

About you

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- I am completing this form as: A resident
- If other, please specify: •
- Job title: Project manager
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- On behalf of: •
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- 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 [unclear]?: No

compliant with the duty to co-operate?:

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

We have legally binding national carbon reduction targets and are in a state of climate emergency, in England we have a target to be net zero by 2050. Policy 6.6(2) directly contradicts this national target which would prevent any large-scale renewable energy generation on Dartmoor. Further to this we have some of the best wind energy resource and sites in the country, and banning large scale renewable energy is not an effective use of land. The NPPF has a presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11), so that sustainable development is pursued in a positive way and: "c) an environmental objective – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy." This cannot be achieved by banning large scale renewable energy which will be necessary to mitigate the damaging effects of climate change on current and future generations, and on biodiversity. According to the IPCC report we have 10 years to act and make a difference to prevent some of the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, we will not be able to do this on Dartmoor and play our part in the opportunities a low carbon economy presents if we ban large scale renewable energy generation. Onshore wind and solar are the cheapest forms of energy generation we have according to the UK government , and are the technologies most able to support us to achieve net zero by 2050, but they have been singled out in policy 6.6(c) as unacceptable for Dartmoor.

Instead of banning large renewable energy projects I believe we should be taking a proactive approach, designating sites for wind and solar energy generation, particularly on the fringes of Dartmoor where community energy organisations like South Dartmoor Community Energy, and South Brent Community Energy have already set up thriving groups of local people who want to play their part in a fair low carbon future. New renewable energy developments should have strict conditions to enable community ownership so that the economic value of such developments is retained locally. I understand that by introducing this ban that DNPA is trying to protect the ‘unspoilt qualities’ of Dartmoor, but climate change is a far bigger threat to those qualities, than large scale
- What modifications do you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and/or sound?:

renewable energy (which may only be in place for 20 years). I love living on Dartmoor and care deeply about the special qualities it has, but I also care about the survival of the human race, and am shocked and disappointed to see DNPA setting such a backward and environmentally damaging policy in the Local Plan. Wouldn't it be great if DNPA saw large scale renewables as an opportunity for communities to survive and thrive in this beautiful area.

- Do you wish to participate in hearing session(s)?: Yes, I 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: Because the policy directly contradicts the NPPF and the governments Zero carbon by 2050 target and legally binding emissions reduction targets.