

What is the Dartmoor Local Plan?

The Local Plan sets out what type of development is and isn't acceptable in the National Park. The Local Plan is our first consideration when we make a decision on a planning application and its policies are likely to affect you, your community, the businesses you use and land in your area.



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The Local Plan Review

The Local Plan must be kept up to date. A lot has changed since we adopted our current Local Plan and we are now going through the process of reviewing it.

The Final Draft Local Plan

The final draft Local Plan will be published for consultation from **16**th **September until 1**st **November 2019**. This is the last opportunity to comment on the Local Plan before it is submitted for Examination early next year.

Where will it be published?

We will publish the draft Local Plan on our website: <u>dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview</u>

It will also be available to view at our offices at Parke, at libraries, Visitor Centres and Parish and Town Council Offices across Dartmoor. More details of where to view and comment on the Local Plan can be found on our website.

What's next?

Provided the final draft consultation does not present any major obstacles, we hope to submit the final draft Local Plan for examination in early 2020, along with all the comments received during the final draft consultation. An Inspector will then be appointed to examine whether the Local Plan is 'sound'. The length of an examination period varies, but we expect to have adopted the new Dartmoor Local Plan by 2021. Detailed practical guidance on the procedure for local plan examinations is available online.

How can I get involved in the Local Plan Consultation?

1. Come and see us at one of our public drop-in events

Throughout September 2019 we hold the following public drop-in events. We encourage you to come along to find out more about the consultation and chat to us about the final draft Local Plan. Please see our <u>website</u> or social media for more details.

Buckfastleigh Town Hall 19 September 4pm – 7pm

Horrabridge Village Hall 24 September 4pm – 7pm

Chagford Endecott House 26 September 4pm – 7pm

South Brent Old School Centre 1 October 4pm – 7pm

These events are designed to raise awareness and generate discussion, but will not involve any presentations nor act as a means of formally commenting on the Local Plan.

In addition to these events, we will also run a workshop for Parish and Town Councils, and topic-based workshops for local organisations and professionals throughout September and October, with further details to follow by email.

2. Submit your comments

This final draft Local Plan has been prepared over 3 years, informed by 3 periods of extensive public consultation, and is based on substantial evidence and research. At this final consultation stage it is therefore important that comments proposing changes to the Local Plan are specific, succinct and supported by evidence.

During the consultation you will be able to comment by completing our online comment form, or completing a digital or paper comment form and returning it to us by email or post. Comment forms will be available online and at the locations listed above.

Quick links

Summary of the First Draft Consultation

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Find out more

We publish as much information as we can on our website: dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview.

Keep up to date with our progress and ways to get involved by checking our website, signing up to receive our <u>Local Plan news</u> and following us on Facebook and Twitter:



