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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Dartmoor National Park Authority is required to prepare a Consultation Statement to accompany the submission of the Dartmoor National Park Local Plan to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.1.2 This Statement complements the following documents which have been submitted with the Local Plan:
- [Issues consultation response summary](#)
 - [Parish Council consultation summary](#)
 - [Regulation 18 consultation summary](#)
 - [Full report on Regulation 19 representations](#)
- 1.1.3 These documents together with this Consultation Statement demonstrate that Dartmoor National Park Authority is compliant with the approach set out in its adopted [Statement of Community Involvement](#) and the requirements of the 2012 Regulations.

1.2 Purpose of the Regulation 22 Statement (Statement of Consultation)

- 1.2.1 The purpose of this document is to set out a statement of how the Authority has involved the local community, stakeholders and statutory bodies in the preparation of the Dartmoor National Park Local Plan.
- 1.2.2 This statement explains how consultation has been carried out at key stages in the preparation of the Local Plan, which methods of communication were used and how the responses received have influenced the Pre-Submission Draft. The statement will address the following requirements:
- The organisations and individuals who were invited to make representations;
 - How they were invited to make representations;
 - A summary of the main issues raised as a result of the consultation; and
 - How those main issues have been addressed in the Local Plan.
- 1.2.3 The Consultation Statement will also summarise the results of the various Local Plan consultation stages, including the main points raised by those engaging with and contributing to the consultation. This will help to demonstrate how these points have been considered by the Authority and accounted for; illustrating that the consultation process has positively influenced the Local Plan.
- 1.2.4 This statement will also set out how the Authority has acted in accordance with the requirements set out in its adopted [Statement of Community Involvement](#) (2018) (SCI). It sets out the minimum requirements which the

Authority must carry out when consulting at each stage of the preparing the Local Plan and on any other planning matters.

- 1.2.5 The Authority also has a Duty to Cooperate with other public bodies in the formulation of development plan documents. Under the [National Planning Policy Framework \(2019\)](#) a requirement is also placed on local planning authorities to produce Statements of Common Ground to detail cross boundary planning matters and the extent to which agreement has been reached on how those matters are being addressed with Duty to Cooperate partners.
- 1.2.6 Full details of how the Authority has engaged with Duty to Cooperate partners is available in the [Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground](#) and the [Duty to Cooperate Scoping Report](#), which are published alongside the Local Plan.
- 1.2.7 Due to the volume of information much of the detail is set out in Appendices, with the main report forming a focussed summary covering these points.

1.3 Context of the Dartmoor Local Plan

- 1.3.1 The Dartmoor National Park Local Plan guides what development can and cannot happen in Dartmoor National Park. This Local Plan will replace the [Core Strategy \(2008\)](#), [Development Management and Delivery DPD \(2013\)](#) and [Minerals and Waste Plan \(2004\)](#).
- 1.3.2 The preparation of the Local Plan has had regard to local engagement with stakeholder organisations, amenity groups and local communities. Within the organisation, the preparation included close working with DNPA Planning Officers and the Local Plan Steering Group comprising 9 of the 19 Members of the Authority.

1.4 Timeline of Consultation Stages

- 1.4.1 This Statement provides a summary of the various stages of consultation that have taken place on the Local Plan, set out below.

Stage	Date	Details
Evidence Gathering	2016	We collected evidence to help us prepare the plan. We published this as it was completed, and invited comments. The evidence is explained in the Evidence Quick Guide .
Issues Consultation	Winter 2016	We shared what we think are the key issues and the evidence we are collecting, and you told us your views.

Further Consultation (Parishes and Sites)	Autumn 2017	We held consultation events with Town/Parish Councils and local communities regarding the settlement strategy and site allocations.
First Draft Local Plan	Winter 2018	We publish the first draft Local Plan and invite you to comment on it.
Final Draft Local Plan	Autumn 2019	We publish a revised draft Local Plan and invite you to comment. Any comments received are submitted alongside the Local Plan in the next stage.
Submission and Examination	2020	The revised Local Plan your comments are submitted for examination. Public hearings are held to discuss soundness, and an inspector's report may require modifications. You will be invited to comment on these modifications.
Adoption	2021	The Local Plan is adopted and used to decide planning applications.

2 Who was invited to make representations?

- 2.1.1 The Authority is required by the 2012 Regulations to set out which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under the Regulation 18 and 19 consultations. The consultees were compiled from the list of 'relevant authorities' in the 2012 Local Planning Regulations, and further consultees, specific to Dartmoor National Park, are set out in the [Statement of Community Involvement](#). The 2016 SCI was superseded by the 2018 SCI. Although the list of relevant authorities consulted during the Local Plan review did not change, the 2018 version sets out how we consult with Neighbourhood Plans groups. Furthermore, people and organisations were invited to join the Local Plan News mailing list at every available opportunity, for example through the Authority website, the [Local Plan Newsletter](#) and on social media. Examples of these invitations are shown in Figure 1. The Local Plan News list was used to update consultees on the progress of the Local Plan review, including alerts of consultation periods and how to submit representations. Therefore, those on the Local Plan News list were invited to make representations. Evidence of the full Local Plan consultee list, including statutory and general consultees, and individuals who requested to be added to the Local Plan News mailing list, is available on the [Dartmoor Forward Planning Information Asset Register](#).
- 2.1.2 We consulted with environmental consultees (Natural England, Historic England, and Environment Agency) on the Sustainability Appraisal scoping

reports, Sustainability Appraisal Regulation 18 and 19 drafts, and the Local Plan documents (see example letter at Appendix 2).

- 2.1.3 The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Local Nature Partnership (LNP) were both included on the Consultee list to identify issues and strategic priorities in neighbouring areas. They were sent the [Duty to Co-operate Scoping Report](#) and invited to comment. Meetings held with the LEP (see the [Duty to Cooperate log](#)) did not raise any strategic cross boundary issues. The LNP is led by Devon County Council, who actively engaged with the Local Plan Review, however the LNP itself did not contribute any further comments. Both organisations have been invited to comment at each stage of the Local Plan consultation.



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- > Reading our latest [Local Plan Newsletter](#)
- > Sign up to our [Local Plan Review Mailing List](#) to be kept informed about the Local Plan Review.
- > Following us on Twitter [@DartmoorPlan](https://twitter.com/DartmoorPlan) or Facebook [/DartmoorPlan](https://facebook.com/DartmoorPlan)

Figure 1: Examples of invitations to join the Local Plan News mailing list. Top to bottom: Local Plan Twitter page, Local Plan Newsletter (August 2019), Local Plan Review webpage.

2.1.4 The following potential consultees were not directly included on the Local Plan Statutory consultee list, due to the following reasons (though had the opportunity to comment through open consultation):

- Marine Management Authority: limited engagement as Dartmoor National Park does not have a coastline;
- London Mayor: not applicable to Dartmoor;

2.1.5 A full list of all those invited to comment is included in

2.1.6 Appendix 1 – List of Consultees.

3 The Evidence Base

3.1.1 This section gives a brief summary of reports that have been published to gather evidence throughout the Local Plan Review process. These form the 'evidence base' for the Local Plan.

3.1.2 A series of Topic Papers were developed and published to gather evidence informing policies:

- 1) [Natural Environment](#)
- 2) [Historic Environment](#)
- 3) [Design and Built Environment](#)
- 4) [Vision and Spatial Strategy](#)
- 5) [Minerals and Waste Development](#)
- 6) [Housing](#)
- 7) [Transport](#)
- 8) [Economy](#)
- 9) [Development Sites](#)
- 10) [Monitoring and Governance](#)

- **Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA):**
The purpose of the SA is to promote integration of environmental, social and economic considerations in the preparation of the Local Plan. The preparation of the Local Plan must also meet the requirements Regulations in respect of [SEA](#), and an integrated approach has been taken so the SA process incorporates the requirements for the SEA. The SA is an ongoing process that informs plan-making by assessing developing elements of the plan, evaluation and describing the likely significant effects of implementing the plan against a range of sustainability indicators, and suggesting possibilities for mitigating significant adverse effects and enhancing positive effects. Initially the scope of the SA is determined by establishing the baseline conditions and context of the area by considering other relevant plans and objectives, and by identifying issues, problems and opportunities. From this scoping report the SA is prepared and includes an SA Framework of objectives for sustainable development relevant to Dartmoor National Park and which forms the basis against which the draft Local Plan is assessed;
- **Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA):**
The aim of the HRA process is to assess the potential effects arising from a plan against the nature conservation objectives of any European site designated for its nature conservation importance. The HRA screening considers if the potential impacts arising as a result of the Local Plan are likely to have a significant effect on the sites either alone or in combination with other plans and projects;

