





Representations Statement


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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Exmoor National Park Authority is required to prepare a Representations Statement to accompany the submission of the Exmoor National Park Local Plan 2011-2031 to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 [regulation 22(1)(c)].
- 1.2 This statement complements the following documents:
 - LDF Stakeholder Consultation Report (2009) – scoping issues and options
 - Overall ‘Your Future Exmoor’ Feedback Report (2010) –Issues & Options
 - Local Plan: Vision, Objectives, General Policies & Options Consultation Report (2012)
 - Draft Local Plan: Schedule of Representations (2013)
 - Consultation Statement – Publication Draft Local Plan (June 2015)These documents together with this Representations Statement demonstrate that Exmoor National Park Authority is compliant with the requirements set out in the Statement of Community Involvement and local plan regulations.

2 Purpose of the Document

- 2.1 The purpose of this document is to set out a statement of how the Authority has involved the local community, stakeholders and statutory bodies in the development of the Exmoor National Park Local Plan.
- 2.2 This statement explains how consultation has been carried out at key stages in the preparation of the Local Plan, which methods of communication were used and how the responses received have influenced the preparation of the Local Plan. The statement will address the following requirements:
 - The organisations and individuals who were invited to make representations,
 - How they were invited to make representations,
 - A summary of the main issues raised as a result of the consultation, and
 - How those main issues have been addressed in the Local Plan.
- 2.3 The Representations Statement will also summarise key issues raised in relation to the stages of engagement and consultation through to the Publication Draft consultation (June-July 2015). This will help to demonstrate how these matters have been considered by the Authority and accounted for; illustrating that the consultation process has positively influenced the Local Plan.

Compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 2.4 The Authority's first SCI was adopted in August 2006; setting out the minimum requirements the Authority must carry out when consulting at each stage of the preparation of the Local Plan and on any other planning matters.
- 2.5 A communications strategy was produced to set out how the Publication Draft Local Plan consultation would be managed and publicised; focussing on outcomes, key messages, audiences, communication channels and timescales. The strategy was developed using the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (March 2015). The preparation of the Local Plan had previously been informed by the SCI adopted in 2006.
- 2.6 The Exmoor National Park Draft Statement of Community Involvement was also made available for consultation in parallel with the Publication Draft Local Plan. Only two consultation comments directly responded to the draft SCI and on balance it was considered that no changes were required in response to these comments. Some minor changes were made to clarify the definition of major development in the context of paragraph 116 of the NPPF and the Development Procedure Order 2010; with additional explanation regarding the Equality Act 2010. The SCI was formally adopted by the Authority on 3rd November 2015 and published on the Authority's website.¹
- 2.7 It is considered that the preparation of the Local Plan and the arrangements put in place to engage the community and other stakeholders during this process, complied with the requirements set out in the adopted 2006 SCI and the draft 2015 SCI – see section 3 for further details.
- 2.8 The Local Plan Consultation Database maintains a record of all consultees and respondents to the Local Plan. This data is maintained having regard to the Data Protection Act 1998, some people request their information to be included on the database, whilst other specific and general consultation bodies are directly contacted as a requirement of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.9 Periodically, and at each stage of consultation, the Local Plan Consultation Database is reviewed and updated to ensure that specific and general consultation bodies, and those who have requested to be informed of key stages of plan preparation, are notified.

¹ <http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-local-plan/statement-of-community-involvement>

3 Exmoor National Park Local Plan – Engagement and Consultation

- 3.1 Following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, changes to the planning system were introduced in March 2012 with the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The previous system of the Local Development Framework (LDF) was replaced with a Local Plan and the Publication Draft Local Plan reflects this; however references to the LDF and Core Strategy & Development Management Policies DPD will appear in this Representations Statement as these were the correct titles at the time.
- 3.2 Tables 3.1 and 3.2 set out the consultation and engagement strategies employed by the Authority throughout the preparation of the Local Plan; consistent with the adopted and draft SCI's.

TABLE 3.1 LOCAL PLAN ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

STAGE	DETAILS
SCOPING ISSUES AND OPTIONS December 2008 – January 2009	<p>Three stakeholder workshops were held to scope key issues and options as an important component of preparing for the Core Strategy & Development Management Policies DPD.</p> <p>A questionnaire was also sent to those stakeholders unable to attend the workshops.</p>
ISSUES AND OPTIONS (YOUR FUTURE EXMOOR) July 2009 – December 2010	<p>Extensive community and stakeholder engagement took place over a period of 18 months, to enable local communities, young people, individuals and representatives of other bodies/organisations to participate in shaping the Local Plan for Exmoor National Park.</p> <p><u>July 2009 – February 2010: youth consultations</u> Working with children at the First, Middle and Primary Schools within the National Park and nearby colleges to gather the views of young people on how they would like to see Exmoor evolve in the future.</p> <p><u>January – March 2010: community events</u> 21 Your Future Exmoor events held in each of the parishes with towns and villages in the National Park. The events were tailored to individual parishes and designed to be interactive and gather views on the matters and issues important to the local community. Two versions of feedback reports were produced for each of the events. A full copy of all the results and comments was sent to the Parish and Town Councils and summary reports were made available to the local community in local services such as shops and pubs.</p> <p><u>March 2010: stakeholder event</u></p>

STAGE	DETAILS
	<p>Your Future Exmoor stakeholder event, based on the community events, for representatives of statutory bodies, organisations and businesses.</p> <p><u>October 2009 – June 2010: visitor survey</u> The survey ran from October 2009-January 2010 and was re-launched in May 2010 with a closing date of 11th June 2010.</p> <p><u>November 2009 – January 2010: resident questionnaire</u> This questionnaire formed a part of the community consultation process, (Your Future Exmoor), and took place in the early development stages of the Core Strategy for Exmoor as part of the LDF. The questionnaire was included within the Exmoor National Park Authority November 2009 edition of Parklife community newspaper.</p> <p><u>November – December 2010: Topic Group Meetings</u> Group discussions were held with individuals and members of organisations to discuss specific issues relating to housing, climate change, recreation and tourism in greater detail.</p>
<p>VISION, OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL POLICIES – LOCAL PLAN OPTIONS FOR HOUSING AND THE SPATIAL STRATEGY November 2011 – January 2012</p>	<p>A consultation on the emerging Local Plan was held in parallel with the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2012-2017 – both documents having a shared vision and objectives.</p> <p>The following aspects of the Local Plan were consulted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Vision & Objectives ▪ General Policies (overarching strategic policies) ▪ Options for the location of new development and the delivery of affordable housing
<p>DRAFT LOCAL PLAN November – December 2013</p>	<p>The outcomes of previous consultation and engagement, together with a Sustainability Appraisal, informed the preparation of the Draft Exmoor National Park Local Plan (including minerals and waste policies). Appendix 1 lists those organisations and individuals notified of the consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation took place over a 6 week period - this was widely publicised and the Local Plan was available for inspection at a number of locations within and around the National Park (West Somerset and North Devon Council receptions, Exmoor House reception, National Park Centres and local libraries). ▪ Full copies of the Draft Local Plan and CDs were sent to Town and Parish Councils in the National Park. ▪ Leaflets and posters were sent for display to local businesses within Exmoor communities, and leaflets were also sent to schools within the National Park.

STAGE	DETAILS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four events were held with Town & Parish Councillors across the National Park and attendance at the Parish & Consultative Forum. ▪ A press release was issued to local newspapers and a short article sent to parish magazines. ▪ A feature was included in the November edition of Authority's Parklife newspaper - delivered to all households within the National Park and some surrounding areas. ▪ A summary booklet (A5 format) of the Draft Local Plan provided a précis of the policies within the Plan and was well received as a plain English guide to the Local Plan.
<p>PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN (Pre-Submission) June – July 2015</p>	<p>The Publication Draft Local Plan and accompanying documents were published under Regulation 19 for a 7 week period from 15 June to 31 July 2015. ² Appendix 2 lists those organisations and individuals who were notified of the consultation.</p> <p>Consultation arrangements were set out in a Communications Strategy for the Publication Stage of the Exmoor National Park Local Plan focussing on the wide range of key audiences as set out in the 2006 SCI and draft 2015 SCI. The summary of the communication strategy is set out below in Table 3.2. The communications outcomes regarding what we want people to know/feel/do were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To understand the Local Plan and what it aims to do ▪ To be informed about the consultation and why they should respond ▪ To understand the relevance of the Local Plan to them ▪ To understand how to respond
<p>SUBMISSION April 2016</p>	<p>The Local Plan (including minerals and waste policies) will be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside representations received in response to the pre-submission consultation.</p>
<p>EXAMINATION Summer/Autumn 2016³</p>	<p>The examination will be held by an independent Planning Inspector who will consider whether the plan is “sound” and legally compliant. Persons who comment on the Publication Draft Local Plan may be invited to appear at the examination.</p>
<p>INSPECTOR'S REPORT Winter 2016/17⁴</p>	<p>The Planning Inspector will produce a report for the National Park Authority which will be published as soon as practicable.</p>
<p>ADOPTION Spring 2017⁵</p>	<p>The Authority will formally adopt the Local Plan as its development plan following receipt of the Inspector's Report.</p>

² Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

³ Indicative dates – timing dependent on Planning Inspectorate availability

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⁵ Indicative dates – timing dependent on the outcome of consultation and public examination

TABLE 3.2 PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Key communications messages	Key audiences	Key communication channels / activities
<p>The Local Plan is important as it will guide development in the National Park to 2031.</p> <p>The Local Plan has four main priorities and seeks to address the social and economic needs of Exmoor’s communities whilst conserving and enhancing Exmoor’s high quality environment and promoting understanding and enjoyment.</p> <p>You can view the consultation documents via the ENPA website and at key locations within and surrounding the National Park.</p> <p>The consultation runs from mid-June to end of July 2015 and you can respond online, via email or by post.</p>	<p>Local authorities (District and County Councils)</p> <p>Parish / Town Councils</p> <p>Statutory agencies and other public bodies</p> <p>Local Enterprise Partnership</p> <p>Local Nature Partnership</p> <p>Residents</p> <p>Businesses</p> <p>Landowners and developers</p> <p>Housing providers</p> <p>Voluntary sector</p> <p>Exmoor-wide Partnerships</p> <p>Visitors, National Park users and national stakeholders.</p>	<p><u>Publicity</u>: articles in Parklife; Parish newsletters; Press releases</p> <p><u>Meetings</u>: Authority meetings; Exmoor Parish & Consultative Forum; Dunster Panel; Exmoor Panel; Lynton & Lynmouth. Duty to Co-operate meetings.</p> <p><u>Website</u>: Copies of consultation documents and supporting documentation; online questionnaire.</p> <p><u>Social media</u>: Twitter and Facebook</p> <p><u>Deposit points</u>: Copies of the consultation documents will be available at statutory deposit points (ENPA offices, District Council offices, NP Visitor Centres) and local libraries. Summary documents at other National Park information points (<i>local shops/pubs etc.</i>). Copies will also be sent to Parish / Town Councils.</p> <p><u>On an individual basis</u>: notification of the statutory & general consultation bodies, & consultation register</p> <p><u>Briefings</u>: briefing session for new Authority members and written briefing for all members.</p>

4 Local Plan Preparation

4.1 This section focuses on the key stages of the Local Plan and how it has been informed by a series of community and stakeholder engagement consultations and workshops.

Scoping Issues & Options 2008/09

4.2 From November 2008 to January 2009, a series of three workshops were held with stakeholders to scope a range of key issues and options to address them. Themed topic papers were produced to help inform the stakeholders, and a questionnaire was included as part of the engagement process.

- Economy and Employment: greater flexibility needed in relation to business development and farm diversification, with options for rural work hubs, shared workspaces and live work units also raised. Accessibility, particularly in relation to the development of communications infrastructure, was considered to be significant for Exmoor's economy.
- Housing: The importance of delivering affordable housing to meet the needs of local communities was generally supported with suggestions for bringing sites forward, having more flexible policies for delivery (including issues of viability for conversion schemes), and flexibility in relation to the local connection cascade. Concern over the level of second/holiday homes was also raised.
- Climate Change, Waste Management and Pollution: General support for the use of more renewable energy (RE) and achievement of a carbon neutral National Park, with some concern over visual impacts of some RE structures. The creation and restoration of carbon sinks and use of sustainable building materials were also supported. Minimising light pollution through sensitive design and energy efficient lighting was also discussed.
- Historic & Built Environment and Minerals: Consensus over the need to protect the historic environment, with the design of new development considered to be one of the key issues to be addressed to ensure that designs could be high quality, innovative and locally distinctive. Action to reduce visual clutter (signs, overhead lines) within conservation areas and to achieve a sympathetic approach to mitigating and adapting historic buildings to the effects of climate change. Generally, small scale working for the extraction of building stone for use within the National Park was supported.
- Landscape, Wildlife and Land Management: General consensus over the need to protect and enhance the natural environment, with tranquillity and landscape character highlighted as important components. Landscape Character Assessments were regarded as a useful tool to conserve and enhance the landscape and the coast. Particular issues were raised in relation to intrusive structures/features in the landscape associated with telecommunications, renewable energy, game-shooting, equestrian activities

and signage. Habitat restoration, creation and linkages were considered to be important to help wildlife adapt to climate change.

