

ALLOCATED SITE BRIEF

7.16(2) Fairfield, South Brent

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This Site Brief is a planning advice note which accompanies the Local Plan. It does not set new or additional requirements for the site, nor does it form part of the Local Plan, but has been published alongside the Final Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) and subject to consultation.

This advice should be read alongside the Local Plan and is aimed at those seeking to deliver development on allocated sites. It summarises information relevant to the sites, setting out key considerations and our expectations of development on the allocated sites. This advice also helps residents and stakeholders understand what development will come forward.

About allocated sites and housing need in Dartmoor National Park

Dartmoor National Park Authority works proactively to support a living, working National Park whilst meeting our primary, statutory responsibility of conserving and enhancing the National Park's Special Qualities. Taking a balanced view of needs within Dartmoor's communities, we have prepared a Local Plan to guide development within the National Park's boundaries. Development sites are allocated within the Local Plan to ensure that affordable housing need is met, to give communities certainty over where development will take place, ensure the most appropriate land is used and that this land is used effectively.

Allocated sites are identified to meet community needs and should only come forward where an up to date housing needs assessment identifies a local need for affordable housing (see Strategic Policy 3.1(2)).

Applicants are encouraged to recognise the benefits of pre-application advice from the Authority, and pre-application engagement and consultation with the community (see Policy 7.1(2)).



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Site Overview & Context

Local Plan Policy:

Proposal 7.16 (2) Land at Fairfield

1. An area of land at Fairfield is allocated for residential development of around 36 homes, of which not less than 45% must be affordable housing to meet identified local needs. Development should come forward only in response to an identified affordable housing need.
2. Applications should be supported by evidence to inform an appropriate assessment (Habitats Regulations) in order to establish that development of this site will have no adverse impact on the South Hams Special Area of Conservation.

Site area:	1.03 ha.
Site description:	Level agricultural field enclosed by residential development.
Key constraints:	Landscape Connectivity Zone for South Hams Greater Horseshoe Bat SAC habitat conservation.

Delivery:	Around 36 homes.
On-site infrastructure requirements:	Pedestrian connections. On site drainage scheme.
Other key policy requirements:	10% biodiversity net gain (Strategic Policy 2.3 (2)) Minimum 10% improvement over Building Regulations Part L 2013 (Strategic Policy 1.7 (2)) Provision of electric vehicle charging points (Policy 4.5 (2)) All dwellings should meet but not significantly exceed nationally described space standards (Strategic Policy 3.2 (2)) All dwellings should meet building regulations requirement M4(2) for accessible and adaptable dwellings (Strategic Policy 3.2 (2)) Parking standards for new development (Policy 4.4(2))

Site Opportunities and Constraints

- The location is within walking distance of the primary school, shops, and recreation facilities.
- Flood zone 1.
- No landscape designations.
- Need to consider impacts on greater horseshoe bats,
- Site is enclosed by residential development to the north, south, east and west.

Application Survey and Evidence Requirements

DNPA has a Validation Guide published on its websites. Requirements specific to this site include the following (other requirements may be identified prior to submission):

- Flood Risk Assessment and full drainage details informed by a technical assessment to include percolation tests and design, taking into consideration *Sustainable Drainage Systems: Guidance for Devon* advice from Devon County Council.
- Landscape and Environmental Management Plan, including specification of lands to be retained by any management company and any planned resident service charges.
- Ecological Impact Assessment and surveys including surveys for suspected and identified species including birds, bats, and reptiles.
- Evidence of community consultation and engagement with local residents prior to finalising development proposals.
- Construction Management Plan (including Construction Ecological Management Plan).

Design Requirements

- Design must accord with Strategic Policy 1.6(2) Delivering Good Design. Proposals should be distinctive and respect the Dartmoor vernacular, responding to materials, form and public realm. Standard house types or layouts with little modification will not meet the design requirements set out in policy.
- Boundary treatments and public realm should be focused on community and pedestrians, should be sympathetic with the National Park's traditional vernacular, and where possible support biodiversity.
- Proposals will be expected to meet the National Park's policies in meeting National Minimum Space Standards and should be designed to Building Regulations Requirement M4(2) for accessible and adaptable dwellings in line with Strategic Policy 3.2(2).
- Materials and colour pallets should respect the local vernacular and make use of natural materials where practicable.
- External lighting and glazing must be compatible with Strategic Policy 2.5(2) Protecting Tranquillity and Dark Night Skies.
- In line with Local Plan Policy 1.7(2) Sustainable Construction, the engineering specification should achieve a minimum 10% improvement on Building Regulations (Part L).
- Pedestrian permeability should be maximised, including links with existing development, and protecting opportunities for any future links to adjoining land. All access points should be taken fully to the edge of ownership boundaries.

Site Specific

- Surrounding development is a mix of contemporary housebuilding; design can reflect this but should use a mix of materials and features reflecting some of the more traditional buildings in the town.

Viability and Delivery

Servicing and infrastructure costs should be straightforward though development costs will not be met by solely by affordable housing returns.

Some developer contribution for public services including education and sport/recreation may be sought.

Based on transport and travel evidence, and the details of proposals, some public transport requirements specific to the development may be sought.

Delivery Status

The site has been allocated since 2014 as SBR1.

An application for 40 dwellings has been submitted ([0346/18](#)) and the Development Management Committee have resolved to grant permission subject to conditions and a s106 to secure 14 affordable dwellings and financial contributions.