



## MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTERABLE INTERESTS 2023/2024

I, **Dominic Mark Malone Elson**

being a Member of Exmoor National Park Authority, give notice below of those interests which I am required to declare under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and those other interests which Exmoor National Park Authority's Standards Committee will recommend be required as a provision of the Authority's Code of Conduct.

In relation to categories 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, I understand that in so doing I must declare any interest of a relevant person being my spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom I live as husband or wife; or a person with whom I live as if civil partners, so far as I am aware of that interest.

### 1. Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation

Please give details of every employment, job, trade, business or vocation you have, for which you receive any benefit or gain (i.e. profit, salary or benefit in kind) including a short description of the activity e.g. 'Accountant' or 'Farmer'

Co-owner of sheep farm (Verwill Farm), which trades through Verwill Berdikari Ltd  
 Employed by Verwill Berdikari Ltd, as an international development consultant  
 Employed as Executive Director by Seventythree Foundation, a non-profit entity based in UK that manages community empowerment projects in Southeast Asia.

Name of Employer, body, firm or company by which you are employed or in which you are a partner or a remunerated Director in which you have a beneficial interest.

**Verwill Berdikari Ltd** – Director and co-owner of the business. This company, which I own jointly with my spouse, combines the farm business with international consultancy. Therefore, my role is split between being a farmer and being a consultant development economist. I receive a salary and dividends from the company.  
**Seventy Three Pte.Ltd. (Singapore)** – I am a director and own a third of the business. This company is an international development consultancy and social enterprise that works mainly on projects in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar). I do not receive direct payments from this company, as my work is contracted via Verwill Berdikari Ltd.  
**Seventythree Foundation (UK)** – I am a director and founding member of this non-profit organisation, and receive a salary.

### 2. Sponsorship

Please give details of any person or body (other than Exmoor National Park Authority) who has made any payment to you in respect of your

None

election or any expenses you have incurred in carrying out your duties as a Member of the Authority.	
<b>3. Securities: Interests in Companies</b>	
<p>Please give details of any body which has a place of business or owns land in Exmoor National Park and in which you have a beneficial interest (a shareholding) of more than £25,000 (nominal value) or more than 1/100<sup>th</sup> of the total share issue of that body (whichever is the lower) <u>or</u> if there is more than one class of share, the total nominal value of shares in any class of that body of more than 1/100<sup>th</sup> of the total shares of that class</p> <p><i>Note: It is not necessary to declare the nature or size of the holding, simply the name of the company or other body.</i></p>	Verwill Berdikari Ltd operations within Exmoor NP (see above for details)
<b>4. Contracts: for Goods, Works or Services with Exmoor National Park Authority</b>	
Please give details of any current, existing contracts for goods, works or services between the Exmoor National Park Authority and you or any body, firm or company by which you are employed or which you own or in which you have a beneficial interest, as referred to at 3 above.	None
<b>5. Landholdings and Licences in the Area</b>	
<p>Please give the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land or property in Exmoor National Park in which you have a beneficial interest, indicating whether you are the owner, lessee or tenant, including land in which you may have a licence, alone or with others, to occupy for a period of one month or longer.</p> <p>You must include the land and house you live in and, for example, any allotments you own or use.</p>	I am joint owner (with my spouse) of Verwill Farm, near Combe Martin, EX34 0PE. The property comprises a farmhouse, various outbuildings and sheds, and about 115 acres of land (of which 100 acres are inside Exmoor NP)
<b>6. Corporate Tenancies: Land leased from Exmoor National Park Authority</b>	
Please give the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land leased or licensed from Exmoor National Park Authority by you or any body, firm or company by which you are employed or which you own or in which you have a beneficial interest (specified at 3 above).	None

<b>7. Membership of Other Bodies</b> <b>Please give details of your membership of, or any position of general control or management, of any bodies in the categories listed below.</b>	
Any Body or Organisation to which you hold an unpaid directorship	None
Any Body or Organisation to which you have been appointed or nominated by Exmoor National Park Authority.	Campaign for National Parks North Devon AONB Partnership
Any other body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. County, District or Parish Council; Health, Police or Fire Authority or Quasi Autonomous Non-Governmental Body)	None
Any body directed to charitable purposes (e.g., an Industrial and Provident Society or Charitable Body)	None
Any Body whose principal purpose is to influence public opinion or policy <u>or any other body</u> which, in your view, might create a conflict of interest in carrying out duties as a Member of Exmoor National Park Authority (e.g. Political Party; Trade Union, Professional Association, Local Action Forum, Civic Society or Interest Group (e.g. National Trust; RSPB; Greenpeace or membership of the Freemasons or similar body)	<p>I am a paying member of the Campaign for National Parks</p> <p>I am a paying member of The Landworkers' Alliance, and have assisted the organisation with lobbying activities in parliament</p> <p>I am a paying member of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association (PFLA)</p> <p>I am a paying member of the Centre for Human Ecology, Glasgow</p> <p>I am an investor and supporter of the Ecological Land Cooperative</p> <p>I am a paying member of the Woodland Trust</p> <p>As an organic farm, our business pays a fee to be a member of the Soil Association, which is our certifying body</p> <p>My wife is a paying member of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Devon Wildlife Trust and National Sheep Association</p>
<b>8. Gifts and Hospitality</b> <b>You should not accept gifts or hospitality, irrespective of estimated value, which could give rise to real or substantive personal gain or a reasonable suspicion of influence on your part to show favour from persons seeking to acquire, develop or do business with the Authority or from persons who may apply to the Authority for any permission, licence or other significant advantage.</b>	
Please give details of the receipt of any gift or hospitality to the value of more than £50 and the identity of the donor of such gift or hospitality within 28 days of receipt, where the business of the	None

Authority is likely to affect the interests of that donor.	
Register within 28 days any gift or hospitality to the value of more than £50 that you have been offered but have refused to accept	None

**DECLARATION**

**I undertake to comply with the Authority's Members' Code of Conduct and I recognise that if I fail to comply with the Code of Conduct for Members of Exmoor National Park Authority or:**

- (i) omit any information that should be included in this Notice;
- (ii) give false or misleading information; or
- (iii) do not tell the Authority of any changes to this Notice or new interests I acquire

**it may be a criminal offence and/or the matter may be referred to Exmoor National Park Authority's Standards Committee for investigation.**

Signed:  ..... Dated 30th Nov 2023 .....

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Received: .....  ..... Updated: 7/12/23 .....