



## Windermere Waterfront – progress – January 2009

### Progress on Local Development Framework core strategy

2350 comments were submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority following the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation in summer 2008. Of those 106 comments related to the Windermere Waterfront Programme. These comments are summarised in our report on the Preferred options Consultation which is now available on our website: [http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/lake\\_district\\_docs95/090107\\_report\\_of\\_consultation\\_what\\_you\\_said.pdf](http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/lake_district_docs95/090107_report_of_consultation_what_you_said.pdf)

Efforts still concentrate on evidence gathering, as reported below, to support the Programme's inclusion in the Core Strategy. Primarily evidence gathering is in the form of feasibility studies, outlined below.

Internally Ben Long – one of our development control Planners has been seconded to our spatial plans team. One of his specific remits is to co-ordinate the Windermere Waterfront Programme. Please feel free to contact him if you would like any specific updates or advice (01539-792647)

### Update on individual elements of the Windermere Waterfront Programme

Ambleside including Waterhead public realm enhancement, Ambleside

- South Lakeland District Council have agreed to be accountable body for the next phase of the work which is the appointment of consultants , a review of all proposals currently on the table and the development on three new proposals Meetings of Waterhead Steering Group were held in November and December 2008
- Steering group agreed to review all the current proposals and appoint consultants to develop new proposals for the areas of public realm at Waterhead. NWDA have agreed to fund this
- Consultants will be required to undertake extensive public consultation throughout the project

Low Wood Conference Centre

- Extant planning permission for consolidation of conference centre
- Informal pre-application discussions concerning new design of extant permission
- Likely start date for build programme – Winter 2009

Brockhole

- Stakeholder engagement programme agreed
- Adam Thomas, Brockhole Development Programme Director, joins the LDNPA on Monday, 26 January 2009
- Brockhole Prospectus being prepared, with NWDA assistance
- Spot listing request not supported, though importance of relationship of gardens and building recognised.

#### Windermere Steamboat Museum

- Lakeland Arts Trust commissioned feasibility study with NWDA assistance

#### Bowness Bay, including The Glebe

- Tendering process for master planning exercise at Bowness Bay now underway. Consultants likely to be appointed in February 2009.
- Steering Group established with representation from NWDA, Lake District National Park, CCC and South Lakeland Development Trust
- Wider Reference Group to be convened once tender agreed

#### Lakeland Motor Museum and rail halt, Backbarrow

- Extant planning permission for Motor Museum
- Funding for new rail halt progressing

#### Southern node of Windermere

- Feasibility study for Transport Museum and Park and Ride on site south of A590 led by Kate Willard. Feasibility study now placed on hold as site not favoured by local community. Other sites are now being investigated.

LDNPA are considering merits of a master planning exercise for the entire southern node of the Programme, including Lakeside/ Fell Foot, Newby Bridge and the whole length of Haverthwaite railway, including southern terminal.

#### **Communicating Windermere Waterfront Programme**

There is considerable interest about the Programme, both within and outside the Park. If any group/ organisation would like to have more details or debate the programme then either Ben Long or Steve Ratcliffe would be happy to attend. Please phone Catherine Courtney to make arrangements (01539-792631)

#### **Sustainable transport for Windermere Waterfront**

One of the aspirations of the programme is to refocus attention on the Lake as a sustainable means of transport. There are two important developments in this area.

The first is that a contract has now been let to help us understand the needs and preferences of potential users of a waterbus transport service. This will help to guide policy and demonstrate the economic viability of possible services. Hopefully this will be completed by end of March 2009.

The second is that a contract will be let soon to explore the possibility of a cycleway between Ambleside and Bowness. This route is a key part in any sustainable transport framework for the central lakes. This study is expected to take approximately three months.