



DARTMOOR LOCAL PLAN

guiding planning applications in Dartmoor National Park

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan includes policies which set 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. It covers a range of topics, such as new houses, extensions, listed buildings, wildlife, agricultural buildings, business units, and quarries.



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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.

What stage have we reached?

We completed an Issues Consultation in winter 2016/17. The aim of this was to identify all of the things you thought the Plan should cover, and the main changes needed. You can find a report of this consultation [here](#).

Evidence must form the foundation of the policies in the Plan, but we recognise there is a lot of it, and it can be long and technical. We have written a '[quick guide](#)' to signpost you to the evidence we will be publishing, and summarise what it will do.

We welcome feedback on the reports and evidence we have published so far. This is not formal consultation, but you are welcome to send us your thoughts and we will take those on board. At this point we have published:

- [Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Sensitivity Assessment](#)
- [A Topic Paper on the Historic Environment](#)
- [A Topic Paper on Design and the Built Environment](#)
- [A Topic Paper on the Natural Environment](#)
- [Environmental Report – Scoping](#)
- [Land Availability Assessment Report](#)
- [A Topic Paper on Minerals and Waste Development](#)

What about new development sites in towns and villages?

The new local plan will include land for future housing or employment, to meet the needs of communities in the National Park. The [Land Availability Assessment](#) has now been completed. This gives us a long list of sites which in technical terms **could** be developed. We are now starting to talk with communities about which of these sites in your area **should** be developed. We have written a [‘housing sites quick guide’](#) to help explain this process. Through the autumn we will be attending the following evening meetings with Parish and Town Councils, and encourage you to come along. Please see our website, your parish/town council’s website or social media for more details.

Moretonhampstead	Moretonhampstead Parish Hall 17 October at 7pm
Buckfastleigh	Buckfastleigh Town Hall 1 November at 7pm
South Brent	Old School Centre 13 November at 7.30pm
Ashburton	Ashburton Town Hall 14 November at 7.45pm
Yelverton	Clearbrook Village Hall 21 November at 7.30pm
Princetown	Princetown Community Centre 23 November at 7.30pm
Chagford	Endecott House 27 November at 7.30pm
Horrabridge	Horrabridge Village Hall 28 November at 7.30pm

When will we publish a draft Local Plan?

There is a lot of work still to do to reach that point, and currently Government is consulting on national planning policy changes, which could affect what we need to do. Nevertheless we hope to publish a draft Plan for consultation in **Summer 2018**. When it is published there will be at least 6 weeks for you to comment on the draft Plan. You can find out more about what we will be working on between now and then.

How do I find out more?

We are aiming to publish as much information as we can on our website for you to see. We will keep you informed of progress, and opportunities to get involved through newsletters, and our web site.

www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplan



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