



# Appendix 2: National Park Place Programme: Section amendment – Geographic Priorities Agenda Item 6

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### 1. Introduction

1.5. This appendix provides the amendments to the section Geographic Priorities numbered 5.98 – 5.9.3 inclusive within the Place programme approach dated May 2022, approved at board June 2022. This amendment brings the approach into line with the agreed change to park-wide STID coverage in the 2023-24 Annual Operating Plan. This approach was supported by NSPRAG partners at the pre-season meeting of 2023.

### 2. Geographic Priorities - amended text

2.1. ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates text to be removed, ***bold italic*** indicates additional text.

#### Geographic priorities

5.8. The National Park is 1,865 square km (720 square miles) and has a boundary length of 350km (220miles). It is a place of contrasts, from rolling lowland landscapes in the south to high mountains in the north, and has many lochs and rivers, forests, and woodlands. It is also a living, working landscape which has been influenced by people for generations and is visited and enjoyed by many for its recreational value.

5.9. The understanding of specific issues to areas is essential for effective partnership working, delivery and management across the National Park and we have facilitated the development of four local visitor management groups:

- East Loch Lomond,
- West Loch Lomond,
- Strathard and the Trossachs, and
- Callander Area.

***Engagement with the following visitor management areas will be undertaken through existing structures.*** ~~Further groups to be developed will cover:~~

- Loch Earn, Balquidder & Strathyre
- Balloch and access to Loch Lomond, and Gartocharn
- Strathfillan and Glen Dochart, and
- Cowal

5.9.1. The map, Figure 4 overleaf, shows the Visitor Management Group areas, noting that these relate to suggested effectiveness and management, are not fixed boundaries and are not intended to detract from the consideration of the National Park as a whole entity.

5.9.2. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Studies are being developed to identify areas of opportunity and identify actions to strengthen tourism infrastructure supporting place, addressing the needs of both residents and visitors and create a framework to help secure additional funding for projects in the area.

5.9.3. Studies have been undertaken in East Loch Lomond and West Loch Lomond, and have commenced in Strathard and Trossachs and Callander. The Studies provide an overview for each area and the objectives are developed through the process. Objectives within the technical reports for the geographic areas have informed the Place Programme Indicative implementation programme.

***5.9.10. A further park-wide consolidated study will be developed, complementing and incorporating the existing studies to help set the investment priorities and support funding opportunities for improving popular places and routes in the National Park.***