

Help imagine the future.

# HERE. NOW. ALL OF US.



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& THE TROSSACHS  
NATIONAL PARK



**Our National Park matters (to all of us, to Scotland, to the planet) but it can't and won't stay the same.**

People, nature and climate are all connected and we are facing unprecedented challenges to nature, to climate and to our lives that depend on them.

This is a unique moment in time – we have a small window of opportunity to make transformational change in the face of these huge challenges.

A thriving future for the National Park is a thriving future for all of us. But we all have to work together.

**With your help, we CAN do it.**



IF NOT  
NOW,  
WHEN?

IF NOT  
HERE,  
WHERE?

IF NOT  
ALL OF US,  
WHO?



# WHAT IS THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT?

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**This is a conversation about the urgent challenges facing the National Park and how we can all work together to shape a positive, resilient future for people, nature and climate.**

We want to hear from you about how we do this together and to gather opportunities, challenges and ideas that will be used to inform the next National Park Partnership Plan which comes into effect in 2024.

The National Park Partnership Plan guides how all of those with a role to play in looking after the National Park will work together to manage the Park and achieve a shared vision for the area.

**A Draft Partnership Plan has been created for consultation and to guide this conversation.**

This Draft Plan won't have all the answers, but it does put forward a wide range of proposals to address the huge challenges we currently face in the National Park as well as at a national and global level.

It also aims to highlight the vast opportunities that exist for setting a new direction for the National Park, one which faces those challenges head-on, while at the same shaping that positive future.

**This consultation will run from 26th April until 19th July 2023.**



**OUR VISION FOR 2045**

**A climate-resilient  
place where  
people and nature  
thrive together.**

WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

## RESTORING NATURE

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**The global nature crisis is a real and fundamental threat to the long-term survival of our own species - alongside millions of other species that we share the planet with.**

The evidence of a decline in nature over many years is clear even here in the National Park with approximately 20% of our Designated Sites for nature still in unfavourable condition.

Restoring nature is about us supporting our natural environment to bounce back from damage and reduction and to become more resilient and bountiful.

It's not enough anymore to conserve what we have. We need to actively stop the decline and then reverse the loss of nature. This is in our interest, as well as for other species, as nature underpins human existence through the benefits and services it provides, such as food, air, water, materials, health and economic wealth.

**We are losing  
nature at an  
unprecedented scale.**



WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

## CREATING A SUSTAINABLE, LOW-CARBON DESTINATION

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**Around four million visitors come to the National Park each year to enjoy and benefit from its natural beauty, rich heritage and recreational opportunities.**

