

Connecting Dartmoor & Exmoor Planning Protocol

This protocol sets out the agreed planning terms and working arrangements to support the rollout of the 'Connecting Dartmoor & Exmoor' programme between Dartmoor National Park Authority and Exmoor National Park Authority as the Local Planning Authorities (LPA) and Airband Community Internet Ltd.

Airband Community Internet Ltd (Airband) is a Code System Operator and benefits from certain permitted development rights by virtue of Part 16 of the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) 2015.

Works constituting Development

- **Free standing transmitters** – regardless of size or height it was agreed that all new installations exceeding 20m in height will require planning permission. Installations below 20m or below will require an application for Prior Approval. The LPA's are happy to provide pre application advice on a case by case basis to Airband.
- **Transmitters attached to existing poles/masts** – Airband can rely on Part 16 rights, subject to the limitations set out. Airband confirmed that dishes would be no more than 60cms in diameter and therefore planning permission will not be required.
- **Micro wave antennae/transmitters fixed to buildings of a height of 15 m or more** – Airband can rely on Part 16 Class B rights, subject to the limitations set out in each class.
- **Micro wave antennae/transmitters fixed to buildings of a height of 15m or less** – Airband can rely on Part 16 Class C rights, subject to the limitations set out in each class.
- **Micro wave antennae/transmitters fixed to dwelling houses** – considered to be permitted development by virtue of Part 1 Class H rights subject to the limitations set out in that class and the conditions relating to minimising external appearance and removal on redundancy.

Notes

- Part 16 Classes B and C include conditions relating to need to minimise external appearance and remove equipment on redundancy
- There are detailed restrictions in Part 16 on number, size and location of antenna
- Dwelling houses and elevations fronting a highway which are visible from that highway are excluded from Part 16 Class B and C rights



Works not constituting Development

Receivers boxes PMP 450 Subscriber Module (including any small dish attachment) affixed to any building (see below for Listed Buildings)

Operating Protocol

- The LPA will expect the operator to minimise the external appearance of the equipment in each case and to site the equipment as sensitively as possible taking into account key locations such as Conservation Areas.
- The householder or other building owner agrees that the equipment will be removed should it become redundant in the future.

Works to a Listed Building

The LPA and the network installer, will work together to avoid the need for householders to submit a full application for listed building consent, where possible.

It is the responsibility of both owner of listed building and installer to ensure that they do not undertake unauthorised works to a listed building. Before fixing any equipment to a Listed Building (or any pre 1948 building or structure within the curtilage of a listed building) the owner will submit to the LPA details of the proposal to determine whether an LBC application is required. Submitted details will include one or more recent digital photographs clearly identifying the building, its setting and the intended location of the equipment, means of fixing and any cabling runs, together with a short written description of the proposed works, sufficient to enable a desk based assessment to be undertaken. The LPA will not charge for this advice and will endeavour to reply in writing by email or post within 10 working days. Further information on the pre-application advice process can be found on the [Dartmoor](#) and [Exmoor](#) National Park websites.

If the LPA considers that the proposed installation will have no material effect on the character of the building as a building of special architectural or historic interest, an application for LBC will **not** be required. If it is considered that the proposal would affect the significance of the listed building, the LPA will advise accordingly and an LBC application will be required. The LPA will offer advice on possible alternative solutions, such as an alternative location on building, outbuilding, or free standing structure.

Before installation, the householder will provide the network installer with a copy of the written confirmation from the LPA that the works either do not require LBC or a copy of the LBC approval.

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