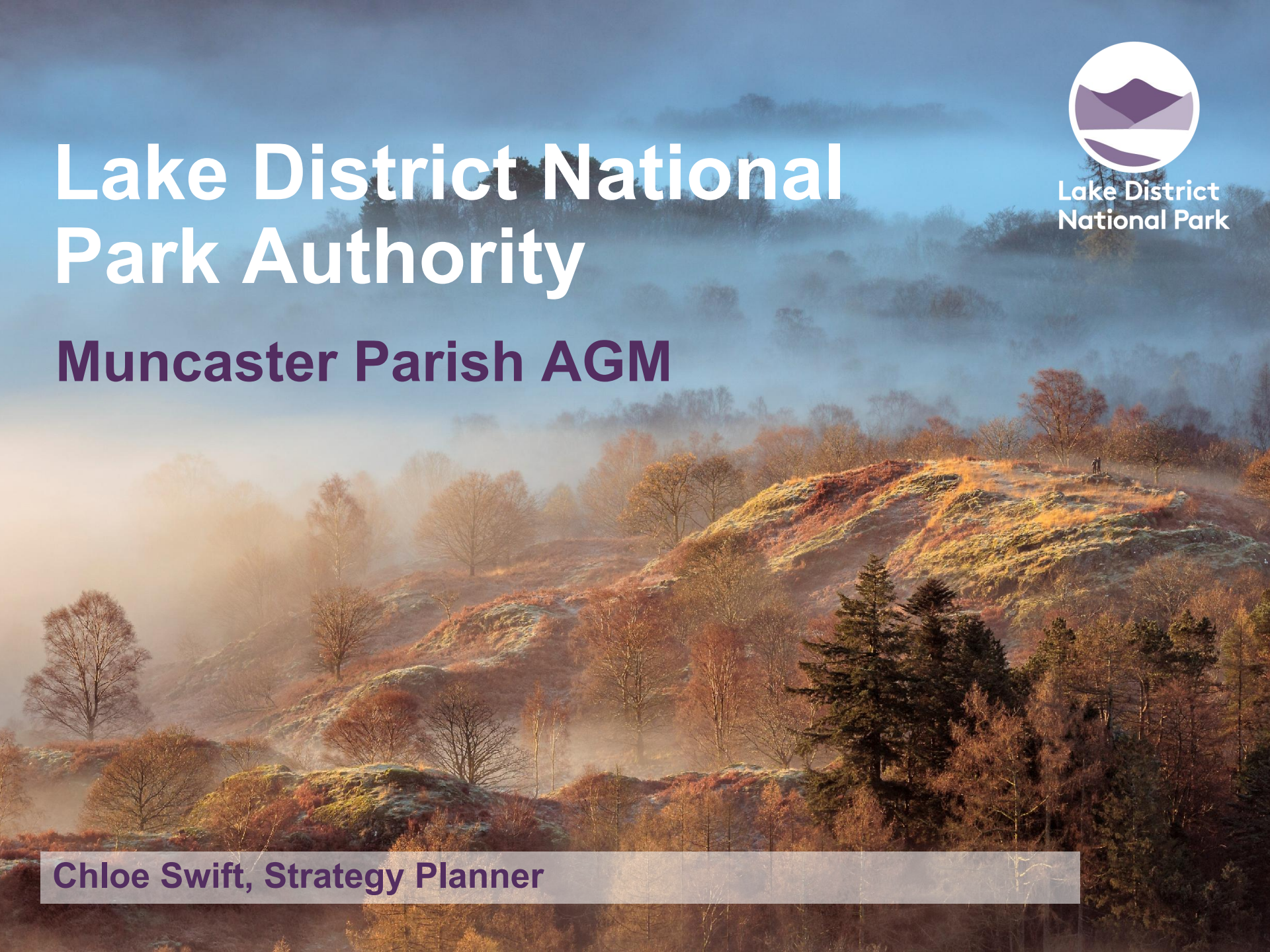


Lake District National Park Authority

Muncaster Parish AGM

Lake District National Park

Chloe Swift, Strategy Planner

Lake District National Park Authority

The Authority has two main legal purposes:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Lake District.
- To promote understanding and enjoyment of the National Park by the public.

