

What is the Dartmoor Local Plan?

The Local Plan sets out what type of development is and isn't acceptable in the National Park. The Local Plan is our first consideration when we make a decision on a planning application and its policies are likely to affect you, your community, the businesses you use and land in your area.



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The Local Plan Review

The Local Plan must be kept up to date. A lot has changed since we adopted our current Local Plan and we are now going through the process of reviewing it.

The First Draft Consultation

9 weeks of consultation

8 events attended by 260+ people

917 comments from 160 people and organisations

Thank you to everyone who got involved in our first draft Dartmoor Local Plan consultation, which ran for 9 weeks until early February.

As part of this consultation, we met more than 260 people across 8 events, a great turnout that included members of the public, councillors, professionals, organisations and businesses. All in all, we received 917 responses from 160 people and organisations. We are now working through all of these comments before publishing a revised draft of the Dartmoor Local Plan in September 2019.

In the meantime, you can view a <u>summary</u> <u>of responses</u> to the first draft consultation on our <u>Local Plan Review</u> web page. This document provides an overview of the responses and it may not be possible to see individual comments. You will be able to see how/whether your comments have led to changes in the Plan when we publish the revised draft in September.

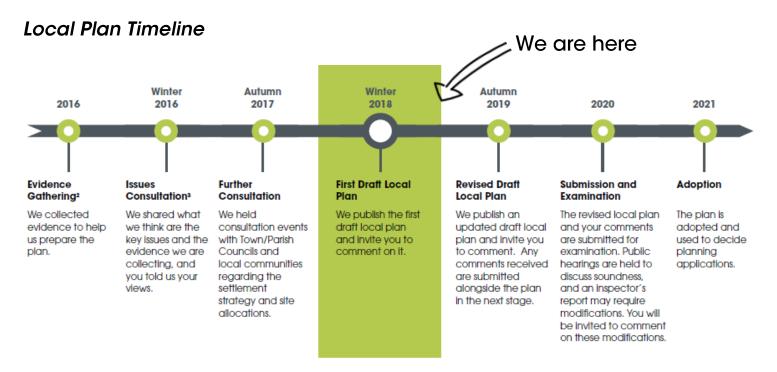
Local Plan Review: What's next?

We have logged all of the comments submitted during the first draft consultation, and are now working through them and making the necessary amendments to the draft Local Plan.

We are aiming to publish a revised draft of the Dartmoor Local Plan in September, as part of a further period of consultation. The exact dates of this consultation and details of events will be published in the summer.

Provided the revised draft consultation does not present any major obstacles, we hope to submit the revised draft Local Plan in early 2020, along with all the comments received during the revised draft consultation. An Inspector will then be appointed to examine whether the Local Plan is 'sound'; you can find out more about what this means in the <u>National Planning Policy Framework</u>. The length of an examination period varies, but we expect to have adopted the new Dartmoor Local Plan by 2021.

Importantly, the adopted Local Plan is still used to decide planning applications. After we have completed the consultation on the revised draft of the new Local Plan some policies may begin to carry some weight in decision making, meaning we can start to them into account when applications are decided. We will advise if this is the case later in the year.



Quick links

<u>Summary of the First Draft Consultation</u>

First draft Dartmoor Local Plan

<u>Background evidence and research</u> <u>Evidence 'quick guide'</u>

Find out more

We publish as much information as we can on our website: <u>dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview</u>.

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