

## HRA Report Appendix III: Draft DNPA Local Plan Screening

Please note that changes to Plan Policies & Proposals arising since the Regulation 18 consultation have been considered with regard to updating the potential for Likely Significant Effects (LSEs) and are reported here in italics. If there is no significant change relevant to HRA/AA, then this is recorded.

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<b>1 Vision, Spatial Strategy &amp; Planning Applications</b>		
<b>Strategic Policy SP1.1 Delivering National Park purposes &amp; protecting Dartmoor's Special Qualities</b>	<p>The Policy relates to the two purposes and the duty for English National Parks that are set in law, shaping how they should be planned and managed. Policy LP1 states that development proposals will be determined in accordance with the NP purposes:</p> <p>a to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area <b>and</b></p> <p>b to promote opportunities for the enjoyment and understanding of the Special Qualities of the NP</p> <p>If there is conflict between the NP's purposes, greater weight will be attached to the first purpose. The Policy further explains that the DNPA will work with others to influence their plans, strategies &amp; proposals to ensure development outside the NP does not damage its setting or otherwise prejudice the achievement of the NP purposes.</p> <p>The Policy will not result in development in itself &amp; therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i></p>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP1.2 Sustainable Development in Dartmoor National Park</b>	<p>The Policy sets out what sustainable development means for the DNP and provides 12 criteria that explain further with regard to various topics.</p> <p>The Policy will not result in development in itself &amp; therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i></p>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP1.3 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development</b>	<p>A positive approach will be taken when considering development proposals; account will be taken of the sustainable development goals in Policy LP2.</p> <p>The Policy will not result in development in itself &amp; therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i></p>	No

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<b>Strategic Policy SP1.4 Spatial Strategy</b>	Development within the NP is based on spatial principles including a hierarchy of settlements: Local Centres; Rural Settlements; Villages & Hamlets; Open Countryside. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP1.5 Major Development</b>	Planning permission will not be granted for major development other than in exceptional circumstances. The supporting text provides clarity on what constitutes major development in the NP – a scale that may be inappropriate in the context of a NP. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP1.6 Delivering Good Design</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for design matters that must be informed by the design principles provided in supporting text & supplementary design guidance. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 1.7 Sustainable Construction</b>	The Policy explains the role of the LP in contributing to national mitigation targets to reduce the impact of climate change. All development proposals will be encouraged to reduce their carbon emissions further than required by Building Regulations, including by improving their energy efficiency using a “fabric-first” approach. This means to reduce energy used in construction & use passive design to minimise energy consumption during use. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 1.8 Protecting Local Amenity in Dartmoor National Park</b>	The Policy seeks to reduce impacts from new development on levels of light & privacy, overbearing or dominant, noise & air quality, highways safety.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 1.9 Higher Risk Development &amp; Sites</b>	The Policy sets out how development must be appropriate for its location & explains the approach to any proposed sites that might have a higher risk through contamination or stability or involve hazardous installations & substances. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs.	No
<b>2 Environment</b>		
<b>Strategic Policy SP2.1 Protecting the Character of Dartmoor’s Landscape</b>	The Policy explains how all development should conserve and/or enhance the character of the landscape and its setting. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No

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<b>Strategic Policy SP2.2 Conserving &amp; enhancing Dartmoor's Biodiversity &amp; Geodiversity</b>	Development must result in no net loss and the Policy sets out that any proposals having adverse impacts will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances which are then set out.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change. The Policy has been amended with clarification regarding biodiversity net gain and including requirements for internationally protected sites or species this strengthening the mitigation measures provided through plan policy.</i>	No
<b>Policy 2.3 Biodiversity Net Gain</b>	The Policy explains the acceptable approach to on-site and off-site enhancements; financial contributions will only be accepted where on or off-site provision is not possible. <i>The Policy provides further clarification regarding all development should contribute to biodiversity enhancement &amp; including guidance on development size % 10% biodiversity net gain. This strengthens the mitigation measures provided through plan policy.</i>  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP2.4 Conserving Dartmoor's Moorland, Heathland &amp; Woodland</b>	The Policy sets out the requirements for proposed development in areas of conservation importance.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP2.5 Protecting Tranquility &amp; Dark Night Skies</b>	Outside classified settlements, development proposals will only be permitted when they conserve and/or enhance tranquility, including the visual & acoustic environment.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP2.6 Conserving &amp; Enhancing Heritage Assets</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for all development to conserve and/or enhance the diverse range of designated & non-designated heritage assets & their settings.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP2.7 Conservation of Historic Non-Residential Buildings in the Open Countryside</b>	Development must conserve and/or enhance the heritage significance of non-residential buildings. Detailed requirements and explanations are provided in the Policy.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 2.8 Enabling Development</b>	The Policy sets out the exceptional circumstances under which enabling development that secures a heritage asset's future but conflicts with other planning policies will be permitted.  The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No

