



### About you

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- Address: 
- I am completing this form as: A resident
- If other, please specify: •
- Job title: •
- Organisation: •
- On behalf of: •
- Email address: 
- Did you submit comments on the Regulation 18 (First Draft) Local Plan?: No
- Local Plan Consultee List: •

### Share your comments

- Does your comment relate to a paragraph, policy or policies map?: Policy
- Please tell us which paragraph/policy your comment relates to: 6.6(2)
- Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant?: No
- Do you consider the Local Plan to be sound?: No
- Do you consider the Local Plan to be compliant with the duty to co-operate?: Yes

- Due to our increasing concern for the climate on this planet and the resulting declarations of a climate emergency by our Government and even DNPA we clearly need to do all that we can to reduce our carbon emissions and to meet our energy needs from renewable resources. Dartmoor National Park needs to play its part in helping Devon to reduce its carbon footprint, due to its excellent wind resource and potential to secure carbon through woodland. Climate change will have far more damaging and long lasting affects on the special character and biodiversity of Dartmoor than renewable energy developments (which are temporary) and therefore I do not think that Policy 6.6 (2) which basically bans all renewable energy developments within the park, is sound. It goes against the principles of sustainable development and undermines the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Perhaps the time of protecting views (of what is essentially a manmade environment) at all costs is over and we need to think differently about the Dartmoor landscape and the priorities of the park. I would love to know how you justify the sentence in 6.3.2 "Dartmoor is not an appropriate location for large scale energy development aimed at power generation to support national and regional energy supply. Wind energy and solar photovoltaic farm development in particular can significantly harm the National Park's Special Qualities". Why shouldn't Dartmoor contribute to regional and national goals to generate more energy from renewable sources? The most recent BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker on energy issues in Dec 2018 found that 78% of the public are in favour of renewable energy developments, so it is not correct to assume that people are against solar arrays or wind turbines, especially if they are community owned, with benefits going into the local community! It's also wrong of the plan to try and essentially sterilise land surrounding Dartmoor by banning large developments on the boundary. It is not fair on the communities surrounding the national park to be restricted on what they can build, because it may impact on views out of and into the park.
- Please tell us why you have answered yes and/or no to the questions above:
 

Paragraph 6.3.2 should be amended to acknowledge the important and necessary contribution that Dartmoor can make to helping the UK achieve zero carbon through the production of renewable energy, including wind power. Rather than outright banning large scale renewable energy development Policy 6.6 (2) 3 should be amended to say that renewable energy developments will be permitted within the park, if the development is to be
  - What modifications do you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and/or sound?:

community owned, with all financial benefits remaining within the local communities.

- Do you wish to participate in hearing session(s)?: No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)
- If you answered yes to the hearing session(s), please tell us why you consider this to be necessary:
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