

National Park Partnership Plan Public Opinion Survey 2023 - final results



Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan survey



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Executive summary

The Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan public opinion survey ran for 5 months during 2023 to gather views to aid the development of a revised Partnership Plan for Exmoor National Park.

Just under **1,000 responses were received**, with 53% from those that live or work within the National Park boundary. The majority of the remaining respondents were based relatively close to the National Park. Overall 70% of respondents live within the former Somerset West and Taunton, North Devon and Mid Devon Districts.

Responses are not fully reflective of either local or national demographics. Younger people aged under 45, those reporting a disability or long-term health condition and those from Minority Ethnic Communities are especially underrepresented in the survey responses.

The overwhelming majority of respondents felt that the 15 **Special Qualities** listed encapsulated the features that were most important to them about Exmoor.

The top 3 qualities were:

1. Wooded Valleys
2. A diversity of habitats and wildlife
3. Open moorland.

In terms of **current issues and concerns** the biggest concerns focused on nature and wildlife – the top 3 overall concerns all fell under the theme of *conserving and enhancing Exmoor*:

1. Loss of wildlife and declines in once common species such as dormice, moorland birds, salmon, and butterflies.
2. Increased invasive species, pests and diseases impacting Exmoor's natural resources and wildlife.
3. Loss of natural habitats and poor condition of designated wildlife sites.

The top 3 issues/concerns within the theme of *helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor* were:

1. Impacts of irresponsible dog walkers on the environment, livestock and other users
2. Some aspects of intensive game shoot management impact negatively on the natural environment and other people's enjoyment of the National Park
3. Footpaths and bridleways are overgrown, eroded or difficult to access.

The top 3 issues / concerns within theme of *supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses* were:

1. Lack of well-paid jobs and affordable housing to enable people to live and work on Exmoor (this was the 4th highest issue / concern overall across all three themes).
2. Lack of sustainable transport options to and around the National Park
3. Loss of cultural heritage such as traditional skills and local traditions.

The survey also asked for views on **future priorities** to be addressed across Exmoor (whether by the National Park Authority or partners).

Once again, the top 3 overall priorities all fell within the conserving and enhancing them as follows:

1. Improving the condition of important wildlife habitats.
2. Keeping Exmoor beautiful.
3. Helping nature to recover through habitat creation and lining of habitats.

Within the *helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor* theme the top 3 priorities were

1. Maintaining and enhancing the network of footpaths, bridlepaths and other opportunities for quiet enjoyment.
2. Helping more people to learn about, understand and value Exmoor.
3. Developing better sustainable transport and active travel for visitors.

The top three priorities within the theme of *supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses* were:

1. Ensuring development is high quality, well designed, in appropriate locations and conserving the landscape.
2. Encouraging green businesses and careers linked to managing and caring for the National Park.
3. Improving energy efficiency of buildings and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

As a result of the responses several **key issues** are discussed in section 'G'. These are by no means the only or even most important issues, to tackle in the plan but highlight those where further exploration of the issues is required in the drafting of a new Partnership Plan, and especially those areas where there is a higher degree of variance in responses.

A) Introduction

Exmoor National Park Authority works in partnership with the community, local councils, businesses, and other organisations to look after the National Park and promote its conservation and enjoyment. This is co-ordinated by a Partnership Plan, which is renewed every 5 years. It is a statutory management plan for the area and provides a strategic plan for the National Park shaped by all who care about Exmoor and its future.

In preparation for a revised plan from 2024, an online public opinion survey ran for a 5-month period from 4 April to 4 September 2023, asking all those with an interest in Exmoor to share their views on what makes Exmoor special to them, and what key issues they think are most important to tackle going forward. The issues and priorities 'tested' in the plan, were developed through trends and issues highlighted in the State of Park report and feedback from stakeholders including our Partnership Plan groups that take an overview of the delivery of our current Partnership Plan priorities.

The survey was promoted:

- Online
- Via our partner organisations and stakeholders
- In the press
- In our National Park Centres
- On social media (including targeted campaigns to generate increased responses from under 45-year-olds who are typically under-represented in such consultations)
- By email to our different mailing lists and pro-actively engaging with groups that could help us reach under-represented audiences including young people and minority ethnic communities.

In total 996 responses were received, and we are grateful to all those that took the time to share their views and/or promote the survey link.

The results are presented below. These will feed into the development of a 2024-2029 Partnership Plan for Exmoor National Park, which will also take into account evidence detailed in our State of Park report and discussions with our Partnership Plan groups and stakeholders through a range of meetings and workshops held over the same period.

As the survey was self-selecting some care should be taken when interpreting the results as they are typically the views of those who are already engaged in some way with the work of the Authority and our partners or those who have a keen interest in Exmoor.

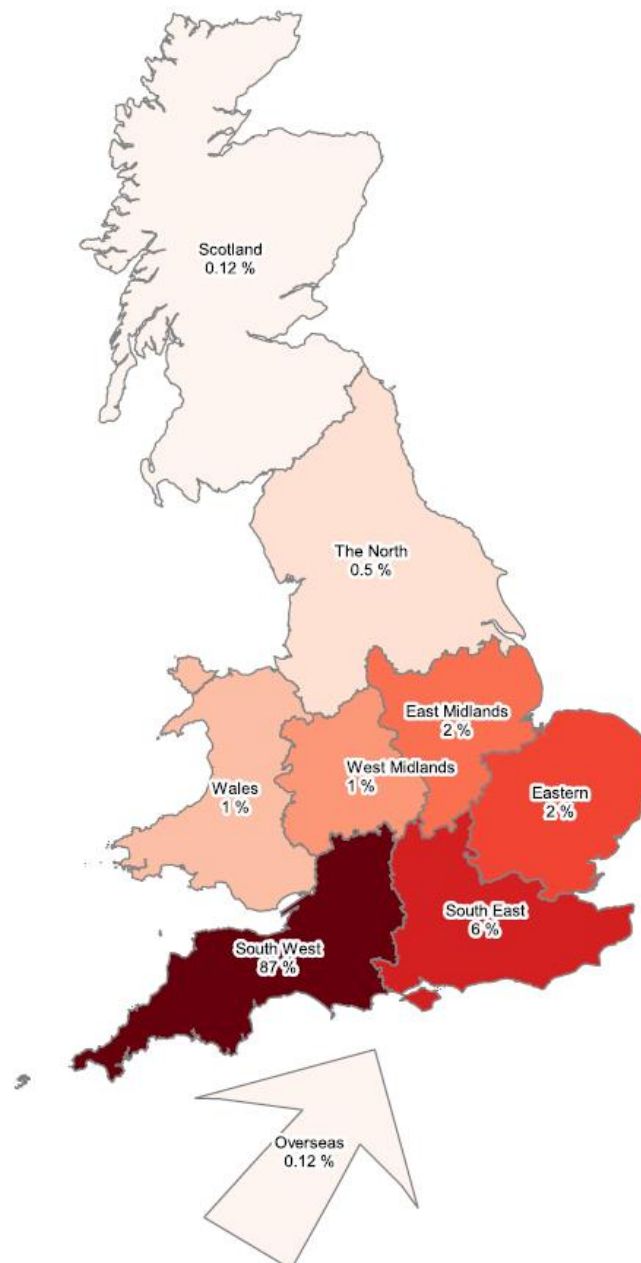
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B) Demographics

Demographic information was collected to measure how representative of the population we serve the responses were, seeking to gain as representative views as we could.

B1. Geography

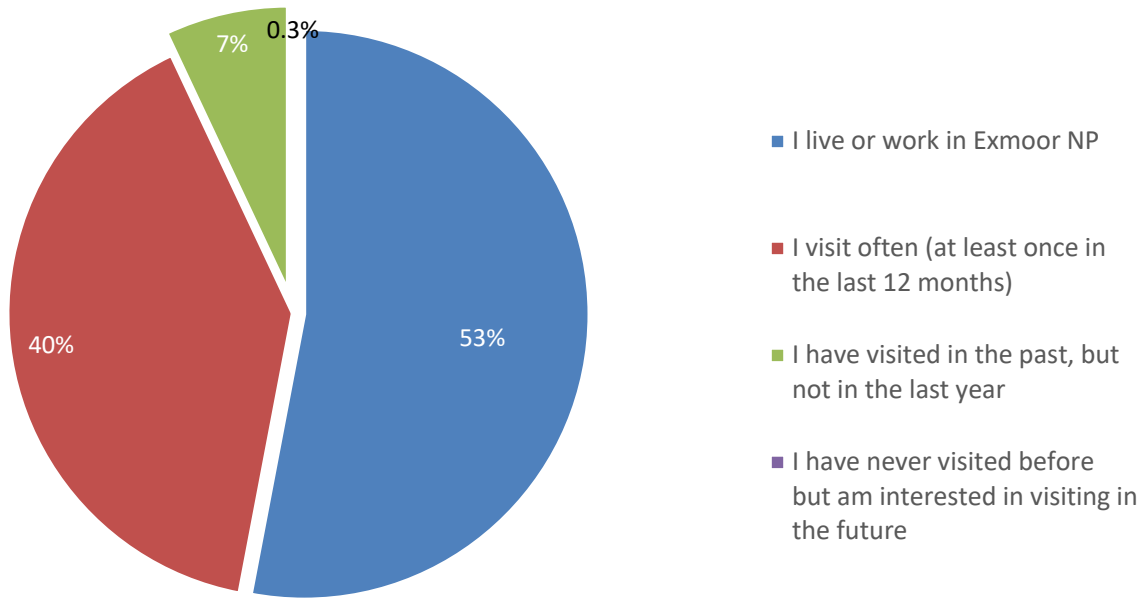
The map below shows the relative spread of responses from across the country, with a clear concentration from both within and around the National Park. 87% are from within the South West while over 70% of responses came from those living within the former District area of Somerset West and Taunton, North Devon or Mid Devon Districts.



