

**DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
DAILY PARTICIPANTS AND AGENDA**

Day 1: Tuesday 2 March 2021 – 2:00pm

Matter 2 - Vision and Spatial Strategy

Participants

For Dartmoor National Park Authority

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Agenda

Inspector's opening announcements

Matter 2 – Vision, spatial strategy and planning applications

Whether the Vision and strategic policies and other policies 1.1(2) to 1.9(2) are positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Issue 1 The Vision and other matters

- Q1. Is the Vision for Dartmoor National Park (as set out on pages 17 and 18 of the Plan) consistent with the priorities in the English National Parks and the Broads Circular 2010? Would the strategic policies in the Plan, when read as a whole, deliver that Vision?
- Q2. What is the justification for the Plan period of 2018 to 2036? If the Plan were to be adopted after April 2021 would a modification be required in this regard?

Issue 2 and 3 Strategic Policy (SP) 1.2(2) Sustainable development and SP 1.3(2) Presumption in favour of sustainable development

- Q1. In their current form would these policies, when read together, accord with the PPG and NPPF paragraph 16(f)? Would they have a clear purpose and avoid unnecessary duplication of policies in the NPPF?

Issue 4 SPs 1.4(2) Spatial strategy, 3.3(2) Housing in Local Centres, 3.4(2) Housing in Rural Settlements and 3.5(2) Housing in Villages and Hamlets, 5.1(2) Non-residential businesses and tourism, 5.2(2) Town Centres, 5.3(2) Shops and other activities

- Q1. What methodology was employed to assess settlements for inclusion in the settlement hierarchy? What factors were taken into account and is the approach justified?
- Q2. What methodology was employed to indicate the anticipated level of development for each tier of the settlement hierarchy? What factors were taken into account and is this robustly based? Should a figure be included for the other settlement tiers? In the absence of an apportionment figure for each settlement would the Plan adequately meet identified need for example within West Devon and South Hams?
- Q3. What is the Authority's strategy for economic growth?

Issue 5 SP 1.5(2) Major development

- Q1. Would the Plan's definition of 'Major Development' accord with NPPF footnote 55, which indicates that it is a matter for the decision maker, taking account of the nature, scale and setting and whether it could have a significant adverse impact on the special qualities of the National Park?
- Q2. How is it intended to be implemented in relation to specific development proposals and how would it relate to other policies in the Plan and site allocations?
- Q3. Would the wording of criteria a) in referring to a national need accord with NPPF paragraph 172?

Issue 6 SP 1.6(2) Design

- Q1. To ensure soundness, should the design principles set out in paragraph 1.6.5 of the supporting text be included within policy? In referring to the Dartmoor National Park Design Guide would the policy be justified and effective?

Issue 7 SP 1.7(2) Sustainable construction

- Q1. In focussing on a reduction in energy use and carbon emissions, would the policy be justified by the evidence? Would the 'fabric first' approach strike the right balance between minimising energy usage and promoting renewable energy?
- Q2. In setting energy performance standards that exceed the Building Regulations, would the policy be justified by the evidence, consistent with national policy and accord with the emerging Future Home Standard?

Inspector's closing remarks