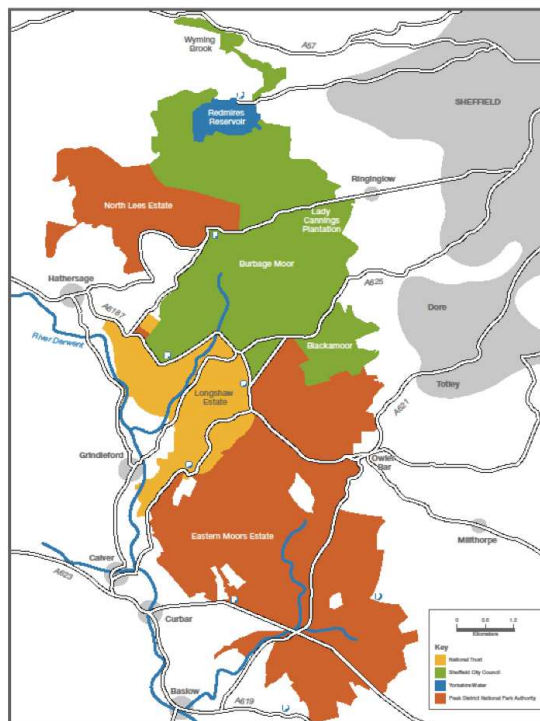


Moor Views Workshop

Summary Report



February & March 2012

Sheffield Moors Partnership



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Introduction

The Sheffield Moors Partnership (SMP) area covers approximately 56 square kilometres of upland landscape in public sector or charitable ownership on the western edge of Sheffield. The area contains habitats of both national and international importance, providing some of the most popular destinations for outdoor recreation in the Peak District National Park.

The key areas include, and the lead land managing organisations are:

- North Lees/Stannage – owned and managed by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)
- Redmires – owned by Sheffield City Council (SCC), and partly managed in hand and partly tenanted
- Burbage, Hathersage and Houndkirk Moors, owned by SCC but managed through a farm business tenancy to the National Trust (NT)
- Longshaw, owned by NT
- Blacka Moor, owned by SCC. Leased to and managed by Sheffield Wildlife Trust (SWT)
- Eastern Moors. Owned by PDNPA. Managed under a lease by the Eastern Moors Partnership (EMP), a collaboration of NT and the RSPB

The Sheffield Moors Partnership

The partnership developed in Spring 2010 out of recognition from the various land owners and managers in the area of the benefit of increased collaborative working, building on the work to date between the organisations in the partnership. The core partners are the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), National Trust (NT), Sheffield City Council (SCC), Sheffield Wildlife Trust (SWT), and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Natural England (NE), the government's statutory advisors on nature conservation, is also a partner as most of the SMP area is designated nationally and internationally for its important habitats and wildlife.

The Sheffield Moors Partnership's purpose is:

'To lead an innovative partnership to establish and deliver the vision of the Sheffield Moors as the UK's leading model on how the uplands should be managed into the future for people and wildlife'.

The main aims of the partnership are:

- To establish a clear vision and strategic direction, steering delivery across the sites through integrated and holistic planning and thinking;
- To develop a strategic landscape scale masterplan for the SMP area, through a robust process of stakeholder and community engagement and consultation.

The vision for the masterplan will look forward to the next 15 years and cover four main themes:

1. **Being involved** – covering issues like education, interpretation, volunteering, training, events and visitor experience;
2. **Access and recreation** – covering issues like access networks, gateways into the area, and visitor facilities;

3. **Sustainable land management** – covering issues like nature conservation, archaeology, farming and woodland management;
4. **Recognising the wider value of the moors** – covering issues like the local economy, tourism and wider 'ecosystem services' such as climate change mitigation, water storage etc.

The partnership does not get involved in the day to day management of each individual site; relying instead on existing partner arrangements and management plans to continue to carry out project activity at site level, in consultation with the communities and other stakeholders with an interest in these sites.

Masterplan timeline

There is a dedicated Project Officer (Rita Whitcomb) from Sept 2011 to Jan 2013, who is co-ordinating development of the masterplan and related consultation. The post is resourced by the SMP and hosted by the National Trust.

The masterplan development is split into four stages as follows:

Stage 1 – Awareness raising about the Sheffield Moors Partnership including its inception and the partnership purpose and aims (Timescale: Oct-Dec 2011)

- Deliver initially to key user groups and community forum and develop a stakeholder database for use in Stage 2
- Inform those being approached about the proposal for developing a masterplan and gather their views of how they would like to be involved and consulted.

Stage 2 – Develop a draft masterplan with stakeholder input (Timescale: Jan-July 2012)

- Engage with stakeholders to ascertain their views and aspirations for the SMP area through 3 public workshops in Sheffield and the North Derbyshire area (Feb-Apr 2012)
- Compile and analyse the information gathered, and provide a feedback session on the stakeholder input collated to check the key information and aspirations have been properly gathered
- Take the outcomes of the above forward to inform the production of an initial draft masterplan (May-Jul 2012)
- Produce the draft masterplan proposal and associated maps for wider community consultation.

Stage 3 – Consultation on the draft masterplan (Timescale: August-Nov 2012)

- Take the draft masterplan out and use a variety of consultation techniques to capture views and comments
- Subsequently, refine and finalise the masterplan.

Stage 4 – Final masterplan production and adoption (Timescale: Dec 2012/end Jan 2013)

- Produce the final masterplan
- Adoption of masterplan by organisations at board and committee level
- Launch of the final masterplan.

Stage 2 public workshops

Over 100 people attended three public workshops held on: 22 February 2012 at Totley Rise Methodist Church; 1 March 2012 at the Quaker Meeting House, Sheffield; and 13 March 2012 at Hathersage Memorial Hall. This report is a record of the content generated by the workshops.

Workshop objectives

Each workshop followed the same format, the objectives were as follows.

By the end of the workshop you will have:

- Found out more about the Sheffield Moors Partnership and the Master Plan for the area;
- Had an opportunity to share your views and ideas for the development of the draft Master Plan;
- Understood the stages planned running up to the production of the final Master Plan and further opportunities to contribute.

Workshop programme

Each workshop followed the agenda as below:

Time	Session
19:00	Welcome & introductions
	What is the Sheffield Moors Partnership & where does it cover?
	Capturing your thoughts and ideas for the Sheffield Moors Master Plan
21:00	Workshop closes

Rita Whitcomb, SMP Project Manager, gave a presentation outlining the content covered in the introduction to this report. There followed a question and answer session to provide participants with an opportunity to put any questions they had to the SMP partner representatives present. A collation of all the questions asked (across the three workshops), and the SMP response, is shown below:

Question & answer summary

Date of question	Question	Response from Sheffield Moors Partnership Steering Group
22/2/12	1. How binding is the masterplan on the partners? Especially PDNPA on N Lees.	The masterplan is being developed collaboratively by all the land owning and land managing organisations within the Sheffield Moors boundary. It is proposed that once the masterplan has been finalised following consultation, it will be formally approved by each organisation at a senior level, for example 'Cabinet' at Sheffield City Council. The masterplan will not be legally binding, but through the collaborative approach that is being employed, will form a strategic framework to inform and shape future management planning and implementation across the area

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22/2/12	2. How does it dovetail in with EMP area?	The Sheffield Moors include the Eastern Moors Partnership (EMP) area and both the National Trust and the RSPB, who have formed the EMP, together with the Peak District National Park Authority who own Eastern Moors, are members of the SMP. A new management plan for the Eastern Moors (EM) was prepared in 2011 and has been fully consulted upon and finalised. The Sheffield Moors masterplan will take a more strategic view over the whole landscape and consider for example, how the Eastern Moors links to adjoining areas like Blacka Moor, Longshaw and Burbage in terms of access and recreation, wildlife habitats and corridors, interpretation, etc. As the Eastern Moors Management Plan is reviewed, it should be influenced by the Sheffield Moors masterplan as the latter will form the over-arching framework for the wider landscape. Overall, the masterplan will also promote a more co-ordinated approach to working between the various landowners and land managers across the whole landscape
22/2/12	3. SW community assembly link?	Sheffield City Council has 7 Community Assemblies that help decide how Services within the City are delivered, and help represent the interests of residents within their respective area. Each Assembly includes the elected members for the area. A large part of the SMP area falls within the SW Community Assembly boundary. As a stakeholder, the Assembly was therefore involved in Stage 1 of the masterplan, which was about raising awareness of the SMP and the proposed masterplanning process. They have also been involved in the 'Ideas Gathering' Stage, attending the 22 February 2012 public workshop.
22/2/12	4. Feedback meeting – will info be available before hand?	Before the Feedback workshop on the 21 April takes place, a summary of the responses to the 3 public workshops and written responses from the SMP to the questions raised at each workshop will be made available on the SM website, (and by hard copy on request). An agenda will also be made available prior to the meeting.
22/2/12	5. Who is stakeholder? Who is key stakeholder?	A stakeholder is any person, organisation or representative group with an interest in the Sheffield Moors
22/2/12	6. Private landowners? Where do they sit in the partnership?	At present, the SMP Steering Group includes the landowners and land managing organisations within the SM area, with the exception of Yorkshire Water, who at this time simply wish to be involved as a stakeholder. All of the land is in public or quasi-public ownership. The Steering Group members comprise a mixture of local authorities, charitable organisations, and government bodies, who broadly share similar objectives, which can be different from private landowners. However, the SMP is actively seeking the involvement of adjoining and nearby private landowners in all stages of the masterplan development, because clearly the Sheffield Moors form part of a larger, connected landscape. In time, as the Partnership develops and demonstrates it can deliver and attract new resources to the area, it will work to develop greater involvement with adjoining private landowners, and encourage expansion into new areas as appropriate

