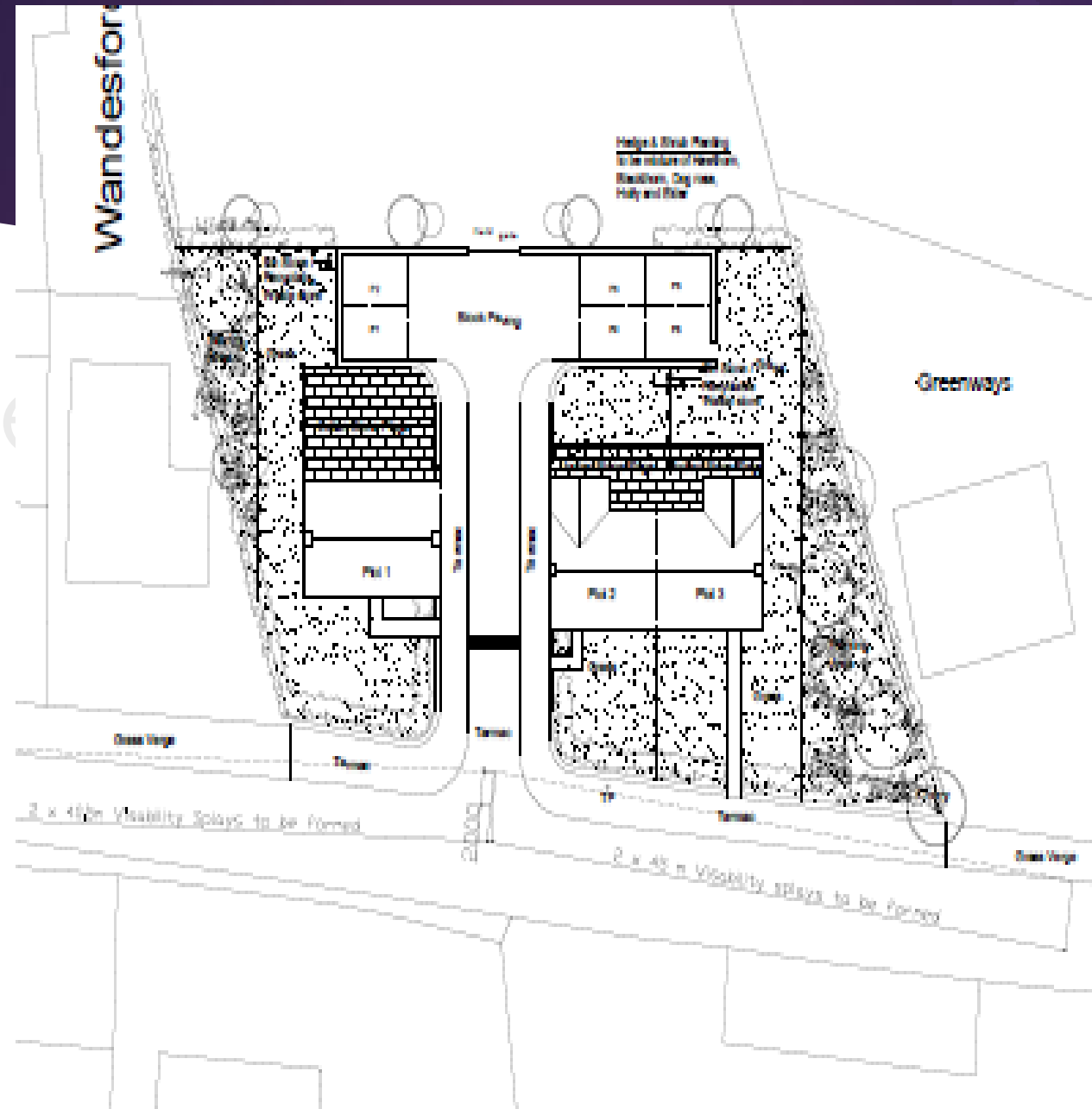
- ▶ The trustees will allocate and manage the properties
- ▶ No other organisation will have the right to nominate tenants
- ▶ Local tradespeople will be used to maintain them