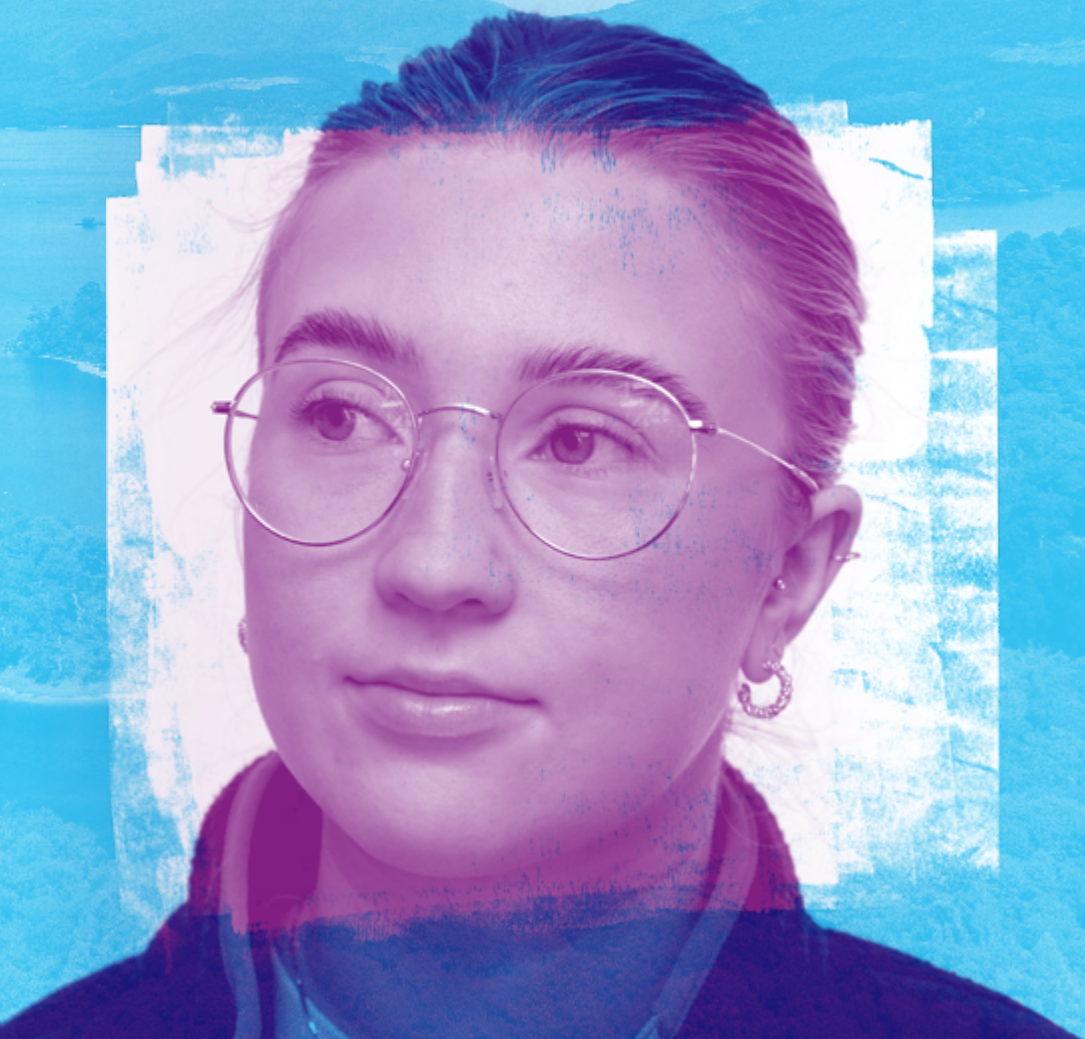
People feeling connected to nature not only benefits their wellbeing but encourages them to act in ways that are more likely to benefit the environment. Post COVID-19, more and more people are enjoying the outdoors, and the proximity of the National Park to urban Scotland, combined with its special qualities, also provides significant employment supporting our economy and communities.

However, the popularity of the National Park can create pressures and challenges. For example, the dominance of car travel for recreational day trips is a major contributor to carbon emissions in the National Park. Demand also currently outstrips supply of fit-for-purpose services and facilities to meet the needs of our visitors. We also know that while many more people are enjoying the outdoors, the visitor profile of those enjoying the National Park doesn't fully reflect the diversity of Scotland's population and more can be done to support people of all backgrounds to be able to benefit from the National Park.

As we emerge from the pandemic and face the challenges of the climate and nature crises head on, there is great opportunity to transform the National Park into a more sustainable, low-carbon destination.



**The way most people  
currently visit the  
National Park won't help  
us reach Net Zero.**



## WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

# ENABLING A GREENER ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING

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**How we live and work in the National Park needs to change to respond and adapt to the nature and climate crises. We also need to consider how development, and investment in infrastructure can support this.**

As Scotland moves towards becoming a Net Zero Nation our economy must adapt to support this, as well as to the further investment required in nature and land. We need to understand more about the opportunities this can bring for the local economy and how the benefits from these can be shared in a fair and just way, for existing businesses, people and local communities.

Housing and transport are two of the biggest issues causing barriers to working age and young people being able to find a home and jobs in the National Park. These issues need to be addressed to support the transition to a greener economy and to encourage more local living.

Living and working more locally will reduce our reliance on carbon by making residents less dependent on driving to other areas, as well as supporting more vibrant, healthy communities. We need to support communities to adapt to the changing climate and how this directly impacts their infrastructure, like roads, and environment. Building on existing examples of communities taking action to develop their resilience and using insight from Local Place Plans can help this transition.

Being a National Park doesn't mean there can be no development here, but the Scottish Government has made it clear that to respond to the climate emergency and nature crisis, all investment and development must contribute to making Scotland a more sustainable place. Development and infrastructure investment within the National Park has an increasingly important role in helping address the climate emergency, restoring nature and supporting rural communities.

**We need to think  
differently about how  
people will live and  
work in the National Park.**





## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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We're opening up a conversation to help us imagine the future of the National Park together. This is a consultation on the Draft National Park Partnership Plan.

We all have a part to play in this so we all need to be part of the conversation.

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Read the full Draft Plan and get involved in this conversation.

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