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22/2/12	7. Is this paving the way for handing over Houndkirk etc. to one of the conservation groups?	Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors are owned by Sheffield City Council (SCC). The City Council has decided to defer further consideration of long-term arrangements for the management of Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors until the outcome of consultations on the wider 'Sheffield Moors' is known. Any long-term change in the current arrangements for Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors will be determined separately by SCC's Cabinet and not the SMP. At the same time, as a partner in the SMP, Sheffield City Council should have regard to the masterplan in whatever future management arrangements its ultimately determines.
22/2/12	8. What is best estimate of how much money coming in via HLS, CAP etc.?	The partner organisations within the Sheffield Moors receive a variety of annual agri-environment grants from both the Forestry Commission and Natural England that <u>contribute</u> to the overall costs of delivering significant environmental benefits across the area, for example safeguarding and where necessary enhancing the high landscape, wildlife and historic value. The total value of the annual payments that will be directly received by the organisations within the Sheffield Moors Partnership(excluding Natural England) in the 2012-13 financial year is £276,000. A range of other grants are also received directly by a number of the farming tenants within the Sheffield Moors.
22/2/12	9. Who are the partners in the EMP?	The Eastern Moors Partnership comprises the National Trust and the RSPB. The EMP manages the Eastern Moors on behalf of the Peak District National Park Authority, who continue to own the Eastern Moors.
22/2/12	10. How is this funded – who pays the wages?	The Sheffield Moors Partnership masterplanning process and the associated Project Officer are supported by a variety of financial contributions and other resources, such as help with mapping, from all of the partners that sit on the Steering Group. The Officers involved in the Partnership from each of the partner organisations are funded by a variety of sources, depending on the individual organisation.
22/2/12	11. Does anxiety about funding underpin the partnership's motivation to come together?	No. The Sheffield Moors Partnership is not funding led. The Partnership came together to encourage a 'landscape scale' approach to managing and looking after the area, and to encourage more and better joint working between organisations who are neighbours. At the same time, managing this landscape requires resources and by working more closely together, this should enable the Partners to make the most of our collective resources and where appropriate jointly bid for new monies.
22/2/12	12. Is sufficient consideration being given to the impact of visitors to the areas on the edge / outside of the moors when the plans over 15 years will open up this area of PDNP to far more walkers, cyclists etc.?	Balancing the interests of access and conservation is at the heart of the masterplanning process, and will inform the long-term vision for the Sheffield Moors so that as far as possible, recreation and access does not compromise the many special values of the Sheffield Moors landscape.

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22/2/12	13. Will new proposed planning legislation affect protection of Green Belt next to Sheffield?	The Government's National Planning Policy Framework was issued in late March 2012. Interpretation of the Framework at a local level in respect of the greenbelt around Sheffield will be led primarily by the Planning Department within Sheffield City Council.
1/3/12	14. Who is prime mover? Who suggested it?	The origins of the Sheffield Moors Partnership go back to 2008 and the process led by the Peak District National Park Authority to find a new partner to manage the Eastern Moors, which is owned by the Authority. A joint tender by the RSPB and National Trust for the Eastern Moors was successful. As part of the tender submitted, there was a commitment to develop a wider partnership to encourage greater collaborative working with nearby public land such as North Lees and the Burbage Moors. This proposal was positively received by the PDNPA, and the other landowners and land managers across the Sheffield Moors following a series of meetings in 2010, and the SMP was formally initiated later that year.
1/3/12	15. Who's going to do detailed management on Burbage?	Burbage, Hathersage and Houndkirk Moors are owned by Sheffield City Council. The National Trust has a short-term grazing licence on the land until April 2013. It is hoped that a long-term vision for this area will be developed as part of the wider Sheffield Moors masterplan. However, who delivers this vision and the detailed work that may flow from this on the Burbage, Hathersage and Houndkirk Moors will be decided by Sheffield City Council.
1/3/12	16. A lot of work by RSPB and NT re: management of Eastern Moors - how does it fit in with this work?	As stated above (in the response to Q2), a new management plan for the Eastern Moors (EM) was prepared in 2011 and has been fully consulted upon and finalised. The Sheffield Moors masterplan will consider how the site strategically links to adjoining areas like Blacka Moor, Longshaw and Burbage in terms of access and recreation, wildlife corridors and habitats, interpretation, etc. At the same time, the masterplan will encourage a more co-ordinated approach to joint working between the various landowners and land managers across the Sheffield Moors landscape.
1/3/12	17. Why are these areas SSSIs	<p>Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) protect the best of the country's wildlife and geological sites, and are designated by Natural England, the government's advisors on the natural environment. Collectively, most of the Sheffield Moors is a SSSI because of the types of habitats it supports such as blanket bog, wet and dry heath, acid grasslands and upland oak woodlands, which in turn support a rich variety of wildlife, especially upland bird populations. There also areas of geological importance, along the Burbage Brook for example.</p> <p>Further information on how and why SSSI's are designated can be found at: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designated_areas/ssi/default.aspx</p> <p>And detail on the SSSI of which the Sheffield Moors form part can be found at: http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/ssi/ssi_details.cfm?ssi_id=2000354</p>

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1/3/12	18. Long-term vision - but less than 15 years...	The majority of site-based management plans tend to be 5 years in duration. By setting a vision for 15 years the SMP believes it can create an aspirational but achievable framework for the landscape of the Sheffield Moors as a whole, within a time frame that is meaningful and deliverable.
1/3/12	19. Are there other master plans for surrounding areas?	There are no masterplans for areas immediately adjoining the 'Sheffield Moors'. However, the National Trust is currently in the process of developing a long-term masterplan for its High Peak Moors. More information on the latter can be found at: http://www.high-peak-moors.co.uk/
1/3/12	20. Unique terrain from peat bog - is this being stabilised to hold carbon?	The blanket bogs within the Sheffield Moors are important for storing carbon. Whilst there are not any serious problems with bare and eroding peat areas within the SM, past artificial drainage of blanket bogs in certain areas has reduced the ability of some areas to continue to actively 'grow' and create new peat and therefore store more carbon. The SM masterplan will look at what opportunities there are to restore such areas to fully-functioning blanket bogs, in turn enhancing their carbon storage capacity.
1/3/12	21. Why are Yorkshire Water, CPRE or ramblers not involved?	All of these organisations are stakeholders and have been invited to the Ideas Gathering Workshops. The Friends of the Peak District (CPRE) and the Ramblers Association both attended the workshop on the 1 st March 2012. Yorkshire Water is fully aware of the masterplanning process and the Sheffield Moors Partnership, and it is hoped it will be engaged more fully in the process as the masterplan begins to be developed.
1/3/12	22. What influence can the partnership have on public transport in the area?	Public transport into and across the landscape is clearly important. As part of the 'Ideas Gathering' Stage, the SMP will be meeting with the local authorities and associated organisations to understand the current provision of public transport in the area and what opportunities there may be to extend or develop this in the coming years. At the same time, the SMP will work with the both Sheffield and the Peak District Local Access Forum's and others to consider what improvements and changes could be made to the Public Rights of Way network across the landscape to improve access for walkers, horse-riders etc., and build the ideas that come from this into the masterplanning process.
1/3/12	23. Lower Burbage is archaeologically sensitive and if wooded from the bridge to Padley would perhaps cause problems.	The Sheffield Moors have an incredible cultural heritage. It is recognised by the SMP that this heritage should be properly protected and managed, and that all maintenance and management proposals should take full account of that interest. At present, any proposals to undertake management works, such as woodland creation or access improvements in the Sheffield Moors normally involve liaison with the either the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (hosted by Sheffield City Council) and/or the Cultural Heritage Team at the Peak District National Park Authority, as well as English Heritage in relation to Scheduled Monuments. This approach ensures that archaeological interests are properly considered in planning and delivering projects etc., and this approach will continue as the implementation of the vision for the Sheffield Moors commences.

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13/3/12	24. Is S Council's ROW improvement plan going to be adhered to?	The Sheffield City Council Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan will be one the existing strategies that inform the Sheffield Moors masterplan.
13/3/12	25. Will master plan lead to reviews of management plans?	It is hoped this will be a two way process - the masterplan will provide a strategic framework that will be informed by existing management plans for each of the individual areas within the Sheffield Moors. At the same time, the masterplan will help inform new management plans as the need to review and prepare new plans arises. New management plans should take account of the masterplan. For example, Sheffield Wildlife Trust are planning a new management plan for Blacka Moor in 2013, and intend to use the SM masterplan to inform its preparation and associated work programme. The masterplan will take a more strategic view of the landscape as a whole, providing an overall vision, whilst the individual management plans should help deliver the detail of that vision. It is proposed that the masterplan will be reviewed periodically, and updated and adjusted as necessary. The production of the masterplan will not automatically lead to a review of current management plans. However, this should not prevent existing management plans in helping to implement the masterplan where possible.
13/3/12	26. Please can you describe the strategic relationship between partners and land management.	<p>The Sheffield Moors Partnership Steering Group provides a formal arrangement for the partners to meet and discuss shared issues concerning land management in the area. However, the day-to-day management of the different land holdings remains with each of the individual landowner/land managing organisations.</p> <p>The land within the Sheffield Moors is owned by a mixture of Sheffield City Council, the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), the National Trust and Yorkshire Water. The land held by the National Trust (Longshaw) and Yorkshire Water (Redmires Reservoirs and immediate environs) is managed directly by these respective organisations. The North Lees/Stanage Estate is managed directly by the PDNPA whilst the Eastern Moors is owned by the PDNPA but managed by the Eastern Moors Partnership (a collaboration of the NT and the RSPB) on behalf on the PDNPA. Blacka Moor and Wyming Brook are owned by Sheffield City Council, and managed on their behalf by Sheffield Wildlife Trust.</p>
13/3/12	27. Age demographic of users of area?	Previous survey work by the Peak District National Park Authority provides some information on visitor numbers across the Sheffield Moors. However, it is recognised that further work to understand the demographic of users of the area would be useful, and this will be considered as part of the masterplanning process.

