



Who sets the Transport Policy for the National Park?

Transport Policy for Cumbria, including the Lake District National Park (LDNP) is set by Cumbria County Council (CCC). This means that CCC has the statutory authority for transport and LDNP works with CCC to influence and shape the transport policy as it impacts the National Park.

Decisions which relate to the scope of services and funding is a responsibility of CCC.

What is the Vision for Visitor Travel?

"Our vision for travel in the Lake District is of a place where visitors and residents can experience new opportunities to travel sustainably, where visitors from around the world are served by integrated quality, iconic travel experiences, to the benefit of the economy. Where more people choose to walk, cycle, travel by boat, rail or bus as the best way to discover the spectacular landscape".

How will the vision be delivered?

Reaching the Lakes

- New ways of delivering transport enabling 50% more visitors to reach the National Park by rail and integrated onward travel linking showcase areas of the Keswick Ullswater and Windermere corridors
- Quality, integrated marketing and mobile ticketing engaging visitors to explore the Lake District sustainably
- Cultural and international visitors to the Lake District World Heritage Site arriving at quality designed gateway stations

Linking the Lakes together

- World class integrated water transport, zero carbon bus and autonomous vehicle services with stop and jetty infrastructure and information carrying 30% more visitors
- Improving transport hubs and managing car parks to encourage use as explorer hubs

Active travel

- More visitors walking or cycling from their door on a promoted route from every village or accommodation hub,
- Walking and cycling activity promoting health and well being and linking communities and visitor destinations
- Creating 120 kilometers of new multi user trails

Smarter travel

- Working with partners on new smart tech developments to revolutionise how visitors and residents travel, including shared transport, mobility as a service and real time parking and transport information linked to existing mapping and booking apps
- Ensure the Lake District is a leading place for transport innovation and accelerating new technologies to market including intelligent parking and transport systems, electric bikes and electric, hydrogen and autonomous vehicles

And what could be the outcome?

Keeping the National Park Special

- As a minimum % visitors arriving by car decreasing from 83% in 2015 to 64% in 2040 Less than ½ of visitors' main mode of travel around the Lake District is car by 2040. Ideally, we are aiming for even greater increase in sustainable visitor travel
- The National Park action plan requires investment into the Lake District transport and visitor services, delivering economic benefits from visitors who stay longer and spend more locally

Summary

- **Transport Policy rests with Cumbria County Council and the National Park plays its part in working with CCC, to address the challenges of Visitor Travel. This has led to the development of the vision for Visitor Travel - 2040.**
- **This Vision aims to deal with the stark reality that many of us are "wedded" to our cars. This means that there is the same expectation that we will use our cars for getting around and this is no different for the National Park.**
- **We should also note that Residents benefit from Visitors using Public Transport so that routes remain sustainable and commercially viable.**
- **So by setting out the vision for Visitors, the National Park are working to a number of long term ambitions which will focus on the following results:**
- **Creating a more enjoyable, relaxing and healthier visitor experience**
- **Reducing impacts of traffic on communities and the landscape**
- **Reducing carbon emissions**
- **Increasing spend in the visitor economy**