- **Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment** (Plymouth Area, 2013 and Exeter Area, 2014/15) SHMNAs were a previous approach to the objective assessment of housing needs. As the National Park is not covered by the current government Standard Methodology, a hybrid approach is taken to understanding need, described in the Housing Topic Paper.
- **Land Availability Assessment** (LAA): this looks at the amount of land that could be made available for development, and the likelihood of it coming forward for development.
- **Whole Plan Viability Assessment:** This assesses the total cumulative cost of all relevant policies in the first draft Local Plan and ensures the policies do not undermine the plan deliverability. It demonstrates that the draft policies are realistic and deliverable.
- **Landscape Character Assessment** (LCA): This identifies the features and attributes of a landscape which make it distinctive. The Dartmoor National Park LCA is used to help guide strategic planning and development management decisions to ensure conservation and enhancement of Dartmoor's special landscape qualities. The LCA forms part of a wider programme of LCA work being undertaken on a national and Devon-wide scale.
- **Landscape Sensitivity Assessment** (LSA): This provides an assessment of landscape quality around ten larger settlements within Dartmoor National Park and determines the landscape's sensitivity to development. This information can be used to inform the siting, design and scale of future development to ensure it respects and is well integrated with existing landscape character.
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (SFRA): An SFRA is used to inform decisions on where development should be located relative to flood risk and guides Local Plan policies. The Dartmoor National Park Authority SFRA was completed in 2010 and remains fundamentally relevant, an addendum report was completed in 2018 with the support of the Environment Agency, and updated further in 2019, which updates and refreshes the original assessment.
- **Infrastructure Delivery Plan** (IDP): The IDP identifies the National Park's infrastructure requirements to deliver development in the Local Plan. The IDP sets out what is needed, where it is needed and when it is needed. It then provides an update on the delivery of the required infrastructure to date.
- **Open space, sport and recreation study** (OSSR): This study sets out an assessment of open space, sport and recreation provision in the Dartmoor National Park to inform the Local Plan review.
- **Economic Development Needs Assessment** (EDNA): The EDNA analyses and forecasts the economic development needs for Greater Exeter and Dartmoor National Park. Greater Exeter comprises East Devon District

Council, Exeter City Council, Mid Devon District Council and Teignbridge District Council.

- **Employment Land Review (ELR):** The ELR assesses employment land within the National Park, forecasts how much will be needed in the future to meet the National Park's needs, and explores different strategies for delivering this. The ELR informs the Local Plan's economic strategy and employment site allocations.
- **Local Aggregate Assessment:** These assessments consider the deliver and need of aggregate to inform minerals planning. It is prepared annually by Devon County Council and includes the area of Dartmoor National Park.
- **Development Site Briefs:** Site Briefs have been prepared for each allocation included in the Final Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19). They are designed to be planning advice notes to accompany the Local Plan, summarising the key considerations for the site drawn from existing sources, and should be read alongside the Final Draft Local Plan. They do not set new or additional requirements for the site in question.
- **Demographic Forecasts:** Modelling which helps our understanding of how housing delivery could affect the National Park's demographic make-up throughout the plan period.
- **Reducing CO₂ emissions in new development policy research and recommendations:** research supporting a policy on sustainable construction.

4 How were they invited to make representations?

- 4.1.1 From the outset, the approach taken by the Authority to the Local Plan Review process and resulting documents was to be transparent, engaging and approachable. The Plan, as well as supporting documents, are written with the intention of being as clear and thorough as possible, with a plain English approach, including diagrams where information was easier to understand this way. The branding, logo and colour scheme of the Local Plan and evidence base were established from the very start, so as to provide consistency throughout the process. Various social media accounts were also set up for the Local Plan Review, to enable easier engagement with the general public.
- 4.1.2 The [Local Development Scheme \(superseded versions are available in the Core Documents list\)](#) sets out the timetable for producing the Local Plan. As detailed above, several stages of consultation were carried out, these went beyond the requirements of the 2012 Regulations. These consultations were carried out in accordance with the [Statement of Community Involvement](#), which sets out how the Authority involves people in preparing planning

policy. How bodies and persons were invited to make representations at each of these stages is as follows:

4.2 Evidence Base consultation

- 4.2.1 Before work began on producing the first draft Local Plan, a paper on Issues that the new Local Plan should aim to address was published and consulted on. This informal stage of engagement helped raise awareness of the Local Plan review. It included target discussions with communities, and groups such as farmers, and industry professionals. Then evidence which identified further issues and explored how these are best addressed through the planning system in the National Park context was produced. This evidence base, summarised in the [Topic Papers](#), served as the starting point for the draft Local Plan documents. The evidence and resulting Topic Papers were published incrementally, allowing the Authority the time to invite relevant people and bodies to scrutinise and comment on the evidence as it was published. An [Evidence Base Quick Guide](#) was also produced, which summarises the role each piece of evidence plays in the Local Plan Review and aims to ease understanding of the Local Plan Review process.
- 4.2.2 In April 2019, DNPA was a Pilot Authority for research by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) working on behalf of the Government, which was developing guidance on the 'proportionate evidence base' for Local Plans. A former Principal Planning Inspector reviewed the Local Plan evidence base and reported the "current evidence base was largely good, and in many cases, very good, with numerous examples that could be recommended for inclusion in the PAS Evidence for Plan Making guidance, and just a few examples where additional data would be helpful in moving towards the Plan being found sound."
- 4.2.3 Two of DNPA's Local Plan evidence documents, the SA/SEA, and Economy Topic Paper, were used as best practice examples in the Planning Advisory Service's (PAS) guidance titled 'Evidence for Plan Making: A focus upon proportionality'¹.

4.3 Issues Consultation

- 4.3.1 Work began drafting the Local Plan in 2016. The Authority began by publishing an ['Issues Paper'](#) as part of the Issues consultation exercise. The exercise was intended to provide an early opportunity for residents, visitors, businesses and organisations to offer their views on what the new local plan should say. This Issues Paper set out the likely scope and main issues for the new Local Plan. The paper was divided into 7 topics, each made up of brief background information followed by 4-6 questions about that topic. These questions highlighted what the Authority considered to be the main

¹ [Planning Advisory Service \(PAS\) \(2020\), 'Evidence for plan making: A focus upon proportionality'](#)

issues for the new Local Plan to address based on experience of implementing the existing Local Plan.

4.3.2 Throughout the Local Plan review process, especially during consultation periods, the consideration of options and alternatives was a primary goal. In the Issues paper, this was manifested in the specific questions that followed the background information for each topic. These were listed under the heading “What are your thoughts?” in order to encourage consideration of the options proposed in the paper. Examples of these questions include:

- Does the approach of supporting different levels of development in the Local Centres (larger villages and towns), and Rural Settlements (smaller villages) need to change, if so, how?
- Should we plan to meet Dartmoor’s entire housing requirement, or should we continue to prioritise local need and affordable housing?
- How do we ensure farming on Dartmoor can be sustainable, both in economic and environmental terms?
- The current local plan focuses on expanding existing business sites and premises. Should the new local plan give more opportunities for new businesses to locate in the National Park?
- What changes are needed to current minerals policies so they are effective in controlling the operation and impact of existing and new quarries?
- Should we allocate sites for housing development in the main settlements?
- Should we allocate sites for employment uses, and other mixed uses or re-development?

4.3.3 Any further comments on a particular topic were sought by asking if respondents had any further thoughts or comments on the topic.

4.3.4 The consultation period ran from 3 October 2016 to 13 January 2017. The Issues Paper and response form were sent to all statutory consultees and person’s registered on the Authority’s database. Requests for feedback were also made through the Authority’s various social media channels. All documents were made available on the Authority’s website. A number of drop-in sessions were also held, both for the general public and specific groups:

Event Type	Location & Venue	Date & Time
Public drop-in	Yelverton, Memorial Hall	1 Nov, 16:00-19:30
Public drop-in	Mary Tavy, Coronation Hall	2 Nov, 16:00 – 20:00

Public drop-in	South Brent, Old School Community Centre	7 Nov, 10:00 – 19:00
Public drop-in	Chagford, Endecott House	10 Nov, 16:30 – 20:00
Public drop-in	Princetown	14 Nov, 16:00 – 20:00
Public drop-in	Moretonhampstead, Community Centre	16 Nov, 16:00 – 20:00
Public drop-in	Buckfastleigh, Town Hall	22 Nov, 16:00 – 20:00
Public drop-in	Ashburton, Town Hall	23 Nov, 16:00 – 20:00
Dartmoor Forestry Group Workshop	Hexworthy, Forest Inn	17 Nov, 11:00 – 13:30
Farm Kitchen Table Meetings	Postbridge, Sheepstor, Widecombe and Poundsgate	13th, 17th, 17th, 18th Oct
Parish Council Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	8 Nov, 14:00 – 16:00
Agents/Architects Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	8 Nov, 08:30 – 12:00

4.3.5 A [full report](#) setting out the responses to the 'Issues' consultation is available on the Authority's website. There were a total of 1,717 individual written comments received from 172 different individuals and organisations, as well as approximately 350 people who took part in discussions at the 12 events, workshops and meetings.

