

Comments from members of the Scrutiny Committee in July 2020.

Comment	Response
<p>Can we include all that <b>Doncaster</b> has to offer racecourse, lakeside wildlife, shopping, aircraft museum, any others Also are all the golf courses local to Worksop and S Yorks mentioned esp. ones that have non-member days could these be included, make BDC a hub.</p>	<p>Added to Appendix D Doncaster Racecourse, Lakeside village and Aircraft Museum.</p> <p>Golf course hub idea added to paragraph 8.11 and added to list of actions.</p> <p>The strategy refers to other tourism websites such as Visit Chesterfield area where other local golf courses that are open to members of the public can be found.</p>
<p><b>Town centre accommodation needs car parking or proximity to train station</b> etc to make it work and a theme to attract visitors carnival etc</p>	<p>Free car parking is available in all our town centres at night</p>
<p><b>What about a rail / bus pass or similar tours (Johnson bros tours buses)to encourage travel between BDC sites of interest Heritage sites of local residents of note ( blue heritage trail )</b> or come to BDC blurb to tell all that the area has achieved over the centuries famous people places</p>	<p>Actions now include investigation of coach companies to provide tours between sites of heritage interest.</p> <p>Actions now include investigation of a blue heritage trail</p>
<p>What open spaces do we have, recently a bearded vulture was spotted in the Peak District and a scramble of twitters what about <b>creating wildlife area</b> to attract rare species Osprey at Welbeck abbey example ( this is frequent ). But there are butterflies, newts, frogs wildflowers that all attract Walkers and the outdoor types, if only creating more flowers on our paths and cycle routes</p>	<p>Paragraph added about Nature Conservation Sites in the district.</p>
<p>On cycling, joining up to all the local trails to include path walks as well is a great idea, why not have a <b>BDC way</b> with stops on the way but also a challenge by encompassing other districts walks and paths and cycle routes in a north midlands tour. There is a round Rotherham running race its 50+ miles around the borough this attracts people could we do similar events</p>	<p>A 'BDC Way' type idea is included in the strategy under paragraph 10.10.</p> <p>The Cycling Infrastructure Plan looks at joining up local trails. New Paragraph 8.4</p>

The Assistant Director – Development noted that further work was required on the Strategy in relation to accessibility for people who were less mobile due to disabilities etc.	A new chapter has been added about Accessible Tourism in the district.
<b>No reference in the Strategy regarding accessibility to the use of public toilets which is an important part of tourism for people with disabilities and also the elderly</b>	A new chapter has been added about Accessible Tourism in the district.
if the key element of the Strategy was the promotion of overnight accommodation then the diversity of that offer needed to be looked at i.e., town centres and bed and breakfast etc	The Strategy notes the self-catering- accommodation in Bolsover District is 1.49% compared to 17% across Derbyshire.
Demographics in relation to the type of accommodation that people prefer to stay in overnight not just the lack of camping and caravanning sites in the District	The important point is that we try to encourage a variety of accommodation, the national trends chapter looks at some demographic issues such as inter-generational family breaks. So Holiday lets that can accommodate larger families would be needed in that case.
Look at the wider area outside of the District and include areas such as Doncaster, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, South Yorkshire and the Peak District	Wider area has been included reference to sites in Doncaster made in response to comment above.
Where would the other types of overnight accommodation be? Need to look at the local plan	There are no sites specifically allocated in the local plan for hotels, only general locations.
Ensure existing accommodation, not just in the District, i.e., Bassetlaw and Chesterfield have all written literature in relation to BDC attractions	Hardwick and Bolsover Castle only wishes to market its own accommodation. Creswell Crags provides links to local accommodation.
To what extent will the Creswell to Poolsbrook cycle trail be promoted.	The Strategy includes an action to produce a cycling publication promoting routes in and around the district. The Council already promotes the branchline on its website.
Identify the suitable sites for camping and motorhomes in the Strategy	The feasibility of a camping pods site at Pleasley Pit Country Park is being looked. Include look at identifying other sites for camping as an action.
Walks in the District need publicity	The Strategy includes an action to produce a walking publication promoting routes in and around the district.

<p>Cycling routes – many are not completely joined up</p>	<p>The Assistant Director – Development advised the meeting that work was being undertaken to join up cycling networks and a funding bid was being submitted to Sustrans. This work also formed part of the economic recovery as well as the visitor economy.</p> <p>The Draft Cycling Infrastructure Plan looks at joining up local trails. New Paragraph 8.4</p>
<p>The 4 main towns in the District are noted as market towns but Clowne has not had a market presence for a long time</p>	<p>Removed reference to market towns.</p>
<p>HS2 reference check In response to Members' queries, he advised that the DfT funding referred to in the action plan in the Strategy was not reliant on HS2 going forward.</p>	<p>Removed ref to HS2</p>