



# **Dartmoor Local Plan 2018-2036 Examination**

**Matter 2 – Vision, spatial strategy and planning applications**

## **Natural England's Written Statement to Address the Inspector's Questions**

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Issue 5 SP 1.5(2) Major development

**Q1. Would the Plan's definition of 'Major Development' accord with NPPF footnote 55, which indicates that it is a matter for the decision maker, taking account of the nature, scale and setting and whether it could have a significant adverse impact on the special qualities of the National Park?**

Natural England did not make a specific comment on the Plan's definition of major development, this policy, at the regulation 19 stage. However, the definition of major development is relevant to our comments regarding the need for sufficient landscape evidence to support allocations to demonstrate that the Plan has met the major development tests set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) para. 172. Natural England's comment on the need for such (landscape) evidence is addressed in response to Matter 9, Issue 2, Question 1.

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