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Excellent document. Well written and concise

Two comments;

1. In the tourism section reference needs to be made to the need to allow for more overnight stay accommodation. Although there does not appear to be any research done on this topic there appears to be a shortage of short stay tourist accommodation. There needs to be range of accommodation , not just in the villages where it competes with local housing demand, but in the countryside where people want to relax in a quiet open environment. Camping, glamping and limited small chalet units are suggested. Planning policy needs to accommodate this type of use.
2. The Plan is ambitious and covers development management over 20 years.
Robust enforcement of unauthorised development is needed, as happens in the Peak Park. This is especially important in the Saddleworth Conservation Areas where the character of the built environment need to be maintained. This is not happening at present and needs urgent attention. Is this something that the Parish Council can take a lead on? Local councillors and officers are ideally placed to be the focal point for reports of unauthorised or unsympathetic development. Just a suggestion, but action needs to be taken now to avoid further erosion of the built and natural landscapes.

Hope the above is helpful. Kind regards, Alan