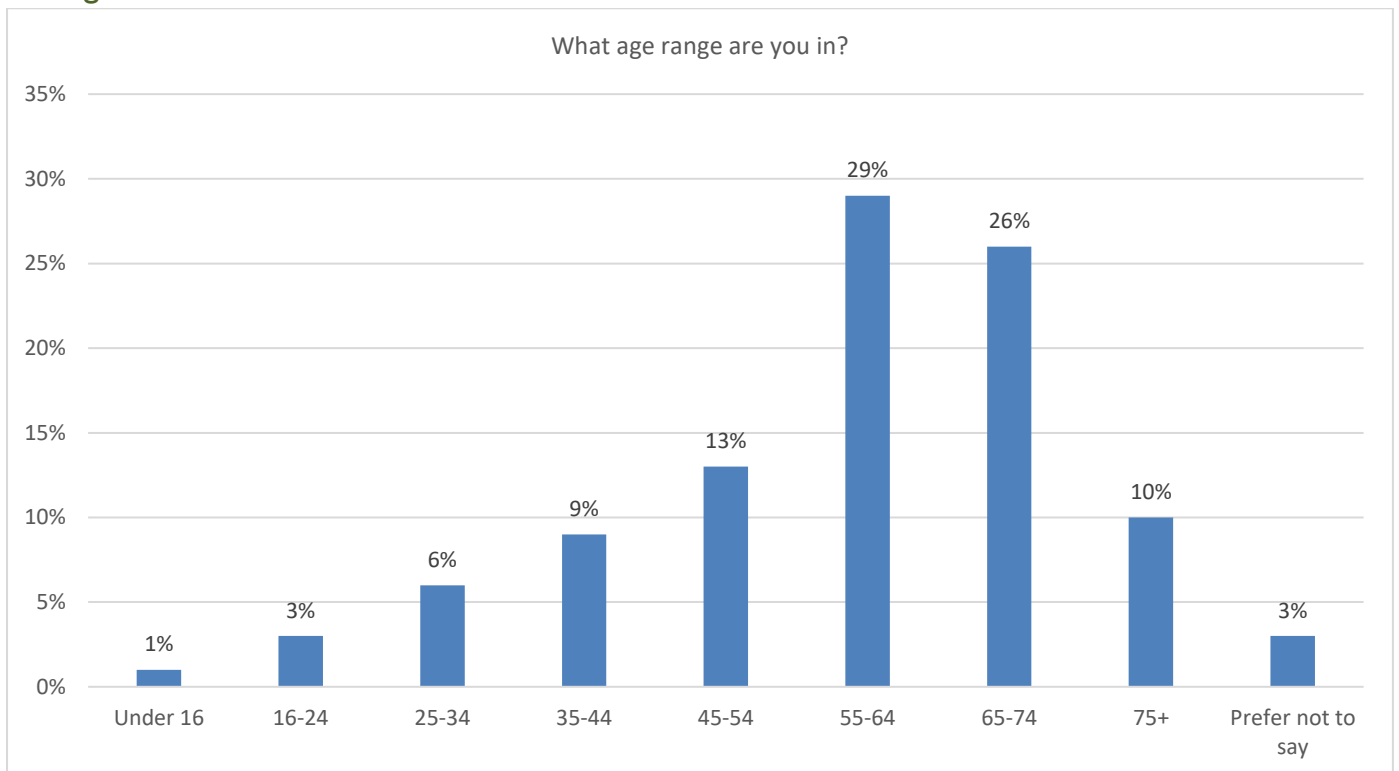
53% either live or work within the National Park with 47% being visitors (the majority describing themselves as frequent visitors (visiting at least once in the last 12 months), accounting for 40% of overall respondents, and 7% of total respondents have visited in the past, but not for some time. Just 0.3% of respondents stated they had never been to Exmoor but would like to in the future.

The main results are displayed in sections C and D below and include the differing views of those that live / work in Exmoor vs those that visit (or would like to visit). Overall, the difference in views between those living / working in Exmoor and those visiting were relatively limited, and the main sections below pull out any key differences.

Whether you live in Exmoor, Visit Exmoor or just care about Exmoor we want to hear your views.
Please indicate which of the following statements is most appropriate to you:



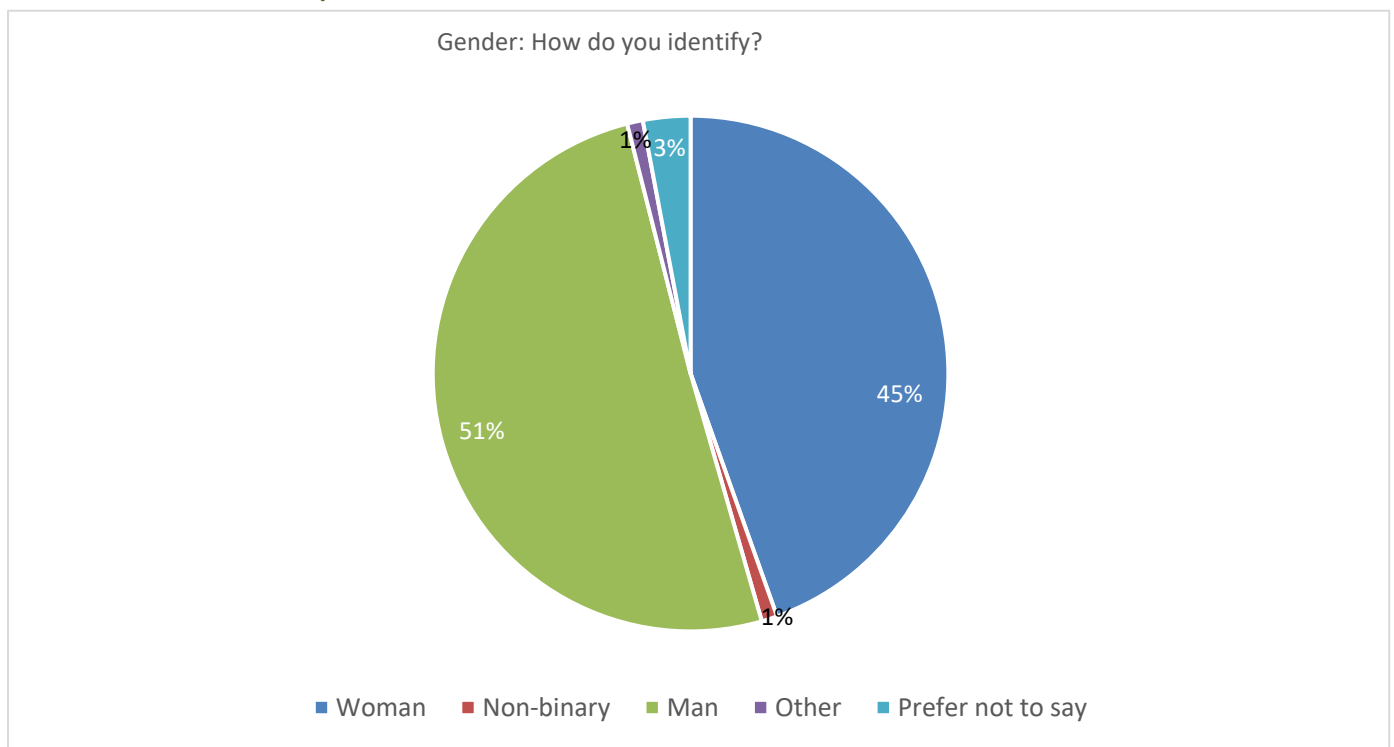
B2. Age



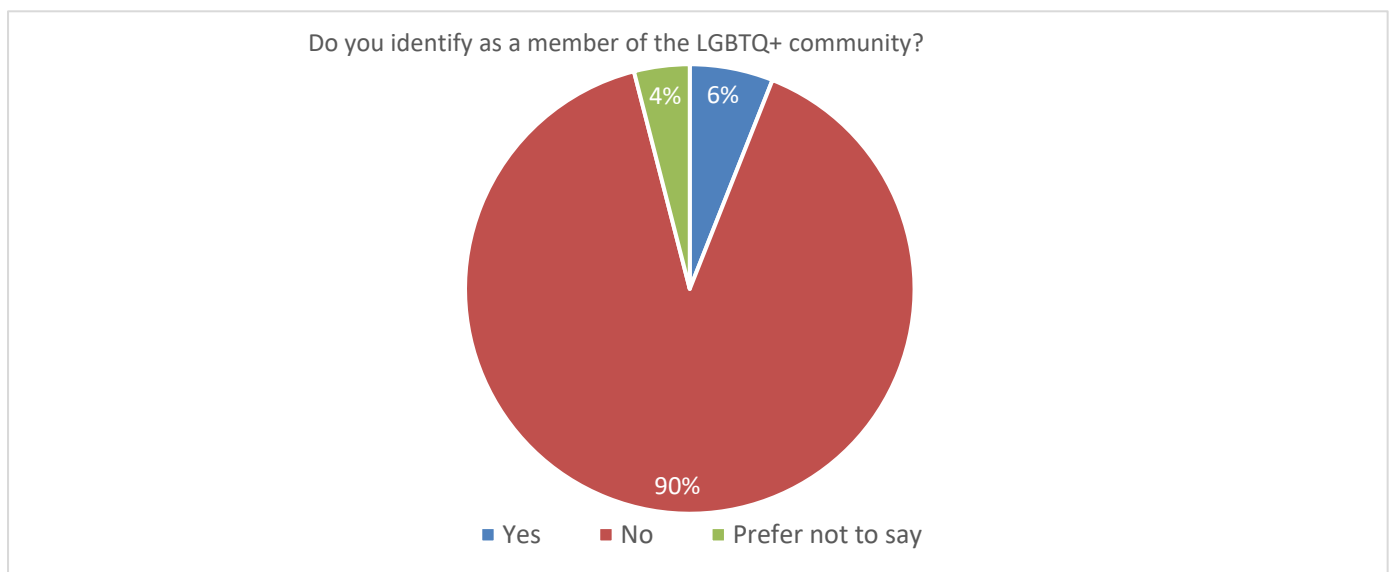
Most respondents (65%) were aged 55 or over. Just 19% of respondents were aged under 45, which is significantly lower than the local Exmoor population (32%) and the England average (56%) (Census 2021).

Following analysis of interim results in May when only 12% of respondents were aged below 45 a series of targeted social media posts were published to specifically reach a younger demographic.

B3. Gender & Sexuality

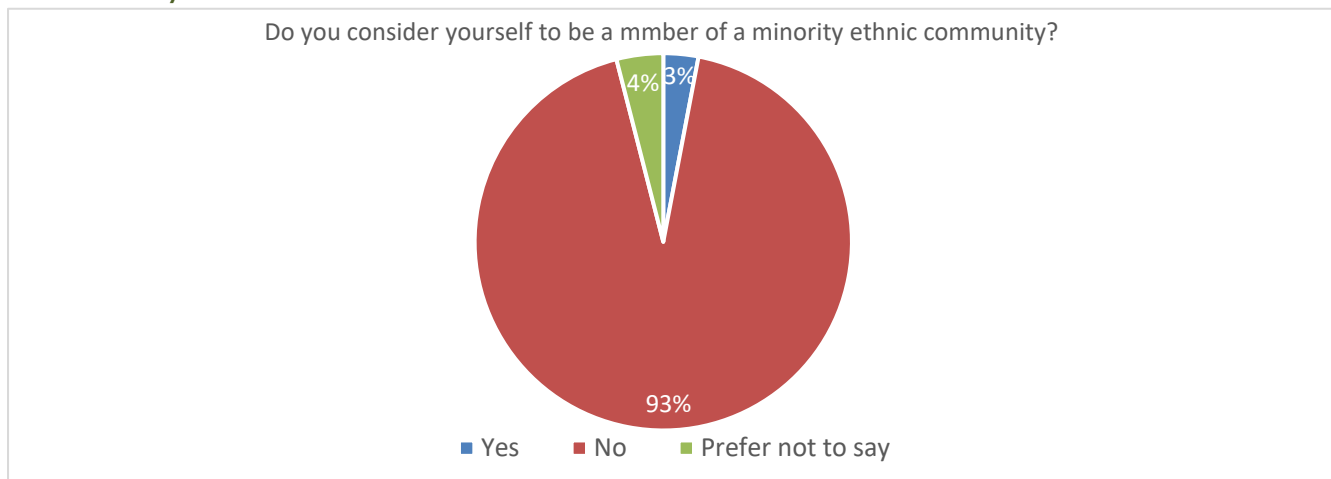


There was a slightly higher proportion of people identifying as a man responding, compared to those identifying as a woman, with just 1% identifying respectively as non-binary or other. 2021 Census data only provides two gender options with 51% stating female and 49% stating male across England – within this 93.5% identify as the same gender as sex registered at birth and 0.5% identify differently than sex registered at birth (6% not answered).