4.4 *Parishes Consultation*

4.4.1 A 'Parishes' consultation was completed shortly after the Issues consultation where we consulted on draft 'settlement profiles' for all classified settlements within the National Park, with two aims in mind:

- 1) Confirmation that information held for each settlement was correct;
- 2) Receive views on whether strategic planning policy currently allows the right type and amount of development in each settlement.

4.4.2 Draft settlement profiles were published for the Parishes consultation

4.4.3 The consultation also asked councils to comment on behalf of their community on the needs of the community and what development they thought was appropriate in the area based on the facilities and services available.

4.4.4 The settlement profiles for each parish included information held on:

- Population and housing statistics;
- An overview of services and facilities, open space, sports and play space and employment land in the area; and
- Strategic planning policies and constraints affecting each settlement.

- 4.4.5 Councils were strongly encouraged to respond, as the settlement profiles would form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, as well as forming the foundation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and may be used to inform planning applications.
- 4.4.6 The consultation ran from 16 June - 15 September 2017. Links to the settlement profiles and a consultation questionnaire were sent out to all Parish Councils within Dartmoor National Park via email. All the relevant documents were also made available on the Authority website. Responses were made by submitting an email with the completed questionnaire. 45 Parish councils made representations via the questionnaire during the consultation period.
- 4.4.7 A Parish workshop event was also held on 12 June 2017, in response to positive feedback to the one held during the earlier Issues consultation. The primary topics for discussion were based around Dartmoor's settlements, their future and how places are chosen for sustainable change and growth. Representatives from 18 parish councils within the National Park attended.
- 4.4.8 Comments that were received during the consultation were used to update the Settlement Profiles which were re-published and shared with Parish Councils after the consultation. Further information received was used to help review the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study.

4.5 Sites Consultation

- 4.5.1 The purpose of this separate 'Sites consultation' was to share the outcome of the [Land Availability Assessment](#) with the Town and Parish Councils of larger settlements. The aim was also to discuss with Councils, in a public forum, any views they might have on potential site options. Therefore, clear consideration of site options and alternatives was offered to communities, with their views taken into account when deciding on the allocated sites. The Authority invited Councils to consider how they could involve their own communities and how to promote attendance at the meetings locally. As a result, meetings varied in their structure depending on the circumstance, from large meetings with formal presentations to more informal attendance at already scheduled Parish/Town Council meetings.
- 4.5.2 The consultation documents published for the Sites consultation were:
- Draft settlement profiles for Local Centres
 - Housing quick guide

- 4.5.3 The Land Availability Assessment was added to the evidence base prior to the Sites consultation.
- 4.5.4 The consultation ran from 17 October 2017 – 8 January 2018. Events were held at 9 settlements (including one with regional radio and television news coverage), with over 400 councillors and members of the public attending in total:

Event Type	Location & Venue	Date & Time
Public drop-in	Moretonhampstead, Parish Hall	17 Oct, 19:30 – 21:30
Public drop-in	Buckfastleigh, Town Hall	1 Nov, 19:00 – 21:00
Public drop-in	South Brent, The Old School Centre	13 Nov 19:30 – 21:00
Public drop-in	Ashburton, Town Hall	14 Nov, 19:45 – 21:00
Public drop-in	Yelverton, Clearbrook Village Hall	21 Nov, 19:30
Public drop-in	Princetown, Community Centres	23 Nov, 19:30
Public drop-in	Chagford, Endecott House	27 Nov 19:30 – 21:30
Public drop-in	Horrabridge, Village Hall	28 Nov, 19:30 – 21:00
Public drop-in	Meavy, Village Hall	8 Jan, 18:00 – 19:00

- 4.5.5 A [summary report](#) of the Sites consultation can be found on the Authority's website.

4.6 *Direction of Travel Paper*

- 4.6.1 A Direction of Travel Paper was submitted to Members for approval at the DNPA Authority meeting in [January 2018](#). This Paper sought Member agreement on key strategic issues and the outline strategy for taking those forward in the Local Plan, and was closely informed by emerging evidence, consultation outcomes, and discussions with the Steering Group. This was intended to establish confidence prior to Officers moving forward with policy drafting. The Paper was discussed in public forum, at an Authority Meeting, and subsequently approved by Members. This enabled Officers to progress further with more detailed examination and modelling (especially through viability and environmental appraisal). Officers were able to draft policies which sought to deliver the Vision and Strategy with a degree of confidence that they were seeking a policy thrust supported by members.

4.7 *First Draft Consultation (Regulation 18)*

- 4.7.1 Following on from the above consultations and taking the responses into account, the Authority published a first draft Local Plan in December 2018. The draft consisted of a full draft plan and accompanying Policies Map.
- 4.7.2 The consultation documents published for the Regulation 18 consultation were:
- Topic Paper 1: Natural Environment

- Topic Paper 2: Historic Environment
- Topic Paper 3: Design and Built Environment
- Topic Paper 4: Vision and Spatial Strategy
- Topic Paper 5: Minerals and Waste Development
- Topic Paper 6: Housing
- Topic Paper 7: Transport
- Topic Paper 8: Economy
- Topic Paper 9: Development Sites
- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitat Regulations Assessment
- Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground (Draft)
- Land Availability Assessment
- Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment
- Whole Plan Viability Assessment
- Landscape Character Assessment
- Landscape Sensitivity Assessment
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (and Addendum)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study
- Economic Development Needs Assessment
- Employment Land Review
- Local Aggregate Assessment
- Demographic Forecasts
- Devon County Council Climate Change Review
- Devon Partnership Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment
- Settlement Profiles

4.7.3 A number of people commented specifically on elements in the evidence base, the topic papers and environmental reports in particular, as well as

commenting on the Plan itself. In many cases these comments on the evidence base has also led to revisions.

4.7.4 The consultation period ran from 3 December 2018 – 4 February 2019.

4.7.5 A [newsletter](#) was produced by the Authority to update the public on the progress of the Local Plan Review. It includes information on

- progress made since the last newsletter;
- issues raised in a recent consultation;
- details of any upcoming public meetings; and
- how to get involved and the expected publication dates of future documents.

4.7.6 The design and content of the newsletter was established from the outset in order to maintain consistency throughout the Review process.

Ahead of the consultation periods the newsletter (containing a reminder of the upcoming consultation) was sent out to all consultees and interested parties on the Authority database (see

- 4.7.7 Appendix 1 – List of Consultees). A further email was sent out to these parties at the beginning of the consultation period, to encourage them to submit their views. Posts on the various social media channels of the Authority were also used to broadcast the beginning of the consultation. Summary statements were sent to local press and parish magazines for publication, to raise awareness of the local plan, community involvement and consultation events (a summary of press coverage is available in Appendix 7). All relevant documents were made available on the Authority website. Hard copies were made available at selected deposit points (Parish and Town Council offices, libraries, visitor centres and Local Authority headquarters) ahead of the consultation period. For publicity purposes, postcards and posters (available in Appendix 6 – Publicity Materials for Regulation 18 and 19 Consultation) containing details about the Local Plan Review, consultation process and how to submit responses were distributed via the public drop-in events, Member events, the Outreach van, Rangers, Parish/Town Councils, DNPA main reception and visitor centres.
- 4.7.8 The First Draft Consultation focused heavily on creating the opportunity for respondents to put forward alternatives. At the very beginning of the First Draft Local Plan document, this is highlighted by some general questions consultees might like to keep in mind while reading the Plan:
- 1) Do the policies respond to the right issues? Do they respond appropriately? Have we missed anything?
 - 2) Is the scope of each chapter correct?
 - 3) Are there any policies you particularly support, and why?
 - 4) Are there any policies you would like to see change? If so, why and how?
 - 5) Do you consider the Local Plan to be ‘sound’?
- 4.7.9 Responses were made via an online survey, by submitting an email with a completed questionnaire, by email or by hand. Consultation was undertaken in line with the adopted [Statement of Community Involvement](#). There were 158 respondents and 917 comments submitted.
- 4.7.10 Four outreach events were held during the consultation period, intended to help publicise the consultation and stimulate discussion of Local Plan policies. Posters advertising the events were displayed in villages one month prior to the events, and the events were also publicised through the Authority’s website and social media, as well as posting on local community group pages and in community magazines. Five workshops where specific stakeholders from relevant organisations were invited to discuss relevant topic areas were also held:

Event Type	Location & Venue	Date & Time
Parish Council Local Plan Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	5 Dec, 14:00 – 16:00
Public drop-in	Ashburton Christmas Fayre	6 Dec, 16:00 – 19:00

Public drop-in	Yelverton, War Memorial Hall	11 Dec, 15:00 – 18:00
Public drop-in	Ashburton, Town Hall	14 Nov, 19:45 – 21:00
Public drop-in	Whiddon Down, Village Hall	13 Dec, 15:00 – 18:00
Housing Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	9 Jan, 12:00 – 15:00
Environment Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	15 Jan, 12:00 – 15:00
Farming Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	16 Jan, 12:00 – 15:00
Economy Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	23 Jan, 12:00 – 15:00

- 4.7.11 The Local Plan Member Steering Group also held several meetings to review the evidence for the Local Plan and to scrutinise the policies, so therefore members have also had an active input on the Local Plan. A schedule of these meetings is laid out in Appendix 5 - Schedule of Local Plan Steering Group Meetings.
- 4.7.12 Duty to Cooperate meetings with Devon County Council, constituent district Councils, and environmental bodies took place. A summary of the discussions of these meetings can be found in the Duty to Cooperate Log.
- 4.7.13 A summary of representations received is set out in Chapter 5, along with the Authority's response to these.