We are also the local planning authority for the National Park, preparing the Local Plan and deciding planning applications.

And we coordinate the Lake District National Park Partnership.

Lake District National Park Partnership

- 24 Partners in the Lake District National Park Partnership.
- The Partnership works together to look after the Lake District and deliver the Lake District National Park Partnership Plan.

Lake District National Park Partnership Plan

- The Partnership works together to look after and improve the Lake District through collectively writing, and then delivering, a Partnership Plan for the Lake District.
- The Partnership Plan is the management plan for the Lake District.
- The Partnership Plan sets out how we will respond to the challenges and opportunities that the area faces over a five-year period and sets a Vision and Ambitions for how we would like the future Lake District to be.

Lake District National Park Partnership Plan

Vision

It's 2051...

The Lake District is deeply valued by the nation as a thriving, working landscape, which is nature and heritage rich, climate resilient, and socially and economically vibrant.

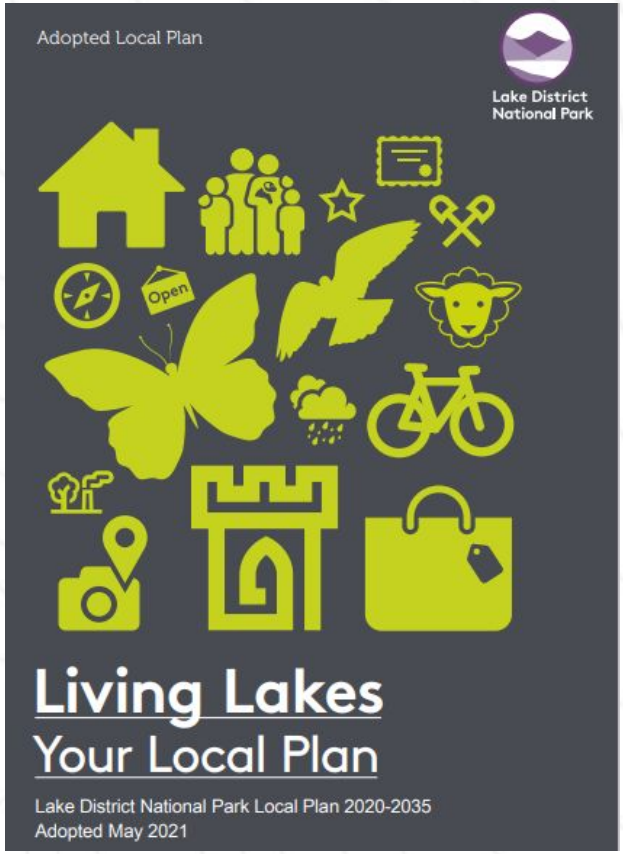
Lake District Local Plan

- The Local Plan sets out the strategy for all new development in the Lake District.
- The Local Plan provides planning policies which steer development decisions and guide planning applications.
- The Lake District Local Plan was adopted in May 2021 and this year we are commencing a review of the Local Plan.
- We will be running the first consultation on the Local Plan in September 2026.
- The adopted Local Plan supports the development of Whole Estate Plans.

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan is used to decide the outcome of planning applications and is the main planning document a local authority uses to set out aspirations for the future.

The Local Plan guides development in the Lake District National Park and includes a list of locations or areas where development could happen.



Lake District Local Plan Policy 19: Agricultural and land-based rural business diversification

Privately managed estates

Diversification proposals on privately managed estates will be supported where a proposal demonstrates sustainable practices and outcomes and is in accordance with an up-to-date endorsed Whole Estate Plan that delivers and secures multiple wider public benefits such as employment and enterprise opportunities, sustainable access, social and cultural facilities, environmental enhancements, conserving and enhancing heritage assets, and improvements to land management.

What are Whole Estate Plans?

An estate should satisfy three core principles through a Whole Estate Plan:

1. Be financially sustainable to own and operate
2. Have a strategy that is in line with community aspirations
3. Generate a positive environmental impact (ecosystem services)

- An estate plan enables collaboration between estates and the National Park Authority, helping to deliver the ambitions and aspirations.
- Estate plans are non-statutory. This means they are aren't adopted by the Authority and instead are endorsed.
- This means estate plans become a material consideration in the planning process and are a consideration through the planning process.