- **Settlements and Services:** the key aim was sustainable communities; linking affordable housing to jobs and recognising links to surrounding towns outside the National Park. There was some discussion regarding the spatial strategy and most supported the existing settlement hierarchy but also recognising that settlements were part of a network of communities. The safeguarding of services and facilities was considered to be important to local communities.
- **Transport and Infrastructure:** The key issue was accessibility to services by the elderly and those with no private means of transport. Accessibility to sustainable modes of transport should be improved where feasible but recognise the importance of the need to travel by car in such a sparsely populated area. Improved parking provision in some areas was also important. The need for broadband was essential for people to access services.
- **Recreation and Tourism:** The high quality environment was recognised as an important draw for visitors and the tourism industry, with a need to enhance outdoor recreational facilities; although indoor facilities were also mentioned. There was general agreement that adverse impacts from game-shooting and equestrian activities should be avoided.

4.3 This process was used together with emerging evidence, to help inform the development of issues and options around a series of key themes.

Your Future Exmoor Issues & Options – Community & Stakeholder Events 2009 – 2010

SCHOOL & COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

- 4.4 Workshops were held with schools within and adjoining the National Park and colleges in Minehead, Ilfracombe and Barnstaple. These were tailored according to the age groups of the classes.
- 4.5 The younger children showed an interest in their local communities and highlighted particular issues, places they liked and what they would like to see in the future. Common themes that they were in favour of were the natural environment, local services and facilities including recreational space. Traffic, and buildings/structures in need of repair were issues raised with other factors such as litter and overgrown areas also highlighted.
- 4.6 Older students gave feedback on specific themes and highlighted a number of issues such as:
- Protection of landscape and wildlife
 - Changes in land management
 - Support for renewable energy
 - Minimising energy/resource use, including reuse of existing buildings
 - Encouraging adaptive design and sustainable construction for new buildings

- Flexible policies for new business development such as home working
- Prioritising more affordable homes, and homes/residential care for older people

QUESTIONNAIRES

4.7 Questionnaires for residents and visitors to the National Park were included within the ParkLife and Exmoor Visitor publications produced by the National Park Authority.

KEY FINDINGS FOR VISITORS (197 RESPONSES):

- Majority are short stay visitors (less than 7 nights), with self-catering accommodation the most popular type of accommodation used – the majority staying in the larger centres of Dulverton, Lynton & Lynmouth and Porlock, and travelling by private car.
- Most enjoyed a range of activities including: enjoying the landscape, walking, exploring villages, eating out and wildlife watching.
- Improved public transport and parking were issues raised.
- Generally most thought there were about the right level of visitor facilities and opportunities for recreational activities. However, more public conveniences and petrol stations were needed.
- Local services such as shops, post offices and banks were used by visitors, and were seen as particularly important services to support including emergency services and healthcare centres.
- New business and housing development should be directed to larger and smaller settlements within the National Park.
- Local affordable homes were the most supported type of new housing delivered through a range of options including new build and conversions – including with some market housing cross subsidy.
- All the special qualities of the National Park were supported in terms of contributing to the enjoyment of Exmoor, with the experience of tranquillity a particularly valued aspect.
- Structures and developments such as caravan sites, telecommunication masts, wind turbines and overhead lines were the most significant detractors.

KEY FINDINGS FOR RESIDENTS:

4.8 The residents' survey was only based on a low response rate of 34 questionnaires which gave a range of disparate views. However this has formed a component of the Your Future Exmoor consultation programme during 2009/10; with the responses generally in conformity with the outcomes of the community consultation events (see below).

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENTS

4.9 21 community consultation events were held during the period January – March 2010. A range of issues and options were developed for both strategic and development management policies to enable local communities to engage in the planning process; with almost 1,000 people attending the events.

4.10 The issues and options were developed around seven themes – a summary of the key findings are set out below:

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Conserving and enhancing Exmoor’s wildlife and landscape, particularly the coast, were supported. In terms of man-made infrastructure, many people thought there were too many overhead wires and pylons/poles, however were generally happy to see more mobile phone masts. There were conflicting views regarding wind turbines throughout the consultation (see climate change theme).
- General support for minimising light pollution and improving tranquillity.

CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Support for the conservation of historic assets.
- Many supported opportunities to enhance settlements, although there was reservation in relation to increasing protection within conservation areas.
- Allowing a modern interpretation of traditional Exmoor design using natural sustainable materials, and sustainable construction methods was supported.
- Agreement with the opening of new or derelict small scale quarries for the extraction of local building stone for use within the National Park.

CLIMATE CHANGE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- General support for achieving a carbon neutral National Park through encouraging sustainable construction methods, carbon sinks, reducing the need to travel, and renewable energy technologies which do not adversely impact on the National Park.
- Renewable energy technologies at a micro scale were supported for individual buildings, farms and small communities.
- Support for reducing and recycling waste and reusing materials. Storage for waste recycling was important in the design of individual buildings.

SETTLEMENTS

- Most agreed with treating all identified settlements equally, rather than a settlement hierarchy – allowing development where there are a range of services and transport links.
- The safeguarding of community services and facilities was important to local communities and the use of the internet to also access services was also popular.
- Demand for allotments was noted in particular communities, and developer contributions to public green space was supported.

HOUSING

- The priority for new housing was the provision of affordable housing for local people, with a 10 year local connection or need to live close to a place of work in the National Park, or provide care for elderly or disabled relatives.
- Homes should be constructed so they can be adapted to a households needs over their lifetime. The use of existing buildings as annexes to a main dwelling to be occupied by relatives was also supported.
- Support for options to allow more sustainable and self-sufficient lifestyles through low-impact land based communities.

ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT

- Support for improving employment opportunities and encouraging a greater variety of businesses, particularly skilled/highly paid work. Options to provide opportunities for farm diversification, the self-employed and home based businesses/enterprises were also supported.
- Most agreed with design standards for new farm buildings.
- Increasing tourism's contribution to the economy was particularly important, with flexibility for new self-catering accommodation, and allowing for the conversion of existing buildings to hotels/guesthouses. Specific support was received to provide for staff accommodation and recreation facilities to promote the quiet enjoyment of Exmoor.

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support received for sustainable modes of transport, encouraging linkages between rights of way, and provision of pedestrian/cycle routes in new developments.
- Minimising signage, reducing congestion, speed and parking provision in settlements were supported.
- Undergrounding of new electricity/communication cabling was important to local communities, and ensuring well-designed telecommunication masts.
- Overwhelming support for improved connectivity through access to broadband and mobile phone coverage.
- General support for the reinstatement of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION EVENT

- 4.11 The stakeholder consultation event was held on 25th March 2010, with representatives from 35 organisations and businesses. The event was based around the same themes as the community events. There were generally similar outcomes to the community events, however there were some variations relating to housing including:
- Favouring a lower local connection for affordable housing (5-9 years) rather than 10 years supported by local communities, and widening the area to anywhere in the National Park rather than a specific parish or grouping of parishes.

- Making use of long term empty homes.

TOPIC MEETINGS

4.12 Topic meetings for the key themes around housing, climate change, and recreation and tourism were held in November 2010 and hosted by an independent facilitator. These events provided an opportunity to enable further in-depth discussion on certain issues in order to develop strategic options for certain issues and preferred approaches for some policy themes. A brief summary of the main findings are set out below.

HOUSING & SETTLEMENTS

- Flexibility needed in the Plan to address the 20 year plan period to be able to respond to the needs of communities – taking account of viability, potential for cross subsidy from market housing, and securing developer contributions for affordable housing.
- Different methods of delivery including live-work units, low-impact sustainable communities, self-build, and community land trusts.
- Should be a policy for a second home on farms.
- Need to ensure economic development is linked to housing provision.
- Widen the number of settlements where new affordable housing can be built – recognise that communities are also built around active social networks not just the services and facilities present.
- Addressing the issue of homes with no usual residents – empty/second/holiday homes. Flexibility to allow holiday lets to change occupancy conditions to local affordable housing and back to holiday lets.
- Making best use of existing buildings and housing stock.
- Housing needs of an ageing population – adaptable homes/lifetime homes.
- Home-based businesses and need for improved broadband infrastructure.
- New Homes Bonus may provide further opportunities.
- Potential solutions for a ‘key worker’ in terms of a local connection for affordable housing.

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Need to consider the impacts of renewable energy technologies on the National Park’s natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage and special qualities.
- Wind turbines – issues of scale and visual impact – identify areas where turbines would be more or less acceptable. Landscape Character Assessments are useful tools.
- Micro-hydro schemes work well – well established technology with the potential to restore old infrastructure including watermills.
- Solar PV should be for individual/business/community benefit – not commercial scale.
- Woodfuel should be promoted as virtually carbon neutral.
- The Carbon Neutral Programme was discussed with potential issues regarding renewable energy performance and impacts of sustainable land management.

TOURISM

- Needs to be a diversity of visitor accommodation provision – high quality, affordable and accessible – which can adapt to market trends. Examples such as camping barns and hostels.
- Recognition that the high quality environment of the National Park is the key visitor draw and experience of tranquillity.
- Change of use of hotels: small hotels/guesthouses which were formerly dwellings should be able to revert to a dwelling, viability test for larger hotels and consider alternative uses including partial changes of use. A need to be able to distinguish between smaller hotels and larger more commercial premises.
- Flexible approach for dwellings changing use to guesthouses, so they are able to revert to a dwelling – ensure necessary safeguards are in place).
- Widen opportunities for holiday lets.
- Opportunities for increased tourism are aligned with events and recreation activities. Need for family activities and attractions.

RECREATION

- A need for a flexible approach that provides certainty to ensure that the National Park can be enjoyed whilst safeguarding the special qualities of the National Park, including the experience of tranquillity.
- Opportunities to promote a high quality experience including promoting health and wellbeing for visitors and local communities.
- Promote inclusion and educational facilities.
- Resist large scale over commercialisation.
- Recognise the importance of public rights of way network and the recreational value of water (coast, rivers, lakes).
- Improved communications needed – transport, mobile phones and broadband.
- Some recreational activities such as the owning and keeping of horses need separate policy criteria given the specific impacts around the growth and change in equestrian activities on Exmoor.
- Mixed views regarding game-shooting and how planning can influence this industry as many shoots are long-established and popular forms of farm diversification.
- Diverse responses regarding the issue of zoning areas of the National Park for recreational activities, with concerns that designations could be devalued. The Landscape Character Assessment may be a useful tool in appraising recreational development proposals.

Your Future Exmoor – Vision, Objectives, General Policies, and Local Plan Options 2011/12

4.13 During the period November 2011 to January 2012 a consultation on the emerging Local Plan was held in parallel with the Partnership Plan for Exmoor. Representations were sought on the following:

- **The Vision and Objectives** – a joint set for the Local Plan and National Park Management Plan, which was also being consulted on at the same time.
- **Draft General Policies** for the Local Plan, which will apply to all development requiring planning permission within the National Park.
- **Strategic Options** for where new development should go (spatial strategy) and how affordable housing will be delivered.

4.14 A total of 57 responses were received - 38 online and 19 copies of the consultation response were returned. Brief summaries of the consultation responses for each component of the consultation are set out below:

THE VISION AND OBJECTIVES

- Overall the draft Vision and Objectives were supported by those responding to the consultation.
- Suggested changes to provide clarification or inclusion in the Vision statements relating to: vision outcomes are sought by 2030, carbon-neutral National Park, difficulty in securing long term alternative transport modes, seascape and coast, climate change adaptations to historic buildings, National Parks as an exemplar for sustainable development, local ecological networks, geological conservation interests, community recreation facilities, and transport links to areas outside the National Park.
- A few detailed comments suggested changes to the objectives, but generally they were supported with some general comments relating to cooperation between local planning authorities regarding transport, managing flood risk and waste.

DRAFT GENERAL POLICIES

General Policy 1: Achieving National Park Purposes and Sustainable Development

- General support for the policy.
- Important that all strands of sustainable development are taken into account in planning decision, and a query over the definition of 'sustainable development' used.
- Supporting text to clarify the duty of public bodies to have regard to National Park purposes and other cross-boundary cooperation between neighbouring local planning authorities.
- Include reference to the historic environment and ensure the policy positively supports the achievement of the Vision and Objectives.

General Policy 2: Major Development

- The policy was generally supported. However, a definition of what constitutes 'major development' in the National Park was suggested to provide clarity, and

some concern that the policy may not offer sufficient protection for the natural environment in exceptional cases. It was felt by one respondent that the policy conflicted with paragraph 22 of PPS7 regarding developments that raise issues of national significance.