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13/3/12	28. Any change of ownership in the land?	<p>The Peak District National Park Authority has made available papers presented to its Audit Resources and Performance Committee on the 23 March 2012 concerning the process and timetable for assessing disposal options for the North Lees/ Stange Estate as part its Asset Management Review. These can be viewed at:</p> <p>http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/npa/committees/audit-committee</p> <p>A report to Sheffield City Council's SW Community Assembly was made by the Director of the City Council's Culture and Environment Directorate on the 15th December 2011 on proposals for the future management of the City Council owned Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors. This can be viewed at:</p> <p>http://meetings.sheffield.gov.uk/council-meetings/community-assemblies/south-west/agendas/agenda-15th-december-2011</p> <p>There are no proposals regarding future land management arrangements in respect of the other areas within the 'Sheffield Moors' at the present time.</p>
13/3/12	29. Where's meeting taking place on 21 April?	<p>The meeting is taking place at Hathersage Memorial Hall, Oddfellows Road, Hathersage. This will be a 'Feedback Workshop' that will provide: an update on the 'Ideas Gathering' workshops held in February and March 2012; an opportunity to debate and resolve key issues that have arisen, and; clarity on the stages planned running up to the production of the draft and the final Master Plan and future opportunities to contribute.</p>
13/3/12	30. How finalised will review procedures be? How open will they be?	<p>It is proposed at present that the progress of the masterplan will be reviewed periodically, against delivery. The review period and the detail of how this will be undertaken is yet to be determined. However, it is likely that any review will involve engagement with a variety of stakeholders.</p>
13/3/12	31. Will the NIA influence the work of the plan?	<p>The Sheffield Moors lie within the 'Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area'. To view detailed information on this project, go to:</p> <p>http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/funding/nia/projects/darkpeak.aspx</p> <p>Nature Improvement Area (NIA's) are part of a government (Natural England) led programme to bring a 'step-change' in nature conservation at a 'landscape scale' both for wildlife and for people. The Dark Peak NIA includes the majority of the Sheffield Moors, and secures funding for a variety of access improvements and habitat management and restoration. The detail of the work that happens will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the SM masterplanning process, and the great majority of the NIA related work would be implemented during 2013 and 2014, after the masterplan has been finalised.</p>

Date of question	Question	Response from Sheffield Moors Partnership Steering Group
13/3/12	32. How accountable will the partners be to the public?	Both Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority are local authorities, and Officers are ultimately accountable to their Executive Management Teams, and their elected Members, who in turn are accountable to their local communities. The National Trust is a charity, governed by its Council and Trustees, who are accountable to the Trust's membership. Sheffield Wildlife Trust is a charity governed by its Board of Trustees, and accountable to its membership. The RSPB is also a charity. Its governing body is the RSPB Council, whose members are elected by the RSPB membership each year. Natural England is the government's advisor on the natural environment. NE is accountable to Government, who in turn are accountable to the electorate. In addition, there are a variety of existing forums covering parts of the Sheffield Moors – such as the Stanage Forum (led by the Peak District National Park Authority), the Blacka Moor Reserve Advisory Group (led by Sheffield Wildlife Trust), and the Eastern Moors Stakeholder Forum (led by the Eastern Moors Partnership) - which provide an opportunity for groups representing access, wildlife and cultural heritage interests, to influence and input into site management etc.
13/3/12	33. Are the moors not managed correctly currently?	In general, the Sheffield Moors are well-managed, although it is recognised that a wide range of issues continue to need further thinking and development. The Moors have maintained their national conservation status compared to other areas. However, despite this, there have been declines in wildlife, for example birds, and the access network is under pressure in places. In addition, efforts to date have concentrated on maintaining the current suite of habitats rather than reversing historic losses such as scrub. The masterplan will help plan a co-ordinated approach for the future of the <u>landscape as a whole</u> , so that opportunities to manage the area for a variety of public benefits are properly considered and planned. This will help to build on the good work to date by the various partners and others
13/3/12	34. ROW - is each part of the group responsible for funding their area or is there funding elsewhere?	Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the respective Highway Authorities for the area, in this case Sheffield City Council and Derbyshire County Council. At the same time, the various partners within the SMP all work in partnership with the respective Highway Authorities and other interested organisations to bid for monies and attract other resources, such as volunteers, to help maintain and improve the public rights of way network across the Sheffield Moors
13/3/12	35. Why was there no-one from the PDNPA?	The Sheffield Moors partner representative from the PDNPA was unable to attend the meeting on the 13 th March because of other pressing and unexpected work matters on the day.
13/3/12	36. Is there a time when the partnership might get some teeth e.g. green lane issues?	As the landowners and land managers of the Sheffield Moors, the SMP includes the key organisations responsible for the care and management of the landscape. The partners work with each other and a wide breadth of other organisations and communities to resolve conflicts related to access and recreation etc. as they arise.
13/3/12	37. Why haven't DCC been asked to take part?	Derbyshire County Council are a stakeholder in the SMP and will be approached as part of the 'Ideas Gathering' Stage of the masterplan and subsequent consultation.

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13/3/12	38. Impact on private landowners surrounding? Are they going to be included sometime?	At present, the SMP is focused on public and quasi-public land, and the organisations that own and manage the land. In time, the aspiration is to widen the Partnership area to include adjoining areas of privately owned land. Furthermore, the Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area, which includes the Sheffield Moors, will target joint working and agri-environment grant opportunities towards private landowners adjoining the Sheffield Moors.
13/3/12	39. Does partnership come together formally or informally?	The Sheffield Moors Partnership meets formally as required, but generally a minimum of three times per annum. Minutes are recorded and are made available through the SMP website.

Capturing your thoughts and ideas for the Sheffield Moors masterplan

After the question and answer session participants were asked to work round each of the four masterplan themes and answer the following questions:

Over the next 15 years on the Sheffield Moors...

1. What would you like to see **more** of?
2. What would you like to see **less** of?
3. What would you like to be **kept the same**?
4. What would you like to see **that's different or new**?

The responses were as follows:

Theme: 1. Being involved

Over the next 15 years on the Sheffield Moors...

What would you like to see more of?

Date of comment	T1: Being involved: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
22/2/12	More involvement from minority communities. Recent immigrants to learn about real Britain and its heritage.
22/2/12	More educating people to appreciate nature <u>as it is and for themselves</u> . No gimmicks to get them into the countryside.
22/2/12	Land permanently FREE from FARMING.
22/2/12	More meaningful consultations with well-chaired discussion.
22/2/12	More education / fun events that leave the land untouched for those who want to experience a wild place.
22/2/12	Raised awareness of issues with local activity groups / clubs. Many members of which are quite ignorant.
22/2/12	I like the idea of a 'consultation forum' through which you can communicate and get feedback.
22/2/12	Inner city schools need to be involved in the partnership.
1/3/12	More lights for night walks.

Date of comment	T1: Being involved: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
1/3/12	Volunteering i.e. Sheffield U3A who have 26 walking groups.
1/3/12	More education - school visits and education of those children about wildlife, moorland management and farming.
1/3/12	Education of specific groups e.g. Sheffield Uni rock-climbers at annual Fresher's Week should learn about Ring Ouzels under Stannage Edge when they join the group.
1/3/12	Volunteering opportunities and workshops relating to land management.
1/3/12	Promotion of integrated approach to education and interpretation involving all sections of the community. Use of innovative approached to interpretation through social media, podcasts etc. Using older generation farmers and gamekeepers to educate public and managers on sensitive management and reasons why moors are managed in way they are.
1/3/12	Opportunities for volunteering accompanied by high quality training / induction. Is there room for integration of existing scheme? PDNPA / NT / RSPB.
1/3/12	Guided walks around themes e.g. archaeology - wildlife, intro to landscape, insight into land management issues.
1/3/12	Support for survey and monitoring work and heritage training workshops. Involve local community in collecting information. Have a 'mentoring' type scheme to help with volunteering opportunities by encouraging younger people / people from ethnic minority communities involved
1/3/12	Working in partnership with other organisations to raise awareness of Peak District in the moors.
1/3/12	Close mapping and monitoring of different areas for habitat, humidity.
1/3/12	Interaction with schools and colleges more.
1/3/12	Raise awareness of the moors and the wildlife.
1/3/12	Residential centre (to cater for these courses).
1/3/12	D of E options.
1/3/12	Network with young people, schools, colleges and organisations. In the long term young people are going to be the ones who will carry on the SMP 'vision.'
1/3/12	Education on why moors are so important.
13/3/12	More info that doesn't impinge on the landscape - less info boards, signs etc.
13/3/12	More opportunities for volunteering e.g. wildlife conservation projects.
13/3/12	Chances to volunteer.
13/3/12	More info (local about wildlife & history of areas).
13/3/12	Perhaps outreach projects into the local schools and communities to educate into history and lifestyles of these moorland communities and creatures.
13/3/12	Our children had the benefit of the first national park warden Tom Tomlinson, who worked hard to share the stories of the area and the wonder of the natural world. They still have that sense of awe! More enthusiastic encounters with children please!
13/3/12	More resources put into land etc. rather than management talking shops.
13/3/12	I would like to see the opportunity for young local adults to be employed in this scheme.
13/3/12	More info so visitors can be empowered to make environmentally sensitive choices without compulsion.
13/3/12	More wildlife projects to promote education in wildlife conservation.

Date of comment	T1: Being involved: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
Post workshops	As a number of land managers will testify, mountain bikers have volunteered in large numbers for specific projects. Therefore, please make good use of this pool of labour.

What would you like to see less of?