# The housing will be locally managed

- ▶ We will respond quickly to maintenance and management problems
- ▶ We are building on our experience of managing the three Plews Cottages

# Will they ever be sold?

- ▶ As a small charity we will be exempt from the government's proposed right to buy legislation
- ▶ The land was endowed to the charity and cannot be sold without the agreement of the Charity Commission
- ▶ The Charity's objectives would preclude a sale
- ▶ Our aim is to provide affordable housing to rent for the less well off of the village



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**The building work gets  
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• *On behalf of Hudswell Community Charity*





The walls are already six feet high! 21<sup>st</sup> Apr  
2017

# The Future

- ▶ Ongoing supervision of the build process
- ▶ Draw down funds from the Charity bank loan as required
- ▶ Summer 2017: begin selection of tenants from eligible applicants
- ▶ December 2017 open the development and new tenants move in for Christmas! - Now beginning of November!!!
- ▶ We do have another site we could develop – but not yet!



**Current Situation 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sept 2107**



# Consultation on issues for the new Management Plan 2018-2023

Gary Smith



Three open ended questions were posed by the Steering Group during May and June 2017:

1. *What do you love about the National Park?*
2. *How do you think the National Park could be improved?*
3. *What do you think are the three most important issues for the National Park Management Plan to tackle over the next five years?*

- 623 replies
- 57% residents; 43% visitors

# Most frequent issues raised during consultation

## **Access**

- Improved Access for all abilities,
- Legal access to caves (similar to climbing through CROW act)
- Improved public transport into the Park