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<b>Policy 2.9 Water Environment and Flood Risk</b>	The Policy incorporates previous policy 1.10 on flood risk and provides further clarification and guidance within the context of the wider water environment. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>3 Housing</b>		
<b>Strategic Policy SP3.1 Meeting Housing Need in Dartmoor National Park</b>	<p>The Policy makes provision over the Plan period for an indicative housing delivery of 65 homes each year across the National Park. It will do so through the identification of allocated sites, windfall sites, and Rural Exception Sites. Development of allocated sites, rural exception sites, and windfall sites of more than 5 homes will only be approved where there is a current identified affordable housing need in that area.</p> <p>The site allocations (Proposals/Policies 7.3-7.24) have been considered &amp; reported separately below.</p> <p>The Policy 3.1 itself has the potential to result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ atmospheric pollution through increased traffic that could reduce air quality;</li> <li>▪ increased levels of disturbance - recreational activity, noise and light pollution;</li> <li>▪ increased levels of abstraction; surface water run-off and sewage discharge, which could reduce water quality and change water levels; and</li> <li>▪ land take that could lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitats, and loss of species</li> </ul> <p><i>No change.</i></p>	Yes
<b>Strategic Policy SP3.2 Size &amp; Accessibility of New Housing</b>	The Policy seeks to ensure that new housing development is delivered through a mix of dwelling sizes and types that will contribute to sustainable and balanced communities. It will not in itself result in new development and therefore, no likely significant effects. <i>No change.</i>	No
	The locations and types of housing that will be permitted within classified settlements are set out in Strategic Policies 3.3-3.5, as follows:	
<b>Strategic Policy SP3.3 Housing in Local Centres</b>	The Policy guides new development in Local Centres, including requirements for developments up to 5 dwellings and developments of 6 dwellings and more. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes

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<b>Strategic Policy SP3.4 Housing in Rural Settlements</b>	The Policy provides guidance on new housing development of up to 3 dwellings and 4 dwellings or more. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Strategic Policy SP3.5 Housing in Villages &amp; Hamlets</b>	The Policy sets out guidance for new housing development of up to 3 dwellings. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 3.6 Custom &amp; Self-Build Housing</b>	The DNPA will encourage the delivery of custom and self-build housing and be proactive in exploring ways to support the duty set out in the Regulations. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 3.7 Residential Alterations, Extensions &amp; Outbuildings</b>	The Policy guides such development activities with thresholds of habitable floorspace increase for the original dwelling and requirements to reflect design principles set out in the Design Guide. It is unlikely that the limited extent of such residential alterations to existing dwellings would lead to LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 3.8 Replacement Homes</b>	The Policy provides guidance on replacement homes and as such will not lead to new development in itself, so no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 3.9 Rural Workers' Housing</b>	Criteria for acceptability of new rural workers' housing is detailed in the Policy; as new development, there is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 3.10 Residential Annexes to Support Farming</b>	The Policy (in exception to the restrictions set out in Policy 3.7) guides the development of one new residential annex on a farm holding. It is unlikely that the limited extent of such residential alterations to existing dwellings would lead to LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 3.11 Gypsy &amp; Traveller Accommodation</b>	The Policy explains how proposals for small-scale development of permanent or transit sites will be permitted where the need for such development is demonstrated. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 3.12 Low Impact Development</b>	Low impact means broadly self-sufficient in a way that has no significant environmental impacts. The Policy sets out what evidence should support proposals and explains how rigorous assessment will be required. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>4 Communities, Services &amp; Infrastructure</b>		