Muncaster Estate Plan

The vision is for Muncaster and its surrounding area to be recognised as a leading heritage destination where people can stay, fine, explore and share experiences in history, landscape and nature over multiple days.

We celebrate a place where the castle, mountains, woodland and village meet the coast. This is where people feel part of the landscape rather than passing through it, and where a thriving natural environment, resilience economy, thriving community and memorable visitor experiences exist in balance.

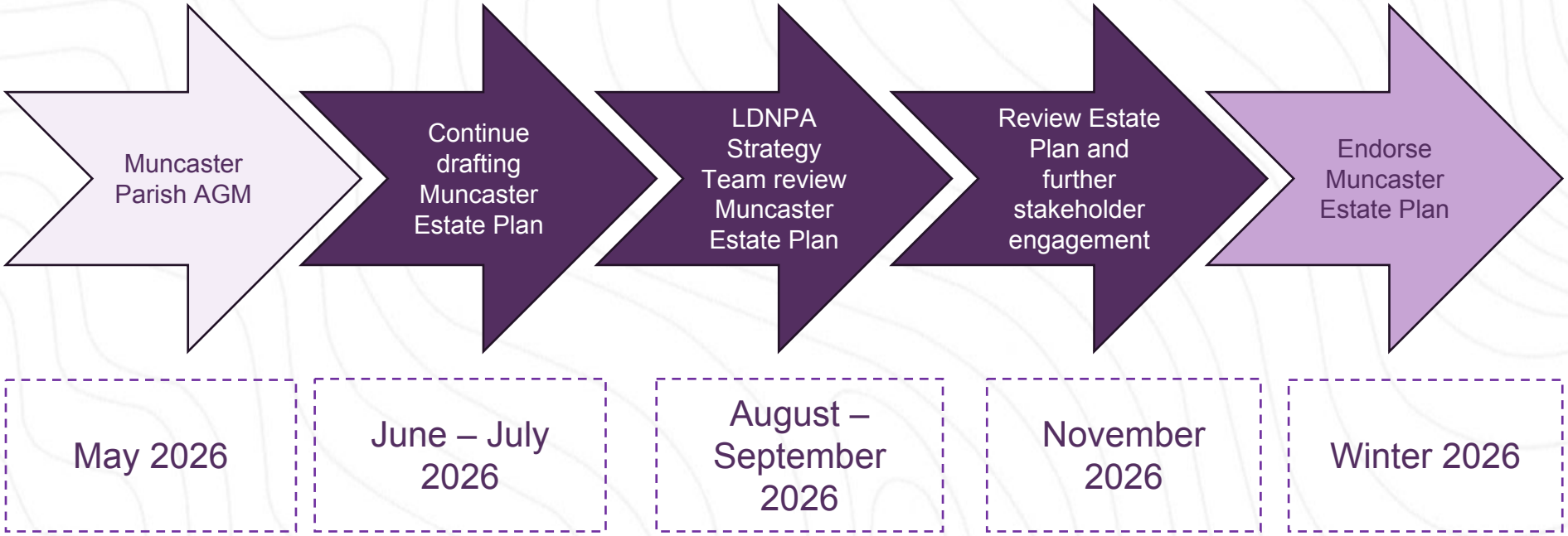
Four Strategic Objectives

1. Support the local community and economy
2. Strengthened narrative and sense of place
3. Ensure long-term sustainability and resilience
4. Create a quality multi-day destination

Questions to consider

- What are the main issues or pressures you experience living in Ravenglass?
- Are there particular places or issues where the Parish feels more support is needed?
- Are any services missing in the village?
- How do you feel about new housing in Ravenglass? Where would be the best place for new housing?
- How do you feel about nature recovery? Where is this needed?
- How well do current walking, cycling and public transport options work? How could these be improved?
- Looking 10-15 years ahead, what would you most like to protect about Muncaster Parish? And what does the Parish need?

