

### Annex 3 – Summary of consultation responses on the Article 4 Direction

| <i>Summary of consultation responses</i>  | <i>National Park Authority response</i>  |
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| Controls are badly needed on these campsites to address problems associated with traffic, anti-social behaviour, smoke, noise, light pollution, litter and fires.   | New guidance has been prepared to support the consideration of subsequent planning applications that covers residential amenity issues like these.   |
| Management is badly needed – campsites are allowing fires close to woodland, heathland and thatched properties in the hottest part of the year in areas where fires cause devastation.  | A number of respondents highlighted risks with fires to properties and protected habitats. This issue is covered in the supporting guidance prepared by the Authority.   |
| Agree with the proposed Article 4 Direction, but the proposed threshold of 50 pitches is set too high and should be much lower (e.g. 10, 15 or 20 pitches).   | The Direction is intentionally directed at the larger existing campsites; and all new campsites established from March 2020. This balances addressing the existing campsites having the greatest impacts with support for smaller scale camping uses.        |
| Welcome the commitment to prepare guidelines to inform future decisions. These should include a presumption against sites adjacent to protected habitats; minimum distances from residential properties; and the imposition of conditions relating to waste, traffic management and reinstatement of land | Many respondents highlighted the range of adverse impacts on amenity from existing temporary camping uses. The new guidance published to support the consideration of subsequent planning applications covers residential amenity issues like these.         |
| Agree with the proposed Article 4 Direction, but the implementation date should be brought forward to June 2022 as originally intended.   | It is necessary to give 12 months' notice of the intended withdrawal of permitted development rights through a non-immediate Direction and so it cannot be implemented before September 2022.  |
| Support for the proposed Article 4 Direction, but it should be extended to cover other forms of exempted campsites in the National Park.  | The decision was made in March 2021 that as exempt organisations apply their own guidelines and rules and exercise a fair degree of control over how their licenced sites are run and how rallies are organised, they would not be covered by the Direction. |
| Any new campsites permitted through the planning application process should not be in addition to the Camping in the  | The Article 4 Direction focuses on temporary sites established under national permitted development rights.  |

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| <p>Forest sites. The Local Plan sets an appropriate policy framework for considering such applications.</p>  | <p>Additional guidance against which future planning applications would be assessed has been prepared.</p>  |
| <p>The proposed Direction is against Government policy and contrary to the support the Government is offering landowners in the face of the pandemic.</p>  | <p>Article 4 Directions are a legitimate planning tool that enable planning authorities to protect areas and ensure development is properly planned. The Government has stated it is content for the Authority to decide whether the Direction is confirmed.</p>                                  |
| <p>The focus should instead be on the Camping in the Forest sites, which cater for far more people, are on designated sites, and have been identified for closure/relocation for 20 years without any action from authorities.</p> | <p>The future of the Camping in the Forest sites has been raised by several respondents and we recognise that the future of campsites in the core of the Forest merits further consideration as part of a wider review. However this is outside the scope of the current Article 4 Direction.</p> |
| <p>Object to the Article 4 Direction - campsites support the local economy and help make rural services viable.</p>  | <p>The Article 4 Direction does not stop temporary campsites being established - it instead means they will require planning permission.</p>  |
| <p>The Direction should distinguish between campsites supporting local farms and those not associated with well-established farms and commoning smallholdings.</p>   | <p>New guidance has been prepared to support the consideration of subsequent planning applications. This covers the links between campsites and the land-based economy.</p>   |