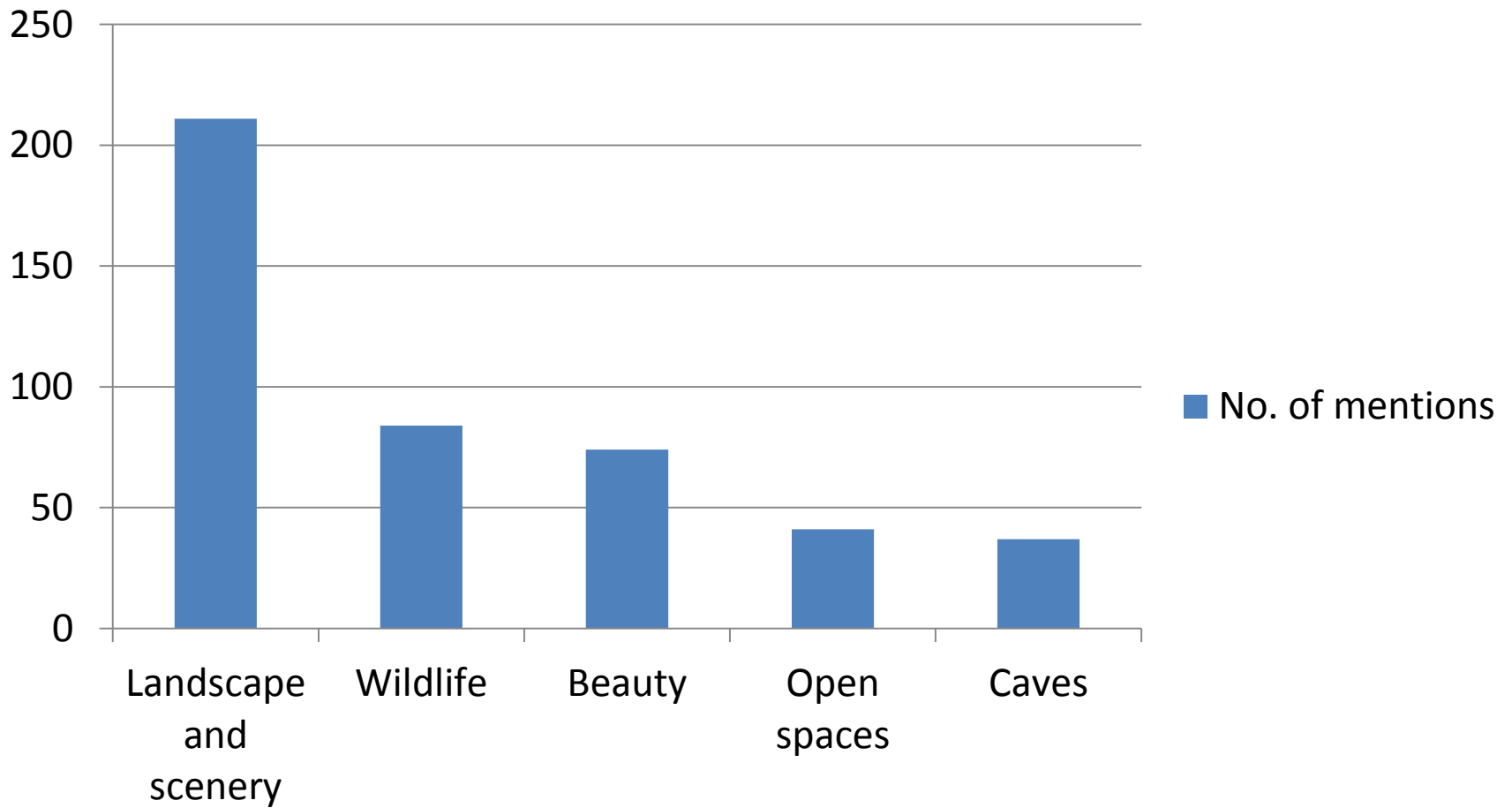
## **Community sustainability**

- more affordable housing, especially for the young,
- safeguarding of services (schools, health etc)
- more jobs

