



## Dartmoor National Park Authority

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Dear Jane

### **Designation of Okehampton Town and Okehampton Hamlets Neighbourhood Plan Area**

I am pleased to advise that the Dartmoor National Park Authority has approved Okehampton Town and Okehampton Parish Councils' joint proposal to designate a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. As the proposal covers two local planning authority areas, West Devon Borough Council will also write to confirm its approval of the designation of the part of the Okehampton Town and Okehampton Hamlet's Neighbourhood Area that falls outside the boundary of the National Park.

Both local planning authorities will work jointly to support the Parish Councils' preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and officers will be happy to meet with as you develop your plan. Officers will be able to offer advice on the legal requirements the plan must adhere to, consultation and engagement processes and on the national and local planning and other policies and regulations that your Neighbourhood Development Plan must conform with.

Several organisations offer useful neighbourhood planning advice and web links to guidance from some of these can be found at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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### **Weblinks**

**Planning Aid:** <http://www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk/>

**Locality:** <http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/>

**Town & Country Planning Assoc:** [http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/your\\_place\\_your\\_plan.pdf](http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/your_place_your_plan.pdf)

**Devon CommunitiesTogether** <http://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-catalyst>

**Peter Harper** Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the community.

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