6% identified as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, this is above the average across England of 3.1% (2021 Census).

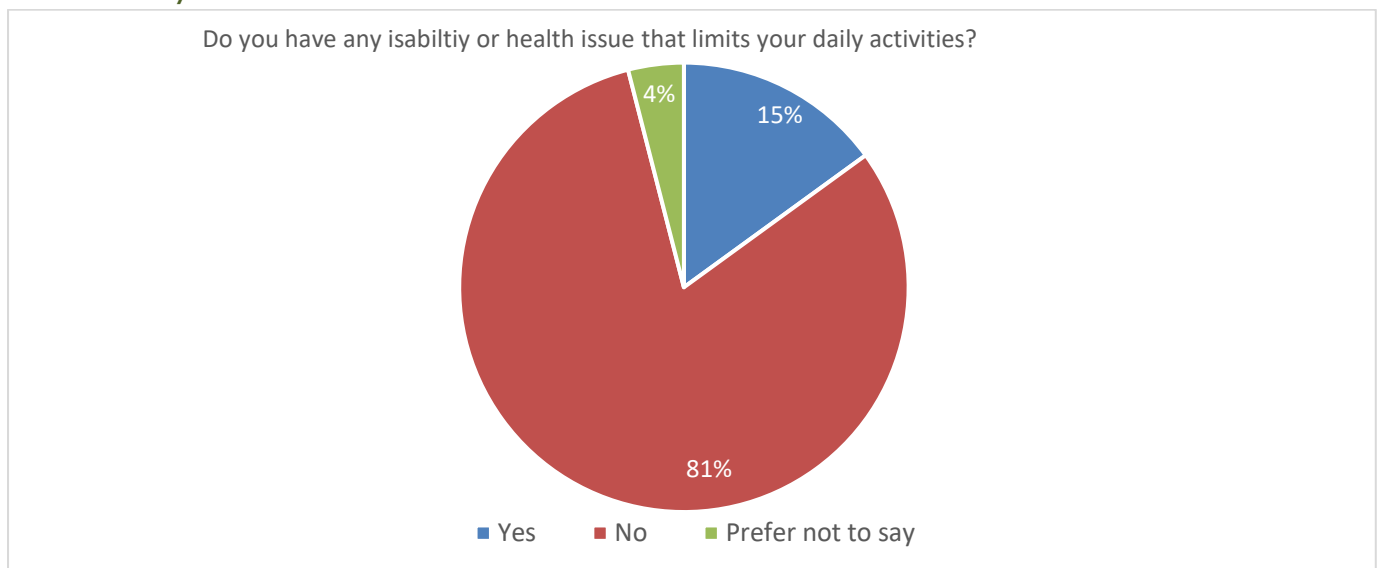
B4. Ethnicity



Just under 3% of respondents reported that they considered themselves as to be a member of a minority ethnic community.

Census 2021 data shows that across England 19% of the population are non-white, within Devon 3.7%, Somerset 3.5% and within the National Park this is 1.5% of the population. As such while the responses overall are in line with the local and regional population structure, the sample is significantly under representative of the national population that National Parks serve.

B5. Disability



15% of respondents stated they had a disability or health issue that limits their daily activities. This is slightly below the average for the National Park (20.4%) and the average for England (17.3%) based on Census 2021 data.

C) Exmoor's Special Qualities

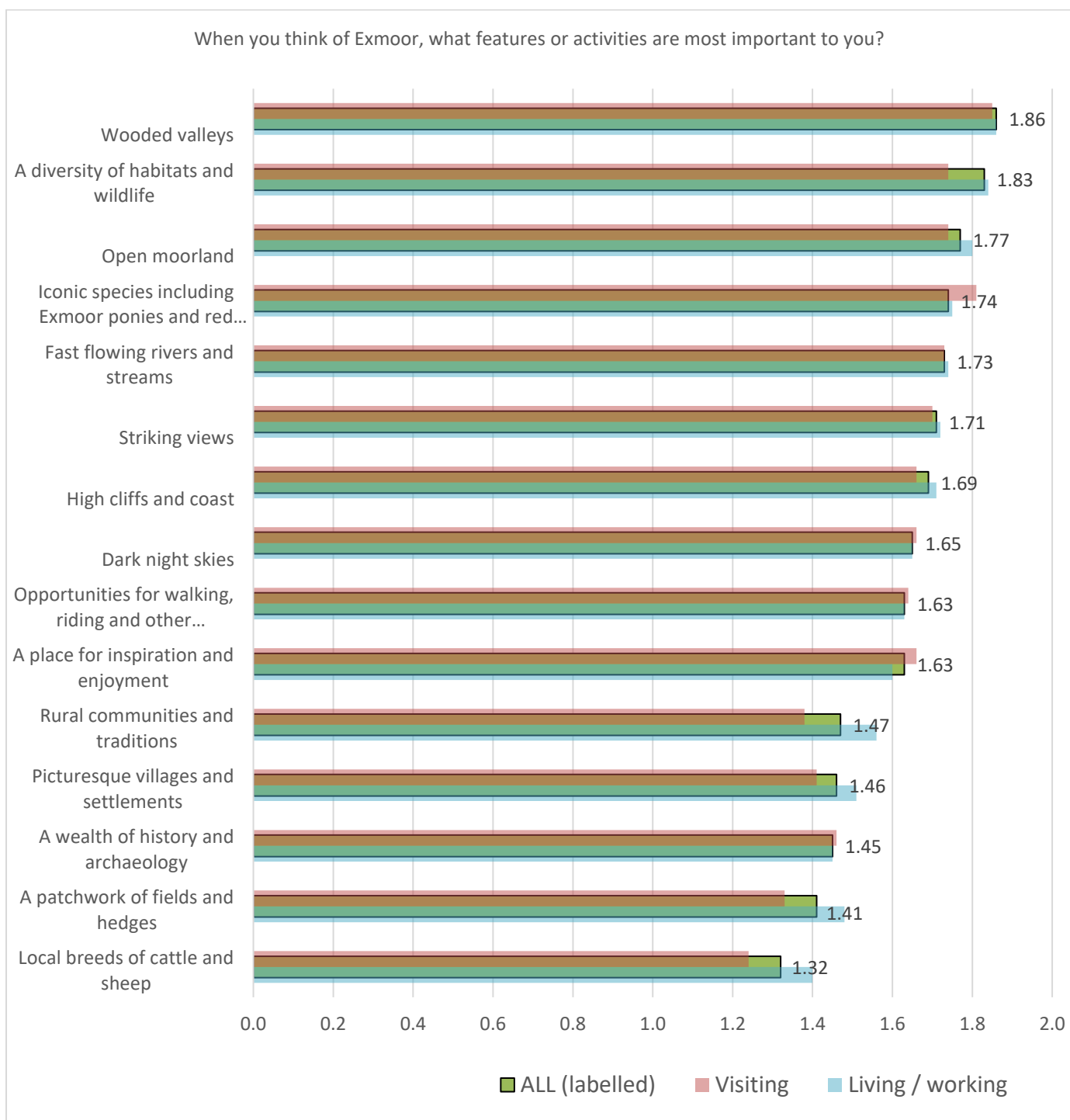
One of the key requirements for a National Park Management Plan is to identify the special qualities that define the protected landscape.

C1. Identifying the special qualities of Exmoor

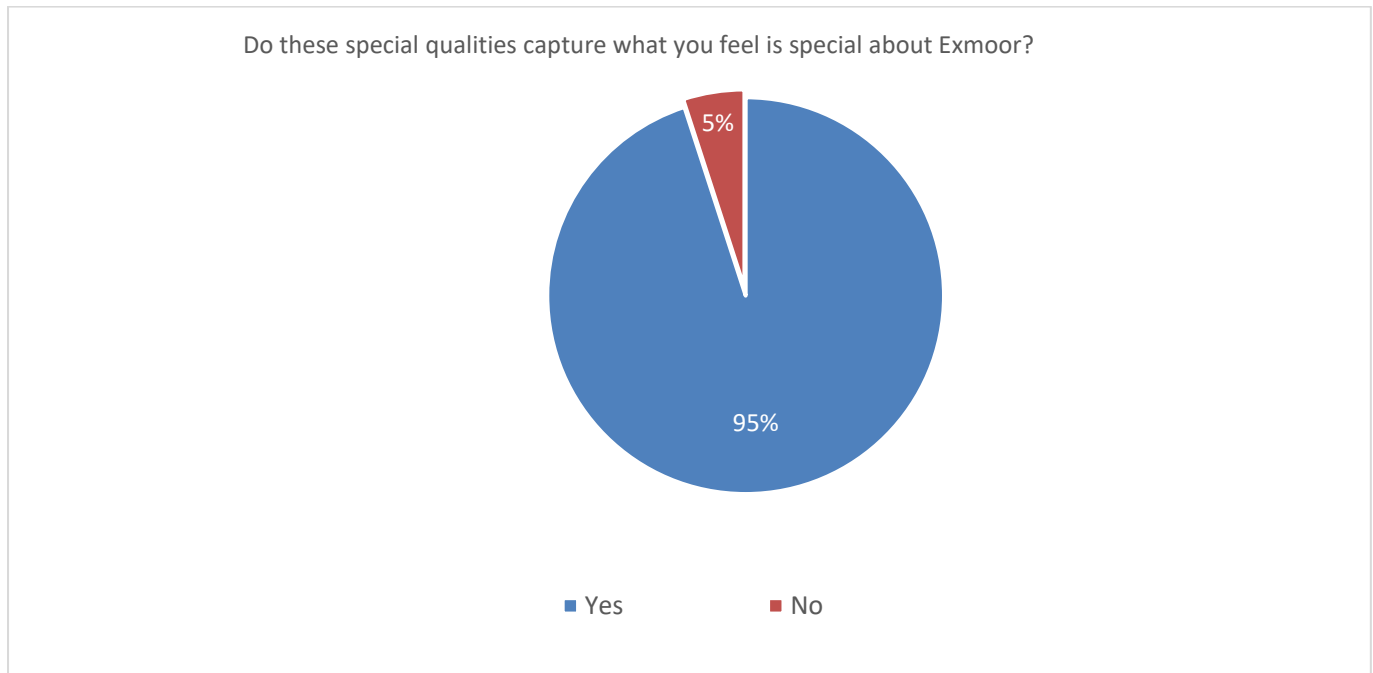
The survey presented 15 identified special qualities of Exmoor National Park, summarising them into bite sized statements.

It is worth noting that all the 15 aspects listed were deemed as important (either quite or very) by over two thirds of all respondents. Of these just 3 were seen as unimportant by 10% or more of respondents.

The following graph shows the ranking that each statement received from all responses (and the respective ranking from those living / working in Exmoor vs visiting). The score was calculated by assigning each answer a number (2 = very important, 1 = quite important, 0 = not important) to achieve an overall score out of 2.