4.8 Final Draft Consultation (Regulation 19 Publication Version)

- 4.8.1 A Final Draft of the Local Plan was completed in autumn 2019, after taking into consideration all representations made during the First Draft consultation. Representations were then invited on the Final Draft of the Local Plan, specifically in relation to the soundness, legal compliance of the plan and compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, for a period of 7 weeks from 16 September to 17:00 on 1 November 2019.
- 4.8.2 The consultation documents published for the Regulation 19 consultation in addition to those available at the Regulation 18 stage were:
- Updated Topic Papers
 - Updated Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment
 - Updated Habitat Regulations Assessment
 - Updated Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground
 - Updated Whole Plan Viability Assessment
 - Updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan
 - Updated Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study
 - Demographic Forecasts Addendum
 - Reducing CO2 emissions in new development policy research and recommendations
 - Development site briefs
 - Updated settlement profiles

The Final Draft Local Plan and the above supporting documents were sent to all statutory consultees and anyone registered on the Authority's Local Plan database (

- 4.8.3 Appendix 1 – List of Consultees), along with the [Statement of Representations Procedure](#). These submission documents were all made available to view on the Authority website, and hard copies were delivered to selected deposit points (libraries, Visitor Centres, Local Authority Headquarters and Parish and Town Councils) ahead of the consultation period. For publicity purposes, postcards and posters containing details about the Local Plan Review (see Appendix 6), consultation process and how to submit responses were distributed via Member events, the Outreach van, Rangers, Parish/Town Councils, libraries, DNPA main reception and visitor centers. The [background evidence](#) underpinning the Local Plan could be viewed on the Authority website.
- 4.8.4 The [Statement of Representations Procedure](#) detailed how representations could be made during the consultation period. Representations could be made through the online comment form or by filling out a PDF form and returning it by email or post. Both forms are based on a standard form from the Planning Inspectorate. [Guidance for making a representation](#) was also available on the Authority website.
- 4.8.5 At the start of the consultation period four drop-in events and three workshops were held where the Forward Planning Team was available to answer questions about the consultation:

Event Type	Location & Venue	Date & Time
Public drop-in	Buckfastleigh, Town Hall	19 Sep, 16:00 – 19:00
Public drop-in	Horrabridge, Village Hall	24 Sep, 16:00 – 19:00
Public drop-in	Chagford, Endecott House	26 Sep, 16:00 – 19:00
Public drop-in	South Brent, Old School Community Centre	1 Oct, 16:00 – 19:00
Parish Council Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	17 Sep, 14:00 – 16:00
Environment Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	15 Oct, 10:00 – 12:00
Housing Workshop	Parke, Meeting Room	18 Oct, 11:30 – 13:30

- 4.8.6 [A summary of the main changes](#) was also produced to support the September 2019 Authority report. There were 214 respondents and 932 comments made during this final consultation. The responses are summarised in Chapter 5. A full breakdown of individual comments and the Authority's response to each is available in the [Full report on Regulation 19 representations](#).
- 4.8.7 Representations received shortly after the close of the consultation have been included, and responded to. Whilst it was reasonable to include these, they are noted as having been received late in the Representation Report, and thus would normally be considered only at the Inspector's discretion.

DNPA did not accept any late responses beyond the point at which Representations Database was populated.

5 Main issues raised and how they have been taken into account

5.1.1 A fuller version of key issues is included in various consultation reports referred to above. A summary is included below.

5.2 Issues Consultation

5.2.1 The 'Issues' consultation summary summarises the issues raised, and these were taken forward to inform the beginning of the plan-making exercise.

5.3 Parishes Consultation

5.3.1 This consultation sought views from Parish and Town Councils on draft settlement profiles produced for each settlement. Comments on the settlement profiles were incorporated into a revised set of settlement profiles that were published shortly after the consultation. Parish and Town Councils were also asked to provide details of infrastructure needs and these were added to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

5.4 Sites Consultation

5.4.1 A [consultation summary](#) is published. The following is a summary of the views that were expressed in each of the National Park's Local Centres where sites are allocated, which were taken forward into plan making.

Settlement	Community views on sites
Ashburton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern over parking and flooding issues• Expressed need for social rented housing• Site specific concerns raised at Chuley Rd and Dolbeare Meadow
Buckfastleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern over school capacity, parking and flooding issues• Disappointment Devonian site is not available• No overwhelming support for site options, but no consensus on alternatives
Chagford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus that Bretteville Close site will meet present housing needs and Lamb Park site can be reallocated to meet future needs
Horrabridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns over highways and flooding issues• Anecdotal reports of significant surface water flooding at DNP14-110 and complicated below ground mining shafts• No consensus on preferred sites
Moretonhampstead	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confusion over level of development proposed and no consensus on preferred site options.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council conducted a Local Plan response survey to inform them on key issues raised by the Local Plan
Princetown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for approach to HMP Dartmoor Community support for greenfield sites over brownfield
South Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern over infrastructure, parking and service issues Concern sites south of the town not sustainable and would worsen quality of life due to proximity to the A38
Yelverton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern over highway capacity and parking issues No consensus over site options but sites aligned with those in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan

5.5 First Draft Consultation (Regulation 18)

5.5.1 The representations the Authority received during the Regulation 18 ('First Draft') Local Plan are not published verbatim, but a [consultation summary](#) is available. A brief summary of the main issues raised that led to changes in the plan is available below. A [track changes version](#) of the Local Plan was published at Regulation 19 stage which shows all the changes that were made between the first and final draft of the Local Plan. These changes were informed by comments on the Local Plan as well as internal officer review.

Section	Issue	Local Plan Amendment
1.1	Presentation of duty and purposes	Description of purposes and duty reworded for clarity and in accordance with statute
Policy 1.2 (1)	Wording of policy is too dictatorial by requiring all criteria are met.	Policy wording tweaked for clarity
Policy 1.2 (1)	Sustainable development goals should include the need to meet local housing and employment needs	Policy wording amended
1.5	Confusion over Major Development policy, particularly the definition	Policy and preamble re-written for clarity and to ensure definition of Major Development is consistent with other adopted local plan policies and case law.
1.7	Policy does not effectively respond to climate emergency	Policy amended to seek 10% improvement on building regulations consistent with DNPA research, viability and allowances within national policy.
1.9	Specific section on water environment should be provided	Flood risk section moved and expanded to water Environment section.
2.3	South Hams SAC guidance requires specific mention in Local Plan	Subsection created to address South Hams SAC
2.3	Wording in Local Plan needs to reflect recent research which	New subsection created and policy wording added to policy 4.9

	identifies likely increased recreational pressures from population increases outside the National Park.	
Policy 2.2 (1)	Wording of part 3b could more accurately reflect statute.	Wording added to provide detail
Policy 2.3 (1)	Policy does not seek biodiversity net gain.	Policy amended to seek biodiversity net gain, and biodiversity enhancement on small sites
Policy 2.5 (1)	The policy should reference lighting standards	Reference to ILP lighting standards added
Policy 2.7 (1)	Policy wording and preamble unclear in places	Wording clarified
Policy 3.1 (1)	Policy wording not clear, indicative housing delivery figure should be expressed as a total	Wording clarified and figure added.
Policy 3.6 (1)	Size restriction needed for local needs custom and self-build to avoid this route undermining affordable housing delivery on qualifying development	Size restriction amended
Policy 3.7 (1)	Date of definition of original house overly restrictive	Date amended.
Policy 3.7 (1) and 3.8 (1)	Removal of permitted development rights should only apply to extensions	Wording added to this effect.
Policy 3.9 (1)	Dwelling size not clear if it includes farm offices	Wording added to clarify size restriction does not include offices
4.3	Plan not supportive of sustainable transport	Wording added to clarify plan supports provision of sustainable transport throughout Dartmoor
4.6	Did not reflect recent research highlighting likely recreation impacts into the future	Preamble and policy amended to state the Authority will seek compensation for recreational impacts on Dartmoor's special qualities
5.2	Not clear how businesses in open countryside are assessed	Wording added to clarify assessment process
Policy 6.1 (1)	Confusion over term major minerals development	Policy amended to refer to large-scale minerals development
Policy 7.1 (1)	Requirement for detailed applications on allocated sites not considered reasonable	Wording removed from policy and amended wording added to preamble.
Allocated sites	Communities and consultees unclear of site capacities.	Estimation of site capacities added to policies.
Allocated sites	Some allocations do not reflect South Hams SAC Guidance requirement for appropriate assessment.	Requirement added to relevant sites.
Proposal 7.22 (1)	Allocation for primary school not retained because of lack of funding.	Allocation retained to ensure land is available should funding return.
Proposal 7.23 (1)	Allocation removed from part-developed site because scheme is policy compliant.	Policy retained to provide more certainty of development acceptability for community.

