

Appendix: Summary of potential positive and negative impacts associated with the designation of a national park in the Mourne.

Potential impact area	Positive impacts	Both positive and negative impacts	Negative impacts
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased visitors Tourism-related employment Tourist investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of traditional jobs by tourism-related jobs (possibly seasonal) Tourism jobs often low paid and seasonal Possible attraction of tourists from non-National Park areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic congestion Development pressures associated with tourist infrastructure Increasing number of second homes
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for new agri-environment schemes or special scheme with Nat Park Management of visitor access issues Use of Nat Park 'brand' for marketing purposes Opportunities in agri-tourism Employment in countryside management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible incentives for access and recreation provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased pressure for access and recreation
Natural Heritage and Built Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape conservation Maintenance of biodiversity Conservation of built heritage Potential for increased resourcing for preservation of vernacular buildings (for tourism purposes) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential effects of tourism on biodiversity e.g. via soil erosion or disturbance Possible impacts of visitor pressure on buildings/visited sites
Access and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives to increase access incl. funding for access and recreational projects 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure on access sites Potential conflicts with landowners

	Increase in recreational visitors		Inability to manage unofficial sites which may develop
Socio-Economics	<p>Increased income with the Nat Park area</p> <p>Increased number of jobs</p> <p>Use of Nat Park 'brand'</p> <p>Support for local services</p> <p>Preservation of aspects of natural and cultural heritage</p>		<p>Loss of economically-mixed communities and potential loss of diversity in range of employment sectors</p> <p>Economic effects of designation on the NI budget</p>
Planning	<p>Increased levels of protection for the natural and built landscape</p> <p>Higher design and siting standards</p> <p>Higher house and land values</p>	<p>Separation of development planning and development control – Nat Park Authority only</p> <p>statutory consultees</p>	<p>Higher house and land process</p> <p>Loss of mixed communities</p>