All aspects scored higher than 1 (quite important) with the majority scoring on average over 1.5 out of 2. The total average scores range from 1.32 to 1.86 – the relatively small spread suggests that, over and above the ranking, all aspects are deemed reflective of the special qualities of the area.



95% agreed that the special qualities listed captured what they felt was special about Exmoor.

Of the 5% who didn't feel the special qualities captured what they felt was special about Exmoor, most responses focused on a lack of an explicit reference to the 'people' of Exmoor. The National Park designation, which the special qualities are intended to reflect, is a landscape designation. That said, the special qualities do refer to the areas 'rural communities and traditions'.

A number of other comments received referred to the preservation of farming, along with the protection and respect of rare species, woodlands and wetlands.

C2. General comments on the special qualities

There were 429 general comments about the special qualities of the National Park. Of these:

- 40 comments (9%) in relation to wildlife:
 - Concern over risk to wildlife due to visitors, farming, recreation. Most comments encouraging of protecting and maintaining wildlife and habitats, the importance of biodiversity and its inclusion and promotion in new developments. Current wildlife considered by some to be depleted, with a focus on invasive and non-native species.
- 36 comments (8%) in relation to farming:
 - Those in favour arguing tradition, assisting farmers, having a farmed landscape and the contribution of agriculture to the community and economy. Concern over ongoing funding and viability of farming.
 - Criticisms include the impact on wildlife habitats, overgrazing, pesticides in watercourses, soil leaching, pollution.
- 36 comments (8%) comments in relation to people/communities:
 - Focus on people that live and work in the park, and support for local communities. Emphasis on enabling future generations and allowing communities to thrive.

- 28 comments (7%) in relation to tourism:
 - Split between those in favour of maintaining/more visitors, or too many.
 - Those against have concern over habitats and areas at risk from people visiting, some feel certain areas are overcrowded. Ensuring people visiting are aware of the National Park status and seek to protect it whilst here. Concern over second home ownership.
 - Those in favour would like to see more on offer and things to do to attract visitors, better publicity, and promotion. Important for local businesses and the economy. Some felt it is not overcrowded at any time of year.

- Other comments received made reference to the wide-open space and tranquillity of the National Park and the ability to roam over open areas with complete accessibility. Uniqueness compared to other National Parks. Clean air. Unspoilt. Views. Peaceful.

D) Issues & concerns

The survey listed a total of 24 potential issues or concerns, identified through stakeholder liaison and the State of the Park report evidence. These were grouped into three themes, based on the statutory purposes and duty of National Park Authorities:

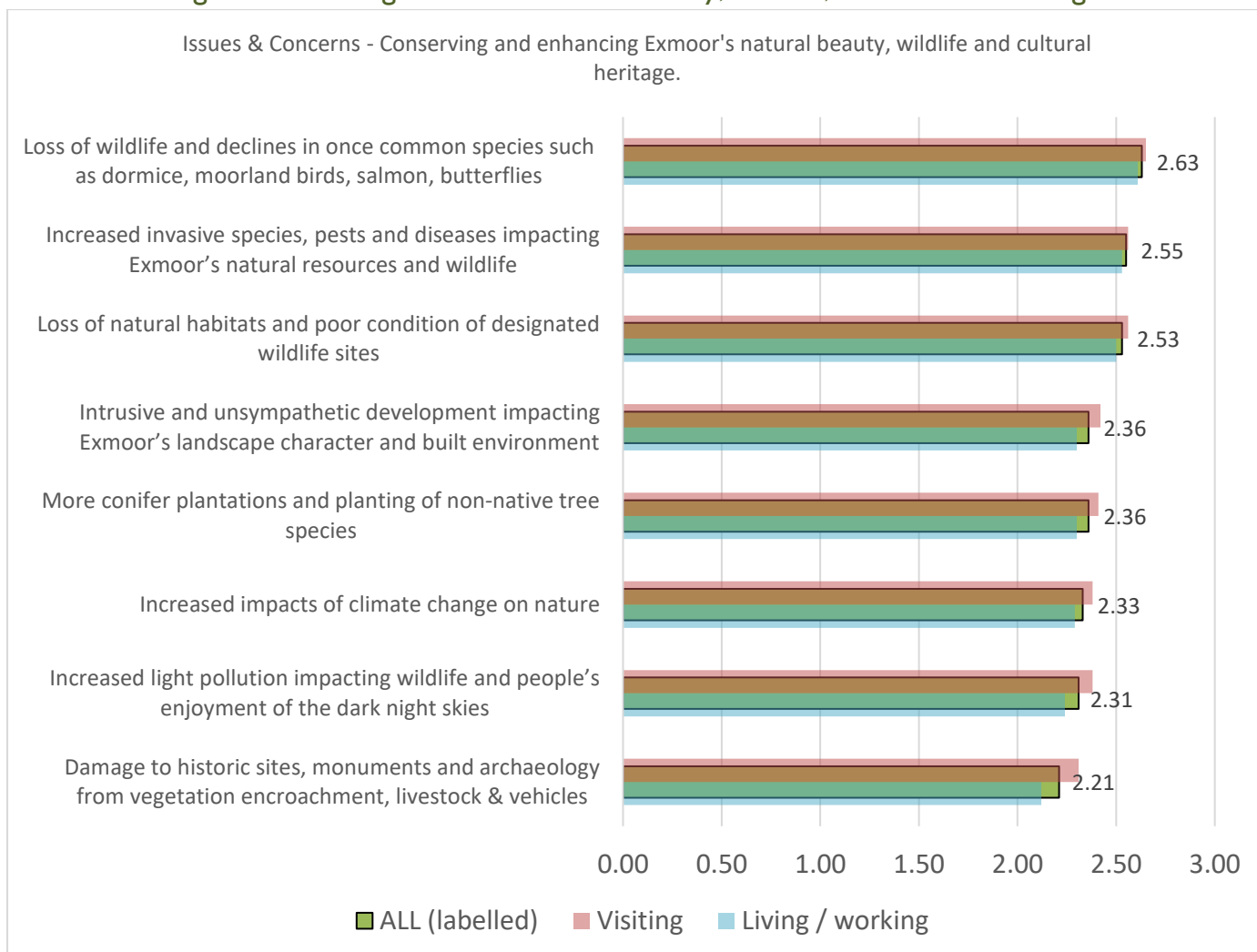
- Conserving and enhancing Exmoor’s natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage
- Helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor
- Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses

Across all themes the following were the top 10 issues / concerns

1. Loss of wildlife and declines in once common species such as dormice, moorland birds, salmon, butterflies .
2. Increased invasive species, pests and diseases impacting Exmoor’s natural resources and wildlife.
3. Loss of natural habitats and poor condition of designated wildlife sites.
4. Lack of well-paid jobs and affordable housing to enable people to live and work on Exmoor.
5. More conifer plantations and planting of non-native tree species.
6. Intrusive and unsympathetic development impacting Exmoor’s landscape character and built environment.
7. Increased impacts of climate change on nature.
8. Increased light pollution impacting wildlife and people’s enjoyment of the dark night skies.
9. Lack of sustainable transport options to and around the National Park.
10. Loss of cultural heritage such as traditional skills and local traditions.

The following sections look at each of the three themes in turn.

D1. Conserving and enhancing Exmoor’s natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage

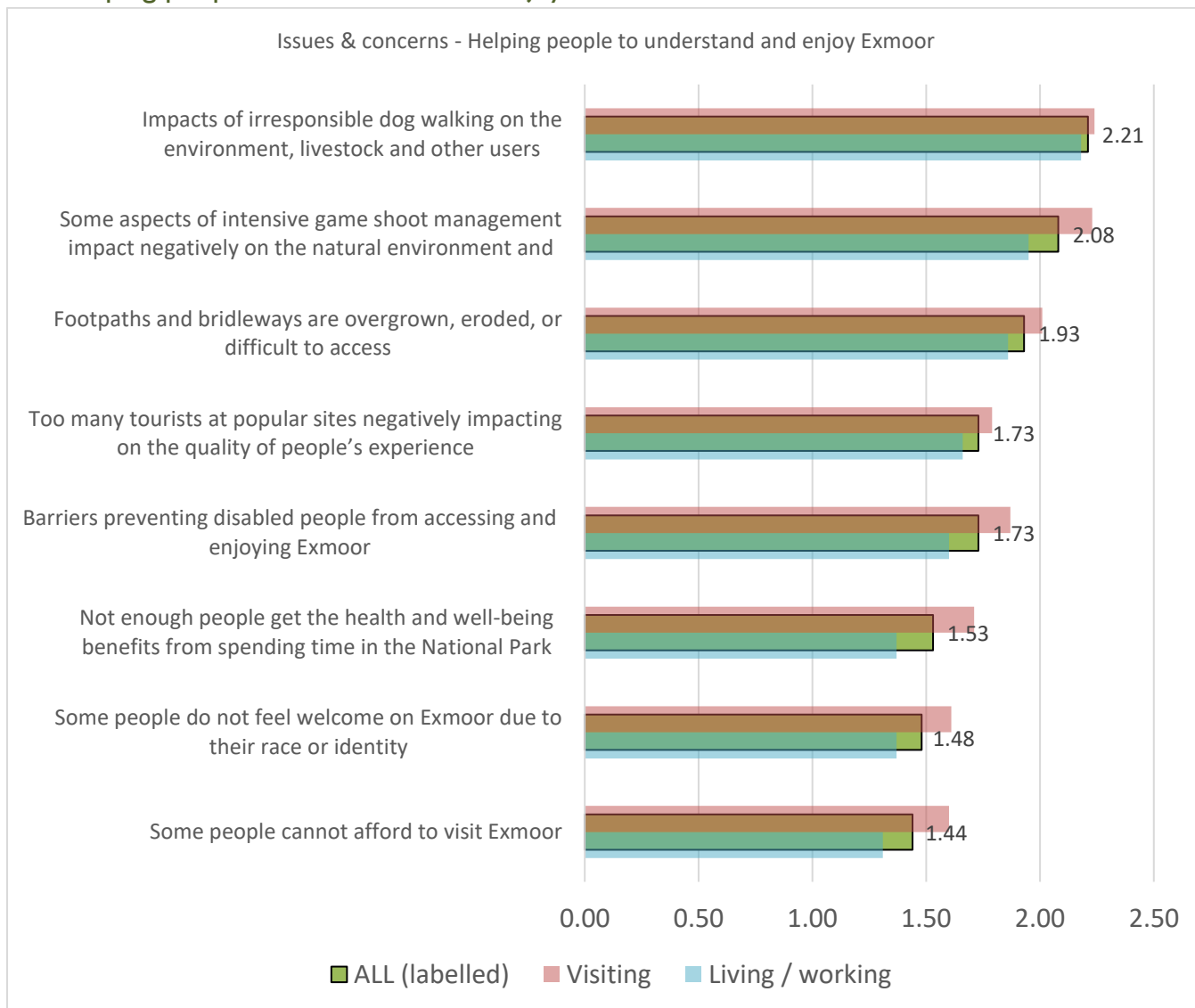


None of the issues in this theme were of 'no concern' to any more than 5% of respondents and over 50% of respondents reported they were 'very concerned' about 7 of the 8 issues presented.