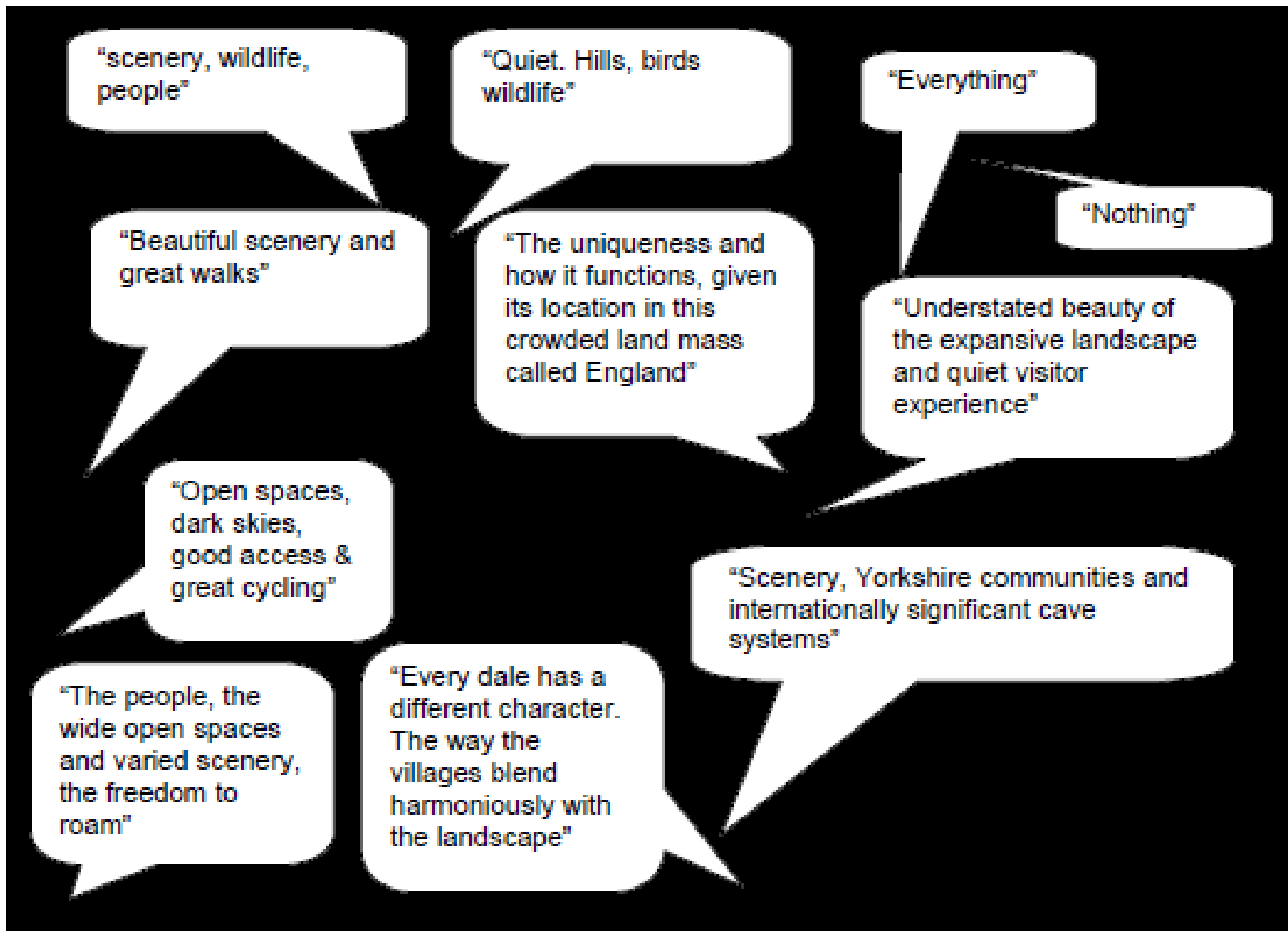
## **Wildlife**

- Improved biodiversity (eg. upland management and farming practices)
- persecution of birds of prey (an issue raised strongly, particularly by visitors)

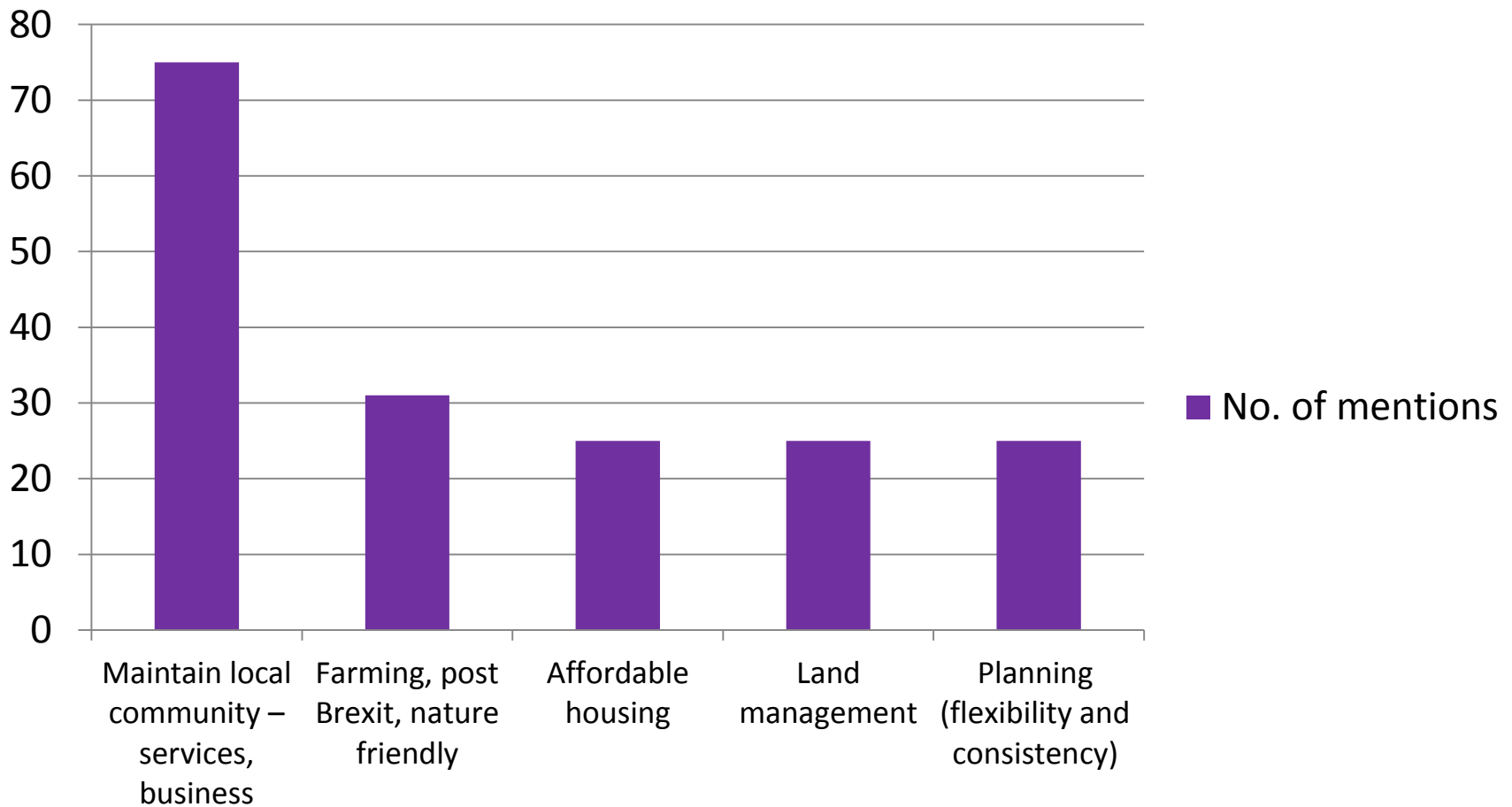
## *Top five 'loves' **all** respondents*



