

COMMENT FORM

Final Draft Local Plan Consultation: 16 September – 1 November 2019

Your comments will help us and the Inspector to identify any issues with the Plan relating to soundness, legal compliance and compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, and any changes to the Plan which may therefore be needed prior to adoption. Please carefully read the [accompanying guidance](#) before answering the following questions.

Responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 1st November 2019 for your comments to be taken into account. View the Dartmoor Local Plan (2018-2036) Final Draft at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview,

PART A - About You

Personal details

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I am completing this form as (choose one)	A resident	<input type="checkbox"/>	An agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Town / Parish Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A business	<input type="checkbox"/>	A visitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	A statutory agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other								
Job title (where relevant)	Principal Planner							
Organisation (where relevant)	Bell Cornwell							
On behalf of (where relevant)	Moorhaven Ltd							
Did you submit comments on the Regulation 18 (First Draft) Local Plan?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	No	<input type="checkbox"/>			

* Required field

Data Protection Act 2018

Your personal data will be securely held by Dartmoor National Park Authority for the purpose of assisting with the Local Plan Review process. To ensure an effective and fair examination, it is important that the Inspector and all other participants in the examination process are able to know who has commented on the plan. For the purposes of the examination, we will share your personal details and representation with the Inspector appointed, and publish your name and representations as part of a report on our website. For more information please refer to our [Forward Planning Privacy Notice](#).

Tick the box below if you would like to be added to our Local Plan consultee database and kept up to date with the Local Plan Review process and other planning policy matters.

I would like to be added to the Local Plan consultee list

PART B - Your Comment

Please carefully read the [accompanying guidance](#) before answering the following questions.

Your comments should relate to specific areas of the plan, so please tell us the policy or paragraph number that your comment relates to. If there are areas which you believe not to be sound or legally compliant, please tell us why, and what changes you deem necessary, sharing any evidence you have to support your proposed changes.

If this is a report or any other document which cannot be shared via this form then you can email it to us at forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk.

1. Please tell us which paragraph or policy your comment relates to

Paragraph (enter number, e.g. 4.5.1)	
Policy (enter number, e.g. 4.5)	Policy 7.1 (2)
Policies Map	

2. Please carefully read the accompanying guidance and tell us if you consider the Local Plan to be:

	Yes	No
i) Legally compliant		
ii) Sound		X
iii) Compliant with the Duty to co-operate		

3. Please tell us why you have answered **yes** and / or **no** to the question above.

Fully explain your reasoning and try to be as precise as possible.

Policy 7.1 and specifically the settlement boundary drawn for Bittaford is not correct because land has been excluded which should be included when the methodology for identifying settlement boundaries (set out in the Vision and Spatial Strategy Topic Paper – page 28) is taken into account. As such it is not justified and sound, and should be amended.

The piece of land we are concerned about is indicated on the plan submitted with this representation form – extent of land indicated by red line. This land was shown to be within the settlement boundary of the draft version of the plan (December 2018) therefore we do not understand why they have been removed at this stage. Whilst this is in equestrian use, which should normally be excluded according to the methodology, it does:

- comprise an outdoor riding arena/manege and horse exercise circle;
- form part of the curtilage of a property; and
- sit between residential properties to the immediate south and four residential properties to the immediate north.

As such, this parcel of land is not truly untouched/greenfield, and clearly falls within and forms part of the settlement (i.e. it is not land on the edge of the settlement that extends into the open countryside).

The settlement boundary for Bittaford would be more justified and appropriate if this land and the four residential properties to the north were included.

Please see the enclosed aerial plan indicating the above point. The aerial plan shows the land that is already included in the settlement boundary with a blue line and the land that should be included in the settlement boundary with a red line.

This amendment would be consistent with how the boundary is drawn around the rest of Bittaford (and other settlements within Dartmoor).

4. If you do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound, please tell us what change(s) (or 'modifications') you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and/or sound, and **why** these changes will make the Local Plan legally compliant and / or sound.

To make the settlement boundary for Bittaford sound, it should be amended to re-include this parcel of land along with the residential properties to the north that enclose it and make it part of the settlement. With this land included the settlement boundary would then be appropriately drawn and therefore justified. Please see the aerial plan submitted indicating the land that should be included.

Please note: where changes to the Local Plan are proposed, your comments should provide concisely all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your suggested changes. You may not have a further opportunity to submit this evidence.

5. If your representation seeks a change to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)
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6. If you answered **yes** to the hearing session(s), please tell us why you consider this to be necessary.

To be able to elaborate on the comments made as required/necessary.

Thank you for sharing your comments on the final draft Local Plan for Dartmoor. If you have more comments to share, please complete parts C-F below.

Following this consultation, the final draft Plan along with all comments made will be submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector. The Inspector will consider whether the plan complies with the relevant legal requirements and whether it is sound (see guidance). Keep up to date on our progress by [signing up to our Local Plan consultee list](#), and following us on Twitter [@DartmoorPlan](#) and Facebook [/DartmoorPlan](#)

If you require help, or would like to receive this form in an alternative format, please contact the Forward Planning team:

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