Monitoring	No monitoring schedule available.	Monitoring schedule added
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5.6 *Final Draft Consultation (Regulation 19)*

- 5.6.1 The Representations the Authority received during the Regulation 19 ('Final Draft') Local Plan consultation are addressed in two documents: the summary of the full report of representations and the [full report of representations](#). The summary is structured by section and provides a description of the Authority's response. Where the Authority's response proposes an action, this is set out in the Suggested Modifications. This is a Summary Report; where a Representation requests specific detailed changes the Authority response is not included here, but may be viewed in the full Report of Representations. The full Report of Representations shows all Representations received during the Regulation 19 consultation and the Authority's response to each.

Appendix 1 – List of Consultees

Listed below are the people and organisations that were directly informed of consultations on the Local Plan via email or by letter (individuals are not listed).

Statutory Consultation Bodies

BT Openreach, Civil Aviation Authority, Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd, Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Devon Local Nature Partnership, EE, Environment Agency, Heart of the South West LEP, Highways England, Historic England, Homes England, Mobile UK, National Grid, Natural England, Network Rail, NHS England, Office of Rail and Road, South West Aggregates Working Party, South West Water, SSE, The Coal Authority, Three, Wales & West Utilities Ltd, Western Power Distribution

Local Authorities

Devon County Council, Exeter City Council, Mid Devon District Council, Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council, Teignbridge District Council, Torbay Council, West Devon Borough Council

Parish and Town Councils

Ashburton, Belstone, Bickington, Bickleigh, Bovey Tracey, Brentor, Bridestowe, Bridford, Buckfastleigh, Buckfastleigh West, Buckland Monachorum, Buckland-in-the-Moor, Burrator Grouped, Chagford, Cheriton Bishop, Christow, Cornwood, Dartmoor Forest, Dean Prior, Drewsteignton, Dunsford, Gidleigh, Harford, Hennock, Holne, Horrabridge, Ilsington, Ivybridge, Lamerton, Lustleigh, Lydford, Manaton, Mary Tavy, Moretonhampstead, North Bovey, Okehampton Hamlets, Okehampton, Peter Tavy, Plasterdown, Rattery, Shaugh, Sourton, South Brent, South Tawton, Sticklepath, Tavistock, Throwleigh, Trusham, Ugborough, Widecombe

General Consultation Bodies

Associations, Representative Groups/Societies

Ashburton Climate Change Emergency, Caton Group, Chagford & District Business Association, Chagford Community Market Garden, ConFor, Dartmoor Archaeological Society, Dartmoor Commoners' Council, Dartmoor Commons Owners Association, Dartmoor Local Access Forum, Dartmoor Preservation Association, Dartmoor Railway Supporter' Association, Devon & Cornwall Chinese Association, Devon Association of Local Councils, Devon Communities Together, Devon Playing Field Association, Devon Stone Federation, Devonshire Association, Disability Rights UK, Federation of Small Businesses, Friends of Ashburton Station, Groundwork Trust, Guild of St Lawrence, Home Builders Federation, Improving Lives Plymouth, Islamic Centre of the South West, Land Access and Recreation Association, MIND; Exeter and East Devon,

Mineral Product Association, Moor Trees, Moretonhampstead Business Association, Moretonhampstead Development Trust, National Housing Federation; South West, National Playing Fields Association, Nature After Minerals, Open Spaces Society, Ramblers Association, South West Business Council, South West Country Land & Business Association, Sustainable South Brent, Tedburn St Mary Parish Council, Teignbridge Community and Volunteer Service, The Caravan Club, Visit Dartmoor, Westcountry Rivers Trust, WI

Businesses

Aggregate Industries (UK) Ltd, Chris Marrow Forest Management Ltd, Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, DTZ, E & JW Glendinning Ltd, Elford Maddock Architectural Practice, Enterprise Solutions, First Great Western, First Step Homes, Group Legal Services, Harrabeer Country House, Hastoe Housing Association, Imerys Minerals Ltd, Lantoom Ltd, Mill Hill Quarries Ltd, NFU, OVO Energy, Plan Info, Regen SW, Savills, Sibelco UK Ltd, South Devon Railway, South West Lakes Trust Ltd, Stagecoach South West, West Devon Business Information Point Ltd

Community Magazines

Buckfastleigh Community News, Burrator Beacon, Cheriton Bishop Newsletter, Dartmoor Magazine, Drewsteignton Parish Post, Dunsford Parish Magazine, Islington Parish Magazine, Knighton News, Lydford Newsletter, Manaton Messenger, Moor Links, News in Moreton, Outreach Magazine, Parish Link, Peter Tavy Piper, Princetown News, Shaugh Parish News, South Brent Community Network, South Brent Newsletter, The Beacon, The Bridge, The Cottage Magazine, Ugborough Parish Newsletter, Unity

Consultants

Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd, Barton Willmore, Bell Cornwell, C. G. Fry & Son, Ltd, Collier Planning, Dev Plan, Eastern Counties Leather, EJFP Planning, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Heynes Planning,, Hopwood & Swallow Chartered Architects, Jackson-Stops & Staff, LRM Planning, Michelmore Hughes, Paul Green Planning, PCL Planning, Plainview, Rendells, RG+P Ltd, Rowan Edwards, SSA Planning Ltd, Stephen Emanuel Architecture, Stride Treglown, Tetlow King Planning, Unit 1b, Wainhomes, Ward and Chowen, Wollen Michelmore LLB, WYG, WYG Planning & Design, Clarke Willmott, Bell Cornwell, Chris Marrow Forest Management

Developers

Coworth Homes, Linden Homes Strategic Land, MAZE, Sovereign

Services

Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, HMP Dartmoor Prison, NHS Property Services, Police Partnership Office

Others

Ashburton Primary School, Bovey Tracey Baptist Church, Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh Primary School, Campaign for National Parks, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Chartered Institute of

Housing, Church Commissioners for England, Community Health Partnerships, Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, Crown Estate Office, Dartmoor Woodland and Forestry Advisory Group, Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership, Devon and Cornwall Housing, Devon Buildings Group, Devon Wildlife Trust, DIO Ops South Land Management Service, Diocese of Exeter, Diocese of Plymouth, Duchy of Cornwall, Health and Safety Executive, National Parks UK, National Trust, NATS; Safeguarding Office, Okehampton Camp, Ordnance Survey, Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council, Salvation Army; Exeter, South Devon Railway Trust, Sport England, Teign Housing, The Crown Estate, The Princes Trust, West Devon CVS, Woodland Trust

Other Consultees

Details of around an additional 88 individuals are held on the Authority's Local Plan contact database and are informed when consultation is taking place on the Local Plan. These names are not listed for data protection reasons.

Appendix 2 – Statutory Environmental Bodies that were consulted on the Scoping Report of the SA



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Consultation Service
Natural England
consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

Please Quote: **SEA/HRA Scoping**
Direct Line: 01626 831066

16 August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Dartmoor National Park Local Plan – SEA Scoping Report and HRA Screening

DNPA is reviewing its local plan and intends to prepare a new local plan including strategic and development management policies and minerals and waste. Work is currently underway to review the existing strategy and policy approach, and undertake evidence base studies to inform the new local plan.

As part of the local plan process we are undertaking a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. Please find attached the SEA Scoping Report and HRA Screening Report for consultation in line with Regulation 12(5) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

I would be grateful if you could send any comments to forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Clare Reid

Clare Reid
Local Plan Project Manager

Bill Hitchins Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

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Appendix 3 – Notification to Statutory Consultation Bodies of Regulation 18 Consultation



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All Local Plan Statutory Consultees

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3 December 2018

Dear Statutory Consultee

Dartmoor Local Plan: First Draft Consultation (Regulation 18)

We have now published the first draft Local Plan for public consultation, and invite you to comment on it. It can be viewed or downloaded from our website at dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview, alongside the Sustainability Appraisal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Habitats Regulations Assessment, which you are also invited to comment on. Also available on our website:

- The policies map
- The evidence base for the Local Plan,
- A draft Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground
- Reports of earlier consultation

The consultation is open until 5pm on Monday 4 February 2019. Please ensure your comments are with us by then. We encourage all comments to be made using the online comment form on our website at dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview. Alternatively you can download a comment form and return it by email or post, or we are also happy to receive feedback by email in your own chosen format if this is more practical.

If you have any questions about the consultation please do contact us.

