

Comments on draft VISION (Feb 2019)

No mention of potential conflicts between sections of the vision – example of habitat restorations vs farming.

The vision needs to be broken down into 5 year periods indicating targets to achieve within each. Otherwise at the end of 25 years little will have changed.

There has to be a vision to build more flexibility into commons legislation to benefit natural regeneration (e.g. temporary fencing to exclude sheep but allowing public access)

The areas that are to become wilder and therefore less accessible and less palatable. What area size is being envisaged, and would it not be imperative to include commoners in this partnership decision.

How are we responding to national ambitions for increased tree cover?

Some very good points included but be clearer on timescale and what we actually want to achieve and where. Currently too ‘motherhood and apple pie’?

What will Dartmoor look like – feel like – be like, to live in?

Fantasy – reality? Incompatibilities. Compromises.

It's not a vision but a statement on what should be recognised as not change. Needs to be inspirational.

Rivers need to stand out more – they are a key part of the N.P.

Respect the moor and those that use it and work in it.

Maintaining what is special with 10% population increase over 25 years.

Space for nature, access and farming are competing parts of the vision. It has to include a statement of how they are to be reconciled.

Educating the public that the great majority of the land within the NP and its rivers is privately owned would be helpful. The NP does not seem to be keen to make this clear and a great number of visitors think the NP is public! ✓

Will drones be a problem?

Litter collection costs money – e.g. Spitchwick Common, Cadover Bridge.

Conflict of encouraging visitors v erosion and lack of respect. Yes, more education needed but an impossible challenge.

It's a bit descriptive & wordy – can you separate out description of Dartmoor & vision for it?

As far as I know, there was no management plan for the first couple of millennia. Maybe the vision for the Park is too ambitious. Maybe what we need is a management vision plan for ourselves and the way we interact with our precious environment.

Vision is far too short a period. How about 100 years? A collection of the points made, hence it covers nigh on all views. Needs analysis for what is to be enhanced and when.

In reality, it will be very hard/impossible to achieve all this in the NP because some of the ambitions may conflict. What is the most important?

Have a statement about addressing/resolving conflicts. ✓

Statement vision is way too long. ✓✓✓✓

Express the vision visually rather than just in words.

Tomorrow part needs to be bolder! ✓

Seems more like an observation than a vision 'Moor of the same'?

This isn't a vision, just a list of attributes describing a possible state for the region. Whose vision? Far too wide to guide any sort of implementation plan or management plan. Won't help motivate organisations – on the moor or off it.

Confusion between present and future tense. Takes a while to decide whether this is Future State or 'As Is'. The single line summary adds to the confusion.

Creating a landscape which benefits supports & prospers while giving enjoyment to benefit us all. Farmers, visitors, animals, plants, water etc.

Vision should be a clear and concise 'picture' of the future. It isn't.

Is this other words for rewilding.

Does the 25 vision have sufficient flex to deal with 'mitigation' the speed of change will increase over the next 25 years. Climate: Technology: Population.

Dominant sense is of conservation/preservation. Economy feels secondary yet a vibrant economy and the components that enable that is essential to ensure Dartmoor is a living place and not a museum. For example: - Broadband provision; - How do people develop skills in a changing world; - How are businesses (includes farms) supported to trade digitally; - How are businesses supported to be more innovative; - How are people supported to set up and grow businesses. What does a

'Dartmoor Economy' look like in 21st century? Yes farming and timber, but what else to ensure continuity of communities?✓

Difficult to disagree with much but a better idea of the processes to achieve the vision would allow progress to be judged.

Far too long!

Easy to describe the 'dream'.✓ Hard to deliver ✓✓✓without clear action plans, resources and power to see through. Complete agree, essential.✓.

Is it too wordy? Youth "young people etc rather vague" ✓✓✓

And how are these diverse views going to be reconciled?