General Policy 4: Securing Planning Benefits

- Views regarding this policy were mixed, with concerns being raised regarding the impact of a levy on the viability of developments, and the feasibility of developing a CIL given the low level of development likely within the National Park. There was also uncertainty over what a CIL would mean in practice and further information would be required to understand its implications.

OPTIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

- Three options were proposed for the spatial strategy – setting out where new development should be focused within the National Park.
 - **Option A:** continue to identify those settlements listed in the adopted Local Plan 2001-2011.
 - **Option B:** only identify those settlements where there is a school, a regular bus service, and a shop.
 - **Option C:** continue to identify those settlements listed in the adopted Local Plan 2001-2011 AND smaller settlements with at least one of the following local services: a shop, pub or community hall.
- The majority of those responding were in favour of Option 3 with some encouraging a more ambitious approach and others a more cautionary approach. Other comments focused on the cross boundary status of settlements split by the National Park boundary and whether there would be a hierarchy amongst the settlements identified. Ensuring that the scale of growth is proportionate to the size of the settlement was highlighted, and the environmental capacity of an area to absorb new development should be a key determinant.

OPTIONS FOR THE DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Alternative options for the delivery of affordable housing were sought given the lower levels of grant funding available.

- The majority of respondents supported the principle of housing for local people and housing for people working in the National Park. A number of comments related to the need for people to be able to downsize, and reduce the number of years from 10 to 5 for people to qualify as having a local connection to Exmoor.
- Options for the delivery of affordable housing included:
 - Option A: require all new housing to be affordable to address local needs.
 - Option B: Require all new housing to be affordable housing but also, where required, allow for local housing to help fund the affordable housing through cross subsidy.

- Option C: Require all new housing to be affordable housing but also, where required, allow for local housing and open market housing to help fund the affordable housing through cross subsidy.
- Option D: Require all new housing to be affordable housing but also, where required, allow for open market housing to help fund the affordable housing through cross subsidy.
- There was support for all the Options, with Option C receiving the most support from the survey, and Option B the lowest, although a lot of respondents did not express an opinion.
- Comments included the need to take a flexible approach to account for financial viability, the need for an open book approach to viability, and whether government funding would be available for some options included. Some concern that the open market elements proposed may become second homes.
- Housing growth should be accommodated with the least impact on the natural environment.
- The majority of respondents agreed with the provision of local housing on single plots in Exmoor's settlements.
- Most respondents did not agree with providing housing for people who need to live close to their place of work in the National Park, if they subsequently moved jobs outside the area.
- In relation to the reuse of existing buildings most supported the reuse of important historic or listed buildings for residential use where it was not viable or achievable to provide affordable housing. There were mixed views relating to conversion proposals that would provide more local affordable homes than needed locally to go to market housing. The possibility of developer contributions to affordable housing off site was also raised.
- Most respondents agreed that other kinds of housing should be considered on brownfield sites to help achieve enhancement of settlements where the provision of affordable housing would not be viable. Comments also related to alternative uses for brownfield sites including community amenity areas.
- The collection of developer contributions from market housing on brownfield land and through the change of use of existing buildings to fund affordable housing was supported.
- The majority of respondents agreed with reuse of buildings on farmsteads to a home for a farmer who is retiring to enable succession farming.

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- 4.15 Previous community and stakeholder engagement and consultation, together with other evidence and technical studies, helped to inform the preparation of the Draft Local Plan. Changes made in relation to the Your Future Exmoor Consultation on the Vision, Objectives and General Policies were set out as underlined for new text and struck through for ~~deleted text~~.
- 4.16 The consultation on the Draft Local Plan was held from 4 November to 13 December 2013. Full details of the consultation and the responses received can be found in the Consultation Statement June 2015 (Regulation 18) published at the Publication stage of the Local Plan.
- 4.17 The consultation undertaken on the Draft Local Plan generated 917 separate representations from 144 responses (143 individuals and organisations). The representations are categorised in the following table.

TABLE 4.1

Type of Representation	Number of Representations	%
Support	539	58.8%
Support subject to amendments	59	6.4%
Objections	125	13.6%
General comments	194	21.2%

- 4.18 As a result of comments received during the Draft Local Plan consultation, national planning policy changes and other corrections; a summary of key changes made to the Plan to inform the Publication Draft were set out in Appendix 1 to a report to the Authority on 24th March 2015⁶, as set out in Table 4.2 below. An additional column has been added to indicate the reasoning for these particular changes.

⁶ <http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/about-us/meetings-agendas-reports/exmoor-national-park-authority/24-mar-2015/Appendix-1-Summary-of-Key-Changes.pdf>

TABLE 4.2

SECTION OF THE LOCAL PLAN	KEY CHANGES	JUSTIFICATION
<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The Spatial Portrait (formerly Section 3) has been incorporated into this section and edited to avoid duplication with other sections of the Plan.</p>	<p>In response to comments on the length of the Plan.</p>
	<p>Text added to refer to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ process.</p>	<p>In response to the need for strategic priorities and any cross-boundary implications to be addressed through the Duty to Cooperate.</p>
<p>2. Vision, objectives and strategic priorities</p>	<p>A set of strategic priorities have been added which are required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). These have been derived from the Draft Local Plan summary document and explains what each section of the plan intends to achieve.</p>	<p>Required by national planning policy and in response to comments received regarding the need for a clear development plan strategy.</p>
<p>3. Spatial Portrait</p>	<p>This section has been removed and the summarised text moved to Section 1: Introduction.</p>	<p>In response to comments on the length of the Plan.</p>
<p>3. General Policies</p>	<p>GP2 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development – (POLICY DELETED) it repeats the presumption stated in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Change in approach – policy no longer required to be included in Local Plans. It remains a material consideration in the NPPF.</p>
	<p>GP2 Major Development – policy changed to address how major development in the National Park will be defined.</p>	<p>In response to comments received and to provide clarification on the approach to major development in the National Park.</p>
	<p>GP3 Spatial Strategy – the tier of settlements ‘Rural Communities’ has been removed from the settlement hierarchy and will be considered as open countryside due to the Government changes to thresholds for affordable housing. However, policies will still enable self-build local affordable dwellings in small rural communities in the open countryside with a shop, or a pub or community meeting place/ hall (see policy HC-D5 below) – so a similar policy approach remains in place.</p>	<p>In response to changes in Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) which removes thresholds for affordable housing in National Parks for 5 or fewer dwellings.</p> <p>Dunster changed from a Local Service Centre to a Village in response to comments from West Somerset Council and through the Duty to Cooperate process.</p>

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	Further explanation included for development at Porlock Weir.	In response to comments received in relation to Porlock Weir and its status as an identified settlement in the Plan.
	GP4 The Efficient Use of Land and Buildings (NEW POLICY) – a sequential approach to use brownfield land and existing buildings before greenfield sites, the approach to density of new housing and avoiding development on the best agricultural land.	New policy created in response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.
	GP5 Planning Obligations – new clause to incorporate financial contributions for affordable housing (deleting policy HC-S4 Financial Contributions).	For clarification and in response to comments relating to the length of the plan.
	GP6 Enhancing the National Park – (POLICY DELETED) text incorporated into the written justification for GP1 National Park Purposes and Sustainable Development.	For clarification and in response to comments relating to the length of the plan.
4. Conserving and Enhancing Exmoor	CE-S1 Landscape Character – policy split between the existing strategic policy and development management policy CE-D1 Protecting Exmoor’s Landscapes and Seascapes (NEW POLICY) .	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.
	CE-S2 Protecting Exmoor’s Dark Night Sky – policy changed from a development management to a strategic policy.	In response to a comment to ensure that the policy approach is safeguarded.
	CE-S3 Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure – policy amended to combine former policy CE-S3 Green Infrastructure, incorporate Exmoor’s priority habitats and species, and include Somerset’s (including whole of the National Park) ecological network.	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies. To include reference to new evidence including: ecological networks, reference to ancient woodlands and veteran trees, and the Exmoor

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		Wildlife Monitoring Framework.
	CE-S4 and CE-D3 Cultural Heritage and Historic Environment – Principal Archaeological Landscapes (PALs) given greater prominence in the policy. DM policy specific to Conservation Areas, PALs, climate change and assets that are redundant/at risk.	Change in response to new evidence regarding updating the network of PALs. Policies amended in response to a comment regarding the ‘settings’ of heritage assets.
	CE-S5 and CE-S6 relating to the conversion or structural alteration of existing traditional and non-traditional buildings have been combined into one policy (CE-S5).	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.
	CE-S6 Design and Sustainable Construction Principles – policy split to form new development management policy CE-D4 Extensions .	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies. Include reference to reducing carbon emissions in response to the government consolidation technical standards.
	Former policy CE-D4 Advertisements, Shopfronts and Private Road Signs split into two policies for clarity CE-D5 Advertisements and Private Road Signs , and CE-D6 Shopfronts .	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.
5. Responding to Climate Change	CC-S2 Coastal Development – policy changed from a development management to a strategic policy.	In response to a consultation comment stating that a strategic policy is required to establish a presumption against development within the undeveloped coast.
	CC-S3 Porlock Weir Coastal Change Management Area (NEW POLICY) – designates the coastal change management area (CCMA) at Porlock Weir as required by the NPPF and sets criteria for development within the CCMA.	NPPF requirement to identify CCMA where areas are likely to be affected by physical changes to the coast.

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	<p>CC-S4 Replacement Development from the CCMA – former policy CC-S2 Responding to Climate Change revised to relate specifically to the Porlock Weir CCMA.</p>	<p>Policy amended in response to the designation of a CCMA at Porlock Weir.</p>
<p>6. Achieving a Thriving Community</p>	<p>HC-S1 Housing – new clauses to incorporate the approach for permitting principal residence housing and the approach to new Government thresholds on affordable housing.</p>	<p>Changes in response to consultation comments and the introduction of S106 thresholds for affordable housing in Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).</p>
	<p>HC-S2 A Balanced Local Housing Stock (NEW POLICY) – previously part of HC-S1. Incorporates minimum and maximum floorspace requirements, and floor space standards for certain types of housing.</p>	<p>In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.</p>
	<p>HC-S2 Housing Conservation and Enhancement (POLICY DELETED) – new Government thresholds on affordable housing superseded the approach.</p>	<p>In response to the introduction of S106 thresholds for affordable housing in Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).</p>
	<p>HC-S3 Local Occupancy Criteria – policy simplified and a change in a clause from 10 years in the last 20 years to 10 in the last 30.</p>	<p>In response to people who have a local connection who have moved away and wish to return to Exmoor (including the needs of service families).</p>
	<p>HC-D5 Custom/Self Build Local Need Housing in Rural Communities (NEW POLICY) – to allow for new self build dwellings in rural communities in the open countryside where there is at least a shop, pub or community meeting place/hall.</p>	<p>A new policy to provide a similar approach as the Draft Local Plan without including ‘rural communities’ within the spatial strategy (in response to the introduction of S106 thresholds for affordable housing in the PPG).</p>
	<p>HC-D6 The Change of Use of Serviced Accommodation to Housing (NEW POLICY) – to clarify the approach to changes of use of serviced accommodation to housing (particularly in the open countryside).</p>	<p>In response to the introduction of S106 thresholds for affordable housing in Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).</p>

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	HC-D17 Replacement Dwellings – change to allow greater flexibility to small replacement dwelling to have maximum internal floorspace of 90 square metres.	Change in response to a consultation comment concerning whether the policy would enable small timber frame dwellings to be replaced.
7. Achieving a Sustainable Economy	Policies generally amended to be clearer and reduce unnecessary cross-referencing and duplication. SE-S4 Agricultural and Forestry Development – policy amended as a result of consultation response in terms of strengthening landscape considerations. Further tests and supporting text relating to isolated buildings in the open countryside.	In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies. In response to consultation comment regarding strengthening the policy to afford sufficient protection to the landscape.
8. Achieving Enjoyment for All	RT-D3 Safeguarding Serviced Accommodation – policy amended to refer to new housing policy for the change of use of serviced accommodation to housing. RT-S2 Reinstatement of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway – policy amended to reduce unnecessary duplication and repetition. Supporting text and policy amended as a result of consultation responses received.	In response to the addition of a new policy (HC-D6 The Change of Use of Serviced Accommodation to Housing) In response to consultation comments which highlighted the need for the supporting text and policy to be more succinctly expressed, and cross reference to other relevant policies in the Plan. A clause seeking a legal agreement was removed as unworkable.
9. Achieving Access for All	AC-S2 Transport Infrastructure amended to include tests for new roads, road widening and upgrading of existing routes. AC-D1 Transport and Accessibility Requirements for Development – policy has been split to create a new policy AC-D2 Traffic and Road Safety Considerations for Development .	In response to the National Parks Circular. ⁷ In response to comments relating to the length and complexity of policies.