Yours sincerely

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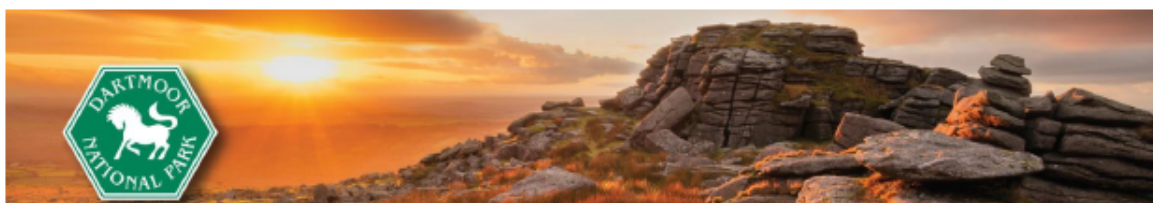
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Appendix 4 – Notification to General Consultation Bodies of Regulation 19 Consultation



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16 September 2019

Dear Local Plan Consultee

Dartmoor Local Plan: Final Draft Consultation (Regulation 19)

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All representations received as part of this consultation will be submitted to the Secretary of State together with the Local Plan and a summary of the main issues raised during the consultation, and considered as part of a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

We have carried out a sustainability appraisal (including strategic environmental assessment) of the document and its policies, as well as an assessment of its compliance with European Habitats Regulations. You are invited to comment on these reports, too. They are available on our web site, alongside the [evidence base](#) for the Local Plan, draft Development Site Briefs, and the reports of earlier consultation.

We are holding community drop in events during September with details [online](#). If you have any questions about the consultation please do contact myself or Alex Gandy.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix 5 - Schedule of Local Plan Steering Group Meetings

- 5.6.3 The Local Plan Member Steering Group were involved in the Local Plan review. They scrutinised and had an active input on changes to the wording of the plan itself, as well as how consultations were carried out, and what changes were made between different drafts. Below are brief details of each of these meetings and what was discussed. The minutes of these meetings can be found online.

Date	Location	Details
24 May 2016	Parke	Aim of the group, project planning and key issues, neighbourhood planning and strategic policies.
3 August 2016	Parke	Discussion of communication and engagement with the Issues paper, changes were suggested to the Issues paper prior to publication.
30 September 2016	Parke	Update on the progress on various assessments for the evidence base being carried out by consultants. Settlement strategy and design were discussed.
24 March 2017	Parke	A new project plan allows time for consultation with Parish Councils. An update was provided on commissions for the evidence base (SA/SEA and HRA). The draft Environment Topic Paper was discussed and the responses from the Issues consultation summarised.
18 May 2017	Parke	Update on the Parishes consultation and LCA/LSA studies. Updates also on the LAA and Duty-to-Cooperate Scoping.
17 July 2017	Parke	The Vision and Spatial Strategy, Design and Historic Environment Topic Papers were discussed.
7 September 2017	Parke	Discussion of the updates Vision and Spatial Strategy Topic Paper Options, as well as the LAA results. The Minerals and Waste Topic Paper was also covered. An update on Consultation and Engagement was provided.
12 October 2017	Parke	A lengthy discussion of housing issues, particularly about means of delivery and agricultural workers dwellings. There were updates on the OSSR and IDP also.
24 November 2017	Parke	The addendum to SFRA was introduced, as well as the Housing Strategy Review, which summarises the key discussion points being tackled by the housing topic paper.
29 January 2018	Parke	Updates were made on the outcomes of the Parish and Town Council Consultations. The SA/SEA, EDNA and ELR were discussed in detail. There was further discussion of housing following the previous meeting.
6 March 2018	Parke	Draft Policies for Environment, Minerals, Waste and Energy were introduced. The Transport Topic Paper was discussed.
17 April 2018	Parke	Draft Policies for Communities, Services and Infrastructure and Vision and Spatial Strategy were introduced.
16 May 2018	Parke	There was a progress update on consultants working on the Economy Topic Paper and Site Allocation process.
6 June 2018	Parke	Local Plan Member Workshop. There was a discussion of Strategy in the Local Plan, Draft

		Policies in Householder Development, and conversion of non-residential buildings in the open countryside.
2 July 2018	Parke	Discussion of Site Assessment and Allocations Recommendations in all the Local Centres.
20 July 2018	Parke	An update was provided on the revised dates for the Local Plan review. There was a discussion of how consultation would be carried out at Reg 18 and Reg 19. Discussion of the housing and economy draft chapters and specific policies within these chapters.
3 September 2018	Parke	A further discussion of drop-in events during consultation, as well as discussion of various policies in the First Draft (Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Low Impact Development, Custom and Self-build). Discussion of changes in the NPPF and the threshold for affordable housing, followed by Site Allocation discussions and Biodiversity Net Gain.
12 March 2019	Parke	Summary of Reg 18 Consultation and key issues to be addressed for Reg 19. Information provided on the PAS pilot scheme.
12 April 2019	Parke	Summary of the PAS pilot scheme. Discussion of key development site issues to be addressed for the Reg 19 draft Local Plan. Proposed amendments to policies discussed, as was housing target and the plan period.
22 May 2019	Parke	Update on the Statement of Common Ground. Sustainable construction, the South Hams SAC, Biodiversity enhancement and the definition of affordable housing were discussed. Various other policies were discussed in detail.
28 June 2019	Parke	Members added their comments to the policies in the First Draft Local Plan.
25 February 2020	Parke	Feedback on the Reg 19 consultation and potential modifications to be made to the Final Draft. Discussion of the Monitoring and Governance Topic paper and the HRA Addendum.
24 March 2020	Parke	Confirmation of submission documents for examination.

Appendix 6 – Publicity Materials for Regulation 18 and 19 Consultations



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Have a chat with us about the Plan and how it might affect you at one of our public drop-in events in your local area:

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Ashburton Christmas Fayre
6 December 4pm - 7pm

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North Dartmoor

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Appendix 7 – Press coverage of Local Plan Review and public events



AUTUMN NOTES continued

The escalation of Gunpowder Treason Day in the mid-nineteenth century meant that it became a serious threat to public order. Organized bonfires and spectacles were therefore established, but many of these remained edgy events liable to ignite in violence, and so often families remained at home and held their own private firework displays.

This time of the year is also a popular time for West Country carnivals, and several of these are based around 5 November. Famously, Ottery St Mary has a full carnival parade that precedes the processions of flaming tar barrels that are carried along the streets throughout the evening. That makes it sound rather polite: the barrels are in fact small infernos, and the men carrying them run full-pelt down side-streets into the village square. The spectacle of a huge, flaming creature careering towards you is awe-inspiring. Tight crowds of onlookers suddenly scatter like ash in the wind. These old English traditions can be a quite stunning experience.

And then comes November. The early nineteenth-century comic poet Thomas Hood put the matter as bluntly as he could in his poem 'No!'. He provides a lengthy jeremiad complaining about everything that is wanting in the month, concluding
*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, –
November!*
But at least Christmas is coming.

THE SUMMER SHOWS!

We very much enjoyed attending the shows this summer - Honiton, Mid Devon and Chagford. Our photo competition proved very popular and it was great to see so many members come and say hello. We will book stands again next year, perhaps at some other shows in different parts of the county. If you can spare an hour or two to come and help us on the day, or if you can recommend a local event where you think we should be, it would be great to hear from you!



Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation – Public Drop in Events

**Sassie Tickle, Assistant Forward Planner,
Dartmoor National Park Authority**

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Are we using Dartmoor's stone resources wisely?

The Dartmoor Society, established in 1998, is a registered charity with broadly educational aims.

It is 'an independent voice and forum for debate for those who find Dartmoor a source of livelihood or inspiration'. It has some 450 members and holds regular public debates on Dartmoor issues. 'Are we using Dartmoor's stone resources wisely?' is the subject of this year's Dartmoor Society Debate, which is being held on Saturday 20th October at Meadon Village Hall EX20 4LU, near Okehampton 10am-5pm.

Dartmoor's varied stone resources have been used since prehistory to create the distinctive built heritage of the area, and further afield. However, for many years, quarrying within the national park has been perceived by many as unsustainable, and since 1997 there has been no working granite quarry on

Dartmoor. But two quarries survive, and both are important employers – one producing limestone (mainly for roadbuilding) and concrete, on a large scale at Lulbury (Uffington), Ashburton and another, much smaller in scale, producing metamorphic building stone at Yemassee, Dousland.

The principle of using local stone for local and regional needs fits with contemporary ideas about wise and environmentally sound use of resources. Are we doing enough to meet this imperative?

There is a programme planned that will explore the various topics surrounding the subject with expert speakers and local businesses.

There will be ample time for discussion in a friendly and attractive venue.

Members £17; Non-Members £20 (to include coffee, buffet lunch and tea). Advance booking only, by 15 October 2018.

Consultation on Dartmoor local plan

Dartmoor National Park Authority is asking the public to help plan for the future of the park with a consultation on the first draft of the local plan for Dartmoor.

Since the local plan issues consultation in 2016, the forward planning team at Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) has been working hard to produce a first draft of the new local plan for Dartmoor, which is now nearly ready to share.

The public consultation period for the draft local plan will run from Monday, December 3rd to Monday, February 4th. During this period, the public will be able to view the draft local plan

on the DNPA website and provide comments via an online form or in writing. Copies of the local plan will be on display at the DNPA offices and will be available to view at district and parish councils, local libraries and various information points across Dartmoor throughout the consultation period.

