



Eryri National Park

Tree and Woodland Strategy

1. Context

A recent study conducted to assess the carbon footprint of all UK National Parks has highlighted that a local carbon reduction and sequestration plan is needed. As part of the response to this soon to be published report, the Park Authority wanted to produce a Tree and Woodland Strategy. As interest grows in land acquisition for tree planting, carbon sequestration, and carbon trading, there is a growing awareness among communities and the Authority about the potential changes that lie ahead. It is crucial for the Authority to be well-prepared to face these challenges and provide guidance on the appropriate actions, locations, and density of tree planting initiatives.

The Park Authority and The Woodland Trust have initiated a two-stage process to develop a Tree and Woodland Strategy that will provide an overall vision and necessary guidance to communities and other stakeholders about the type and scale of tree planting initiatives.

2. Need

The Park Authority understands the need to balance the goals of carbon reduction and environmental preservation with the unique characteristics and needs of the local communities. By being proactive and united with the communities, the Authority aims to ensure that any future developments align with the overall vision for Eryri, considering the ecological, social, and cultural aspects of the region.

The anticipated release of the carbon footprint study will likely generate increased attention and discussions surrounding carbon sequestration and trading within Eryri. As the custodian of the National Park, the Authority is committed to providing valuable advice and guidance to local communities and stakeholders. This will enable informed decision-making regarding the type and scale of tree planting initiatives, ensuring that they contribute positively to both the climate goals and the unique character and well-being of Eryri and its residents.

3. Co-design

Co-design is a collaborative approach that involves actively engaging stakeholders in the design and development process of a product, service, or strategy. It emphasises the importance of including end-users, customers, or community members in the decision-making to ensure that the final outcome meets their needs and preferences.

Taking a co-design approach in the development of a Tree and Woodland Strategy brings several benefits including – understanding different perspectives on the issue, incorporating local knowledge and expertise into any decisions, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility amongst those involved, enhancing transparency and accountability about who is making the decisions and why, and promoting collaboration and the sharing of resources for the eventual implementation of any plan.

By involving stakeholders from different backgrounds and considering their input, the Trees and Woodland Strategy aims to be comprehensive, effective, and sustainable in managing trees and woodlands in the national park.

4. Next steps

Timeline	Action
July – September 2023	Gather feedback from people who live, work and visit ENP on their views for a tree and woodland strategy.
September – October 2023	Project team (including stakeholders) to analyse responses and data and draft tree and woodland strategy
November – December 2023	Draft report to be circulated to all stakeholders and revised accordingly
January – February 2024	ENP Tree and Woodland Strategy finalised and presented/published
February 2023 onwards	Action plan for the strategy in development and funding search started for delivery.

5. Further Reading

Many national parks and regions in the UK have already developed Tree and Woodland Strategies, here are some best practice examples to help inform what happens in the Park:

Loch Lomond and the Trossacks [Trees and Woodland Strategy - Here. Now. All of us. -Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park \(lochlomond-trossachs.org\)](https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/)

Eryri Management Plan [Cynllun Eryri - Park Authority \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales/cynllun-eryri/)

Wrexham [PowerPoint Presentation \(apse.org.uk\)](https://www.apse.org.uk/)

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Link to questionnaire <https://forms.office.com/e/dYAcgdCQ3L>