The graph above shows the ranking of concerns, based on the average of a weighted score applied (3 for very concerned, 2 for somewhat concerned, 1 for slightly concerned, 0 for of no concern).

The top 3 are of significantly greater concern than the rest, but it is worth noting the weighted scores for each of these is higher than any aspect in the other two themes set out below. All of these issues scored more than 2 out of 3. Across each aspect visitors showed a relatively greater level of concern than residents.

D2. Helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor

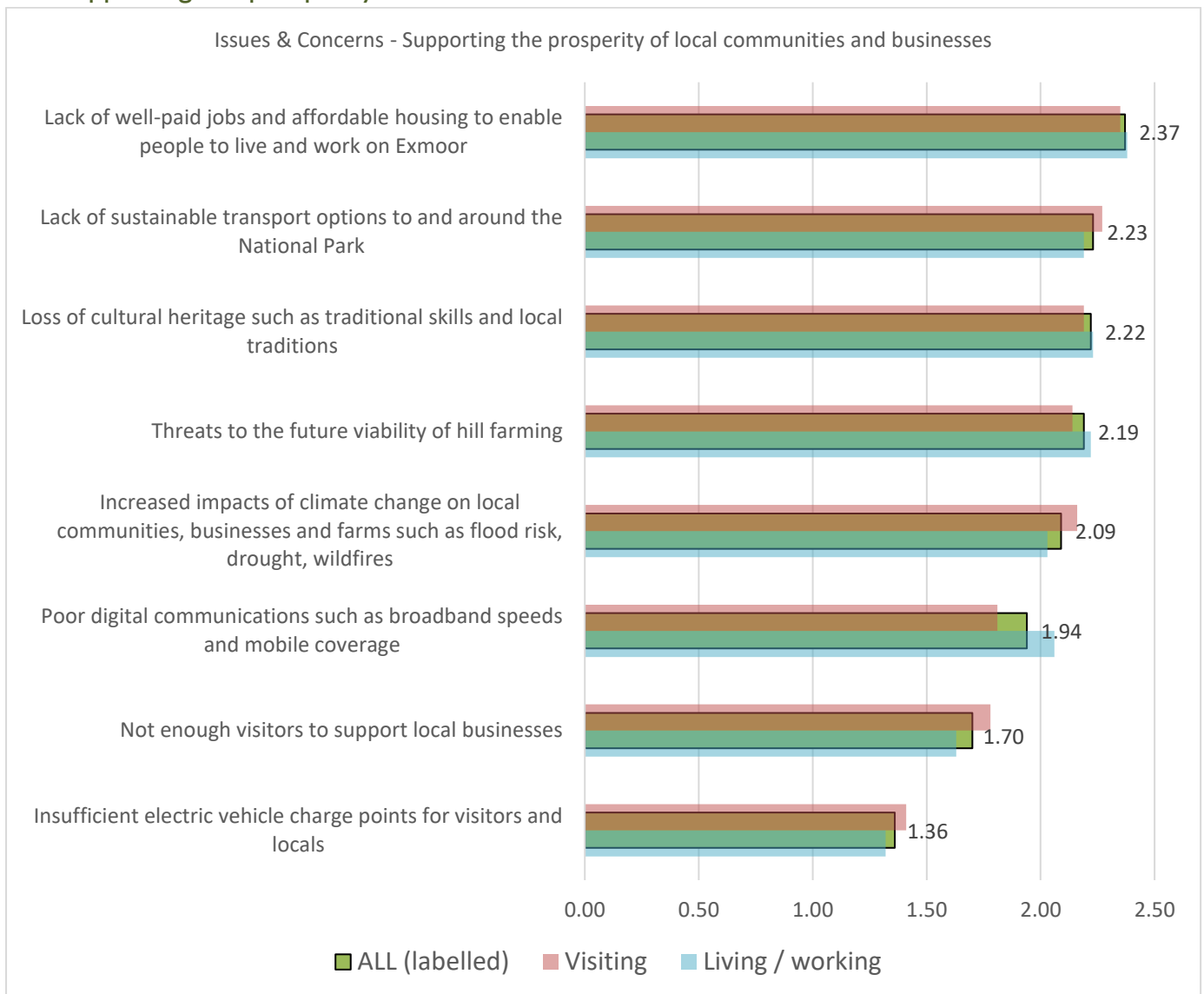


Over 10% of respondents rated 6 of 8 issues of 'no concern'. The proportion of people reporting to be 'very concerned' was less than 50% for any single issue. Accordingly, the weighted scores are somewhat lower for issues within this theme, compared to the first theme.

There is a broader range of scores seen here than in the first theme, and the top concern is some way ahead of all others. The top 3 are set apart from the remaining issues.

Visitors tended to show greater levels of concerns than those living / working in Exmoor to these issues.

D3. Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses



As may be expected those living / working in Exmoor showed notably higher levels of concern for aspects that most impact on daily lives such as jobs, poor digital communications and loss of cultural heritage, while a lack of sustainable transport options to and around the National Park and increased impact of climate change were of greater concern to visitors than residents. Interestingly, visitors were more concerned than residents about there being too few visitors to support local businesses.

D4. Comments in relation to issues facing Exmoor

327 individual comments were received in relation to the issues and concerns. Of these:

- 50 comments (15%) in relation to **hunting and/or game shooting**:
 - Majority of comments were opposed, with some being in favour.
 - Those in favour reference tradition, employment, economic benefit.
 - Those opposed cite reasons of animal cruelty/welfare, impact on wildlife, degradation of land, negative and distressing impact on residents and visitors, release of non-native species, climate change.
- 45 comments (14%) in relation to **farming**:
 - Unsustainable practices with regards to climate change and the climate crisis, intensive farming, waste management.
 - Encouragement and provision for farmers and their families to be able to stay living and working on the moor.

- Allowing for diversification and use of redundant farm buildings.
- 63 comments (19%) in relation to **tourism**:
 - Balancing needs of locals and visitors.
 - Lack of attractions and activities or diversity of attractions to encourage people to visit.
 - Visitors not respecting or behaving appropriately in the National Park – more education/information and awareness needed.
 - Supporting and enabling visitors and the hospitality industry as a source of income for many people.
 - Looking towards sustainable, green tourism.
 - Ensuring the moor and wildlife are prioritised.
- 36 comments (11%) in relation to **housing**:
 - High second home ownership preventing people staying and working on the moor.
 - Young people are not able to stay on Exmoor.
 - High house price and rents.
 - Building conversions to holiday homes rather than for local people.
 - Green and renewable energies being considered when permitting new buildings.
- Other comments (typically comprising 5% or fewer of responses) referred to broadband issues and lack of sustainable/green/ public transport options; Impact of recreation and dog walkers on wildlife; difficulty in access for some users; light/noise/litter pollution and; Lynton to Barnstaple railway reinstatement, with majority being in favour of its extension/reinstatement, but some being opposed to this on grounds of carbon pollution and environmental impacts.

E) Future Priorities

Having identified the issues and concerns that people have in relation to Exmoor National Park the final section of the survey sought to understand what future priorities should be for the National Park Authority, and partners working together.

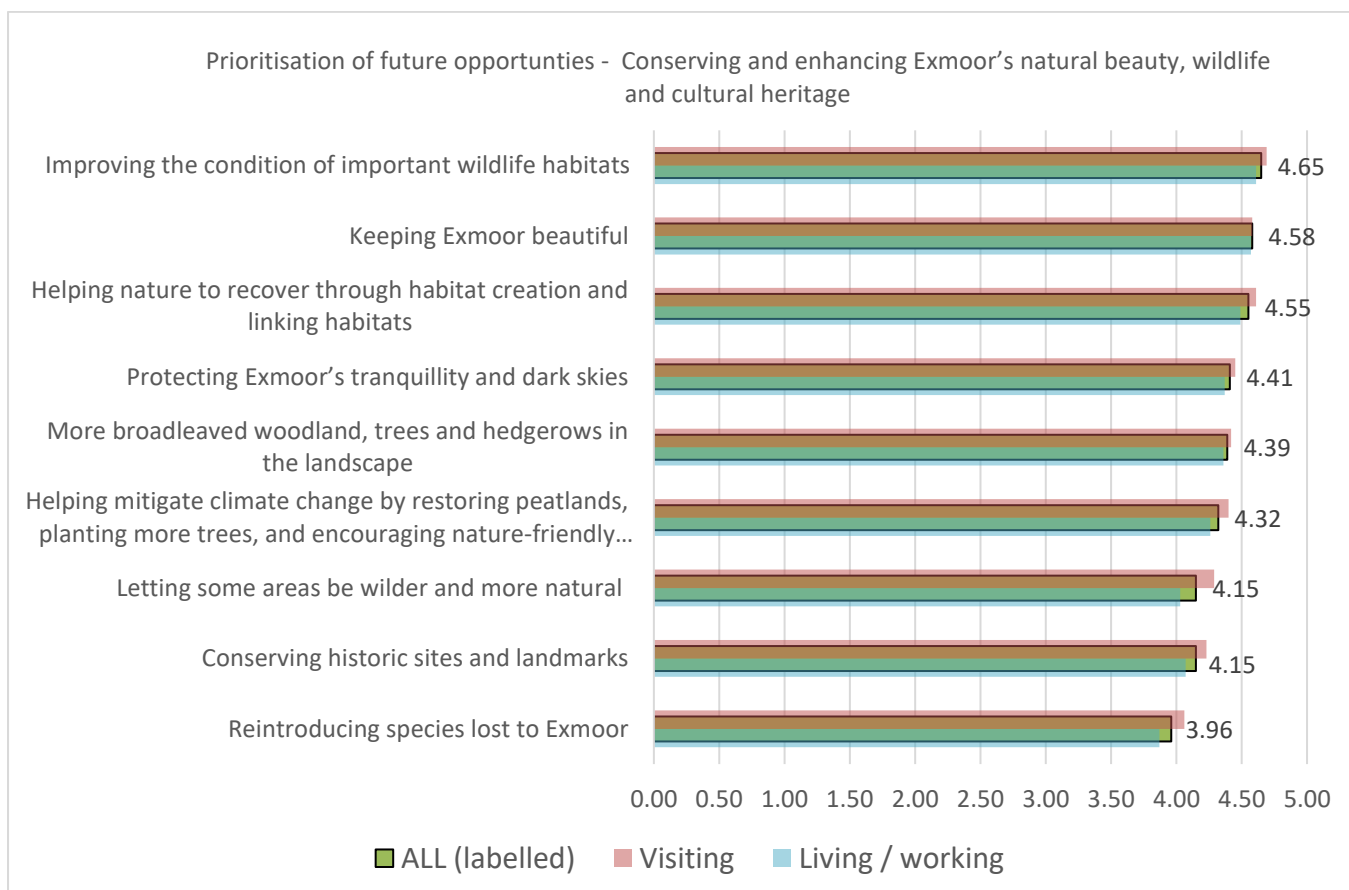
As with the issues and concerns in section D these were all grouped into the same three themes. Overall, the top 10 identified priorities are as follows:

1. Improving the condition of important wildlife habitats.
2. Keeping Exmoor beautiful.
3. Helping nature to recover through habitat creation and linking habitats.
4. Ensuring development is high quality, well designed, in appropriate locations and conserving the landscape from inappropriate development.
5. Maintaining and enhancing the network of footpaths, bridlepaths and other opportunities for quiet enjoyment and recreation.
6. Protecting Exmoor's tranquillity and dark skies.
7. More broadleaved woodland, trees and hedgerows in the landscape.
8. Helping mitigate climate change by restoring peatlands, planting more trees, and encouraging nature-friendly agriculture.
9. Encouraging green businesses and careers linked to managing and caring for the National Park.
10. Letting some areas be wilder and more natural.