Date of comment	T1: Being involved Q2. What would you like to see less of?
22/2/12	Less information boards, art installations and urban clutter on the 'wild' land.
22/2/12	In fighting between organisations that should be working to same aim.
22/2/12	Less 'urban clutter' including signage, tarmac, inappropriately 'improved' paths e.g. sculptures.
22/2/12	(agree x 1)
22/2/12	That the moors do not become a 'theme park'. Any 'interpretation' needs to be restrained and sympathetic.
22/2/12	Less consciousness of a focus on safety at the expense of the natural habitat.
1/3/12	Lack of management.
1/3/12	Caution about 'opening up' or inviting more use e.g. mountain biking.
1/3/12	Static interpretation boards and A4 folded leaflets!
1/3/12	Minimalist approach to encourage more access - 'Access exists' - allow people to discover and explore.
1/3/12	How can Chatsworth Trust Estates be included?
13/3/12	Interpretation boards and signage - it takes away from what should be wild landscape.
13/3/12	Guide books on walking routes - everybody who is lost is trying to follow one and it concentrates people on sensitive areas.
13/3/12	More visitor dispersal so no concentrated hot spots.
13/3/12	Management.
13/3/12	Less bureaucratic control. Leave to land managers.

What would you like to be kept the same?

Date of comment	T1: Being involved: Q3. What would you like to be kept the same ?
22/2/12	<i>No responses against this question</i>
1/3/12	Continue to improve muddy, eroded footpaths.
1/3/12	Much is already being done - education etc. by partners.
1/3/12	National Park.
13/3/12	Un-commercial aspects.
13/3/12	Most of it.
13/3/12	Open access free to all.
13/3/12	Don't bring people out from the city to do the jobs - we have lots of young people in our villages who never get a chance. It's their expertise that you need.
13/3/12	No charging for access! Ever!

What would you like to see that's different or new?

Date of comment	T1: Being involved: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
1/3/12	Phone signal coverage in case of emergencies. Subtle phone masts e.g. discussed.
1/3/12	Encourage volunteering by staff of major employers in Sheffield e.g. HSBC staff at head office.
1/3/12	Work days for volunteers linked with public transport availability.
1/3/12	Good' interpretation is great - but what makes it good? (lots of different views..). Keep interpretive signage at edges of moor, so that doesn't intrude on landscape.
22/2/12	A focal point / visitor centre. Either in public land area or Sheffield.
22/2/12	More training opportunities / top up training for community champions from the MOSAIC project.
22/2/12	Extension of SMP to cover whole of Peak District.
22/2/12	To have focus groups to gather information on what increased numbers (follow the success of MOSAIC) of BME visitors means to these areas.
22/2/12	A volunteering programme that leads to employment opportunities e.g. Ranger Training Programme.
22/2/12	A proper master plan for the area proposed (Wyming Brook to Big Moor / Ramsley) sounds a good idea. Needs co-ordination. (Then link into High Moors Partnership to the east).
1/3/12	Potential for living history type events across the whole of the area looking at old occupations. Make use of existing oral history archive and create new ones.
1/3/12	Drive hovercrafts on countryside - eco-friendly.
1/3/12	Fun eco-residential as opposed to private ones.
1/3/12	More events e.g. festivals
1/3/12	Try to determine what are the different expectations from the various groups who wish to enjoy the park. Then try to accommodate them! (Walkers, day-out trippers, car visitors, cyclists etc.)
1/3/12	Information why the bog is burnt, by whom and how the management therefore works (spatially.)
1/3/12	Facilitating school / college educational trips e.g. guides, resources, residential centre.
1/3/12	More meaningful volunteering opportunities - regular.
13/3/12	One-off volunteering events - well advertised would be useful. Many people have regular commitments.
13/3/12	Charging for access. Limiting vehicular access.
13/3/12	Limit access.

Theme: 2. Access & recreation

Over the next 15 years on the Sheffield Moors...

What would you like to see more of?

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
22/2/12	Dogs to be restrained in sensitive areas (e.g. where ground nesting birds).
22/2/12	Better maintained footpaths where obviously very boggy and inaccessible (not excessive repair).
22/2/12	Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compatible access, stiles can be a barrier.
22/2/12	Open access land.
22/2/12	Multilingual information points in key areas. More information on the route ahead / land / area so people from BME communities who are new to the park / area felt comfortable in using it.
22/2/12	Dogs allowed to be under control not necessarily on a lead.
22/2/12	Better / more comprehensive information points.
22/2/12	Improved public transport so that Sheffielders can more readily access the moors. (Agreed)
22/2/12	Allow bicycle and horse access on all routes.
22/2/12	Increased publicity to concessionary areas. Access land – how do we know when access is being restricted?
22/2/12	Car parking facilities need to be re-considered – limited parking for many of areas can lead to dangerous parking (Inc. emergency access points).
22/2/12	More investment in the public rights of way network: prioritising networks for walking / cycling / horse-riding.
1/3/12	I want to see more native trees along the streams, in the lower parts, lower elevation (Sylvia Crowe's work in Scotland).
1/3/12	Clear direction signs for well kept paths (for walkers). Especially when paths are altered / blocked.
1/3/12	Access to footpaths: please replace stiles with gates wherever possible. Elderly and infirm have great difficulty in large stiles and even small ones. I know work has been done - more please.
1/3/12	Controlled off road cycling and horse riding.
1/3/12	Better bus services. Better, more frequent bus and train services - promote public transport at affordable prices.
1/3/12	More regular and better positioned bus services.
1/3/12	While CROW is wonderful for the serious walker/ archaeologist / explorer, many want to be directed. The partnership should continue to look at suitable walking routes, especially circular.
1/3/12	Signage at access points (existing moors for the future signs may give some idea of style content - and of welcome they should offer)
1/3/12	Involve local bus companies to facilitate public transport links from major areas of population - and to provide adequate information, leaflets etc.
1/3/12	Much more woodlands.
1/3/12	Wildlife centre to attract and educate tourists.
1/3/12	Better footpaths to prevent injuries.
1/3/12	Access to Redmires Reservoir.
1/3/12	Adventure holidays.

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
1/3/12	I would like to see more recognition of the old way marks and stoops.
1/3/12	Better maintained styles, gates etc. What is the legal situation? Who is responsible?
1/3/12	River walking.
1/3/12	Outdoor education opportunities to pass on knowledge to children and young people.
1/3/12	More camping facilities.
1/3/12	Difficult to achieve, but better access to the area, and reaching the area by public transport.
1/3/12	More proper cycle paths.
1/3/12	Better trail conditions.
1/3/12	Public transport links to key access points would help to reduce some of the car parking problems: could be done with relatively small amounts of subsidy.
13/3/12	A more extensive network of bridleways. If you don't want mountain bikes on footpaths, give them somewhere to go!
13/3/12	Improved parking facilities for vehicles of recreational visitors. At present, disabled vehicles or horse trailers are not well-catered for, and much parking is ad-hoc.
13/3/12	More bridleway maintenance and sensitively done.
13/3/12	Whole accessible area should be 'CROW' access land. Why is Longshaw Estate excluded? It must be very confusing for visitors who are not local.
13/3/12	Preserve the peace and quiet of the moorlands i.e. severely restrict off-roading vehicles.
13/3/12	Improved equestrian access routes on suitable (<u>not</u> rock-hard brick dust!) surfaces.
13/3/12	Restrictions on noise and speeds of bridleways / green lanes users. Even mountain bikes can be intimidating at speed!
13/3/12	<u>AXIOMATIC</u> in national parks - all recreation begins with the prime value of landscape. The more natural the landscape, the better. Natural beauty and tranquillity come before all other recreation pursuits.
13/3/12	Opportunities for cycling.
13/3/12	Discreet car parks (charging).
13/3/12	Make people who demand access accountable and make proper footpaths. The majority of climbers think that that they own the rocks.
13/3/12	Can we have land with a character of its own - not suppressed by man? Land that lifts the spirits, that is different in May to what it was in April and different in December to what it was in November. Because REAL nature happens there NOT what's allowed to happen by a committee or vested interests of the grouse-shooting lobby (or the conservation industry).
13/3/12	More TROs on green lanes and byways to exclude motorised vehicles.
13/3/12	More boulders for use as mounting blocks by gates, which are difficult to open and close on horseback.
13/3/12	More acceptance of other users, including those who undertake legal activities e.g. motorised vehicle use.
13/3/12	Control of footpath erosion esp. on 'Honeypot' routes.
13/3/12	More awareness of the special historic significance of Higger Tor and Carl Wark.
13/3/12	Effective and appropriate management of impacts E.g. erosion parking.

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
13/3/12	Consultation on 'new' paths / walking routes in the area e.g. DVHW - residents along the way were not consulted and impact is major.
13/3/12	More barriers 'horse hops' at the access points of bridleways to prevent ILLEGAL USE by off-road vehicles.
13/3/12	Make proper footpaths with signs and restrict walkers to these. This will help wildlife and conservation. The old style of moorland management e.g. heather burning should be maintained.
13/3/12	More public transport to access points so cars can be left behind.
13/3/12	Acceptance of different user groups that use the land in a respected manner.
Post workshops	AXIOMATIC in National Parks that: All recreation begins with the prime value of landscape The more natural that landscape is the better – and the more natural the wildlife is likely to be. Natural Beauty and Tranquillity (!!) should have precedence over other recreational pursuits
Post workshops	An aspiration. Extensive areas set aside to be free from noise.

What would you like to see less of?

