

To Ski or not to Ski – The current situation

In March 2004, the Planning Committee of the Peak District National Park met. One of the decisions they took was to approve the application for the building of a water ski clubhouse/boathouse. This has now been rejected by United Utilities who want the building on a slightly different site. The new plans are now being submitted to the Planning department.

They decided that the existing rights of people to water ski on the Reservoir were still in place from previous use.

They decided to approve the application for the building of a Water Ski Centre, subject to conditions.

The conditions outlined in the decision were that

- they wanted to have a close look at the design.
- they wanted to know exactly what the building was to be used for. (It is unlikely that they would allow any uses other than for Water Skiing).
- they wanted to ensure the area would be landscaped and have appropriate lighting.
- the hours are limited with suggested hours of 8.30am-10.30pm.
- only one, gas powered boat would be allowed on the reservoir.

The last interested group were about to finalize the planning permission for the building, when they pulled out of the scheme in early 2007. However now the permission has been granted it is possible that another group will decide to build a Water Ski Centre some time soon.