The following sections consider each theme in turn.

E1. Conserving and enhancing Exmoor's natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage

There was strong support for all the priorities presented under this theme. Typically, visitors consistently rated these opportunities as slightly higher priorities than residents did. Most of the priorities within this theme scored higher than those in the other themes, with all but one scoring 4 or more out of 5.



90% of respondents scored the following 3 areas as important (with a score of 4 or 5):

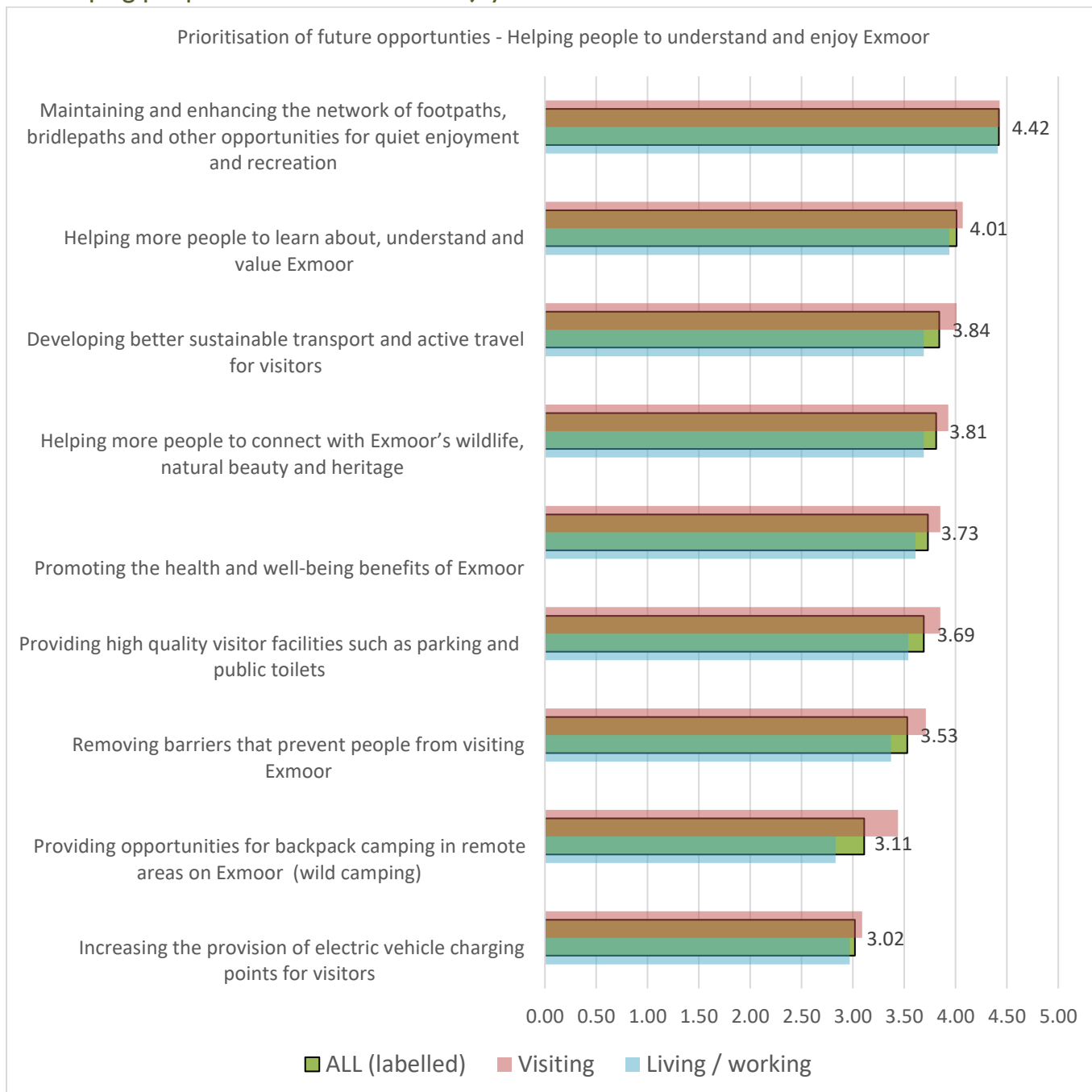
- Improving the condition of important wildlife habitats (94%).
- Keeping Exmoor beautiful (92%).
- Helping nature to recover through habitat creation and linking habitats (90%).

12% of respondents rated the 'Reintroduction of species lost to Exmoor' as a low priority (scoring 1 or 2 out of 5) and 9% rated 'Letting some areas be wilder and more natural' as a lower priority. In both these instances the overwhelming majority rated these as higher priorities (74% and 79% respectively scoring these opportunities as 4 or 5) and the opportunity to let some area be wilder makes it into the top 10 list of opportunities across all three themes.

278 comments were received in relation to the priorities within this theme. Of these:

- 74 comments (27%) in relation to **farming**:
 - Concern over pollution to soil and waterways
 - Farming no longer viable, land could be used alternatively – support farmers to transition to other income sources
 - Greenhouse gas emissions from livestock farming impacting climate change
 - Prevent farming from being lost on the moor
 - Continue traditional farming methods
 - Need for long term financial support
 - Encourage farmers to create wildlife areas/nature friendly agriculture
- 59 comments (21%) in relation to **nature**:
 - Encourage responsible and sustainable tree/woodland planting.
 - Prioritise nature over all else.
 - Increase woodland cover.
 - Focus on climate change efforts rather than what is 'pretty' or 'attractive'.
 - Continue with managing as we have done for many years.
 - Species reintroduction where carefully considered and controlling invasive species.
 - Comments for and against rewilding.
 - Encourage more natural habitats rather than maintained farms and moorland.
- Other comments
 - Impact of light pollution from outside the park.
 - Supportive of proposed opportunities.
 - Better mobile communication network.
 - Renewable energy production.
 - Education on conservation and nature.
 - Speeding concerns.
 - Beauty is subjective.
 - Encourage local community run projects.

E2. Helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor



Just 2 of these 9 opportunities scored 4 or more out of 5 in terms of overall importance.

Areas traditionally seen as core to the purpose of National Parks scored highest with the top 2 relating to management of Rights of Way and Access and helping people to understand, learn about and value Exmoor.

The lowest two opportunities in this theme had approximately a third of respondents score them just 1 or 2 out of 5, but still had a (slightly) higher proportion of respondents rating them as higher priorities (scoring 4 or 5):

- Providing opportunities for backpack camping in remote areas on Exmoor (wild camping) (32% scoring 1 or 2).
- Increasing the provision of electric vehicle charging points for visitors (34% scoring 1 or 2).

Once again visitors tended to score all of these priorities slightly higher than residents, which is perhaps to be expected within this theme.

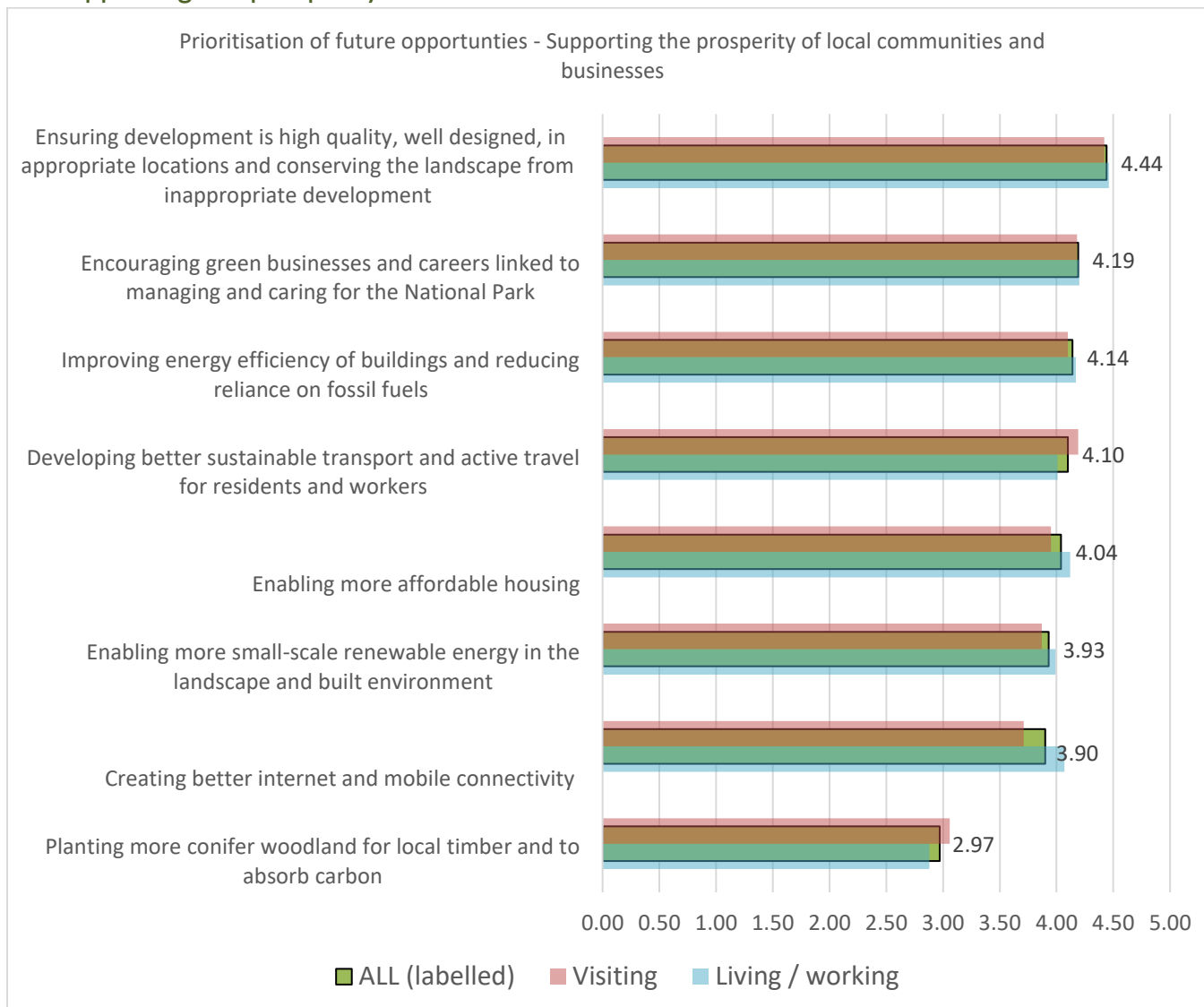
245 comments were received in relation to the priorities within this theme. Of these:

- 47 comments (19%) in relation to **tourism**:
 - Introduce a tourist tax.
 - Public transport not viable, more car parking areas.
 - Concern over increased tourism doing more harm than good.
 - More guidance and information for visitors.
 - Need to encourage to support local economy.
 - Advertise further afield.
 - Better transport options, park and ride, train, bus etc.

