

**FRIENDS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT**  
**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND**  
**SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

**PLANNING POLICY**

**AIMS**

Friends of the Peak District and CPRE South Yorkshire exist to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. We aim to achieve that by:

- (1) influencing land-use plans and the policies and strategies which affect them;
- (2) influencing the outcome of planning applications through the development control process.

Wherever possible we will seek to involve and work with local residents and users of the countryside. We will implement these aims as described below

**1. INFLUENCING PLANS AND POLICIES**

*Nationally*

- Where appropriate, we will provide representation on national consultations on planning and policy issues and by participating in CPRE national campaigns

*Regionally*

- We will provide representation on CPRE Regional Groups so that branch views are reflected in CPRE campaigning on Regional Spatial Strategies and other relevant regional plans, policies and strategies.
- Where appropriate, we will provide representation on draft Regional Spatial Strategy, including appearing at Examination in Public

*Locally*

- We will take part in consultations during the compilation and drafting of Development Plans within Local Development Frameworks at all levels below the regional level
- We will participate where appropriate in examinations of Development Plans
- We will work with local individuals, parish councils, community groups and other interest groups to gather intelligence; to stimulate involvement in the planning process and to lend weight to our lobbying.

**2. INFLUENCING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- We will scrutinise all published lists of planning applications
- We will seek to influence the outcome of those planning applications which are judged to meet the following criteria:
  1. Proposals having a significant local impact on rural settlements or the countryside
  2. Proposals creating policy precedents
  3. Proposals that may enhance the countryside
  4. Cases relating to CPRE national campaigns

**Annex A**

## **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

### **Criteria**

- Friends of the Peak District and CPRE South Yorkshire will demand action from the relevant Local Planning Authority (LPA) against unauthorised development which:
  1. Has a significant local impact on rural settlements or the countryside;
  2. Relate to CPRE local and national campaigns;
  3. May cause an undesirable precedent.

### **Procedure**

- Where an unauthorised development is suspected and confirmed by the relevant LPA we will:
  1. Demand that the LPA request the developer submit planning application to formalise the development, achieve alterations and/or set strict controls, if the development is in principle acceptable; or
  2. Demand that the LPA request the cessation of the activity/removal of structures where the development is clearly contrary to planning policies and CPRE objectives.
  3. If requests to cease the activity/or remove structures are unsuccessful the branch will demand appropriate enforcement action against those responsible.
- Where appropriate, Friends of the Peak District and CPRE South Yorkshire will provide supporting information to the relevant authority, identifying how or when unauthorised development/activities have taken place.

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