⁷ DEFRA (2010) English National Parks and the Broads: UK Government Vision and Circular 2010

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	<p>AC-S3 Traffic Management and Parking – policy amended to include further routes to the Exmoor Route Network (B Roads and Access Routes) as defined on the Policies Map.</p>	<p>In response to consultation comments received regarding freight routes and the need for further clarification regarding the Exmoor Route Network.</p>
	<p>AC-D3 Parking Standards – revised to include parking standards for cycles, motorcycles and disabled parking requirements.</p>	<p>In response to consultation comments received regarding the derivation of parking standards, and the need for parking standards for disabled users.</p>
	<p>AC-D5 Radio and Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructure – policy amended to incorporate the siting of apparatus on existing masts (which could be raised in height) as part of the sequential approach to new telecommunications development.</p>	<p>In response to consultation comments regarding the restrictive nature of the sequential test for this type of infrastructure.</p>
<p>10. Exmoor’s Settlements</p>	<p>Rural Communities removed from this section to reflect that these settlements are no longer part of the spatial strategy due to the Government changes to thresholds for affordable housing. However, policies will still enable self-build local affordable dwellings in small rural communities in the open countryside a shop, or a pub or community meeting place/ hall (see policy HC-D5 above).</p>	<p>A similar approach as the Draft Local Plan has been developed without including ‘rural communities’ within policy GP3 Spatial Strategy (in response to the introduction of S106 thresholds for affordable housing in the PPG).</p>
	<p>Tables relating to community services and facilities have been removed and are now included in a separate technical paper.</p>	<p>In response to comments relating to the length of the Plan, and whether the all the information is required given that evidence is also published on the National Park Authority’s website.</p>
<p>NEW SECTION 11. Monitoring and Implementation</p>	<p>Sets out how the Local Plan will be monitored and implemented. A monitoring framework includes a number of indicators which have been identified to use for the Annual</p>	<p>In response to comments on the Local Plan. Local Authorities are required to publish</p>

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	Monitoring Report. As a result, policies can be monitored to assess whether the effects of the policies are as intended.	information annually to show how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing.
12. Annex 1: The conduct of archaeological work and historic building recording within Exmoor National Park	No change	N/A
13. Annex 2: Rural Land-Based Worker Dwellings	Changes to text relating to tying the dwelling to the holding (now only in exceptional circumstances).	In response to appeal decisions.
	Further detail in relation to the siting of new rural worker dwellings in relation to existing buildings on the holding.	For clarification.
	Explanation regarding subsequent occupiers of rural worker dwellings.	For clarification.
NEW SECTION 14. Annex 3: Important Open Space in Allerford and Luccombe	Identifies areas of Important Visual Amenity Space and Important Recreation Space within the two settlements. These settlements do not have separate inset maps. ⁸	To provide clarification regarding additional areas of important open space outside the named settlements.
NEW SECTION Glossary	Provides a definition of various terms used within the Local Plan.	In response to comments on the Plan that terminology within the Plan lacks definition.

4.19 Further changes were made to the Policies Map (including settlement inset maps) in response to comments made in relation to the Draft Local Plan consultation.

⁸ Allerford and Luccombe are no longer identified as ‘named settlements’ suitable for new development. They would be considered as a ‘rural community’ for self-build opportunities only.

5 Publication Draft Local Plan Consultation

5.1 Alongside the Exmoor National Park Publication Draft Local Plan (June 2015) the following documents were also made available:

- Consultation letter including the notice of consultation
- Guidance Notes for Representations
- Response Form
- Local Plan Summary Guide
- Sustainability Appraisal – Non-technical Summary
- Sustainability Appraisal – Full Report
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Consultation Statement (June 2015)
- Duty to Cooperate Statement
- Housing Topic Paper

5.2 A number of new technical documents and evidence studies were also published on the Authority's website at the Publication stage to add to the wide range of evidence documents which have been used to inform the preparation of the Local Plan – these include:

- Equalities Impact Assessment (2014)
- Exmoor National Park Duty to Cooperate Protocol
- Settlement Hierarchy Technical Paper (2015)
- House Price Survey 2013
- Northern Peninsula Housing Market SHMA Update (January 2015)
- SHMA Update: Exmoor National Park (March 2015)
- Exmoor National Park Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Report (December 2014)
- Devon Partnership Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2015)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (June 2015)
- Open Space Strategy (2015)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Addendum (August 2014)
- Somerset's Ecological Network (2015)

5.3 In total there were 120 responses to the Publication Draft Local Plan consultation generating 391 separate comments; of these 181 comments raised concerns in relation to the Local Plan. The table below shows a breakdown of the comments in relation to the various sections of the Plan.

Section of the Plan	No. of Consultation Responses	No. of Consultation Responses raising issues of concern
Comments relating to the whole Plan or matters connected to the preparation of the Plan	15	4
1. Introduction	5	3
2. Vision, Objectives and Strategic Priorities	6	3
3. General Policies	22	10
4. Conserving and Enhancing Exmoor	50	31
5. Responding to Climate Change and Managing Resources	25	18
6. Achieving a Thriving Community	78	52
7. Achieving a Sustainable Economy	24	17
8. Achieving Enjoyment for All	131	21
9. Achieving Accessibility for All	23	16
10. Exmoor's Settlements	9	5
11. Monitoring and Implementation Framework	3	1
12. Annex 1: The Conduct of Archaeological Work and Historic Building Recording	0	0
13. Annex 2: Rural Land Based Worker Dwellings	0	0
14. Annex 3: Important Open Space in Allerford and Luccombe	0	0
15. Glossary	0	0
Total no. of comments	391	181

A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ISSUES RAISED

- 5.4 The following tables set out the main issues raised by representations received during the consultation on the Publication Draft Local Plan between 15 June and 31 July 2015.
- 5.5 Forming part of the Submission Documents which support the information provided within this section of the Representations Statement are:
- **SD4 Issues Raised by Respondent - Exmoor National Park Authority Response and Actions** – this document provides a summary of the representations which raised issues with the Plan and how these were considered by the Authority;

- **SD5 Schedule of Proposed Changes** – the changes the Authority recommends to be made to the Publication Draft Local Plan in response to:
 - issues raised by consultation responses,
 - new evidence,
 - changes to national policy guidance, and
 - points of clarification/corrections.
- **Representations** received during the Publication consultation.

Comments relating to the whole plan

Main Issues Raised
The plan is felt to be unnecessarily prescriptive, very long and difficult to follow and apply and is considered to restrict rather than enable development.
The words 'small scale' throughout the plan is contrary to the NPPF and is recommended to be deleted where they relate to a policy context.
Concern over whether the Local Plan could override the statutory purposes of the National Park and how this could be reconciled.

1. Introduction

5.6 No issues of significance to consider.

2. Vision, Objectives and Strategic Priorities

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
Whole section	Suggestion that additional wording is added to apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development as contained in the NPPF.

3. General Policies

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
Whole section	Reference to historic environment would be more appropriate than the broad term cultural heritage - to ensure consistency with the NPPF.
GP1 NATIONAL PARK PURPOSES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	Reference to enabling businesses to grow and develop.
	Supporting text not NPPF compliant.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
GP2 MAJOR DEVELOPMENT	Further consideration recommended to be given to the local context and potential for development to harm the National Park.
GP3 SPATIAL STRATEGY	<p>Concern that development will be channelled from Villages to Local Service Centres which may be counter to the intentions of establishing National Parks and ultra vires. Modifications seek to delete 'service centres' and describe them as 'attractive small historic towns'.</p> <p>The final criterion of GP3 should not refer to rural land-based businesses but all types of business in rural areas [including new build].</p> <p>Suggestion that Withycombe is worthy of inclusion as a Village within the hierarchy.</p>
GP4 THE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS	No comments of concern received.
GP5 SECURING PLANNING BENEFITS - PLANNING OBLIGATIONS	<p>By deciding not to have a CIL the implications of pooling restrictions on Section 106 contributions should be considered.</p> <p>Policy is vague and the potential for a cross boundary approach has not been explored. The policy little information on the type of development that would require a CIL payment or level of charge that would be incurred.</p> <p>Contributions towards education provision may need to be sought for Combe Martin primary school.</p>

4. Conserving and Enhancing Exmoor

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
CE-S1 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER	As the settlements have no development boundaries there are implications for the protection of the undeveloped coast which are solely reliant on policy CE-D1
CE-D1 Protecting Exmoor's Landscapes and Seascapes	Seascape should be included in the plan objectives and the seascape character assessment commissioned by key partners should be referenced through CE-S1.
CE-S2 PROTECTING EXMOOR'S DARK NIGHT SKY	No issues of significance.
CE-S3 BIODIVERSITY AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	Concern raised in relation to the absence of the biodiversity importance of rivers and streams in the Plan.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
	<p>Given the importance of trees and woodlands a separate policy for trees and woods is suggested.</p> <p>Main concern is the links between protection of priority species and habitats and the planning system which is not conveyed - need further clarity relating to how these species and habitats will be considered in practice.</p>
CE-S4 CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT	Criterion 4 of the policy should require a systematic approach to the assessment of the impact of development proposals on the setting of heritage assets.
CE-D3 Conserving Heritage Assets	No issues of significance.
CE-S5 PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONVERSION OR STRUCTURAL ALTERATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS Also relevant to HC-D7 Conversions to Dwellings in the Open Countryside	Restrictions are too strict and likely to stifle development that would allow for the preservation and enhancement of traditional buildings. It is important that the long term viability of these buildings is secured through conversion to an alternative use (specific reference to conversions to dwellings and NPPF isolated homes in the open countryside).
CE-S6 DESIGN & SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLES	Criterion 2 of policy CE-S6 should clarify how a developer should demonstrate a reduction in carbon emissions.
CE-D4 Extensions	No issues of significance.
CE-D5 Advertisements and Private Road Signs	Some concern regarding whether there are sufficient controls in the policy in relation to signage in the open countryside.
CE-D6 Shopfronts	No issues of significance.
CE-S7 SMALL SCALE WORKING OR RE-WORKING FOR BUILDING AND ROOFING STONE	Criterion 1.f) (can be sourced locally elsewhere) should be deleted as it would be inconsistent with the policy enabling the use of locally sourced materials.
CE-S8 MINERALS SAFEGUARDING AREAS	The extent of safeguarded areas needs to be shown more clearly on the Policies Map.
CE-S9 MAJOR MINERAL EXTRACTION	It is requested that text is included to ensure fracking of any scale would not be permitted within the National Park.
CE-D7 Interim Development Order Permissions	No issues of significance.

5. Responding to Climate Change and Managing Resources

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
CC-S1 CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION	No issues of significance.
CC-D1 Flood Risk	No issues of significance.
CC-S2 COASTAL DEVELOPMENT	As the settlements have no development boundaries there are implications for the protection of the undeveloped coast which are solely reliant on policy CE-D1 which is not cross-referenced in para. 5.31 relating to the undeveloped coast and policy CC-S2.
CC-S3 PORLOCK WEIR COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT AREA	Request to include Lynmouth within policy CC-S3 and the designation of a coastal change management area (CCMA) following impacts of 2013/14 floods.
CC-S4 REPLACEMENT DEVELOPMENT FROM COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT AREAS	No issues of significance.
CC-D2 Water Conservation	No issues of significance.
CC-S5 - LOW CARBON AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	<p>The test for large scale renewable energy should be deleted and the word small scale removed from the policy.</p> <p>Text in the Plan does not differentiate between hydro schemes on main rivers and those on streams.</p> <p>Support subject to referring to a maximum height for wind turbines in the supporting text - the test in the policy is unnecessary if all other criteria are satisfied.</p>
CC-D3 Small-Scale Wind Turbines	No issues of significance.
CC-D4 Freestanding Solar Array	No issues of significance.
CC-S6 WASTE MANAGEMENT	The restriction of allowable sources of waste for anaerobic digestion from local sources is unworkable and would restrict the viability of such schemes.
CC-D5 Sewerage Capacity and Sewage Disposal	No issues raised
CC-S7 POLLUTION	Plan makes no reference to the Noise Policy Statement of England 2010, which may benefit any intention to ensure development noise impacts are kept below the lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAE) in regions of valued tranquillity.