- Other comments:
 - More electric car charging provision.
 - Opportunities for education, guided walks, farm visits etc.
 - Concern over wild camping impacts.
 - Concern over litter/lack of bins.
 - Increase access – provide boardwalks, gates rather than stiles, brail information boards.
 - Lynton/Barnstaple railway as alternative transport, to improve public transport options and reduce congestion¹.

¹ There were a notable number of comments made in support of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway, many of which were of a very similar nature suggesting this may have been the result of railway supporters encouraging responses to the survey, and so this should be borne in mind when considering the results.

E3. Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses



Overall, the opportunities in this theme scored higher than those in the Understanding and enjoying theme (see E2), but slightly behind those in the Conversation theme (see E1).

The top-rated opportunity links back to the first theme in terms of ensuring development is high quality and conserving the landscape.

The lowest rated opportunity within this theme (and indeed across all themes) was the opportunity to plant more conifer woodland for local timber / to absorb carbon, with 38% rating this as important (with a score of 4 or 5) and 35% scoring it 1 or 2. This is despite mitigating climate change being one of the top 10 overall themes. This is explored more in section G2 below.

Enabling more affordable housing and creating better internet and mobile connectivity were rated higher by those living/working in the National Park compared to those visiting.

270 comments were received in relation to the priorities within this theme. Of these:

- 52 comments (19%) in relation to **housing**:
 - Limit second homes/increase taxation on them.
 - Support affordable housing on a small scale, including prioritising housing for local people and workers
 - New development to incorporate energy efficiency and renewable energy.

- Encourage housing located outside of villages if located close to existing agricultural buildings, and particularly where re-using buildings.
- 37 comments (14%) in relation to **business**:
 - More opportunities for small/micro businesses – units/hubs.
 - Improved broadband and transport to reduce reliance on tourism.
 - Promotion of local businesses.
 - Provision of work hubs/hot desking.
 - Business rates support for local businesses.
- 31 comments (11%) in relation to **renewable energy**:
 - Supportive of widespread wind, solar and hydro development, generally on a small or individual scale, but some in support of larger farms and schemes. .
- 28 comments (10%) in relation to **tourism**:
 - Many local businesses require tourism to survive.
 - Promote sustainable tourism.
 - Promotion wider afield e.g. in south west cities.
 - Pros and cons of holiday lets.
- Other comments:
 - Need for reliable broadband, particularly given the rise in remote working.
 - Careful placement of broadband and renewable energy infrastructure given the special landscape.
 - Lynton to Barnstaple Railway development, to reduce traffic and increase tourism.

E4. Other future priorities

201 comments in total were received by respondents who felt the lists above missed out key future priorities. Of these:

- 23 comments (11%) in relation to **housing**:
 - Affordable/appropriate housing for local people.
 - Discourage/prevent second home ownership.
 - New building design in keeping with the area.
 - Fast track planning for renewable/heat retention on older/listed buildings.
- 20 comments (10%) in relation to **tourism**:
 - Park and ride/sustainable transport.
 - Visitor education on respecting the park.
 - Encourage visitors, but with appropriate infrastructure and accessibility in place.
- 18 comments (9%) in relation to **business**:
 - Supporting small businesses.
 - Businesses that attract and retain young people.
 - Awareness of local Exmoor produce and goods.
 - Longer term vision rather than short-term initiatives.
- Other comments:
 - Work with partners and other national parks.
 - Conversation a priority.
 - Improve planning.
 - Promote and encourage the Lynton to Barnstaple railway reinstatement,

F) Any other comments

At the end of the survey respondents were invited to leave any other comments that they wished to make.

131 comments were made in total across many topics, including reiterating comments previously made elsewhere in response to other questions. Below we have listed some additional comments received:

- Be bold in ambitions.
- Be accountable in reaching (viable) targets.
- Locals should be prioritized above visitors.
- Lighting plan and guidance.
- Comments around the survey design and how some questions were perceived as biased.

In many instances there were only one or two comments in relation to these issues, but they are noted here to provide representation across all responses received.

G) Big Issues

The narrative below considers some of the big issues arising from the survey, and in particular those were there is less of a shared view or other issues arising to consider when drafting the new Partnership Plan.

G1. Future Generations

While the survey attracted a disproportionately lower response rate from those aged under 45, it is noteworthy that their views, when compared to the overall results, are significantly different in some areas, as follows:

- **Special qualities** - young people rank Open Moorland much less important (ranked 3rd overall but 10th by under 45's) and dark skies as relatively more important ranked 8th overall and 4th by under 45's).
- **Top 10 Issues and concerns** – Top 3 are the same (but in different order). Climate impacts feature more in young people's responses, as does irresponsible dog walking and light pollution. More conifer plantations features only in under 45's top 10 while loss of cultural heritage / local traditions doesn't make it into the top 10 for young people.
- **Top 10 priorities** - The top 10 are the same but some changes in order – most notably keeping Exmoor beautiful goes down from 2nd to 5th for younger people. More broadleaf trees in the landscape goes up from 7th to 3rd and mitigating climate change from 8th to 4th. Ensuring development is high quality drops from 4th to 7th.

G2. Nature recovery, climate, farming, and land management

The top 3 issues across all themes in the survey were around wildlife declines, loss of habitats, and invasive species (over 90% 'very' or 'somewhat concerned' about each of these). Loss of traditional skills and local traditions was ranked second under the 'Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses' theme (82% of respondents very, or somewhat concerned about this), while threats to the future viability of hill farming was third (76% of respondents very, or somewhat concerned about this).

Similarly, the top priorities across all themes were improving habitat condition, keeping Exmoor beautiful, and helping nature recover. Over half of respondents thought that letting some areas be wilder and more natural was a high priority. There were mixed views on the priority to be given to species reintroductions.

There are lots of comments regarding Exmoor being a working landscape and the need to support farmers and keep vibrant local communities.

Increased impacts of climate change on nature were identified as the 6th top issue overall and helping mitigate climate change by restoring peatlands, planting more trees, and encouraging nature-friendly agriculture was the 4th top priority amongst visitors. As discussed in G1 above, younger respondents placed a notably greater emphasis on the challenges of climate change than overall respondents.

There were comments around building resilience and adapting to climate change; recognising the link between climate and nature, with support for diversity of habitats in response to climate change; the need to better understand the impact of climate change on the special qualities; differing views about the emphasis to be given to climate action and conflicts between the objectives relating to farming, nature recovery and climate.

Developing more sustainable travel for both visitors and residents were ranked relatively highly within their respective themes, but the provision of e-charging points for electric vehicles were ranked lowest in terms of both issues and future priorities.

G3. Trees in the landscape

Exmoor's wooded valleys came out as the top 'special quality' amongst respondents to the survey.

88% of respondents considered more broadleaved woodlands, trees and hedgerows to be high priority, and 85% considered tree planting to mitigate climate change as a high priority.

However, 80% of respondents were very or somewhat concerned about more conifer plantations and non-native tree species - ranked 6th out of 9 in terms of concerns under the theme of 'conserving and enhancing'. There was

some recognition however of the value for carbon capture if locked up in timber, and opportunities for mixed planting.

Some comments were made around the need for tree planting / woodland creation targets to be much more ambitious, while a few expressed concerns over loss of farmland as a consequence. Also concerns over some of the tree felling happening.

Some concern was expressed over potential conflicts between managing habitats and mitigating climate change. Tree planting needs to be the right species in suitable locations. Trees on open landscape may damage ground nesting bird habitat and increase risk of wildfire.

G4. Tourism

There are concerns over visitor pressures (ranked 4th out of 8 as a concern within the issues around helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor), but also comments about plenty of areas remaining where you can still enjoy peace and tranquillity.

While 64% were very or somewhat concerned about there being too many visitors at popular sites, 61% were very or somewhat concerned about there not being enough visitors to support local businesses.

There are concerns over impacts on nature but also recognition that nature tourism could benefit the economy.

Respondents also highlighted the importance of tourism to support farm diversification especially as the viability of farming is being impacted by changes in funding.

The general view is that Exmoor should not have more visitors than it can cope with, and that careful management is needed to mitigate the negative impacts and maximise the positive benefits.

G5. A warm welcome for all?

Removing barriers that prevent people visiting Exmoor was one of the lower ranked future priorities (23rd out of 26 overall).

An issue that ‘Barriers prevent disabled people from accessing and enjoying Exmoor’ was scored 1.73 out of 3 on average by all respondents, but this rises to 1.93 for those reporting to have a disability or long-term health condition impacting daily life.

On average the issue that ‘Some people do not feel welcome on Exmoor due to their race or identity’ scored 1.48 out of 3 but was scored 1.68 and 1.91 respectively by those with a disability or from the LGBTQ+ community.

Those that considered themselves to be from a minority ethnic community did not score issues around not feeling welcome or the opportunity to remove barriers as highly as the overall average response. However as highlighted in section B4 above responses from this demographic were significantly lower than the national average. The results suggest therefore that those from minority ethnic communities who are already engaged with the National Park don’t feel that there are barriers, but the low level of responses from these communities suggest there is still a lot to do to increase participation from these communities with the National Park.

	All respondents	Those reporting to be from a minority ethnic community	Those reporting to have a disability impacting daily life	Those who report to identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community
Issues	<i>(weighted scores out of 3)</i>			
Some people do not feel welcome on Exmoor due to their race or identity	1.48	1.24	1.68	1.91
Barriers preventing disabled people from accessing and enjoying Exmoor	1.73	1.48	1.93	1.92
Future priority	<i>(weighted score out of 5)</i>			
Removing barriers that prevent people from visiting Exmoor	3.53	3.31	3.59	3.83

G6. Shooting and hunting

Concerns that *'some aspects of intensive game shoot management impact negatively on the natural environment and other users'* ranked 2nd in the list of issues relating to people understanding and enjoying Exmoor. However, the average score relating to this issue was lower than any of the issues relating to conservation and enhancement.

The impacts of game shooting on Exmoor were highlighted through responses to the public opinion survey for the last Partnership Plan. The questions in this latest public opinion survey were intended to establish whether views had changed since then. Twice as many comments were anti-shooting compared to supporting shooting. Those in support highlighted the value in terms of employment and conservation. Concerns included the scale of game shoot activities and impacts on wildlife.

No specific questions were asked regarding hunting, as this had not been raised as such a significant issue in the last Partnership Plan consultation. However, there were a significant number of comments relating to hunting (both stag and fox hunting), and twice as many comments relating to hunting compared to shooting.

There were over five times more negative comments about hunting than positive ones. There were many references to illegal activity, antisocial behaviour and the negative impacts on other users. Some went as far as to say that they will not return to Exmoor having witnessed stag hunts. Those expressing support for hunting referred to traditions and cultural heritage and the local economy.