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
22/2/12	Stronger control of 'exhaust noise' on off-road bikes on byways. (A difficult task, but this can destroy a lovely walk!).
22/2/12	Other people!
22/2/12	No 4 wheel drives off- road, or specific 'courses' for them (could be paid for).
22/2/12	Less access for powered vehicles.
22/2/12	No 4x4s on precious countryside.
22/2/12	More control of illegal motor vehicles on byways and down grade Houndkirk Road and other byways to bridleways.
22/2/12	'Off-roading' and mountain biking both of which degrade this precious environment.
22/2/12	Less over the top rules e.g. width of new paths. Unnatural surfaces.
22/2/12	Off-roading and motorcycles (including at night) – damaging many areas.
22/2/12	Less erosion of narrow informal paths by mountain bikes.
1/3/12	'Right to Roam' is misplaced - in any event most people still stick to established paths. However, no organisation should blandly support 'Right to Roam' as 'politically' important!
1/3/12	Control of footpath erosion in a way that does not spoil the natural appearance - don't want tarmac paths. Less use by 4x4s and motorbikes etc.
1/3/12	It is called 'National Park.' There is too much management.
1/3/12	Off-road cars and motorbikes. (Agree)
1/3/12	Sustain as far as possible the wilderness of the area. Don't be seduced into providing wildlife centres / activity centres/ educational facilities.
1/3/12	I would like to see less 'churning up of paths' by motor cycles, bicycles and even horses + 4 wheel drives - designated paths for separate uses.
1/3/12	Cars and motorbikes.

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
1/3/12	Mass use of footpaths etc. for sponsored walks etc. - can render footpaths unusable and drives people onto land at the side.
1/3/12	Over- designation and management of the landscape - paths, bridleways etc. Some areas are best left to find their 'own level.'
1/3/12	Less walking guides. If you have to: the authors should contribute to the protection of the countryside.
1/3/12	Signs advising trail bikes from going on Lady Canning's plantation.
1/3/12	Fewer obvious man-made objects.
1/3/12	Less / more controlled access by 4 wheel drives and trail bikes. They change tracks and create noise and visual pollution.
13/3/12	Less animosity to mountain biking.
13/3/12	Off-roading and paths that are virtually un-walkable because of above.
13/3/12	4WD vehicle, motorbikes and mountain bikes on areas where they are not permitted.
13/3/12	Less bicycles roaming off the paths, fewer motorised vehicles on the green lanes. Both do a great deal of environmental damage.
13/3/12	Off-roading!! Strictly control access by vehicles (except for v. good reasons e.g. land management / disability access).
13/3/12	Fewer rock-hard, brick-dust bridleway surfaces - <u>not</u> horse friendly, disliked aesthetically by moor users.
13/3/12	Motorised off-road vehicles: quad bikes, 4x4, trials bikes.
13/3/12	Less access.
13/3/12	Less parking on verges - they are valuable wildlife corridors / plant habitats.
13/3/12	Dogs off leads. Nobody has ever come and told me that their dog has worried a sheep. The sheep is always left to die in agony.
13/3/12	Car parking all over the place!
13/3/12	Erosion.
13/3/12	The eradication of the 4x4 and motorbike on the green lanes.
13/3/12	Less conflict between user groups!
13/3/12	Less parking on road verges to prevent their damage.
13/3/12	The appeal of well-trodden paths is being destroyed by bikes. Erosion, rutting and widening of simple footpaths is spoiling our enjoyment of many traditional routes. Management seems too timid to do anything ('We'll <u>talk</u> to them').
13/3/12	Bike tracks along White Edge.
13/3/12	Access by off-road motorised vehicles.
13/3/12	Less use of green lanes and byways by off-road motorbikes and 4x4 vehicles and quad bikes.
13/3/12	Horse riding.
Post workshops	The appeal of well-trodden paths is being destroyed by bikes. Erosion, rutting and widening is spoiling our enjoyment of simple country walks in many places along traditional walkers routes.
Post workshops	Bridleways are already under severe pressure. No more bridleways should be set up until the problems associated with the growth of mountain biking are resolved. Some bridleways are now unusable by walkers. What have the managers been doing?

What would you like to be kept the same?

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q3. What would you like to be kept the same ?
22/2/12	Maintaining the wilderness aspect of moorland. (agree x 1)
22/2/12	That SCC retains direct ownership of their estate and do not hive it off as a cost saving measure.
22/2/12	The wide-ranging access that is available to us at present.
22/2/12	Keep as much open access as possible. Restrictions are ok for nesting or fragile areas.
22/2/12	Eating facilities around areas under consideration are adequate (Cricket' Norfolk Arms, Owl Bar, cafes etc. Don't need any more.
22/2/12	That those areas not covered by SSSI status or EU conservation design-action are not put to other uses i.e. that the land is not authorised for other usage.
22/2/12	Please don't sanitise every footpath, track, bridleway...
22/2/12	Keep signage to a minimum.
22/2/12	Maintain campsites at North Lees and Robin Hood Inn.
22/2/12	The joy of standing on top of Stanage on a mid-summer evening and realising you are at one of the most beautiful and important crags in Europe.
1/3/12	Car parking.
1/3/12	I am concerned that too many and too developed visitor facilities create an urban environment in a rural / wild one.
1/3/12	The width of footpaths.
1/3/12	I would prefer there not to be any shops / restaurants /toilets other than the existing NT Longshaw facilities and those provided by outside bodies (Fox House Inn / Grouse and other bar pubs).
1/3/12	Sustain the generally successful and active footpath management regime.
1/3/12	Rivers.
1/3/12	Maintain as naturally as possible - the introduction of more visitor centres / facilities etc. Would spoil the appearance of the moors and may reduce the appeal of visiting.
13/3/12	No or less up-grading of footpaths, tracks and bridleways.
13/3/12	Curbar / Froggatt bridleway is a great idea!
13/3/12	Right of way on Froggatt / Curbar Edge <u>not</u> upgraded to a bridleway.
13/3/12	Maintain the principle of committed to optimise (responsible) access wherever possible, to as many user groups as possible - Rights of Way Improvement Plan
13/3/12	None Vehicular Access (<i>sic</i>)
13/3/12	Non-commercial - natural aspects of area / paths /etc.

What would you like to see that's different or new?

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
22/2/12	If there must be 4x4s, have a designated area and keep them off sensitive areas.
22/2/12	Resolve long-term future / condition of byways? Downgrade? Improve surface / condition of Stanage Long Causeway.
22/2/12	Single visitor centre? (Whole area info)
22/2/12	Join up off-road routes for cycle and horse use (currently need to use roads too much).

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
22/2/12	Organised events seeking access appear to suffer compared to informal events (where permission is not sought) in terms of land access. Organised events are generally better managed and should not be penalised.
22/2/12	Spread the load of people – quiet days, quiet parts.
22/2/12	If ownership of land changes, will our access be reduced / withdrawn?
22/2/12	Improve footpath and bridleway linkage e.g. concessionary bridleway for Burbage Green Drive.
22/2/12	More diverse food options could be made available at outlets throughout the area.
22/2/12	Footpath link between Clough Hollow and Upper Burbage Bridge. (Walking / fell-running link between city and North Lees).
22/2/12	More car parks.
22/2/12	To reduce conflict between mountain bikes etc. and other users, create specific bike only routes in Blackamoor / Totley Moor.
1/3/12	Footpath along Friar's Ridge from Stanedge Pole across to Lady Canning's Plantation.
1/3/12	Wildlife centre.
1/3/12	Better dedicated cycle paths. Closing of roads for public access (e.g. like in Derwent Valley).
1/3/12	More footpaths (accessible).
1/3/12	Close down the causeway (Stanedge Pole). Too noisy.. A real nuisance. Also: Houndkirk Road.
1/3/12	Continue putting in car park facilities on road side with some sort of hard standing e.g. Stannage Edge Road from Burbage Road. Could this be done on Burbage Road near bridges?
1/3/12	Access to education.
1/3/12	Relax winter c.p. fees to encourage the reduction of off-road parking.
1/3/12	Better cycling opportunities.
1/3/12	More control over car parks. Restrict off-road parking.
1/3/12	Tourist centres.
1/3/12	Clarification of the paths, what is a proposed concessionary footpath.
1/3/12	Improve transportation to make the moors accessible.
1/3/12	Activity centre / workshops - regular.
1/3/12	Some nice cafes in innovative, sustainable architectural style.
1/3/12	Viewing hides for viewing wildlife / birds - with appropriate access links.
1/3/12	<u>Better condition of the footpaths</u> , it is often incredibly muddy and because of that hard work to walk on many of the existing paths or even impossible to continue.
1/3/12	New cycle paths in good condition (paved), separate and independent from the roads.
1/3/12	No burning of bog vegetation any more.
1/3/12	No access for motorcycle and 4-wheel cars, or if then they should pay (with a special licence) (<i>sic</i>)
13/3/12	Public transport that facilitates multi-destination access for <u>both</u> visitors and local residents.
13/3/12	Specifically - access to horse routes and (legally) for cyclists, in Lady Canning's Plantation. C.f. proposal to Local Access Forum (LAF) to open this to disabled horse riders (Local RDA centre, 1/2 mile from Houndkirk Road) who have <u>no</u> other routes.
13/3/12	Close all non-tarmac roads to motorised vehicles.