6. Achieving a Thriving Community

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
Housing topic paper (supporting evidence)	<p>The 2011 Housing Viability Assessment is considered to be out of date and contrary to the NPPF (para.158). Up to date assessments of viability in relation to the policy approach in the Plan are important considerations.</p> <p>The selection of a preferred Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAHN) at the lower end of the range is questionable and its derivation is not clear. Unresolved matter of unmet housing needs should be agreed prior to submission.</p> <p>The March 2015 SHMA unfortunately does not reflect release of the 2012-based household projections from February 2015 to be in accordance with planning practice guidance.</p>
Housing section	<p>Include a further policy within the Local Plan which would provide greater flexibility for legitimate local needs or local low paid working people with regard to new dwellings where they are located beside or near permanent buildings.</p>
Objections to policies relating to 90sqm net internal floorspace thresholds including: HC-S2, HC-D2, HC-D3, HC-D5 HC-D6, HC-D9 HC-D10, HC-D15, and HC-D17.	<p>It is not obvious if the National Park Authority is proposing to adopt the nationally described space standard. If this is the intention then in order to do so the National Park Authority must comply with national policy.</p> <p>The 90sqm floorspace limit is unnecessarily restrictive and will prevent local affordable housing from being delivered or opportunities for live-work provision.</p> <p>Concern regarding the 90sqm threshold for affordable housing due to this not adequately meeting the space needs for larger families needing affordable housing</p>
HC-S1 HOUSING	<p>Policy should allow for housing land to be allocated to enable settlements to remain viable and where there is a need for housing to meet employment demands.</p> <p>Concern about the deliverability of the policy – need to allow a proportion of non-affordable housing to be provided to achieve a viable development scheme.</p>
HC-S2 A BALANCED LOCAL HOUSING STOCK	<p>No comments of concern received beyond those raised in relation to the 90sqm internal floorspace restriction (see the beginning of the table).</p>
HC-S3 LOCAL OCCUPANCY CRITERIA	<p>Local connection criteria are unnecessarily restrictive and the policy should allow for those moving to the area to take up employment or set up a business.</p>

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
HC-S4 PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE HOUSING	<p>Concern that finance will not be obtainable for homes with a principal residence condition.</p> <p>Delete policy HC-S4 which is considered to conflict with the NPPF through use of principal residence conditions.</p>
HC-D1 Conversions to Dwellings in Settlements	<p>Delete criteria from 1.c) to the end of the policy as it is considered to conflict with the NPPF in relation to the change of use of buildings to dwellings.</p>
HC-D3 Specialist Housing for Exmoor's Communities	<p>Criterion 1.a) (a sequential approach to consider other opportunities) is considered to be unnecessarily restrictive given the large proportion of elderly people within the National Park.</p>
HC-D4 Extended Family Dwellings Criteria	<p>Suggest the policy is deleted as it is not considered to be consistent with the NPPF.</p>
HC-D5 Custom/Self Build Local Need Housing in Rural Communities	<p>Concern that the policy encourages homes that would have little or no resale value and therefore seek to modify the policy so self-build homes are exempt from affordable and principal residence housing conditions.</p> <p>Concern that plots for self-build homes will not be affordable to local people, and other small communities (other than rural communities with a one service) should be considered as locations for self-build as they give and receive services too.</p> <p>Suggested wooden homes of simple, varied designs that would blend in with remoter hamlet or single home areas; located near to other buildings; include a large wooden enclosed porch; suitable outbuildings to support rural businesses; located on land that is leased perhaps through a ground rent to people with a strong local connection; houses easy to dismantle and move to other sites in two halves.</p> <p>The need for a local occupancy tie is recognised, but the condition that they must be affordable units is too restrictive and would decrease the value of the asset; therefore delivery as a means of meeting an objectively assessed housing need may be compromised.</p>
HC-D6 The Change of Use of Serviced Accommodation to Housing	<p>No comments of concern received beyond those raised in relation to the 90sqm internal floorspace restriction (see the beginning of the table).</p>
Supporting text to dwellings in the countryside	<p>The purpose of 6.147 is not clear as it introduces the concept of 'low impact' or 'one planet development' (OPD) which appears incongruous in the section dealing with rural workers. It is considered that open countryside one planet</p>

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
	development (OCOPD) utilises land and subsistence based livelihood to contribute to sustainable development.
HC-D7 Conversions to Dwellings in the Open Countryside	Suggest that the policy is deleted or significantly amended to support the change of use of buildings to [open market] dwellings.
	Consider that the costs of conversion would mean the conversion to an affordable home would be unviable. Allowing a proportion to non-affordable [market] dwellings could fund the provision of affordable dwellings elsewhere on site or through contributions towards affordable housing in other areas of the National Park.
HC-D8 New Build Dwellings in the Open Countryside And HC-D9 - Rural Workers	Suggested wooden homes of simple, varied designs that would blend in with remoter hamlet or single home areas; located near to other buildings; include a large wooden enclosed porch; suitable outbuildings to support rural businesses; located on land that is leased perhaps through a ground rent to people with a strong local connection; houses easy to dismantle and move to other sites in two halves – to enable affordable homes to be provided at low cost in locations outside the named settlements helping to sustain family and employment networks.
HC-D9 Rural Workers	Modifications sought include the deletion of clause 1.b) regarding financial viability.
HC-D10 Succession Farming – Second Dwellings on Established Farms	Concern that the succession farm dwellings are likely to prove unviable without some form of cross subsidy from market housing (delivered through the conversion of buildings on the farmstead).
HC-D11 Residential Caravans	No comments of concern received.
HC-D12 Replacement of Rural Workers Occupancy Conditions	No issues of significance raised.
HC-D13 Replacement of Holiday Occupancy Conditions and Extended Family Ties	No comments of concern received.
HC-D14 Subdivisions of Existing Dwellings	No issues of significance raised.
HC-D15 Residential Extensions	Deletion of: the 35% increase in criterion 1.c); and criterion 2.c) in relation to dwellings immune from enforcement.
HC-D16 Residential Outbuildings	No comments of concern received.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
HC-D17 Replacement Dwellings	No comments of concern received beyond those raised in relation to the 90sqm internal floorspace restriction (see the beginning of the table).
Local Services and Community Facilities	If a significant need arises from housing development in and around Lynton, developer contributions may be sought towards library provision.
HC-S6 LOCAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES	No comments of concern received.
HC-D18 Local Commercial Service Provision	No comments of concern received.
HC-D19 Safeguarding Local Services and Community Facilities	No comments of concern received.
HC-D20 Important Visual Amenity Space	No comments of concern received.
HC-S7 RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS	No comments of concern received.

7. Achieving a Sustainable Economy

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
Whole section and policies SE-S1 A SUSTAINABLE EXMOOR ECONOMY and SE-S3 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE	Plan does not enable the redevelopment of brownfield land in the open countryside. The respondent considers that this does not accord with the NPPF. Such sites are considered to have negative visual amenity impacts if neglected. Amendment suggested to SE-S3 to provide for the redevelopment
SE-S1 A SUSTAINABLE EXMOOR ECONOMY	Modifications are sought to change the wording of policy SE-S1 so that employment sites and buildings are not safeguarded in the open countryside.
SE-S2 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN SETTLEMENTS	Amendment suggested to policy SE-S2 to specify that previously developed applies to brownfield sites. SE-S2 should not differentiate between traditional and non-traditional buildings and reference to small scale should be deleted.
SE-S3 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE	Policy SE-S3 should not differentiate between traditional and non-traditional buildings, nor should buildings be redundant. Modifications include the deletion of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
	Encourage the amendment of the policy so it is less restrictive by not constraining new build to solely within Local Service Centres and Villages.
SE-D1 Home Based Businesses	Deletion of criterion 1.b) in relation to extensions which should be assessed against the needs of the business. The policy is considered unsound and limited in scope. No consideration is given to converting existing buildings to live-work arrangements.
SE-D2 Safeguarding Existing Employment Land and Buildings	No comments of concern received.
SE-S4 AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT	Deletion of criterion 1.c) [site related to the business], clause 2 [condition to require removal of buildings if they cease to be used for agriculture] and clause 3 [isolated buildings only permitted in exceptional circumstances] of the policy, as they are considered to be contrary to the NPPF and GPDO.

8. Achieving Enjoyment for All

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
RT-S1 RECREATION AND TOURISM	No issues of significance.
RT-D1 Serviced Accommodation	No comments of concern received.
RT-D2 Staff Accommodation	No issues of significance.
RT-D3 Safeguarding Serviced Accommodation	No issues of significance.
Second / holiday homes (para 8.37)	Concern that no opportunity to influence the use of existing open market homes as second/holiday homes has not been implemented when advised that an Article 4 direction could be used to ensure that no planning permissions would be granted for such homes.
RT-D4 Non-serviced Accommodation	No comments of concern received.
RT-D5 Tented Camp Sites	No comments of concern received.
RT-D6 Camping Barns	Plan does not enable the redevelopment of brownfield land in the open countryside. RT-D6 is too restricted and does not provide for lawful buildings in the open countryside (other than agricultural buildings) to be redeveloped to a new use as holiday accommodation. Meaning of 2.b) needs to be clarified as to its association with 2.a) and c).

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
RT-D7 Certificated Caravan and Touring Caravan Sites	No issues of significance.
RT-D8 Static Caravan Sites	No comments of concern received.
RT-D9 Alternative Camping Accommodation	No comments of concern received.
RT-D10 Recreational Development	No issues of significance.
RT-D11 Equestrian Development	No comments of concern received.
RT-D12 Access Land and Rights of Way	No issues of significance.
RT-D13 Safeguarding Land Along Former Railways and RT-S2 REINSTATEMENT OF THE LYNTON AND BARNSTAPLE RAILWAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern raised regarding the misuse of private and public funds better spent on improving accessibility in other ways and on other tourist initiatives. • The impact this proposed attraction would have on the western gateway to the National Park. Would not enhance the access and enjoyment of area risks alienating more people that it could attract. • The trackbed of the former railway should be preserved as an historic asset. • The railway should not be reinstated as no longer required as a suitable transport link and has failed twice previously – there is nothing sustainable about the proposal. • The Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Trust (L&BRT) do not operate a railway or transport network, it is an unjustified, speculative, tourist attraction without the potential to become a viable or sustainable transport network. • A39 follows part of the former track bed and diversion of the track bed would require substantial building ground works and land reinforcement, also risks of cross winds, woodland and flooding exist along the aspirational extension. • Reinstatement would make land (including respondents) unfarmable, other impacts cited include disruptions to the peace and tranquillity of the area from the noise and smell of the trains, as well as the wildlife habitats of protected species, and crowded roads which struggle to support local traffic and make homes and the local community unfavourable. • Does not enhance the enjoyment of Exmoor nor complies with national policy.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan has not addressed landowners appropriately and underestimated geological constraints. • A change of use to recreation would fundamentally change the nature of Exmoor – community diluted by railway enthusiasts. • Requirement for owner cooperation or approval for purchase of original/existing buildings or the development of new buildings in association with reinstatement of the railway – distinction needed in relation to historic buildings and temporary buildings. • Concern about new dwellings for railway workers. • The policy would not allow a bridge to be constructed of modern safety standards. • Policy should not allow for the line to become a public right of way. • No suitable parking or highway access in Parracombe. • Concern about the impact on Grade I St Petrocks Church

9. Achieving Accessibility for All

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
AC-S1 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT	No comments of concern received.
AC-S2 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>Clause i) [upgrading of existing routes to accommodate high traffic speeds] may be unnecessary and j) [new roads and significant road widening not generally appropriate] may restrict improvements to A39 where schemes could be justified and necessary.</p> <p>Retaining or replacing like for like street furniture may be challenging in their current/future funding and maintenance policy context.</p>
AC-D1 Transport and Accessibility Requirements	No comments of concern received.
AC-D2 Traffic and Road Safety Considerations	No comments of concern received.
AC-S3 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING	Considered that 'local freight routes' may not be suitable for 'local access only' as A and B roads in the Park are important for local freight movements - suggest this is clarified to

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
	<p>ensure local access is encouraged but not fully restricted to just local access.</p> <p>Suggest policy incorporates text in 9.24 relating to the principle of avoiding adverse impacts from parking on the highway.</p>
AC-D3 Parking Provision and Standards	Check policy compliance with national policy as the Written Ministerial Statement dated 25th March 2015 that "Local Planning Authorities should only impose local parking standards for residential and non-residential development where there is clear and compelling justification that it is necessary to manage their local road network".
AC-D4 Temporary Parking	No comments of concern received.
AC-S4 ELECTRICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS	<p>Plan is not consistent with national policy in relation to policy AC-S4 as it contradicts National Policy Statement EN1 and NPPF para. 116 where major infrastructure may be granted in protected landscapes in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Requirements of AC-S4 must be considered alongside legal obligations to offer economic connections and operate an economic and efficient network.</p>
AC-D5 Radio and Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructure	No issues of significance.
AC-D6 Fixed Line Transmission Infrastructure	<p>Plan is not consistent with national policy in relation to policy AC-D6 as it contradicts National Policy Statements EN1 and EN5 where there is no general rule about when an overhead line should be considered unacceptable.</p> <p>Requirements must be considered alongside legal obligations to offer economic connections and operate an economic and efficient network.</p>
AC-D7 Satellite Antennae	No comments of concern received.

10. Exmoor's Settlements

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
ES-S1 SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES	No comments of concern received.
ES-D1 Cutcombe and Wheddon Cross Community Safeguarding Area	No comments of concern received.
ES-D2 Dulverton Community Safeguarding Area	No comments of concern received.

Policy / Plan Reference	Main Issues Raised
ES-S2 LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	A precedence in favour of the Lynton and Lynmouth Neighbourhood Plan as set out in Policy ES-S2 should not usurp the strategic policies of the Exmoor Local Plan.

