

**DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
DAILY PARTICIPANTS AND AGENDA**

Week 2, Day 4: Tuesday 9 March 2021 – 9:30 am

Matter 5 - Communities, services and infrastructure

Participants

For Dartmoor National Park Authority

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Agenda

Inspector's opening announcements

Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified effective and consistent with national policy in relation to its approach to communities, services and infrastructure.

Issue 2 SP 4.2(2) Public open space and sports facilities

- Q1. Does the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study¹ that supports this policy provide a robust and up to date assessment of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision, in accordance with NPPF paragraph 96?
- Q2. Does the policy provide a framework that positively encourages participation in recreational activities and the wider community use of community facilities such as school playing fields? If not, should it for soundness purposes?
- Q3. Would the evidence required to identify existing shortfalls in open space and sports facilities provide a robust evidence base for assessing any provision required through new development, including in relation to playing pitches?

¹ SD141

Issue 3 Policies 4.3(2) Sustainable transport, 4.4(2) Parking standards, 4.5(2) Electric vehicle charging points and 4.6(2) Public car parks

- Q1. In setting the requirements for new development, should the Plan actively encourage rail reinstatement? Would the approach taken in the Plan meet the requirements of NPPF paragraph 102-104?
- Q2. What factors were taken into account in setting the car parking standards? Would the use of a minimum parking standard be justified in light of the need to promote sustainable forms of transport? Is there clear and compelling justification for a maximum standard for non-residential development and overall, would the car parking standards accord with NPPF paragraphs 105-106? Is a modification required, to ensure that Policy 4.3(2) is sound, in light of the recent changes to the Use Classes Order (UCO)?
- Q3. Would the requirement for electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs) be justified by the evidence, particularly the requirements for new dwelling communal parking, non-residential commercial development and the focus on off-street provision only? Would any grid upgrade be required and has it been viability tested? In setting policies and targets outside the Building Regulations, would this policy accord with national policy and be justified?
- Q4. Would these policies, when taken together, provide a justified and effective approach to transport and associated infrastructure matters?

Inspector's closing remarks