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
13/3/12	Liaising with Derbyshire and Yorks Police re equality of law enforcement.
13/3/12	Get rid of all off-roading.
13/3/12	New bridleways protected by suitable barriers to exclude illegal use.
13/3/12	Specifically, reinstate old bridleway across Burbage Bridge - Fox House, that was closed after these moors were fenced off in 1970s. Historically, this is part of the Cheshire salt route - horses and mules.
13/3/12	Areas of commercial forestry should have mountain bike trails to reduce the pressure on natural trails.
13/3/12	In Canada they have a policy on car parking, which could be applied to the area. On entering a National Park you are only allowed to park for free within a town or village. Outside (the 30 mph area) you must have a parking sticker - these cost about \$10 per day with reductions for longer periods and for residents. These permits allow you to park in car parks or on a roadside (where safe to do so). No permit means clamping and sizeable fine.
13/3/12	Improved access for horse riders, although numerically not large, they are poorly catered for, and much existing access is not 'joined up' - hazardous highways.
13/3/12	<u>Park and Ride</u> from edges of park to popular locations, maybe even free buses to engage people. We all know parking at certain place is a nightmare!
13/3/12	Some visitors do not understand the implications of footpaths, bridleways and BOATs. Therefore signage should clearly state who / what can use a particular right of way.
13/3/12	Joined up and maintained bridleways.
Post workshops	A proposed link between the bridleway network on Blacka Moor and the byway network on Houndkirk Moor. Two different options for the linkage were put forward
Post workshops	A proposal to open the informal path network within Lady Canning's Plantation to horse-riders, cyclists and the disabled was put forward together with a detailed rationale
Post workshops	Look at the opportunity of a <i>permissive</i> bridleway route from Cowsick/Strawberry Lee Pastures (green, sheep fields on Blacka) onto Flying Mile / Moss Road, Totley moors.
Post workshops	In response to the request for a new Bridleway to link the Houndkirk Moor BOAT with the Piper House gate that leads onto two Bridleways on Blacka Moor (see attached map). What might be easier to achieve is surfacing improvements to the wide road verge as indicated on the attached plan. This has the added advantage of crossing the busy A road in a safer place.
Post workshops	Mountain bikers share the concerns voiced by other user groups about the erosion of paths. However, it has been suggested that mountain bikers have a disproportionate impact (a claim for which no hard evidence exists) and that walkers and horseriders have little or no impact. This is demonstrably false. Can we please just accept that we all have an impact on rights of way and that finger-pointing achieves nothing.
Post workshops	Rights of way are exactly that - the means by which people exercise their right to enjoy the beauty of the Peak District. They form a tiny part of the countryside, will inevitably suffer from erosion and wear and tear but that is a tiny price to pay for giving hard working people the chance to experience the glories of this magnificent landscape.
Post workshops	Greater understanding between different user groups should be our long-term aspiration. Mountain bikers enjoy the Peak District for the very same reasons that other users do and should not be vilified.

Date of comment	T2. Access & recreation: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
Post workshops	Lady Cannings Plantation - ensure access through and within LCP for cyclists, horse riders and disabled (included disabled riders), all currently excluded from the current network of footpaths; in accordance with ROWIP ideal of opening as many of Sheffield's green and open spaces as possible to as many user groups as possible; and detailed in the proposal from Sheffield LAF, December 2009.
Post workshops	Re-open the Green Drive (from Hathersage Road to Burbage Bridge) as a bridleway for horse riders and cyclists to legitimately use, in accordance with ROWIP.
Post workshops	Repair surfaces on Long Causeway (public byway Stanage Pole to Outseats) as an urgent safety issue.
Post workshops	Repair and maintain surfaces and widths on the steep bridleway from Long Causeway to the Mountain Rescue Post / public lavatories, as an urgent safety issue.
Post workshops	Open a linking bridleway from Houndkirk Road public byway to Hathersage Road, possibly using old path from Piper House, to correspond closely with one of the bridlegates onto Blackamoor - an important safety measure to reduce unnecessary horse riding and cycling along a very busy and dangerous main road.
Post workshops	Ensure all rights of way are accurately signposted. Only walkers have CROW access, so horse riders and cyclists need to know exactly where they can go, without ambiguity or hindrance.
Post workshops	Ensure all gates and bridges on PROW correspond to legal requirements and are maintained.
Post workshops	Where there is no legal access for motorised vehicles, necessity of a small but clear prohibitive sign at entrance / exit to such routes. Trespassing 4x4s and motorbikes damage surfaces, they disturb and frighten wildlife and other users. Without appropriate signage police are reluctant to prosecute, and offenders have a potential defence.
Post workshops	Long causeway, Stanage Edge (off roading by vehicles). Want to see TRO's on paths. These can't be policed.
Post workshops	Areas on moors where activities are bottle necked has become a problem such as: Redmires; Houndkirk Moor (area fenced off); Moss road closed 6 years ago.

Theme: 3. Sustainable land management

Over the next 15 years on the Sheffield Moors...

What would you like to see more of?

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
22/2/12	Control / remove scrub from moorland.
22/2/12	Management to ensure / improve the 'wild land' perception of the area.
22/2/12	Make more of archaeological features.
22/2/12	More woodland that's left to develop UNMANAGED.
22/2/12	Only natural materials – (no barbed wire and demolition rubble).
22/2/12	TREES (more of) and secret places for children (and adults with an arrested development).
22/2/12	More natural land where nature and wildlife go their own way.
22/2/12	Increased steps to raise awareness of the archaeological heritage – but without harming the sites and their immediate surrounding e.g. no plaques or intrusive signage.
22/2/12	More ecologically diverse woodland e.g. manage Burbage Brook conifers and Millstone / Lawrence field Birch.

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
1/3/12	Re cultural heritage: a general point. I assume the inter-organisational liaison includes specific involvement by staff from e.g. PDNPA and SCC with knowledge of cultural heritage across the moors - location, condition, significance etc.? Are you intending to generate the same sort of detailed surveys as were undertaken for the Eastern Moors (not just for cultural heritage) as a basis for future management?
1/3/12	Spreading of numbers of people to reduce strain on certain parts of moors.
1/3/12	More landscape friendly farming.
1/3/12	Advertisement of ancient archaeology.
1/3/12	Encourage re-establishment of deciduous woodland.
1/3/12	Land management around archaeological sites to enhance the visitor's experience and to ensure conservation needs are met.
1/3/12	Integrated wildlife and cultural heritage management, and appreciation of the resource of worked trees and ephemeral habitats in the wider landscapes. More appropriate management by traditional methods - talk to gamekeepers about burning regimes - they know a lot and can teach people how to manage for the best. Better bracken management.
1/3/12	Ensure that the extensive cultural heritage across the moors - some of it internationally important - is managed in a way that conserves it for future generations.
1/3/12	Reduce sheep numbers on the moors where possible. Use cattle instead to clear scrubland.
1/3/12	Ancient woodlands.
1/3/12	Public - knowledge about sustainable land management.
1/3/12	Less bracken more heather please.
1/3/12	Manage for 'wilderness'. Encourage native species. Get rid of non-native vegetation.
1/3/12	Promotion of the moors partnership and what its aims are.
1/3/12	Direction for young people to experience the moors.
1/3/12	Proper moorland management and predator control to encourage birdlife.
13/3/12	Limited intervention in appropriate areas and allow natural regeneration esp. woodland.
13/3/12	Active management of heather through burning (rotational) and cutting to preserve area and increase biodiversity mosaic.
13/3/12	Charges for car parking - designated areas (well screened).
13/3/12	Protecting wildlife.
13/3/12	Evolutionary continuum - restrict rate of change.
13/3/12	More scrub leading to woodland.
13/3/12	Promoting biodiversity.
13/3/12	More consistency of 'awareness notice boards' of interesting birds, insects etc.
13/3/12	I'd like to hear more natural sounds and silence.
13/3/12	Nothing
13/3/12	Men on the ground, doing the work.
13/3/12	Breeding raptors.
13/3/12	Enforcement of traffic offences: motorbikes in particular; parking - particularly at weekends.

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
Post workshops	I hope that the partnership will take as coherent view on cultural (i.e. archaeological and social) heritage across the various landholdings as it does on land management and landscape. The partnership area is rich in ancient and industrial history and heritage and is the land where the whole movement for establishment of National Parks, and indeed the access agenda, was conceived and nurtured. Perish the thought anyone should ever lose sight of any of this.
Post workshops	The SMP should consider ways in which it can support the farming community and the valuable contribution they make to land management in the area.
Post workshops	Farmers who reside in the SMP area as a whole.

What would you like to see less of?

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
22/2/12	Stop traditional management of grouse moors and allow the land to revert to Birch / Oak / Heather mix. Ban shooting!
22/2/12	Less Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), CSAs, Higher Level Stewardship (HLSs), (esp. HLSs).
22/2/12	'Over-management' of the land. There is much to be said for preserving its current natural and wild character.
22/2/12	Farming the moors is a way of life e.g. managers of land over 100 – 200 years.
22/2/12	Less management.
22/2/12	Adopt a more sensible approach to land access and more common sense approach to sensitive areas.
22/2/12	Less farming grants dictating policy and decisions.
22/2/12	Barbed wire and demolition rubble on paths.
22/2/12	Less unnecessary projects – less land management.
22/2/12	See less of damage caused by 4x4s and motor cycles.
22/2/12	Rubbish in Burbage Woods. 'Residents' at Burbage, Ramsley Moor.
22/2/12	Less use of the word 'sustainable'.
22/2/12	Less grouse moor scenery.
1/3/12	No burning of the bog vegetation (Vaccinium species, Erica etc.) and information why and how the burning is managed.
1/3/12	Motorised vehicles and particularly where they trespass on SSSI moorlands.
1/3/12	Less dense fir woodland.
1/3/12	Too much management - this is a National Park.
1/3/12	Moorland managed for grouse shooting and bracken.
1/3/12	See less of: encouraging mountain bike routes.
13/3/12	Less bracken, less vermin - moles spreading off eastern moors onto adjoining land.
13/3/12	Less influence due to landowner financial requirements - i.e. earning a living.
13/3/12	Cars parked all over the place!
13/3/12	Non-native species.
13/3/12	Bracken, scrub growth through under-grazing by sheep
13/3/12	Silver Birch and Sycamore trees.
13/3/12	Less off-roading!
13/3/12	Interfering with farming and gamekeeping. They maintain the landscape.
13/3/12	Any proposals audited viz a viz climate change resilience

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
13/3/12	As much, if not more, damage is done by parked vehicles as off-road vehicles.
13/3/12	Bracken
13/3/12	Bracken - the rate of bracken spread is not acceptable.
13/3/12	Vehicular access.
13/3/12	Fewer sheep - eat all regenerated plants.
13/3/12	4x4 vehicles and motor bikes tearing up the land. Money wasted.
13/3/12	People.
13/3/12	Dead Adders.
Post workshops	Wildlife love a mixed landscape where trees play a part – deer for instance love clumps of trees and places to hide
Post workshops	Farms and farmland can be attractive. But many are not. ON PUBLIC LAND WE NEED LARGE AREAS FREE: 1 from farming and farm subsidies 2 from farm livestock and their faeces 3 from fences and barbed wire

What would you like to be kept the same?