11. Monitoring and Implementation Framework

5.7 Minor comment only, regarding the ecological quality of rivers and how they are measured.

12. Annex 1: The Conduct of Archaeological Work and Historic Building Recording

5.8 No comments of concern received.

13. Annex 2: Rural Land Based Worker Dwellings

5.9 No comments of concern received.

14. Annex 3: Important Open Space in Allerford and Luccombe

5.10 No comments of concern received.

15. Glossary

5.11 No comments directly received, but comments relating to other sections indirectly affect the Glossary terms or absence of certain terms that require definition (see Schedule of Proposed Changes).

Appendix 1: Your Future Exmoor early engagement

Examples of posters, leaflets, parish newsletters, press releases, other publicity

Your Future Exmoor (YFE) Leaflet (November 2009) – front page showing the YFE logo.



Centre pages:

Your Future Exmoor

Get Involved And Have Your Say!

We want to know how you would like to see your community evolve in the future and how we can work together to achieve this. A series of events are to be held in villages and towns across Exmoor.



This is a real opportunity for communities to contribute towards the new planning document for Exmoor National Park called 'Your Future Exmoor' and help decide important issues such as where new housing and business development should be provided over the next 15-20 years.

The events are intended to gather views on the matters and issues important to you. They will be tailored to individual parishes. You can also share your views by completing the questionnaire in the November edition of Park Life this can be found at:

www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/consultations



There will be an event for each of the parishes with towns and villages in the National Park. For some Exmoor villages an event will be held either for part of the afternoon and early evening or there may be two 'replica events' held in neighbouring parishes at different times of the day to enable people to attend in one of the parishes at a time convenient for them. Please see the timetable on the back for your nearest event.

We have also been working with children at the First Schools and Primary Schools within the National Park. Details of their ideas and work will be displayed at the community events for everyone to see.

The outcome of each of these consultation events will be made available and will include comments and responses from those unable to attend. We will be sending copies of the feedback reports to parish councils and publishing them on the National Park Authority website. There will then be further opportunities for people to participate and comment on the new planning document as it develops through to the final published plan.



Following the community events, a number of group discussions in relation to specific issues will be held; which you can sign up to at the parish events so that we can ensure we have a wide cross-section of views.

If you have any queries regarding the community events or wish to attend one of the discussion groups, please let us know by phoning the Policy & Community Team on 01398 323665, or email via: ldf@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.

Rear page showing list of community events:

Provisional Community Consultation Dates

Venue	2010	Time
January		
*Cutcombe - Moorland Hall	Monday 18 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Dulverton Town Hall	Thursday 21 st	2.00 - 7.00pm
*Parracombe Village Hall	Monday 25 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Lynton - United Reform Church Hall	Thursday 28 th	2.00 - 7.00pm
Brompton Regis Village Hall	Monday 1 st	3.00 - 7.00pm
February		
Porlock Village Hall	Monday 8 th	2.00 - 7.00pm
Bridgetown Village Hall	Thursday 11 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
*Winsford Village Hall	Thursday 11 th	2.45 - 6.45pm
Wootton Courtenay Village Hall	Monday 22 nd	3.00 - 7.00pm
Timberscombe Village Hall	Thursday 25 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
Dunster Tithe Barn	Thursday 25 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
March		
Brendon Village Hall	Monday 1 st	3.00 - 7.00pm
Monksilver - EMN Village Hall	Thursday 4 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Luccombe Village Hall	Thursday 11 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
Allerford Community Hall	Thursday 11 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Withypool Village Hall	Thursday 18 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
Exford Memorial Hall	Thursday 18 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Challacombe Methodist Hall	Thursday 25 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
*Simonsbath - Exmoor Forest Inn	Thursday 25 th	3.00 - 7.00pm
Luxborough Village Hall	Monday 29 th	12.00 - 4.00pm
Roadwater Village Hall	Monday 29 th	3.00 - 7.00pm

NB Confirmed dates are marked with a * (as of 3/11/09).

Note that the Luxborough event was subsequently held on Tuesday 30th March at Luxborough Village Hall: 3.00pm to 7.00pm

YFE event poster for Parracombe:



Your Future Exmoor

Get involved and have your say!

This is your chance to come to your event, tell us what you think and to influence planning in the National Park. This will help decide important issues such as where new housing and employment should be provided over the next 15-20 years.

Your event will be:

Monday
25 January 2010
3pm-7pm
Parracombe Village Hall
(for the parishes of Parracombe, Martinhoe, Trentishoe, Combe Martin and Kentisbury)

www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/ldf

Example of an issues and options board displayed at the YFE events:

i Current Access to Local Needs Affordable Housing



To move into a local needs affordable home a person currently needs to:

1. **Have a local connection** which means:
 - a. having lived in the parish or an adjoining parish continuously for 10 years in the last 20 years, or
 - b. needing to live close to another person for age or medical reasons who has lived in the parish (or adjoining parish) for 10 years continuously in the last 20 years, or
 - c. needing to live close to their place of work in the parish (or adjoining parish) - work of value to the National Park and communities.AND
2. **Be in housing need** (decided by the Housing Authority - North Devon or West Somerset Councils - and Housing Associations).AND
3. **Be unable to afford to rent or buy accommodation** in the area.



This approach helps to keep the owner-occupied homes affordable by reducing land values. If these criteria are weakened it is likely that more people will qualify to buy and the land value may increase (i.e. reducing future affordability and availability of sites).

QUESTIONS


(i) How long do you think people should need to have lived locally to occupy new affordable housing?

	Agree 	Comment 
5-9 years		
As now, 10 or more years		
At least 15 years		

(ii) What local area do you think people should have lived in to occupy new affordable housing in your parish?

	Agree 	Comment 
Your parish only		
As now, your parish and/or its adjoining parishes		
The area of North Devon OR West Somerset within the National Park		
Anywhere within the National Park		

(iii) Please give us your views on the types of workers who should qualify for affordable housing on Exmoor.



Photographs of the YFE events:



Brompton Regis



Dulverton

Letter inviting neighbouring local authorities, local police, and registered providers to attend YFE events.

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23 December 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

**'YOUR FUTURE EXMOOR' COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENTS
EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

You are invited to attend a series of interactive community consultation events to be held throughout Exmoor National Park between January and March 2010.

The events will be a 'drop in' format and are designed to gather the local communities' views to inform the preparation of a Local Development Framework for the National Park. The Local Development Framework will be a collection of planning documents replacing the 2005 Local Plan, covering a wide range of topics including the natural and cultural environment, housing, employment, transport and climate change.

We would very much welcome your attendance as an opportunity for you to engage with Exmoor's communities and also to enable people to get information and ask questions of you directly. The reply slip includes the full list of dates – you are invited to come to all those you feel would be useful. We would be grateful if you can return the enclosed reply form to us by 11 January 2010, or simply email me the event(s) and times you are attending. Alternatively, please feel free to forward this invitation on to an appropriate colleague.

We hope to see you at one of our events. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 01398 322 258.

Yours sincerely,

**POIE-YEE LI
ASSISTANT PLANNING POLICY OFFICER**




Dear Resident

A series of events are being held in villages and towns across Exmoor. This is a real opportunity for you to contribute towards the new planning document called "Your Future Exmoor" which will help decide important issues such as where new housing and employment should be provided over the next 15-20 years.


Your nearest event will be on:

Thursday 28th January 2010
2pm-7pm
United Reform Church Hall, Lynton
 (for Lynton & Lynmouth Parish)

www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/ldf



An example of postcard reminders to local residents



Get Involved and Have Your Say!

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A series of drop in events are to be held in Lynton, Brendon and Parracombe. Your nearest events will be:

AT: Parracombe Village Hall (for Parracombe, Martinhoe, Trentishoe, Kentisbury and Combe Martin parishes)
WHEN: 3.00pm – 7.00pm
 Monday 25th January

AT: Lynton United Reform Church Hall (for Lynton and Lynmouth parish)
WHEN: 2.00pm – 7.00pm
 Thursday 28th January

AT: Brendon Village Hall (for Brendon & Countisbury and Oare parishes)
WHEN: 3.00pm – 7.00pm
 Monday 1st March

The events will be very informal with a chance to come along and give your views and ideas. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a children's corner with activities!


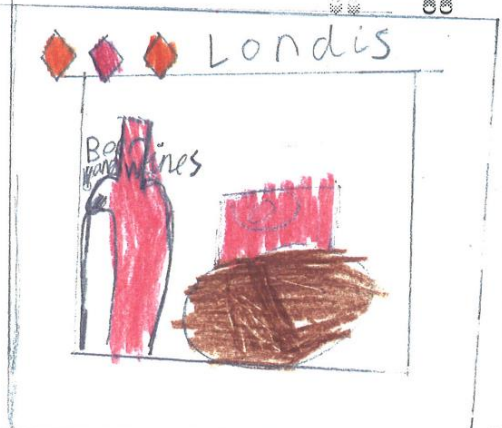

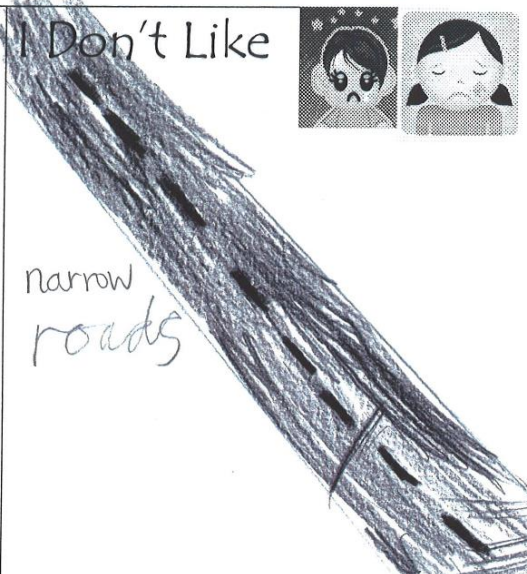



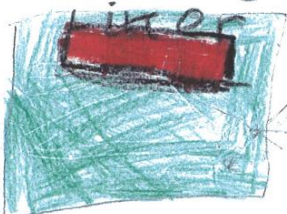

Details regarding further events can be found at:
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If you require any further information contact Tessa Saunders or Emily Rubin in the Policy & Community Team
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Article for the Lyn Valley News parish magazine

Youth Consultations

- Picture template for First Schools and Primary Schools

I ATTEND CUTCOMBE FIRST SCHOOL	
My Name is <i>Chloe</i>	I Live in <i>Cutcombe</i>
IN CUTCOMBE/WHEDDON CROSS	
<p>I Like</p>  	<p>I Don't Like</p>   <p>narrow roads</p>
<p>I would like to see</p> <p><i>a round about</i></p>  <p>in <i>play ground</i></p>	<p><i>No dog bowling</i></p>  <p><i>in this area.</i></p>  <p><i>dog poo bins.</i></p>
<p><i>more litter bins.</i></p> 	<p><i>more swimming pools</i></p> 

Completed drawings – informed a feedback report sent to the school and published on the National Park website. The drawings were also displayed at locally held YFE events

Images of school workshops exploring their community:



Parracombe Primary School



St Dubricius First School - Porlock

Appendix 2: Draft Local Plan Publicity

- 5.12 The consultation on the Draft Exmoor National Park Local Plan was held between 4 November and 13 December 2013.
- 5.13 A leaflet was produced to encourage people to respond to the Draft Local Plan consultation. The leaflets were distributed to Local Information Points, libraries, National Park Centres, local schools, shops and businesses together with a poster publicising the consultation.



Exmoor National Park Draft Local Plan Consultation



The Draft Local Plan for Exmoor is out for consultation from 4th November 2013 to 13th December 2013.

The Plan seeks to address the social and economic needs of Exmoor's communities whilst conserving and enhancing Exmoor's high quality environment. The Plan provides policies for development and use of the land, and indicates what kind of development will and will not be permitted in planning applications.