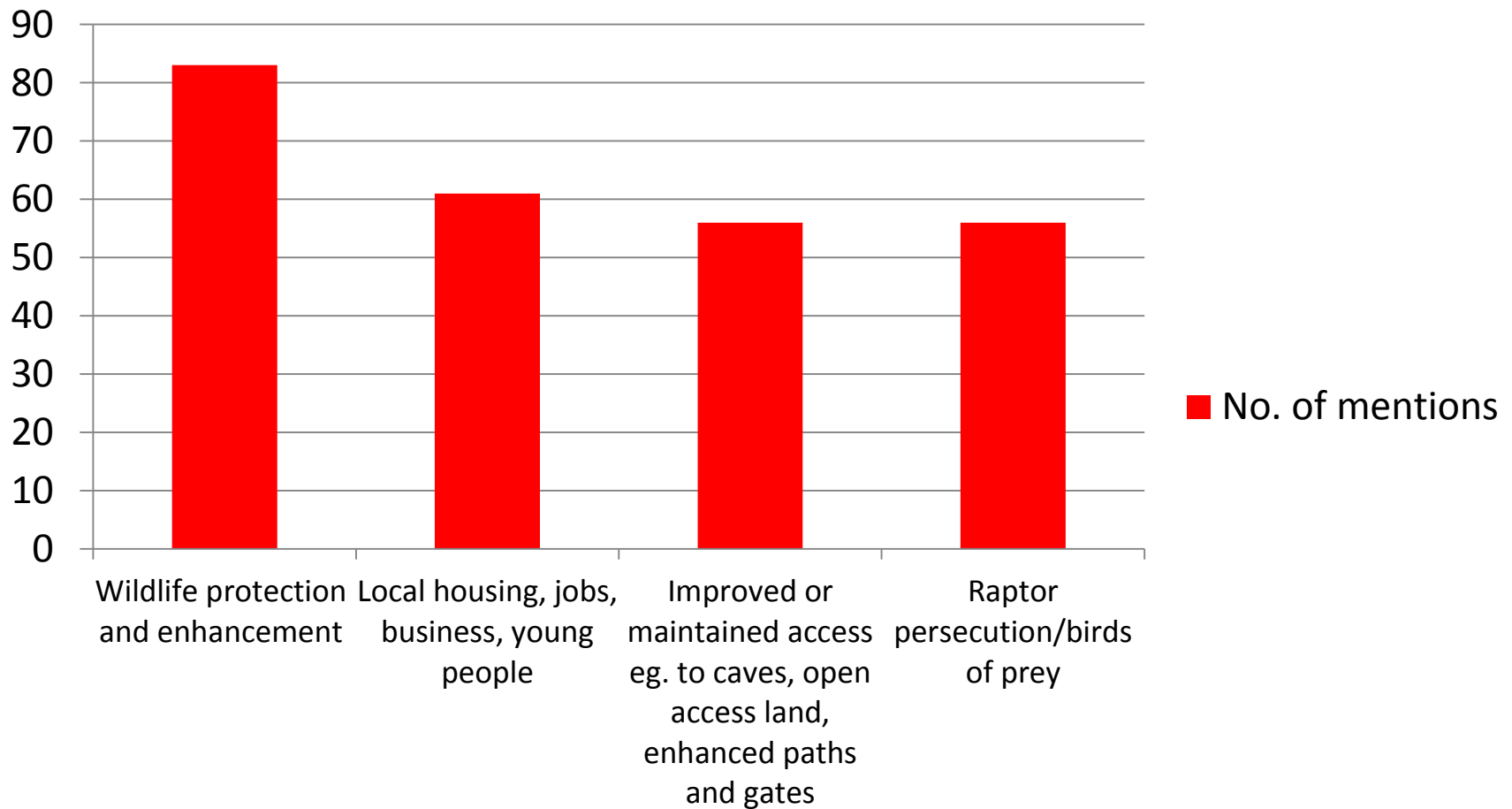
## 1. What do you love about the National Park?



