DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION DAILY PARTICIPANTS AND AGENDA

Day 2: Wednesday 3 March 2012 - 9:30am

Matter 4 - Housing need and supply

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Agenda

Inspector's opening announcements

Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified effective and consistent with national policy in relation to its approach to housing.

Issue 1 SP 3.1(2) Meeting housing need

Housing needs

- Q1. The PPG indicates that the standard methodology is not to be used to assess local housing need in National Parks and that the housing need figure should be identified using a locally determined method, using best available information on changes in households and local affordability levels. In this context was the methodology used to identify a housing need figure locally appropriate and justified by the evidence? Does that figure provide the basis for a positively prepared Plan?
- Q2. Are the assumptions made in relation to migration, household formation and vacancy rates reasonable and justified by the evidence?
- Q3. How have the Plymouth and Exeter Housing Market Area SHMAs been taken into account in arriving at that figure?

Issue 2 Housing requirement/delivery

- Q1. Is the indicative housing delivery figure of 1,125 dwellings over the Plan period (65 dwellings a year) justified by the evidence? Would it strike the right balance between addressing the socio-economic issues that the National Park faces, meeting identified local housing need and conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park? Would it help to meet the Plan's Strategy and Vision?
- Q2. Would the Plan's approach to include an indicative housing delivery figure SP3.1(2), rather than a housing requirement, be justified by the evidence?
- Q3. In light of proposed site allocations, is the lack of a housing trajectory justified?
- Q4. Would the housing strategy proposed provide for a five year housing land supply on adoption and maintained?
- Q5. Does the Plan sufficiently promote the use of previously developed land in accordance with NPPF paragraph 118? Should the provisions set out in paragraph 3.1.13 be set within policy?

Issue 3 Affordable Housing

Q1. Would the policies generally provide effective wording that encourages and enables delivery of affordable housing, without placing unnecessary restrictions that would frustrate delivery?

Inspector's closing remarks