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q3. What would you like to be kept the same ?
22/2/12	Keep the deer (Blacka, Big Moor etc.) but what's the optimum number?
22/2/12	Go back to traditional way of managing these moors, therefore encouraging moorland wildlife to return.
22/2/12	That the various moors remain wholly in public ownership and the SMP / stewards are held fully accountable for usage of the land.
22/2/12	Try to maintain the land largely as now – no huge changes but keep managing it.
22/2/12	Maintain the current natural and wild environment. Burbage can be the best place on earth on many days.
22/2/12	The wild land as it is – no human interference and evidence of control.
22/2/12	Manage landscape i.e. Blacka. Need to keep balance so landscape is not lost due to over and under grazing etc.
1/3/12	Most of the moors have been well managed, under an ESA agreement for the last 25 years. They are in excellent order.
1/3/12	The open access and lack of restriction on movement. Maintain level of farming and game keeping activities and the traditional management practices.
1/3/12	The deer herds (I accept that to achieve this may involve controversial decisions - culling?)
1/3/12	Balance the density and access of sheep to best sustain a healthy environment.
1/3/12	Keep the moor to 'discover and explore' - less obvious promotion - maintain wilderness character.
13/3/212	A variety of agricultural animals including sheep as part of the moorlands.
13/3/212	<u>Stay same or increase</u> : farming needs to remain farming - not be diversified into activities for tourism - we need to retain skills and productivity!
13/3/212	The old style management of the moorlands should be kept. Farmers and gamekeepers are the best conservationists.
13/3/212	A balance between open land and woodland. Don't cut down all the trees! Diversity and margins are important.
13/3/212	Keep as is - seems to be working.

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q3. What would you like to be kept the same ?
13/3/212	Landscape management by the people with the appropriate skills. <u>Local</u> farmers, gamekeepers, drystone wallers, foresters etc.
13/3/212	Separation of pedestrians and bikes / horses / cars etc.
Post workshops	To be mindful of the Stanage Forum as it is seen as an excellent group Stanage Management Plan heralded as first ever wider strategic outward looking plan. It is an example of a simple management plan and should not be overlooked.

What would you like to see that's different or new?

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
22/2/12	Doing the minimum necessary – not most you can. Spend less, but on quality materials – sensitive to wild land.
22/2/12	Co-ordinated plan to identify, protect and manage the archaeology of this landscape. Utilising the local archaeological group to increase involvement, reduce cost.
22/2/12	Areas completely free from farming.
22/2/12	Limited woodland areas to be mixed - 'natural' and not conifers.
22/2/12	There is a huge archaeological heritage on these moors. Much is lost to heather and bracken. Should monuments be made more accessible? Given the conflict between this and preservation?
22/2/12	Wild Boar.
22/2/12	Conflict between advertising archaeology and keeping it safe. Don't know the answer.
22/2/12	Make forestry areas less 'brutal' (e.g. Lady Canning's Plantation).
22/2/12	Concern that there might be an optimum number of red deer for the Eastern Moors, but what is to be done long-term on their impact outside the Moors? E.g. Gillfield wood.
1/3/12	University students and others damage to wildlife etc.: do they need <u>information / education</u> ? Environment - very busy during term time. Are there facilities in Uni for this education?
1/3/12	Controlled access to all.
1/3/12	More local breeds of species.
1/3/12	I need information about Hallam and Burbage Moors: maps, management plan summaries, names / contacts e.g. SCC, landownership, measures to stop peat exposure, measures to stop water run-off into Sheffield.
1/3/12	More control over parking areas i.e. off-road parking.
1/3/12	Landscape - scale approaches to habitat management which take into account different species and micro-habitats. Proper appreciation of the traditional management of moors and revival of these practices. Include shadow woods and ghost wood habitats under sustainable land management.
1/3/12	De-culvert the source of the Porter above Porter Clough.
1/3/12	Is the ELA of grouse shooting over?
1/3/12	Official access to archaeological interpretation e.g. via internet, leaflets.
1/3/12	Information boards on sites where specific habitat management is going on, and beside nearby footpaths etc.
1/3/12	Reverse drainage schemes to stop drying out of peat.
1/3/12	Let the vegetation have a chance to grow, <u>if it wants to</u> - less burning and grazing.

Date of comment	T3. Sustainable land management: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
13/3/12	Allow to revert back to nature.
13/3/12	Commitment from all parties to implement the objectives of the master plan.
13/3/12	'Joined up' habitat management to allow corridors of habitat to be developed and allow for species migration as climate changes.
13/3/12	Clearly stated impact analysis of all activities on the various habitats within the management / master plan area.
Post workshops	<p>The land should have as its main purpose</p> <p>"Being held for the benefit of the people as an area of Natural Beauty" All activities carried out on the land should be wholly subservient to this principle.</p> <p>Natural Beauty should be itself the prime source of recreation on this land. Other single interest recreational activities are dependent on the attractiveness of the area, its nature and its wildlife. So should be secondary to it.</p>
Post workshops	<p>Is any form of management totally sustainable? If not what's the point?</p> <p>Discuss!</p> <p>Allowing nature to go its own way is arguably the most sustainable of all. And could be the most thrilling!! Better than being bored by a SAMEY Grouse Moor.</p>
Post workshops	<p>LET US HAVE LAND FREE FROM ALL FORMS OF EXPLOITATION,</p> <p>LET US HAVE LAND FREE FROM STIFLING BUREAUCRACY.</p> <p>WHERE GENUINE WILDLIFE CAN BE FREE</p> <p>(not phoney controlled wildlife that has to be persuaded to come with bird gardening and micro management)</p>
Post workshops	<p>HAVE THE COURAGE TO ESCAPE FROM THE COMFORT ZONE OF MORE FARMING</p> <p>AND MAKE THE LAND REALLY SPECIAL – A LARGE AREA</p> <p>FREE FROM COMMAND AND CONTROL.</p> <p>BE FREE</p> <p>THE ONLY WAY TO BE DISTINCTIVE</p>
Post workshops	<p>NO NEED TO MANAGE THIS LAND AS IF IT WAS A GROUSE MOOR...</p> <p>OR 'NEARLY' A GROUSE MOOR –</p> <p>SO LET IT BE FREE TO EXPRESS ITS OWN CHARACTER AND STOP TRYING TO CONTROL IT.</p> <p>Designations applied to give environmental grants to grouse moors should not be also applied to large areas of public land where there is an opportunity to have more natural landscapes.</p>
Post workshops	<p>I hope that the partnership will take as coherent view on cultural (i.e. archaeological and social) heritage across the various landholdings as it does on land management and landscape. The partnership area is rich in ancient and industrial history and heritage and is the land where the whole movement for establishment of National Parks, and indeed the access agenda, was conceived and nurtured. Perish the thought anyone should ever lose sight of any of this.</p>
Post workshops	<p>Sheffield Area Geology Trust (SAGT) has serious concerns that the landowners may be aware of some geological designations, but are unlikely to be fully aware of all the geodiversity interests, including designated sites, within their landownership areas.</p>

Theme: 4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors

Over the next years 15 on the Sheffield Moors...

What would you like to see more of?

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
22/2/12	More tranquillity (fewer quarry vehicles on the roads).
22/2/12	Sense of ownership by users. Encourage people who wouldn't normally be interested i.e. disaffected youth
22/2/12	Protection of land between urban areas (Dore, Sheffield) and this land, from development. (Seconded!)
22/2/12	More totally wild areas where I can escape human ownership and stamp on the land.
22/2/12	For the longer term, essential to ensure today's youngsters develop a respect and love of the countryside. Encourage educational school visits.
22/2/12	More young people from city areas to become aware of countryside and how to respect it.
22/2/12	Restrict (e.g. fence) areas of sensitive nature (e.g. rare lichen)
1/3/12	Habitat (sensitive) restoration to support eco-systems, services of water resources and carbon sequestration. (Christine Hadley)
1/3/12	In the early stages, get young people involved as these will be key to maintain later through the masterplan (sic).
1/3/12	Emphasis to visit in schools and colleges.
1/3/12	Better management e.g. predator control, controlled burning to help prevent wild fires on moors where there is little or none.
1/3/12	Carbon sink with duck boarding to make areas of interest.
1/3/12	More outdoor activity centres / residential areas (tourism).
1/3/12	More flood control, moors could help prevent 2007 Sheffield floods.
1/3/12	To what extent do Sheffield schools teach about the moors and take children into the moors, particularly those from north and east of the city.
1/3/12	Consider a government tax or contribution on all out-door or walking shops to the protection of the moors (sic).
1/3/12	More voluntary opportunities targeted at young people? Sustainability - they'll be adults in 15 years time.
1/3/12	Need more accessible shuttle bus - if members of Sheffield public struggle to get there, so would tourists. Could help generate more income from tourists.
1/3/12	Investigate possibility of hydro electricity generation.
1/3/12	Camping activities.
1/3/12	Should recognise that the concept of 'wider benefits' includes the amazing cultural heritage across the moors (from pre-history to relatively recent industrial remains) - and the knowledge of past human societies and activities that can be drawn from this.
1/3/12	Climate change mitigation.
13/3/12	More recognition of needs of local people e.g. residential parking permits so that we can park outside our house.
13/3/12	Improved <u>responsible</u> access. At present, many cyclists assume a 'right to roam', and also to use public footpaths. Creation of a proper network of bridleways would guide a more appropriate and safe usage for cyclists and horseriders, whilst accommodating walkers.