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<b>Strategic Policy SP4.1 Supporting Community Services &amp; Facilities</b>	The Policy seeks to protect existing community services & facilities; provision of new or extended community facilities will be supported within or adjoining classified settlements & the Policy sets out the requirements for evidence & funding. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Strategic Policy SP4.2 Supporting Public Open Space &amp; Sports Facilities</b>	The Policy resists the loss of public open space & sports facilities; provision of new or extended space/facilities will be supported in locations well-related to classified settlements. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 4.3 Enabling Sustainable Transport</b>	<i>New Policy that seeks to protect, enhance &amp; provide for more sustainable transport routes – walking, cycling &amp; sustainable transport routes. New walking &amp; cycling routes could give rise to LSEs although they can also provide mitigation measures and biodiversity gain – so some uncertainty of effects.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 4.4 Parking Standards for New Development</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for car-parking standards for residential and non-residential new development. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 4.5 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)</b>	The Policy sets out requirements with standards for EVCPs as part of all development involving off-street car parking. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 4.6 Public Car Parks</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for public car parks providing support within or adjoining classified settlements where evidence indicates need; outside classified settlements, only in exceptional circumstances. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 4.7 Signs &amp; Advertisements</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for signs & advertisements. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 4.8 Telecommunications Development</b>	Requirements for new telecommunications infrastructure are set out where need is identified. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 4.9 The Access Network</b>	The Policy explains the circumstances where development affecting the access network would only be permitted. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>5 Economy</b>		

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<b>Strategic Policy SP5.1 Non-Residential Business &amp; Tourism Development</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for business and tourism development which should be of a scale and use appropriate for its location and local highway network and will conserve and/or enhance Dartmoor's Special Qualities. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Strategic Policy SP5.2 Development Affecting Town Centres</b>	Development involving main town centre uses will be required to follow a sequential test according to certain criteria. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Strategic Policy SP5.3 Shops &amp; Other Active Uses</b>	The Policy guides development with regard to changes of use. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 5.4 Residential Business &amp; Tourist development</b>	The Policy provides requirements for new small-scale hotels and guesthouse and short-stay tourist accommodation with criteria for Local Centres/Rural Settlements and Villages/Hamlets. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 5.5 Staff Accommodation for Serviced Accommodation Businesses</b>	The Policy provides guidance with regard to proposals for staff accommodation.  There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 5.6 Camping &amp; Touring Caravan Sites</b>	The Policy guides new development for small scale camping, touring caravan and/or motorhome sites. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 5.7 Agriculture, Forestry &amp; Rural Land-Based Enterprise Development</b>	The Policy sets out the requirements for new development.  There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>Policy 5.8 Farm Diversification</b>	The Policy sets out requirements for farm diversification enterprises with criteria to guide proposals. This could include new buildings and activities so there is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 5.9 Equestrian Development</b>	The Policy sets out the requirements for new development & this could include new buildings. There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?

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<b>6 Minerals, Waste &amp; Energy</b>		
<b>Strategic Policy SP6.1 New or Extended Minerals Operations</b>	The Policy sets out that major minerals development will not be allowed other than in exceptional circumstances. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Strategic Policy SP6.2 Minimising the Impact of Minerals Operations</b>	The Policy sets out the requirements that will be necessary for new or extended mineral operations. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Strategic Policy SP6.3 Minerals Safeguarding</b>	Important mineral resources & reserves will be safeguarded from development. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs. <i>No change.</i>	No
<b>Policy 6.5 Waste Disposal &amp; Recycling Facilities</b>	New waste management facilities or disposal sites will not be permitted unless they can demonstrate significant environmental benefits for the DNP. Small-scale community-based facilities will be supported if located on a site within or adjoining the community they serve. <i>No change.</i>	Yes?
<b>Policy 6.6 Renewable Energy Development</b>	The Policy sets out how small scale renewable energy development will be permitted where it does not harm the NP's Special Qualities. <i>No change.</i>	Yes
<b>7 Towns, Villages &amp; Development Sites</b>		
<b>Policy 7.1 Settlement Boundaries &amp; Development Sites</b>	The Policy sets out the defined settlement boundaries that have been proposed. It explains that concept statements have been prepared for each allocated development site and that applicants are encouraged to recognise the benefits of pre-application advice from the Authority and engagement with the community. The Policy will not result in development in itself & therefore, no LSEs.	No
<b>Policy 7.2 Community Planning</b>	The Policy provides guidance with regard to a Parish Plan, Appraisal or Village Design Statement; it confirms that where a Neighbourhood Plan has been made, it will become part of the Development Plan. There is the potential for Neighbourhood Plans to allocate development sites, so there is the potential for LSEs.	Yes



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<b>Policies &amp; Proposals 7.3-7.24 (19 Site Proposals &amp; 3 Policies)</b>	Site Allocations at Ashburton, Buckfastleigh & Buckfast, Chagford, Horrabridge, Mary Tavy (2 Proposals carried over from previous plan), Moretonhampstead, Princetown (Policy), and Yelverton (2 Proposals & 1 Policy). There is the potential for LSEs as set out above in Policy 3.1. <i>No change.</i>	Yes