*What do **residents** think are the most important issues for the National Park Management Plan to tackle over the next five years?*



*What do **visitors** think are the most important issues for the National Park Management Plan to tackle over the next five years?*



## 2. How do you think the National Park could be improved?



# Next steps

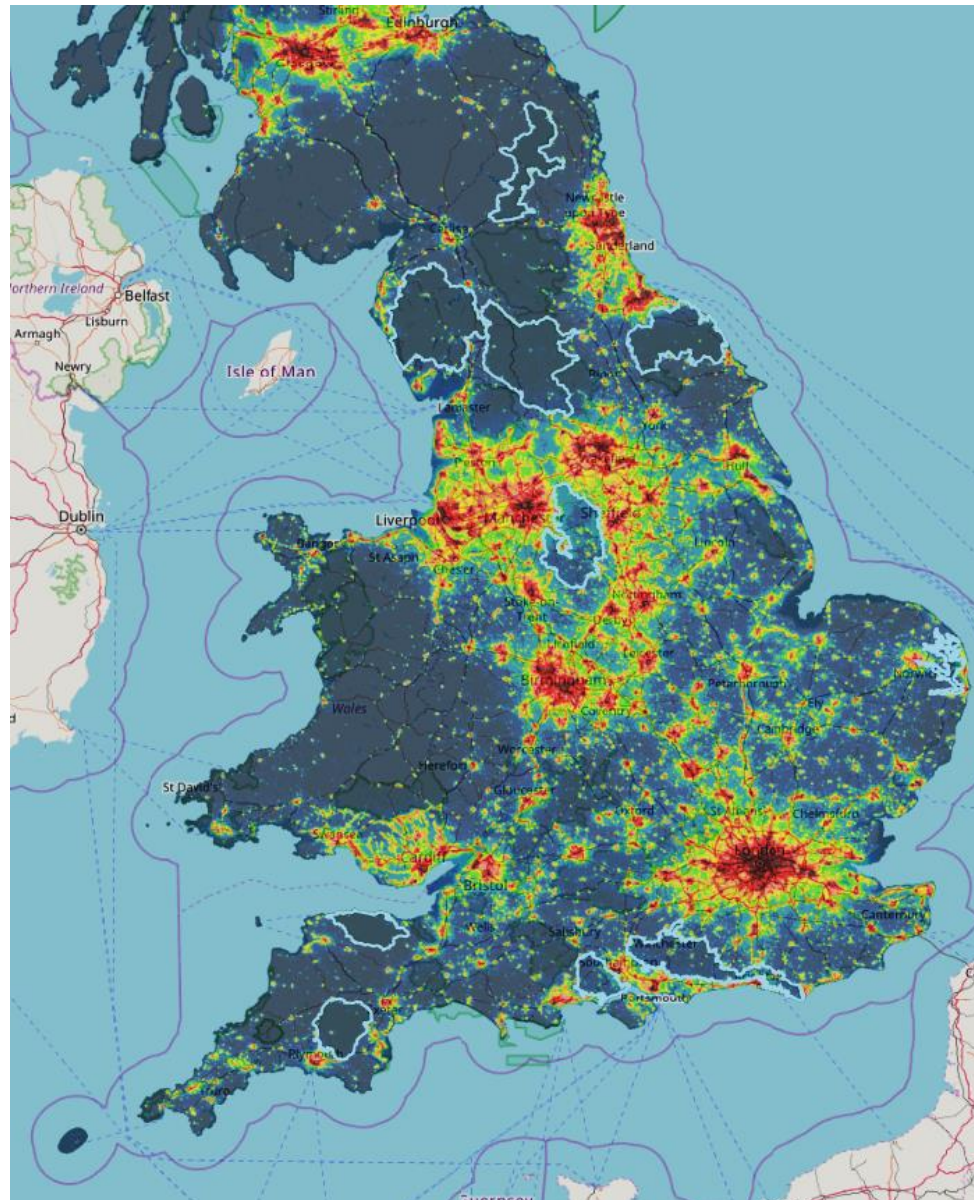
<b>September</b>	<b>Drafting groups start working on objectives</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Drafting groups submit initial proposals for objectives Annual Forum - workshop on draft objectives</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Drafting groups submit proposals for objectives</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Prepare SEA, SA, HRA and EIA</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>NPMP Steering Group meeting (to finalise draft NPMP) 8 weeks consultation on draft NPMP starts</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8 weeks consultation on draft NPMP ends</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>NPMP Steering Group meeting (to finalise the NPMP)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Final NPMP presented at Authority meeting</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>NPMP Launch</b>