Next steps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Continue drafting Muncaster Estate Plan
LDNPA Strategy Team review Muncaster Estate Plan
Review Estate Plan and further stakeholder engagement
Endorse Muncaster Estate Plan
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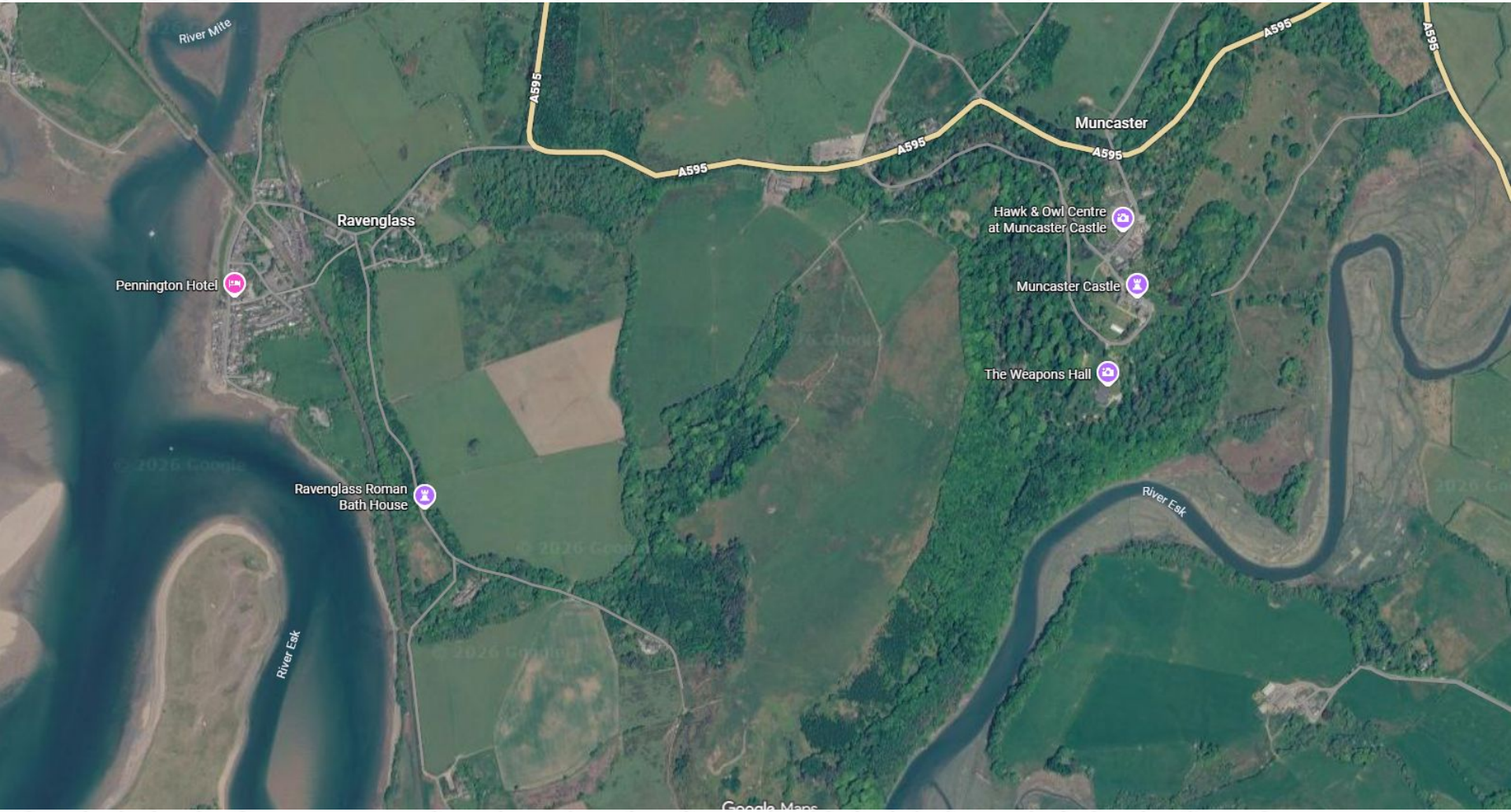
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