

### About you

- First name: John
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- Address: [REDACTED]
- I am completing this form as: A resident
- If other, please specify: •
- Job title: N/A
- Organisation: N/A
- On behalf of: N/A
- Email address: [REDACTED]
- Did you submit comments on the Regulation 18 (First Draft) Local Plan?: No
- Local Plan Consultee List: I would like to be added to the Local Plan consultee list

### Share your comments

- Does your comment relate to a paragraph, policy or policies map?: Paragraph
- Please tell us which paragraph/policy your comment relates to: 4.5
- Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant?: Yes
- 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

As far as I can see there is no mention in the plan of any policy with regard to the roll out of 5G in the Park. This means that under the criteria the plan lacks soundness because the issue concerned is not yet already covered specifically by national planning policy. However there are Government proposals to complete within the lifetime of the Plan to allow increased size of masts and development of these exempt from the need for planning applications. 4.5.3 talks about situations where a new mast or site is absolutely necessary but there is no mention or argument for 5G being thus. 2.2.5 talks about minimising effect on "Valued Attributes" and planning playing a key role in this, with examples. The Plan assumes a planning infrastructure which will soon cease to exist.

- Please tell us why you have answered yes and/or no to the questions above:

Therefore there should be a mention of the Dartmoor Park Authority's proposed guidelines and policy on future telecommunications masts under the new regime. If the Authority has no policy or is waiting to rubber stamp future Government guidelines then the plan should state this. If nothing else this is a matter of transparency. In order to make the Plan sound in this respect the Authority should state their proposed policy and/or – if it be the case – that they do not intend to follow their statutory purpose to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the National Park.

- What modifications do you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and/or sound?:

- 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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