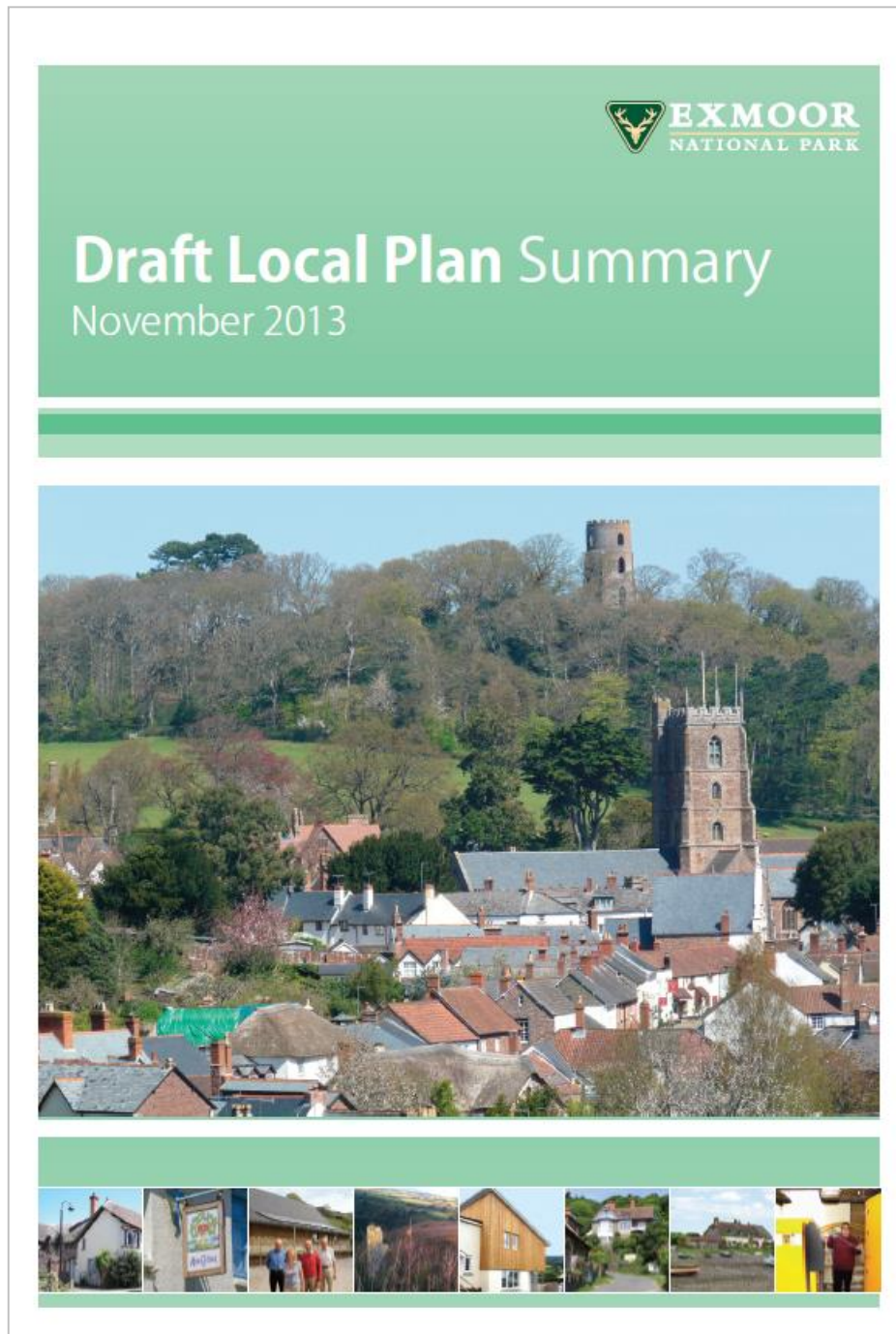
Highlighted are some of the issues which may affect you, as a resident, landowner, business or visitor to Exmoor. We welcome your thoughts and comments on the Plan.

Please note that the information contained in this leaflet is a summary and there are detailed criteria in each policy.

5.14 A 32 page A5 summary guide to the Local Plan policies was also distributed to Parish Councils together with full copies of the Local Plan and CDs with the full range of consultation documents including Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and response forms.

5.15 Summary guides and posters were also:

- sent to Local Information Points, libraries and National Park Centres; and
- made available at the parish meetings held at Roadwater, Lynton, Porlock, Winsford and the Parish & Consultative Forum at Dulverton.



Email sent to consultees

Tessa Saunders

From: Tessa Saunders
Sent: 04 November 2013 09:07
To: localplan
Subject: Draft Exmoor National Park Local Plan Consultation

Dear Consultee

Exmoor National Park Authority has prepared the Exmoor National Park Draft Local Plan following detailed evidence gathering, including extensive consultation with local communities and organisations. The Local Plan sets out policies that will be used to determine planning applications for future development within the National Park; helping to shape Exmoor over the long term. It includes policies to:

- help support businesses and communities;
- assist in providing local needs affordable housing,
- respond to the challenges of climate change,
- encourage access to the broadband and telecommunications network, and
- conserve and enhance Exmoor's environment.

Views on the Draft Exmoor National Park Local Plan are invited between **4 November and 13 December 2013**. The Plan can be downloaded from the Authority's website at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk or there are reference copies available at the following locations:

- Exmoor National Park Authority Offices at Exmoor House, Dulverton;
- North Devon District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Barnstaple; and
- West Somerset District Council Offices, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton.
- Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth National Park Centres
- Libraries at: Taunton, Minehead, Bampton, Dulverton, South Molton, Porlock, Lynton and Combe Martin

A response form is available to download from our website. Please send your comments to us in writing or by email by **Friday 13 December 2013**. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01398 323665 or email localplan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

Kind regards

Tessa Saunders
Planning Policy Officer

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'Enhancing the qualities that make Exmoor special'

Letter to Parish Councils to invite councillors to a consultation meeting:



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8 October 2013

Dear Parish Clerk

Draft Exmoor Local Plan Consultation

We warmly welcome you and your Councillors to discuss the Draft Exmoor Local Plan at any one of our forthcoming consultation meetings in November. This is your opportunity, before the Plan is implemented in practice, to have your say on policies which provide for development and use of the land and indicate what kind of development will be permitted in planning applications in Exmoor National Park.

The Draft Local Plan is an important Plan that will help shape Exmoor for the years to come and can affect you as a resident, landowner, business or visitor to Exmoor. The Plan provides policies on a wide range of issues including a continued focus on affordable housing, support for business and communities, responding to the challenges of climate change, encouraging access to broadband and telecommunications, and conserving and enhancing Exmoor.

A large amount of consultation, including the Your Future Exmoor events, has gone into shaping the policies, and policies have been reviewed and changed where considered appropriate. The consultation meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss how the policies will apply across all areas of Exmoor as well as those proposals that may affect individual Parish areas. The meetings will also look at new policies and changes to existing policies that have been made as a result of consultation, evidence or government policy. This will be important to you as a Parish Council when considering planning proposals in your Parish.

The Plan is out for consultation from 4 November to 13 December. Meetings with Parish Councillors will be held throughout November and the table below shows the location, dates and times of these meetings. We have tried to avoid local Parish Meetings as much as possible but appreciate that there may be some clashes, which is why we have arranged a series of meetings.

Location	Date	Time
Roadwater Village Hall	Monday 11 November	6.30pm for 7pm – 8.30pm
Lynton and Lynmouth Town Hall (Main Hall)	Wednesday 13 November	6.30pm for 7pm – 8.30pm
Porlock Village Hall (Small Hall)	Monday 18 November	6.30pm for 7pm – 8.30pm
Parish and Consultative Forum Exmoor House, Dulverton	Thursday 21 November	10.30am – 1pm
Winsford Village Hall	Tuesday 26 November	6.30pm for 7pm – 8.30pm



All Parish Councillors and Clerks are very welcome to attend one or more of the events. To help with an estimate of how many people are coming to each event, it would be helpful if you could indicate numbers for each of the events below, and respond to us by email, phone or post. However, if you still wish to attend an event and have not contacted us, you would still be very welcome.

Copies of the Draft Local Plan will be available from your Parish Council from 4 November, and will also be displayed at Local Information Points, National Park Centres and libraries. Each Parish Councillor will receive a Summary and Leaflet about the Draft Local Plan.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Richard Edgell

David Wyborn

Chair of Planning Committee

Head of Planning and Sustainable Development

Parish/Town Council

Please indicate numbers wishing to attend each event:

Roadwater Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynton and Lynmouth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porlock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winsford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish & Consultative Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please return to Ellie Woodcock by Monday 4 November:

Email: ewoodcock@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

Telephone: 01398 322231

Address: Exmoor National Park Authority, Exmoor House, Dulverton, TA22 9HL



5.16 List of deposit points for the Exmoor National Park Draft Local Plan (November 2013):

- Exmoor National Park Authority reception, Exmoor House, Dulverton
- North Devon Council reception, Civic Centre, Barnstaple
- West Somerset Council reception, West Somerset House, Williton
- National Park Centres:
 - Dulverton
 - Lynmouth
 - Dunster
- Local libraries within and around the National Park at:
 - Williton
 - Bampton
 - South Molton
 - Porlock
 - Dulverton
 - Taunton
 - Minehead
 - Lynton
 - Combe Martin

- A Draft Local Plan was also sent to each Parish Council within/partly within the National Park and one parish adjoining.

5.17 The following list sets out those individuals and organisations notified of the consultation:

CONSULTEES

All Parish Councils, Parish Meetings and Town Councils within the National Park

All First Schools, Primary Schools within and adjoining the National Park and Dulverton Middle School

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Maj. Gen. Edwin Beckett

Mr Chris Binnie

Mr Derek Bishop

Mr Peter Brook

Mr J.N. Brownell

Mr A. Bullen

Mr P. J. Carter

Prof. Chapman

Mrs P. Clarke

Mr & Mrs D. Cook

Mr R. N. B. Clegg

Mr Cresswell

Mr Guy Dewdney

Mr A.J. Dodd

Mrs J. Down

Dr M. R. Eames

Ms J Forshaw

Mr Philip Gannon

Mr Kevin Green

Mr P. Griffin

Mr Nick Harvey MP

Mr M.D. Heggadon
Mrs R. A. Hernandez
Mrs A. Hill
Mr L. Hooper
Mr Jackson
Mr Bryan Jackson
Mrs Jill Jones
Mr Jon Kemp
Mr R. Langrish
Mr D. Latham
Miss R. A. Le Bas
Mr T. J. Loveless
Mr Ray Lupini
Mrs A. McIntosh
Mr Alan Morgan
Ms Christine Moore
Mr Mark Murray
Mr & Mrs A. Piper
Mr Ian Piper
T A Preston
Dr J. Prideaux
Mr P. Reilly
Leslie Riley
Mr J. Roberts
Mr K. Ross
Mr O. Rush
Mr M. Ryall
Ms Snowden
Mr David Sydenham
Mr M D Thackwray
Mr E. Townsend
Mr & Mrs D. Vellacott
Mr Russell Vowles
Mr Peter Warren
Mr & Mrs A. Webb
Mrs C.M. Williams
ORGANISATIONS
Acorn Rural Property Consultants
Age Concern Devon
Age Concern Somerset
All Wheel Drive Club
Arc Addington Fund
Atkins

Badgworthy Land Company
Barton Willmore
Beard Construction
Bovis Homes Ltd
Bristol North Somerset South
Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning
Group
British Geological Survey
British Horse Society
British Toilet Association
Bruton Knowles
Bath & Wills Diocesan Board
(represented by Cluttons LLP)
British Telecom (represented by
Telereal Trillium)
Calvert Trust
Canoe England
Caractacus Housing
Caravan Club
Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
Chanin & Thomas
Chris Veale Architectural Services
Climate Action West
Colin Buchanan & Partners Ltd
Colson Stone Practice
Community Council for Somerset
Compass Disability Services
Confederation of Forest Industries
Council for National Parks
Country Land and Business Association
CPRE Devon
CPRE Somerset
CSJ Planning Consultants Ltd
Dartmoor National Park Authority
David Kerr Associates
David Wilson Partnership
Design Council CABE
Devon & Cornwall Police
Devon Community Council
Devon & Cornwall Housing Association
Devon County Council (Strategic
Planning, Transport, Minerals & Waste,
Education)
Devon Sustainable Building Initiative

Devon Wildlife Trust
Devonshire Homes Ltd
Doverhay Developments Ltd
DPDS Consulting Group
DPP LLP
Dulverton & District Civic Society
Dulverton & District Young People's
Project
Dulverton Fellowship for Mental
Health
Eco-Exmoor
Ecos
Engage West Somerset
English Heritage
English Rural Housing Association
Environment Agency
Exmoor Hill Farming Project
Exmoor Hill Farmers
Exmoor Livestock Auctions
Exmoor Local Access Forum
Exmoor Natural History Society
Exmoor Rivers and Streams Strategic
Overview Group
Exmoor Tourism Association
Exmoor Trust
Exmoor Uprising
Exmoor Youth Association
Faithnet South West
Falcon Rural Housing Association
Field Studies Council
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
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Forum 21
Fox & Sons
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Henry Adams LLP
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Homes & Communities Agency
Hosegood Ford Estate Agents
Humberstones
Knightstone Housing Association
Lake District National Park Authority
Landsense Professional Ltd
LDA Design Consulting LLP
Lee Abbey Christian Movement
Leith Planning
LEVVEL
Lyn Community and Development
Trust
Lyn Valley Society
Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trust
Lynton & Lynmouth Association of
Commerce and Tourism (LACT)
Lynton Tourism Information Centre
Magna Housing Group (MWS)
Marine Management Organisation
Martineau
Mid Devon Council (Economy and
Planning)
Midas Homes
Minehead Chamber of Commerce
Mineral Products Association
Mobile Operators Association
Nancekivell & Co
National Farmers Union (South West)
National Grid (represented by AMEC)
National Parks England
National Planning Casework Unit
(DCLG)
Natural England
Network Rail
New Economics Foundation
New Forest National Park Authority
Nicholas Pearson Associates