Public drop-in events will take place at the meeting rooms at Yelverton War Memorial Hall on Tuesday, December 11th from 3pm to 6pm, Whiddon Down Village Hall on Thursday, December 13th from 3pm to 6pm and Moretonhampstead Community Club on Tuesday, December 18th from 3pm to 6pm.

Top chefs announced for Powderham Food Festival 2018 as tickets released

In a change to the line up published in the last edition, Powderham Food Festival has revealed the line-up of high profile chefs who will be featuring at this year's Festival on 6th and 7th October 2018.

Star of The Hungry Sailors, James Strawbridge will be making his debut appearance at the exciting autumnal foodie event alongside broadcaster Judi Spiers, who will be hosting the chefs' theatre across the weekend.

Set against the backdrop of the beautiful Powderham Castle, chef and author, James Strawbridge, will be joined at the two day celebration of South West food and drink by acclaimed patisserie chef Colin Bennett, Ashley Wright, Head Chef at the award winning Horn of Plenty, respected Chef Director at the Ashburton Cookery School, Darrin Hoesgrove, award-winning cake bakers and regulars on Channel 4's 'Extreme Cake Makers', Phil and Christine Jensen and gut-health expert, Katie Vennart from Trurobridge Soundough and Fermentaria.

Powderham Food Festival, now back for its seventh year, in the grounds of the Earl and Countess of Devon's home, has established itself as the Autumnal foodie event with a packed programme of food related activities for all the family: take part in the Great Devon Chilli Challenge or watch smokin' hot demonstrations in the Theatre of Fire and Smoke, hosted by baroque legends Simon Dyer and John Gower.

Set in the scenic grounds of Devon's finest castle, Devon foodies won't want to miss out on this opportunity to try exciting street food, discover

new artisan products, enjoy live music, shop and learn from the top chefs in the area.

Festival director, Bob Small has been working hard with the team to make sure this year's event is even bigger and better than before.

Bob commented: "We are delighted to announce the chef line up - it's really exciting to be joined by so many of the region's finest chefs. This year's Festival is set to be even better than before with well over 170 exhibitors, plenty of live music and demonstrations to enjoy. Don't forget whatever the weather there's lots under cover at the Festival and its a great day out for the whole family."

Judi Spiers added: "I am thrilled to be involved with the Powderham Food Festival this October. It is a wonderful weekend event set against the backdrop of the glorious Powderham Castle and has really made its mark on the foodie calendar over the last few years.

"We're so lucky to live in a region which boasts such great produce and this weekend which celebrates the very best of our South West larder is one not to be missed."

Adult ticket £9 (£7.50 online) Under 16 ticket £3 (£2.50 online) Family ticket (2 adults, up to 3 children) £20 (£17 online) Children under 5 free

The Powderham Food Festival, Powderham Castle, nr Exeter, Devon 6-7 October 2018, open 10.00am-5.00pm daily.

For more information about the Festival visit www.powderhamfoodfestival.com

Rail Services & Climate Change

MEL STRIDE



CONSERVATIVE MP FOR MID DEVON

One of my top priorities as an MP has been to improve rail links in Central Devon through the introduction of a regular passenger service between Okehampton and Exeter.

The Teignbridge part of our constituency is well served through Newton Abbot station, but tens of thousands of residents in and around Okehampton are up to an hour away from their nearest station.

Last week I met with the new Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps MP as I wanted a commitment that the Department for Transport will respond quickly when the feasibility study it has commissioned has been completed.

This will be vital in ensuring there are no delays to other agencies and organisations beginning their necessary preparations. I had secured this commitment from the previous Secretary of State and I am determined that that commitment should

stand - I am pleased to report that it does. I believe there is a very real possibility that this service could be introduced and maybe as early as 2021.

As well as the economic benefits, there will be substantial environmental benefits to more people being able to travel into Exeter by train. It will reduce congestion into Exeter at the Alington roundabout and taking more cars off the A30 will improve air quality for villages close to the A30 and help reduce our local carbon footprint.

This goal is connected to another meeting I held in the constituency last week, with climate change activists from across our constituency. It was a passionate discussion and one that underlined the momentum behind the cause.

While Brexit may have dominated the headlines so far in 2019, climate change has probably been the second most talked about issue, with the Extinction Rebellion demonstrations, the Amazon fires and Greta Thunberg's voyage across The Atlantic.

But the significant progress being made to tackle it here in the UK has not had the attention it deserves. In the last decade the proportion of our nation's energy that

comes from renewable electricity generation has risen from 6% to 35% and our overall levels of greenhouse gas emissions have fallen by 25%. £52 billion has been invested by the Government in renewable energy and all UK coal-fired power stations will close by 2025.

Before I left the Cabinet in July one of the last acts of my time in Government was to support the UK becoming the first major economy in the world to legislate to end our contribution towards global warming by achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

New employment figures released this week show that wages have grown at their fastest pace for eleven years and have now risen ahead of inflation for 18 consecutive months.

Average weekly earnings for employees increased by 4.0% compared with a year ago - growing by 2.1% after adjusting for inflation. UK employment now stands at 32.78 million, up 369,000 over the last year, and our unemployment rate (3.8%) remains the lowest since 1975.

For more from Mel follow him on Twitter @MelStride or visit www.melstridemp.com

PLANNING FOR DARTMOOR'S FUTURE

PAMELA WOODS



CHAIR OF DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Today we invite you to have your final say on the Dartmoor Local Plan.

Planning touches us in many ways - it provides the framework for communities and businesses to thrive, how we protect and preserve our environment and how we deal with important issues such as housing, biodiversity and climate change.

Planning is a statutory duty for Dartmoor National Park Authority. The Local Plan is pivotal because it sets out what type of development is and isn't acceptable in the National Park. It aims to strike a balance between people and place, taking people's lives and livelihoods into consideration when making planning decisions which conserve and enhance Dartmoor's special qualities.

To ensure planning works for everyone with an interest in Dartmoor we are asking for further comments on the Local Plan. You can do this by getting involved in the final public consultation.

This time, the focus is on whether the Local Plan is 'sound'. This means whether it has been prepared in the right way, is based on good evidence and will deliver what it sets out.

It's important to tell us what you like, what you don't like; whether you think we should change any of the policies and why. Responses should be specific and supported by evidence.

You can get involved by completing a form online or, if you want more guidance on completing your consultation response, by coming to a public drop in where you can get advice from a planning officer. Dates are on our website. The consultation runs until 1st November.

Comments will be sent directly to the government ahead of a public examination by a planning inspector, scheduled for spring 2020. The inspector will consider whether the Plan is 'sound' before it can formally be adopted.

Join in and help us plan for Dartmoor's future. www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview



ladders weren't anchored to the ground and circus acrobats having to wear hard hats.

As you go down through the list of these myths and read the EC's responses, you can see the person writing them getting more and more fed up.

We're not anywhere near the end yet, and the response to this one is: "The [certain daily newspaper's] initiative to, in its own words, 'Make PC Lunacy History', would stand a greater chance of succeeding if the examples it uses of 'Health and Safety' madness" were not complete nonsense."

And on banning the bagpipes, it says: "As for banning bagpipes, Scots can rest assured that their favourite musical instrument is not under threat from EU proposals on noise pollution. While new measures will come into force next year, they are designed primarily for those who work with loud machinery for a sustained period - more than 87 decibels for eight hours in a row. Banning musical instruments is not an option. Guarding against hearing loss and stress, which sustained exposure to loud noise has been proven to cause, is the only thing in the pipeline here." Worth a quick mention that Boris Johnson apparently did bathe the pipes in London in 2015. Another win there, Mr Johnson.

There are some very clever journalists and writers out there, those who can take a statement and make up a whole new story to surround it. Politicians, the media, and the two combined make a deadly force for the unsuspecting member of the public. Let's remember to have our wits about as while all these around us are losing theirs.

EU archives UK media's Euromyths

LAURA WHITE



ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

It's hard to trust anyone nowadays. As children we were taught to respect our elders and those in authority - they were the people we could look up to, those we could learn from and trust to do and say the right thing.

But society now has taken a turn for the worse, and our leaders are worse still. A few years ago, when the media joked about Boris Johnson becoming Prime Minister, I believed that it wouldn't actually be a bad thing.

I admired his outspoken stance, the way he would say what he thought and be damned the rest of you. It made a refreshing change to the other politicians who would promise the earth just to be elected, then conveniently forget what they'd said.

However, back then, at least they tried to at least pay lip service to the promises they'd made. They might go half way to deliver, or they might explain the reasons why they couldn't deliver. Now, they don't even bother to do that.

If we can't believe our leaders, we certainly can't believe a lot of what we read in the media. And I say that as a person who works in the media! A certain national daily paper is always printing things that are 100% sensational and 10% true.