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q1. What would you like to see more of?
13/3/12	Green energy projects e.g. hydropower and small scale wind turbines.
13/3/12	More car parks for visitors - especially large groups of ramblers that arrive - walk - leave (without spending a penny).
13/3/12	More recognition of the damage caused by 'recreational' motorised vehicles (off-road) and a commitment to address the issue head on.
13/3/12	Better maintained paths and styles.
13/3/12	Nothing.
13/3/12	Recognising that eco-system services and preservation of landscape are provided best by a working rural economy, e.g. sheep farming, grouse shooting.
13/3/12	Better controlled access.

What would you like to see less of?

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
22/2/12	No private 4WD crossing the land other than on existing highways.
22/2/12	Fewer 4-wheel drive vehicles
22/2/12	Less evidence of over-management and unnecessary projects.
22/2/12	Less mineral extraction for financial gain i.e. no more quarries!
22/2/12	Less urbanisation – please leave urban clutter – art installations etc. in the city and parks. Hear Hear!! (Encore x 2)
22/2/12	Naff poetry on stone and wood (this is rapidly becoming a cottage industry!) Who is paying for these intrusive installations and why?
22/2/12	Sensitive approach to tourism development – not losing the wild nature of the land.
1/3/12	Fast cars of rural roads - quiet lanes instead?
1/3/12	Motor vehicles on bridle ways.
1/3/12	No burning of the bog vegetation (Vaccinium, Erica etc.)
1/3/12	More animals like cows / sheep.
1/3/12	Off-roading 4x4.
13/3/12	Environmental 'fads' e.g. blanket protection of any species which may fail to recognise the negative impact which their regeneration and success might have upon other species E.g. increased raptors decimating ground-nesters, or potentially tuberculoid deer travelling unchecked to infect other wildlife and agricultural populations.
13/3/12	Access.
13/3/12	Access by all motorised vehicles (except for those required for land / habitat management purposes).
13/3/12	Less public access to preserve the area.
13/3/12	Less talk of seeing this area as an economic outcome. It's an area of recreation and learning!
Post workshops	<p>Please spare us 'THE ECONOMY'. We get enough of it already. Especially spare us the Conservation Economy!!</p> <p>Let this be a place to find nature. Good for the human spirit but it could be much better. Much of it's not natural enough. It should be free from the burden of management.</p> <p>The economy is something people want to get away from when they can. Too often 'the economy' leads to a chance for someone to exploit or make a killing.</p>

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q2. What would you like to see less of?
Post workshops	DON'T SHACKLE IT WITH MANAGEMENT TARGETS AND H.L.S. etc.
Post workshops	The economy usually creates less beauty, less nature and more noise.

What would you like to be kept the same?

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q3. What would you like to be kept the same ?
1/3/12	The landscape, aesthetic value and healthy benefits of visiting and appreciating moors and moorland.
1/3/12	Sustainability of the moors.
1/3/12	Support for farming as people with local knowledge.
1/3/12	Develop habitat.
1/3/12	Developing habitat.
1/3/12	Continue as at present.
1/3/12	Maintain the environment.
13/3/12	Recognition that these are public spaces, and that all teams of managers ultimately are responsible to the public for what they do. Funding involves large amounts of taxpayer's money).
13/3/12	Leave as is.
13/3/12	Reduced to protect landscape and wildlife.
13/3/12	The cherished landscape!
13/3/12	No large wind turbines.
22/2/12	The often wild nature of this part of Sheffield's Golden Frame
22/2/12	Maintain views of grit stone edges and quarries in the landscape.
22/2/12	The precious places where people can go to escape the city and human meddling.
22/2/12	Maintain the nature of the areas or much as possible – they each have their own character (Burbage and Big Moor and Blacka) – but people must have access.
22/2/12	Nature as it is!

What would you like to see that's different or new?

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
22/2/12	Is there a close liaison between organisations with regard to long term effects of e.g. flood control or land drainage?
22/2/12	Does more conservation mean reduced access? Many users encourage conservation: others need educating
22/2/12	Recognition that land doesn't need to be continuously 'improved' with unnecessary projects.
22/2/12	Increase (but not unlimited) commercial recreation opportunities
22/2/12	4X4 shooting gallery! I'll bring my gun!
22/2/12	No commercial recreation opportunities
22/2/12	A strong approach to keeping motorised vehicles off the moors (Ditto)
1/3/12	Duke of Edinburgh (DOE)
1/3/12	Social eco-enterprise e.g. running eco workshops for an entrepreneur.

Date of comment	T4. Recognising the wider benefits of the moors: Q4. What would you like see that's different or new ?
1/3/12	Valuation of habitat. Looking for opportunity to insert small areas of habitat breaks e.g. on heather moor.
1/3/12	An appreciation of the benefits attached to visiting and using the moors for all sections of local communities - accessible for all - ethnic minority communities as well as the more 'traditional' audience.
1/3/12	Improved public transport to enable people to reach the moors and then get to go home again!
13/3/12	Incorporating a wider educational programme on the benefits of the moors should ensure they are better understood and appreciated. Outreach education into schools and communities? Project involvement?
13/3/12	A 1% levy on all purchases within the national park to be spent directly on maintenance and habitats within the national park.
13/3/12	Bill Gordon should be put in charge of the master plan!! (common sense).
13/3/12	The partnership master plan should include an <u>economic analysis</u> and <u>plan</u> : What streams of funding are available? What are priorities for expenditure? What income will tourism bring? How can collaboration bring savings?
13/3/12	More info about how we can help protect wildlife.
13/3/12	Nothing.
13/3/12	Better protection for <u>wildlife</u> .
Post workshops	To attract tourism in the future something special needs to be offered. We need a landscape that has more character. Grouse moor treeless landscapes are unappealing to many people and offer only a restricted range of wildlife and even when it's there you can't easily get close to it.
Post workshops	If we are really serious about trying to encourage a diversity of age, race and socio-economic groups out into the Peak District, then mountain biking is one of the best means to achieve that.

The process

The following two comments received make observations about the general approach being undertaken so don't fit under one of the previous four themes.

Date of comment	Comment
Post Workshops	The workshop report is very comprehensive. With all the conflicting views and comments it's going to take someone sometime to filter through it all to make some sense of it all to make it "practical". There are many issues that are ultimately the responsibility of bodies such as Local Access Forums, PDNPA, Local Authorities Rights of Way Depts. Natural England and English Heritage etc. Presumably they would be involved in the consideration of the issues raised, as in many cases it is "their responsibility". I am always concerned about how you ask people what they want (flinging the doors open wide) and raising expectations, some of which are unrealistic and impractical. Would a sub group or Focus group of "specialists" be useful to help steer through this mass of suggestions? e.g. Rights of way bodies/organisations, access groups, wildlife/conservation bodies etc. I appreciate this is a massive task but I would not want to see much of what has been gained in recent years compromised or lost.

Date of comment	Comment
Post workshops	<p>As I came to this process very late in the day, I have not had the time I would have liked before the deadline for comments to go into the depth that I would prefer in formulating my comments.</p> <p>However, I have read through the documents on your website and I have to say that I cannot see a convincing case for creating another layer of bureaucracy, nor for a "master plan". This seems to be another excuse for top-down management to impose uniformity across a very large area, with a minimum of accountability. It is astonishing to imply that the existing public authorities and charities who hold the land on behalf of the public cannot collaborate when necessary, without the formal establishment of a new over-arching body.</p> <p>I have also ploughed through the numerous comments which have been collected. In many cases comments are diametrically opposed and often appear to be the product of people pursuing their own particular agendas and there can be no hope of reconciliation between them.</p> <p>My own position is that, unless there is a pressing need for intervention, Nature should be allowed to take its course. If that means the return of vegetation, including trees, to places where it grew in the past, even millennia ago, so be it. Nor should policy and management methods be determined by the facility to obtain public money in the form of grants and without regard to the desires and needs of the local population.</p> <p>As I don't see the need for a master plan, you will not be surprised that I don't see the need for deadlines. They are just a stratagem for pressurising people into acceptance of your proposals without giving them too much thought.</p>

In the shorter term...

Participants were also given an opportunity to feed back any *current* issues on the moors to the relevant land managers e.g. sign missing, wall fallen down, litter bin damaged etc. The responses were as follows:

Date of comment	In the shorter term...
22/2/12	Need to sort out Burbage Valley Woods – amount of rubbish there is increasing. Already removed c. 40 garden sacks of bottles, cans, cutlery e etc.
22/2/12	Bus terminus on Baslow Road near Dysons provides access to moors. Litter continues to be an issue here and in the new plantation that surrounds it. Tipping has also occurred.
22/2/12	Spanish Bluebells at Strawberry Lee car park on Blacka – reported every year!
22/2/12	Fire pit on Lenny Hill – encouraging fires on Blacka – (then calling fire brigade!!)
1/3/12	The forest in the Burbage valley - to remove or not?
1/3/12	Improve control over cyclists / motorcyclists on footpaths etc.
1/3/12	Car parks are getting extremely expensive and are causing people to find alternative unsuitable places to park e.g. Hope CP has been known to be almost empty, whilst the roadsides are full.
1/3/12	Short-term / long-term issue. Over-management e.g. cutting down trees in pursuit of some ideal notion of what moors should be like.

Date of comment	In the shorter term...
1/3/12	<u>4 wheel drive vehicles</u> : rigid control over Houndkirk Moor required and Totley Moss (this is now impassable even to walkers - what a mess) (Agree)
1/3/12	The solution to the parking problem is to improve public transport links to key spots, through subsidy. (Agree)
13/3/12	Big Moor, Eastern Moors near Gorse Farm - concern over lack of bracken management, blocking of drains and moles.
13/3/12	Where do I get a permit to ride a horse on Longshaw?
13/3/12	(PROW map) Several of the permissive bridleways on Curbar Gap (in woodland) are possibly wrong. Should be footpaths (comment from fell runner).

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