North Devon AONB
North Devon Archaeological Society
North Devon Council (Chief Executive,
Economic Regeneration, Recreation
Team, Planning Policy, and Housing)
North Devon Homes
North Devon Plus
North Devon Voluntary Services
Exmoor, North Devon and West
Somerset Rural Housing Project
North York Moors National Park
Authority
Northern Devon Clinical
Commissioning Group
Northumberland National Park
Authority
Peacock & Smith
Peak District National Park Authority
Peninsula Enterprise
Porlock Allotment Association
Scottish Executive (Housing Supply &
Management Team)
Quantock Hills AONB
RAC Foundation
Ramblers Association (North Devon)
Ramblers Association (Devon)
Ramblers Association (West Somerset)
Reed Holland Associates Ltd
Regen South West
Renscombe Properties
River Taw Fisheries Association
Road Haulage Association Ltd
Ross Campbell
Royal Mail Property Ltd
Royal Society for the Protection of
Birds (South West Office)
Savills
Seddons Estate Agents
Singer Instruments Ltd
Somerset Chamber of Commerce
Somerset County Council (Minerals &
Waste, Strategic Planning, Transport,
Economic Development, Schools)

Somerset Playing Fields Association
Somerset Racial Equality Commission
Somerset Rural Youth Project
Somerset Tourism Association
Somerset Tourism Partnership
Somerset Wildlife Trust
South Downs National Park Authority
South West Lakes Trust
South West Protected Landscapes
Forum
South West Rivers Association
South West Tourism Ltd
South West Water
South West Wood Fuels
Sport England South West
Stags Estate Agents
Stewart Ross Associates
Swan Paul Partnership Ltd
South West Housing Associations and
Registered Providers (represented by
Tetlow-King Planning)
The Broads Authority
The Church Commissioners
The Coal Authority
The Crown Estate (represented by
Smiths Gore)
Theed Forestry Estates
The Exmoor Society
The National Trust
Timberscombe and Cutcombe First
Schools
Trans-Send Ltd
Traveller Law Reform Project
Visit Devon
West Somerset Archaeological & Local
History Society
Wales & West Utilities
Webbers Fine & Country (Dulverton &
Minehead offices)
Wessex Water
West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways
Association
West Somerset Business Network

West Somerset College
West Somerset Council (Planning
Policy, Economic Development,
Housing, Regeneration and
Development, Environmental
Protection)
West Somerset Disability Association
Western Power Distribution
Western Somerset Local Action Group
White Young Green Planning
Woodland Trust
Woodward Smith Architects
Yorkshire Dales National Park
Authority
Youth Hostel Association

Appendix 3: Publication Draft Local Plan Consultation – Publicity

5.18 Excerpt from the Dulverton & Brushford News – June 2015

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION


The Draft Local Plan for Exmoor is reaching the final stages of its preparation, and will be out for consultation in mid-June to the end of July 2015. This will be your opportunity to comment before the Plan goes before a Planning Inspector for examination. The Plan indicates what kind of development will and will not be permitted in planning applications. It may affect you through:

- ✦ Policies to support the provision of local needs affordable housing. There is also provision for specialist housing for older people and for those who require care.
- ✦ Encouragement of entrepreneurship and policies to support businesses and home working, continued support for farm diversification.
- ✦ Policies to safeguard community services and improve accessibility.
- ✦ Helping communities to adapt to climate change.
- ✦ Improving access to broadband and telecommunications.
- ✦ Policies to protect the National Park's landscape and heritage, international dark sky reserve status, biodiversity and wildlife.
- ✦ Policies that support recreation and tourism developments which are compatible with the quiet enjoyment of Exmoor's special qualities.
- ✦ Encouraging high quality design, focusing development in existing settlements, and protecting the open countryside.

For more information and to make comments, visit one of the places below:

- ✦ Exmoor National Park Authority offices (Dulverton), West Somerset District Council offices (Williton) or North Devon District Council offices (Barnstaple)
- ✦ National Park Centres, Local Information Points and local libraries
- ✦ Exmoor National Park web site
www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
- ✦ Telephone 01398 323665
or email: localplan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

Elaine Woodcock



"CAKE BREAK" A BIG THANK YOU

I hosted an M. S. Fundraising Cake Break Event on the 15th May in the communal lounge in Hanover Court. There were a variety of cakes and biscuits on sale that had been home baked, together with teas and coffees supplied by the staff.


There was fun with a Quiz, "Guess my favourite Cake" and a Raffle.

Thank you, also to the Tantivy, Copper Kettle, Co-op, Mark Thompson, Pharmacist, and Emily who all provided Raffle prizes.

This was very well supported and raised £300 which will go to Multiple Sclerosis Headquarters for Research into this dreadful disease and for support at the local M.S. Branch in Tiverton.

Linda Hammond

Easter Experience



News from the Exmoor Youth Project

In a similar style to that of the Christmas Experience, we visited Dulverton, Minehead and Porlock to share the story of Easter with around 500 students over the 3 days. It was a fantastic opportunity to spend time with the schools and share with them the 'Passover meal' and a small communion (which they all really engaged with), we learnt about what happened on Palm Sunday, questioned how Jesus might have felt in the Garden of Gethsemane, and wrote our own thank you prayers after looking at what Jesus did for us on the cross. We also did some craft activities, and had a 'stations of the cross' egg hunt! All in all it was a brilliant event over 3 days!

Youth Camp

The planning for 2015's youth camp is well under way, following a JUNGLE theme, and looking at the 'fruits of the spirit' (Galatians 5:22)

We will again be staying at Northcombe Camping Barns (Near Dulverton) as it is such a fantastic location!

For ages 8-17 with the ages being split this year:

Youth Camp, ages 12-17 will take place from Friday 14th August at 2pm until Monday 17th August at 12pm, followed by a younger Youth Camp, ages 8-12, from 17th August at 12pm until Wednesday 19th August at 3pm.

For more information on any of our work and events please visit our website:
www.exmooryouthproject.com
or contact Jess James on 07772 862329


From the EYC Newsletter - Christmas 2014- Easter 2015

See also advertisements on page 12 (Children's Festival and Page 13 (Impetus - Youth Worship Evening)

Dulverton Group Exmoor Society

Said to be the finest example of a small medieval manor in England, Cothay Manor dates back to the 14th century. The manor has been lovingly restored with period furniture and fabrics by the current owners. This is an opportunity to have a guided tour of this private house. The tour is on Wednesday 24th June and costs £13.50 p.p. Booking is essential for the tour and for the ploughman's lunch, if required, at £6.75. Please contact Linda Hammond 01398 323954 or email linda_hammond@btconnect.com. A Community Bus is available for up to 16 people.

David Currie




Dulverton Players

Our next planned production (early Sept) is a black comedy "Dinner" by Moira Buffini.

Olga Owen

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5.19 Poster sent to: deposit points, local libraries, Local Information Points, local businesses and Parish/Town Councils for public display.

**EXMOOR**
NATIONAL PARK

Local Plan for Exmoor


Publication Draft

And

Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Consultation: 15th June - 31st July 2015

**Get
Involved
and Have
Your Say!**



The Local Plan includes policies for the development and use of land and indicates what kind of development will be permitted.

Copies of the Publication Draft Local Plan are available here:


- Online: www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
- Exmoor National Park Authority Reception, Exmoor House, Dulverton
- West Somerset Council Reception, West Somerset House, Williton
- North Devon Council Reception, Lynton House, Barnstaple
- National Park Centres at Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth
- Local libraries

Copies of a Summary Booklet are available at:

- Local Information Points
- A number of local shops/businesses

For further information please contact the Policy & Community Team:
Call: 01398 323665. Email: localplan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

- 5.20 Online news article for the Western Morning News was published on 10 June 2015: <http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/Local-Plan-Exmoor/story-26673073-detail/story.html>
- 5.21 Article published in the West Somerset Free Press: [http://www.west-somerset-today.co.uk/article.cfm?id=42&headline=Exmoor Plan: Park listened to local opinion§ionIs=news&searchyear=2015](http://www.west-somerset-today.co.uk/article.cfm?id=42&headline=Exmoor+Plan:+Park+listened+to+local+opinion§ionIs=news&searchyear=2015)
- 5.22 Article published in the North Devon Journal: <http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Residents-final-say-Exmoor-Local-Plan/story-26685471-detail/story.html>
- 5.23 Email notification sent to consultees (see Appendix 3):



Fri 12/06/2015 15:46

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Exmoor National Park Publication Draft Local Plan and Statement of Community Involvement - consultation

To localplan

Dear Consultee

Consultation on the Exmoor National Park Publication Draft Local Plan and Statement of Community Involvement

Exmoor National Park Authority would like to invite representations on the Exmoor National Park Publication Draft Local Plan. This includes policies which will guide development and the use of land in Exmoor until 2031 and indicates what kind of development will be permitted in planning applications. The Authority is also consulting on an updated Statement of Community Involvement. This sets out how the Authority intends to consult and engage the public and other stakeholders on future planning policy documents, and planning applications.

The consultation runs from **15 June to 31st July 2015**.

The Local Plan and Statement of Community Involvement can be downloaded from the Authority's website at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk from Monday 15th June along with the sustainability appraisal, consultation statement and other supporting documentation. Reference copies are also available to view during normal office hours at the following locations:

- Exmoor National Park Authority Offices at Exmoor House, Dulverton;
- North Devon District Council Offices, reception at Lynton House, Barnstaple; and
- West Somerset District Council Offices, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton.
- Copies will also be displayed at National Park Centres in Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth.

Information on the consultation is also available at Exmoor National Park Local Information Points and local libraries.

A response form is available to download from our website. Please send your comments to us in writing or by email using the contact details above, **by 4pm on Friday 31st July 2015**.

If you wish to be notified of the submission of the Local Plan for examination; the publication of the recommendations from the examination; and/or the adoption of the Local Plan, please indicate in the appropriate box on the accompanying response form.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01398 323665 or email localplan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ruth McArthur Clare Reid

Ruth McArthur & Clare Reid
Planning & Community Managers

5.24 The following individuals and organisations were notified of the Regulation 19 consultation on the Publication Draft Local Plan:

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Cdr. D Aldrich
William Allen
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Mr C J A Binnie
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Mr David Bloomfield
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Mr Robert Bradbury
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Mr David Britnell
Mr J N Brownell
Mr A. Bullen
Mr Samuel Burgess
Sir Andrew Burns
David Cameron
Mrs P. Clarke
Mr Richard Collis
Mr Geff Cowan
Mrs Heather Cross
Mr Robert Cross
Richard Croucher
Mr Walter Crowe
Mr Paul Curson
Mr Martyn de Young
Mr Guy Dewdney
Mr A J Dodd
J. Edgington
Mr John Edmonds

Nick Evetts
Peter Ford
Mr Robert Friendship
Mr David Garbett-Edwards
Bill Graham
Mr Kevin Green
Mr Richard Greenwell
Mr P. Griffin
Mr Paul Haresnape
Mr Maurice Hartnell
Mr N Harvey MP
Richard Heacock
Mr Andrew Hearn
Mrs R A Hernandez
Mr John Heys
Mrs A Hill
Mr Anthony Hocking
Mr L Hooper
Mr David Horsfall
Mr B Jackson
Mr Peter Jones
M. & J. Jones
Mrs Jill Jones
Mr Andrew Jones
Mr Jon Kemp
Mr Martin Kerr
Mr D. Latham
Miss R A Le Bas
Mr Neil Legg
Graham Lelliot
Mr Tim Lewis
Mr T J Loveless
Robin Lucas
Mr Ian MacCormac
Mr Barry Marshall
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Roger Martin
Mr Adrian Maunders
Mr Peter Miles

Christine Moore
Mr A Morgan
Alan Morgan
Mr Mark Murray
Mr Patrick Murrell
Mr Tony Nicholson
Mr Bruce Nottrodt
Mr Robert Palmer
Mr Julian Palmer
Mr Michael Pearce
Mr & Mrs I Piper
Mr Derrick Plyer
Richard Pocock
Dr J Prideaux
Mr Richard Pyatt
Mr Steve Randall
Mrs Margaret Rawle
Mr John Read
Mr P. Reilly
Mr J Roberts
Mr K Ross
Mr Tim Roy
Mr O. Rush
Mr M Ryall
Mr William Selwyn
Diane Simpson
Suzie Sinden
Mr Francis Smith
Mr Peter Snashall
Mr Martin Steel
Mr Charles Summers
Mr Martin Swainson
Mr Anthony Tony
Mr David Tooke
Matt Towell
Mr E. Townsend
Mr Paul Trevena
Mr & Mrs D. Vellacott
Mr Keith Vingoe
Mr Russell Vowles
Mr P Warren
Mr Peter Warren
Mr Alan Watkins

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Mr Roger White
Mr Jon Wilkes
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