# Protecting and celebrating the dark skies of the National Park

Mark Allum

# Light Pollution Map









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*James Allinson Photography*

# A Dark Skies Reserve

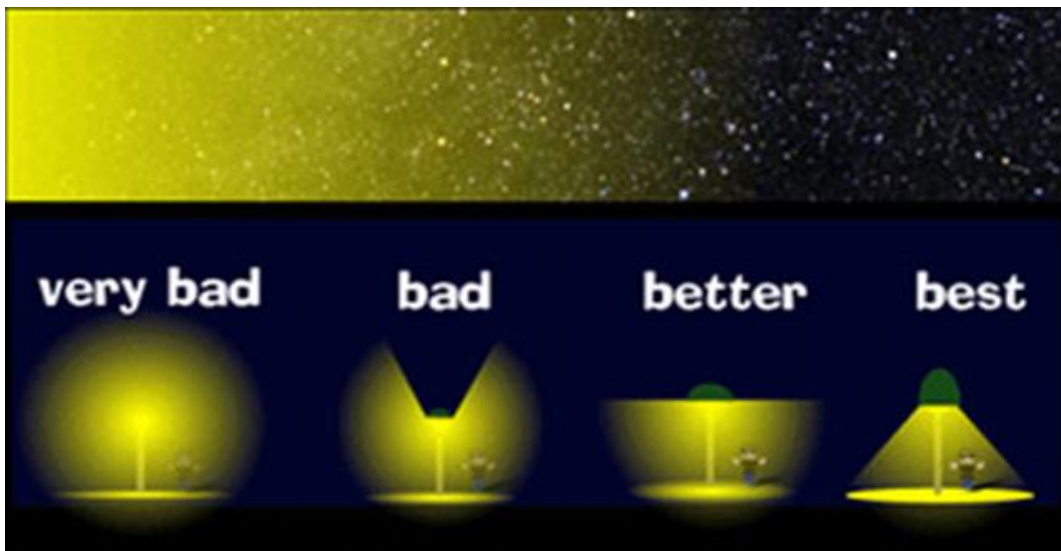
Why do this?

- To gain recognition for the work that is already happening
- To work with local people on measuring and enjoying our night skies
- To boost tourism at a quiet time of year
- To clarify our guidance on exterior lighting



# What would becoming a Reserve mean?

It is not about turning off street lighting,  
but it will look to improve lighting over time





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# Questions



# Any other Business