

QUICK GUIDE: Local Plan Examination



The Dartmoor Local Plan is currently at examination. This is the final stage before we adopt the Plan. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Local Plan meets legal requirements and is 'sound'. We have now published a set of 'Modifications' for public consultation. This guide gives a brief overview of the process and how you can have your say on these proposed modifications.

	Stage / Process	Documents
September 2020	SUBMISSION <i>The Local Plan and supporting <u>evidence</u> was submitted for examination in 2020. An Inspector was appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the examination.</i>	Submission Documents
December 2020	INITIAL QUESTIONS <i>Following an initial assessment of the Plan, the Inspector asked us a series of questions and we responded to those. We were asked to provide written statements in response to the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions.</i>	DNPA's response to initial questions
March 2021	PUBLIC HEARINGS <i>The Inspector held two weeks of online public hearings with the Authority, and those who had commented (if they wished). These examined issues that the Inspector wanted to explore in more detail, including matters raised during the public consultation.</i>	Inspector's Hearing Agenda Hearing Statements
April 2021	PREPARATION OF MODIFICATIONS <i>The Inspector's interim report indicated the modifications needed to make the Plan legally compliant and sound.</i> <i>We prepared the following modifications to the Plan:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Main Modifications</u> – changes which affect how the Plan operates or is interpreted (e.g. policy wording) • <u>Additional Modifications</u> – changes which do not affect how the plan operates (e.g. typos and references) • <u>Policy Map Modifications</u> – changes to the Policy Map 	Inspector's Interim Report
June 2021	CONSULTATION ON MODIFICATIONS <i>We are consulting on the modifications from 7th June to 19th July. This consultation deals with the modifications only, and it is not an opportunity to reopen other areas of discussion where the Inspector has indicated no modifications are needed.</i> <i>All comments will then be sent to the Inspector who will consider whether further public hearings and/or modifications are needed to make the Plan sound.</i>	Consultation documents
Late 2021	INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND ADOPTION <i>The Inspector publishes their final report. If the Inspector finds the Plan 'sound' any final modifications are made and it is adopted by DNPA and used to decide planning applications.</i>	

How can I get involved?

At this stage comments are invited only on the proposed modifications and the soundness of the Plan following those modifications. Comments on areas of the Plan which are not being modified can no longer be considered.

You can view the Main Modifications and the Dartmoor Local Plan (2018-2036) Final Draft with tracked changes at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview.

You can comment either by completing the online form or by submitting a comment form by post or email.

Responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 19th July 2021.

Things to think about when you comment

- **Focus on the modifications** – comments on other issues will not be considered as part of this consultation
- **Keep to issues which are [relevant to planning](#)**
- **Give reasons, examples or evidence** which back-up your views
- **Consider your comments against the [tests of 'soundness'](#)**; - with the changes made, is the Plan positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with National policy.
- **Tell us how you think the Plan needs to change**

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