



By joining the Network or by making an application for Accredited and Affiliated status, applicants for Accredited and Affiliated status agree that:

1. They have the authority of all of the owning organisation or body/bodies responsible for the site being nominated for Accredited status to apply for Accredited or Affiliated status
2. Any Accredited site will be properly managed and maintained so that it continues to meet the criteria laid down by the scheme at all times
3. They or the owning organisation or body/bodies responsible for the site will inform the Network and its administrators immediately should there be any material change in facility or service provision on or relating to an Accredited site that may impact on the ability of that site to meet any of the criteria laid down by the Accreditation scheme
4. The Accreditation scheme logo will be displayed prominently on the Accredited site, and that this logo and any certificate provided by the scheme will be removed from display immediately should the site lose its Accredited status
5. The details and information provided by applicants may be used as part of the Accreditation and Affiliation assessment processes and any future review processes required by the Network or Natural England
6. The details and information provided by applicants may be held on a database and made publicly available in any format for purposes associated with raising awareness of, analysing and promoting Country Parks, their role in wider greenspace and access and the Accreditation and Affiliation scheme at the discretion of the Network, its Steering Group and Natural England. These details will not be disclosed to third parties for marketing purposes or other purposes not associated with the above purposes.
7. As part of the quality control of the scheme, a number of Accredited sites and sites applying for Accredited status will be selected annually for review by the Administrators and/or the Schemes managers. This may involve 'mystery shopper' site visits by Natural England staff, contractors, Network members or people designated by the Schemes Managers to act on their behalf. These visits may take place at any time and without the applicant or sites managing body or partners being informed.

The purpose of the review and visits shall be to assess the match between the service and facilities and evidence highlighted by the applicant as demonstrating the site meets the criteria and the situation as it appears on the ground. Should a visit suggest a site may no longer be demonstrating the required criteria, a formal review of the status of the site may be initiated – at this stage, the applicant will be informed that such a review will take place and the reasons why.

Terms of Engagement

The applicant and managing body will be offered the opportunity to comment in writing on the issues highlighted in any visit or informal review before the formal review takes place, but will not be able to attend the formal review itself.

8. Natural England and the Country Park Network reserve the right to review the status of an Accredited site at any time and withdraw accreditation and all associated benefits if it considers a site no longer meets the schemes criteria or departs from the terms of engagement of this scheme. The decision of the Scheme's Managers is final and binding.