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Dear Ms Fowler,

Re - PDNPA Management Plan consultation

We write in support of the Peak Park Parishes Forum comments on the Management Plan consultation. We would also like to add our own comments as follows:

With regard to the 'Plan' as it has been presented for consultation, our concern is that it is not so much a plan as a series of observations and aspirations. It contains no clear vision for the future of Park and contains far too much wishy-washy management-speak and not enough in the way of real proposals.

To be a meaningful plan, the document needs to identify the key objectives which arise from the need to manage the special qualities, and identify activities which will be undertaken in support of these objectives. The plan needs to have clear statements of how the objectives will be achieved, what resources will be required to achieve them and where these resources will come from. It must also show how progress towards the objectives can be measured and it needs to give some order of priority so as to ensure that scarce resources can be allocated appropriately.

The document currently completely fails to recognise the potential tension between the needs and wishes of visitors to the Park and the interests of those who are resident within it. A key feature of the Park is its collection of living communities which are valued by residents, businesses and visitors alike. As representatives of a number of those communities, we want to see a plan that ensures our villages thrive in an economy based on more than just agriculture and tourism. We need:

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- progressive management policies that encourage active development while retaining the special qualities of the Park;
- consistent application of these policies to provide trust and confidence in the management plan;
- a clear determination to improve all types of communication which evolves with the developing needs of residents, businesses and visitors alike;
- greater support for small high-value but low-impact businesses that attract high income new residents to the villages without the need to commute to the surrounding cities;
- management of the housing stock to provide a range of types and prices appropriate to the park's population i.e. properties suitable for residents at all stages of their lives and financial circumstances and not just building low cost housing for young families;
- clear policies to manage the expectations and potential conflicts between the differing aspirations of residents, businesses, visitors and the natural environment;
- clear, measurable, metrics that demonstrate to what extent the park is meeting its primary objectives and allow the Authority and others to measure the effectiveness of the management plan.

Overall, our impression of the document as it currently stands is that the authors of the report do not have their finger on the pulse of what affects local communities, nor on impending major challenges the Park will face during the period of the Plan.

Yours sincerely

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