The explosion of social media has made it incredibly easy to spread media untruths and of course, everyone has an opinion that can be Chinese-whispered into fact with no way of tracing the original source.

Pictures are used to display awful things, and it's only when someone who recognises the picture stands up and says, "Hang on, that's nothing to do with what you're writing about!" is something highlighted as false.

In a recent article by the London Economist, it is revealed that the EU has an archive of all the "Euromyths" that have been printed in the UK media since the early 90s.

In an Orwellian attempt to keep the public fearful and thus compliant, or to undermine confidence in the good of the EU to the United Kingdom, or perhaps just because they were slow on news

and had to find something to print, some of the myths on the extensive list make you wonder whether the public have any common sense left.

In 1994, three national papers ran a story about an obscure EU law that was "halting the sale of English oak seeds, letting continental strains, which often have fewer knots, take over Britain's countryside".

The truth is that there was a previous directive that monitored the quality of oak for harvesting, but there was no discrimination against any country of origin.

Not on everyone's list is, of course, climate change. Here's another one - "Open skies" treaty threatens fight against global warming (2006).

The article stated that "Britain could lose its ability to impose environmental taxes, restrictions and safeguards on airlines under a draft treaty between the EU and US which curtails the power of national governments. The draft treaty, meant to liberalise aviation, includes a little noticed clause requiring EU states to reach agreement with each other and with the US before taking measures to tackle noise or pollution from airlines."

The EC's response was, "This story is factually incorrect in a number of ways. Nothing in the draft agreement would prevent the EU from taking environmental measures in aviation policy. The draft agreement does not place either the EU or the US under any obligation to agree with the other in advance of taking environmental measures, and nothing in the text would curtail the existing powers of national governments in relation to environmental matters." Complete tosh, then.

As summer 2015 approached, one newspaper ran a story headlined "EU to ban our beaches". It read: "When the new European directive is enforced in May 2015, the rules on water safety will become twice as stringent overnight, rendering dozens of beaches which are currently safe off-limits for swimmers."

This article is full of 'could's and 'might's and 'next year'. The EC simply commented "EU laws do not prevent anyone from swimming anywhere, but who wants to swim in poo?"

In 2005, an article in the media warned the UK public that the EU was out to ban playgrounds, inspect artists and bagpipes. It was 'health and safety madness' and also claimed a number of other restrictions such as butchers losing their licence if they continued to give dogs bones, window cleaners losing their jobs as their

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Bovey Pool kicks off its 50th year celebrations with a unique event in its history as, for the first time ever the pool opens its gates on Boxing Day through to New Year's Eve.

Welcoming all, the great news is that you all can help shed those extra Christmas calories in our fully heated outdoor pool or perhaps you could help the younger ones burn off all that pent-up energy. Either way, for the first time in the Charity's history, you can swim this Festive season in Bovey's own pool.

Kicking off on Boxing Day, the pool will open for six one-hour sessions starting at 9am and finishing at 4:30pm.

On Thursday December 27th through to Sunday 31st the pool will be open from 12noon - 3pm with the first hour of these sessions dedicated to lane swimming with the remaining two hours a general fun swim.

Tickets and more information will be available online at www.boveyswimmingpool.org.uk or you can purchase tickets at both Café 64 and Café 360 in the town from the 5th November 2018.

Please note, due to the nature of events, tickets will be limited, so book early to guarantee your place at Bovey Tracey Pool's very first seasonal swim where a warm welcome awaits you.



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Wild about Dartmoor

Project successes

ATTRACTIVE affordable homes is of key importance to Dartmoor planners and they take pride in the quality of the developments they have brought to the area in the last few years – some of which have won national awards for their innovation.

Below are some of the key developments which DNPA planners have worked on over the past decade.

• Six affordable homes at Canserrade Cottages, St Tawton. An 'exception site' development where we worked with the parish council, the borough council and a housing association (Hastell) to support a small scheme of affordable homes for local people.

• 20 homes, including 11 affordable homes at Brier Tor, Tevelton. This is a site allocated in the Local Plan and includes a

mix of housing, which supports the delivery of the affordable element and ensures mixed and balanced development.

• 32 homes (21 of which are affordable housing), new business units which will be owned by the community, a new five station and 20 space pods; car park (which will be owned by the community) at Chagford. This ambitious scheme was community led and delivers a range of infrastructure and other benefits for the community.

• Construction of a Whitley Electricity and visitors' centre at Princetown, supporting the business and tourist offer in this iconic Dartmoor village.

• Construction of a new primary school at Chagford.

Importance of Local Plan

ONE of the most important tasks for any planning authority is to make the Local Plan which sets out local planning policies and identifies how land is used, determining what will be built where for the next 15 years.

It is an opportunity for local people to express their views on shaping a local plan, helping determine how their community develops.

Dan continues: "Sometimes we make the difficult decision to say no to developments which would harm the Dartmoor Park life, have a duty to support the well-being of our community, and this is a key reason we will say yes to development which is good for Dartmoor."

"The Local Plan sets out how we strike that balance, how people

might see the National Park in the future, and the planning decisions we need to take to make that happen. We're keen for people to get involved in the review of the Local Plan over the coming months and have their say," you can find out more at dortmoor.gov.uk/magazine.

Because Dartmoor National Park Authority is protected as an area by law and recognised as being a 'special area' it does not mean there are not pressures on it to house or develop on its land. With the constraints of Plymouth and Exeter, and expanding the poor streets that it is important to note that Dartmoor is not an island and must work together with its neighbouring authorities to protect its uniqueness.

Planners' vision to keep

CONTINUING in his series on Dartmoor, Times reporter John Hutchins talks to Dartmoor National Park Authority chief planning officers Dan Janota and Chris Hart.

by John Hutchins

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BEING responsible for the planning of an area of 366 square miles can be no easy task but Dan Janota and Chris Hart are two men who are well equipped to take on such a challenge.

Following the retirement of Steve Bells in 2011, DNPA decided to not directly replace the post with a single head of planning.

Instead, the planning team, led by Janota, has been split into two new posts: head of forward planning and economy, Dan, and a head of development management, Chris. Between them they are responsible for the planning of the national park, including the management of the planning team, the Local Plan and all planning applications.

Both have been with the authority for many years. Dan for 14 and in the case of Chris, 32 and talking to them it is clear they share a passion for an

area where they feel privileged to work.

Dan joined straight from university to an assistant post in the planning policy team and qualified as a planner in 2008. He spent a period of time in development management handling planning applications but moved back into the policy team and became the managing director of the team in 2014.

He has strong links with Dartmoor, growing up in Mordenham, Dorset. A widower, Dan spends any spare time with his young son enjoying the outdoors together and playing in a local band.

Chris Hart joined the national park in 1997, training to be a planner and has pretty much held every post in the section on his way to becoming the head of development management.

"If you are going to be a planner," said Chris, "what better place to have as your office?"

His team manage development



On site at Canserrade Cottages at South Tawton – DNPA chief planners Dan Janota and Chris Hart. Picture by John Hutchins

applications from individuals wanting to improve their homes, property developers looking to build houses in Dartmoor in the working communities, including those who farm the precious landscape of Dartmoor.

Special qualities

It is a varied case load and a challenge to weigh up people's aspirations against the need to protect the special qualities of Dartmoor, he said.

Named is perhaps understating it a little. The small team of DNPA planners serve an area that

has a population of 54,000 with a diverse landscape of farmland, moorland, towns and villages. It has a remit that includes 2,750 listed buildings, 1,082 scheduled monuments and 25 conservation areas – not to mention handling all the usual planning applications from someone wanting a new conservatory to seven figure investments like the recent extension to Dartmoor Brewery in Princetown. Last year the planning department determined 678 applications.

Chris was anxious to dispel a public misconception that 'planners' are faceless bureaucrats

develop it has to be high quality."

"Our biggest challenge is to ensure we set the highest bar for design and that new developments complement the rich historic environment of our towns and villages."

Another myth is that planners are unapproachable. Dan and Chris say that if someone wants to ring up and enquire about an application an officer will talk to them – it may be not that same day but they will get back.

They also take pride in the fact that Dartmoor NPA is one of only a few authorities to still offer planning applications advice before an application is formally made, so helping to ease the process.

Obviously any system is not perfect but they are anxious to make the it as straightforward as possible but the importance of the rules to follow.

Finding a balance

Dan said: "We want applicants to realise, yes, we do obviously set policies and processes, and stick to them – there has to be a structure. We strive to be consistent in our decisions, and we want the community to understand how we come to make these decisions. Some people want us to be more flexible, others want the outcome to be more predictable and consistent."

Unfortunately it is difficult to have both – the 'right balance'.

"Planners don't look for the problems when considering applications – we know we are dealing with people's homes and livelihoods, but we have to consider how any decision can affect the community at large, and a nationally important landscape, not just an individual. We also work with people to find solutions."

Both planners agree that part of the appeal of their job is that they genuinely want to leave a positive influence on a place and environment they both love.

"Some people don't realise that planners want to make a



Looking down over rural village of South Zast.

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