

Dartmoor Local Plan 2018-2036 (the Local Plan/the Plan) Examination
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Inspector Note 2

Proposed schedules of main, additional and policy map modifications

Thank you for the Authority's response to my Initial Questions (Inspector Note 1). In the main, those responses will be dealt with in my MIQs and through the Examination process.

In respect of the proposed schedules of main modifications and policy map changes, (dated 16 December 2020), I have no comment at this stage.

A revised schedule of additional modifications (AMs) is also provided (again dated 16 December 2021). Section 23(3)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, indicates that an AM is a modification that does not materially affect the plan's policies.

There is no further explanation in national policy or guidance of what might reasonably be categorised as an AM. However, it is generally accepted that this includes the correction of typos and the updating of document titles, dates and the like. It is also possible that the addition of contextual material could fall into this category. However, any change that directly affects a plan policy or affects how it would be applied will almost certainly not be an AM. In light of the above, I consider that suggested AMs set out in the table below, which are included in the revised schedule, should be dealt with as main modifications. This is because all could affect the implementation of policy for the reasons given. In this respect, it is always better to err on the side of caution.

Suggested AM	Inspector's Comment
AM02	Changes the sense of the sentence
AM05	Adds additional principle
AM07	Expands list of direct and indirect impacts
AM08	Extends impacts of artificial light to all fauna
AM10	Extends priority habitats to include ancient trees
AM12	Reduces circumstances in which financial contributions would be considered acceptable

AM14	Sets out the role of functioning peatlands in assisting in climate change adaptation
AM18	Adds to considerations for identifying suitable sites for gypsy and traveller accommodation
AM19	Changes the sense of the sentence (regardless of subsequent sentence)
AM20	Changes the sense of the sentence

I would be grateful if the Authority could update the relevant schedules accordingly.

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Inspector appointed to examine the Dartmoor Local Plan 2018-2036

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