As far as we are able to tell, there does not seem to have been any co-ordinated campaigns to get people to respond to the survey either in support of, or against, hunting and game shooting.

Appendix - Summary data

Comments have been included verbatim (only personal info such as names and contact details and expletives have been redacted). ENPA takes no responsibility for the comments of individuals. Comments stating 'no' or 'nothing' etc. have been removed for brevity.

Section 1. Exmoor's Special Qualities

I. The Partnership Plan will describe what is special about Exmoor National Park. When you think of Exmoor, what features or activities are most important to you? Please indicate how important the following are to you. If you don't have an opinion on a specific quality please leave it blank.

	Not important (0)	Quite important (1)	Very important (2)	Ave. score (out of 2)
Open moorland	4%	15%	81%	1.77
Wooded valleys	2%	11%	87%	1.86
Fast flowing rivers and streams	3%	20%	77%	1.73
A patchwork of fields and hedges	11%	37%	52%	1.41
High cliffs and coast	4%	23%	73%	1.69
Striking views	4%	21%	75%	1.71
Dark night skies	6%	23%	71%	1.65
A diversity of habitats and wildlife	2%	14%	84%	1.83
Iconic species including Exmoor ponies and red deer	2%	21%	77%	1.74
Picturesque villages and settlements	7%	40%	53%	1.46
A wealth of history and archaeology	7%	40%	52%	1.45
Rural communities and traditions	10%	32%	58%	1.47
Local breeds of cattle and sheep	16%	36%	48%	1.32
Opportunities for walking, riding and other recreation	5%	26%	68%	1.63
A place for inspiration and enjoyment	5%	27%	68%	1.63

2. Do these special qualities capture what you feel is special about Exmoor?

Yes	95%
No	5%

3. (If no) What do you feel is missing from the special qualities listed in Q1?

- Free roaming access
- The People!
- Needs to look forward not backward. Radical change needed for nature and people
- The villages and facilities available to visitors once here
- The wildness of Exmoor especially where human impact is absent / negligible
- Wimbleball reservoir
- Quiet, secluded spots free from the internal combustion engine and speeding mountain bikes.
- feels very outdated
- Wildlife/natural history Educational opportunities
- the wildlife and habitats of exmoor are not as special as they could be and have not been protected from over intensive farming practices, mainly sheep grazing.
- More trees in the landscape are needed, more species rich grasslands, more wetlands
- I think the rivers and streams are very important but they should be naturally dynamic and have woodland cover and zones of non-agricultural land surrounding them not be fast flowing.
- A deep sense of belonging. A vibrant, diverse economy. A place where the residents see National Park status as an advantage (not always the case at the moment).
- Wetlands and flood plains, highland woodland, rare species, species reintroductions
- All building should be kept traditional with no modern affordable homes
- The right to roam over a lot of Exmoor. Moss covered woodlands.
- The particular qualities of hill farming communities - resilience, local knowledge, love of the area.
- Legal country sports
- Leaders in a green economy and sustainable future.
- Quiet. Respect for Nature
- The people - it is very important to recognise that the special landscape and the wildlife are the result of a 1000 years of husbandry since the early enclosures. The local working communities are one of the most important assets that Exmoor possesses.
- Exmoor is special because the moor and farming blend seamlessly. Without sheep, cattle and the farming community it would be soulless.
- A railway across from Lynton to Blackmoor showing and teaching the history of travel
- Unspoilt, rare, open moorland, kept for wildlife and free of visitor facilities
- A future for traditional livestock farms
- Opportunities to keep the farming families who have been here for centuries a future. Exmoor would not be Exmoor without the people and communities mostly farming.
- The people and how it has been maintained through generations of farming

- not forgetting the old, but embracing new ways too.
- The cultural heritage, in addition to the rural communities, is extremely important. It is separate quality and deserves thought as to how it can be preserved and enhanced.
- Peace and space, access to and connection with nature
- A place for its inhabitants & their children to earn a living and to live.
- A Dynamic and evolving landscape with space for natural processes to recover
- A place for nature to thrive
- climate change mitigation & biodiversity crisis
- Heritage and history including the Lynton and Barnstaple railway and its historical and ongoing contribution to heritage and tourism
- Farmed landscape
- These are all great points, but there is another to add - iconic, unique transport heritage. The full recreation of the unique Lynton and Barnstaple Railway, building on the tremendous work undertaken by the preservation society so far, must be fully supported and pushed through to completion as soon as possible, as well as continued support of the unique Lynton and Lynmouth Cliff Railway.
- The fact that the area is relatively quiet in comparison with other National Parks. This is one of its key benefits.
- it is a place to live in
- Absolute quiet with no human sound. Wide uninterrupted views of nature with very little sign of human life.
- 1) It is also a place to live and work (for ALL ages). 2) It must have a future not just backwards looking at its past
- The people. Exmoor needs to be a place where people can live and thrive. Without people we have a desert or a museum.
- Biodiversity
- Place to sleep overnight in the wild either in a tent or camper. Happy to pay.

4. Please add any comments on the special qualities here

- I understand rural traditions but would like to see hunting of wild animals with dogs banned on Exmoor
- There should be more protection of nature
- Exmoor needs more deciduous trees and less sterile improved grassland.
- Anywhere people can go that brings them close to nature is of great importance
- I really loved the wildlife at Exmoor.
- Freedom to roam and take a dog very important
- I would sum up Exmoor by saying that it is a living, working landscape with strikingly different environments all within a short distance of one another.
- The traditional farming practices are what give the area its character - please don't over do rewilding!
- Certain habitats and wildlife are seriously at risk with the amount of people visiting certain areas, particularly the rivers.
- Exmoor is uniquely diverse and historic, I would like to keep it like that.
- I live in the flat arable area of East Anglia but I love to visit wilder landscapes such as the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales & Mendip hills but my favourite area is Exmoor. I particularly like the wide variety of landscape, moorland, wooded Combes and rugged coastline, all within easy reach of each other.
- So unique it needs to be fully protected from any sales
- Please ban hunting and trail hunting .. that would be lovely .. I'm a local, I do appreciate red deer need to be controlled, but cut the crazy hunters please.. we also farm on the South side of the moor.. so local farming folk .. where the hunt are pain on our property too.
- What assurances do we have that Hinkley will conform to Dark Skies policy when construction is finished?
- Tranquillity
- Space to enjoy the countryside without being surrounded by others
- You need to be careful about recreational activities. Walking and cycling fine. Roaring about on motorcycles or rally cars should be stopped as should illegal raves and so called wild camping which is often just living rough out of the backs of vans.
- I personally believe the diversity of marine, marsh, woodland and moorland wildlife and fauna to be like nowhere else. It's why I've been visiting for more than a decade, and trying to live there for almost as long!
- Dark skies managed moorland/hedges etc sadly increasing litter post lock down
- I enjoy the wildflower strips around fields.
- Great as not far for us to travel .
- Other descriptors: quiet, peaceful, wildness, welcoming.
- A third of Exmoor should be covered by woodland, not bare uplands, farm subsidies to sheep farmers have destroyed wildlife habitat
- The wildness is what I feel is so special and the non-commercialisation of the area. No gimmicks, just real people who do real jobs living and working in this special fuss free environment
- Yes all the above are important to me and my family who very much enjoy spending time on Exmoor
- I've moved to live within Exmoor since I was 18/19yrs old, love how unpredictable the moor is from one day to the next. Well as the sensory time out and sense of space Exmoor gives you.
- I feel that the special qualities that represent Exmoor are diminished over the years
- Exmoor is unique by its location, the fact that it is not commercialized with mini camping sites such as those found in the New Forest. It has a timelessness and tranquility to restore everyone's soul and bring balance to busy lives in seasons and all weathers
- It's a very good list.
- Important that there is enough undisturbed place for wildlife, without people and dogs
- Provides Green Open Quiet Spaces
- open access
- You need the people there to live, work, build communities and manage the lands
- All the above adds to that unexplainable feel of Exmoor and each one of them is an important part of the whole. The moors giving way to the cliffs and the shoreline - magical.
- All of the help to make living working and visiting Exmoor unique
- There is in a few cases a long-term tension between some highly important/appreciated categories: so my priority would always have to be for ecosystems and biodiversity (so there may be difficult decisions long term about numbers of 'iconic species', grazing management, wheel-based recreation, some farming activities, and so on.)
- A day spent going from river valley to the top of the moor - just wonderful. Each area is special and often comes up with wonderful surprises.
- Unspoilt nature
- These qualities are important for the future of the wildlife and communities
- If you're familiar with Exmoor and other national parks you could be dropped blindfolded and know where you are relatively quickly because of all of the above
- Just love the unique landscape, love the diversity. So beautiful, calm, unspoilt, peaceful and quiet
- The dramatic sea views
- Tranquillity is missing
- The peace and the chance to be alone within an area where the very spirit of the place is evident. We must protect the very totality of landscape as all parts are connected.
- Devon is so much better than the filth-hole of a county that I live that calls itself "Surrey"
- Exmoor is significantly behind the other national parks when it comes to its offering outside of the natural outdoors. It needs a much better offering in terms of lovely places to stay, shop and eat and drink to continue to attract visitors who will bring money to the economy.
- A unique blend of geology, climate and history
- a place where i feel alone with nature
- Litter free areas for all to enjoy are very important
- Exmoor is a breath of fresh air, we need to keep it like that, but also keep its biodiversity and wild area's.
- Public access is important. We should be able to roam freely to enjoy Exmoor's special qualities.
- preserving the special qualities should encompass protecting the environment and building resilience to climate change
- Sometimes too much access for recreation, harms the wildlife, wilderness and special qualities of exmoor.
- Many people do not have the luxury of living in a place like exmoor, and to enjoy the special qualities here
- Exmoor as a whole is a very beautiful place which is good for the soul
- It is the wonderful collection of Exmoors special qualities which make it so magical. There is something for everyone.

- Tranquility; something of a welcome 'time-warp' within the helter-skelter of modern living
- Respect of local custom. And families and good farming practice
- As the owner of a business which operates in the visitor economy it is the natural beauty of Exmoor, it's landscape and coast and access to recreational opportunities which are vital to this industry and to supporting local communities.
- Stillness of the water with the trees processing down to the water edge, the sudden flight of birds on the water
- Has a bit of everything
- We love to ramble across the moor and quite often have no real plan of where we are going and will follow animal trails where permitted, as they hold mystery and the views all around are stunning
- Exmoor has existed since time began looked after by generations of families who passed on how to look after it. So we don't need university trained youths putting in what they deem to be how it should look. Go back to swaling and keep the bracken at bay and heather young so the livestock can live off the moor.
- Important to preserve and replant lone trees to maintain the character of Exmoor
- The unique moors villages and people who love their surroundings long may it continue
- Exmoor is still a hidden gem to explore
- The beauty of Exmoor is outstanding and makes me feel emotional
- Freedom
- Exmoor has unique qualities that must be protected
- I would just like to see Exmoor maintained in the way it has always been.
- Exmoor should be a wild place, not a theme park, and for the benefit of all animals and other creatures.
- I love the wildness of Exmoor and the peace and quiet
- All of these qualities are important and make Exmoor a joy to live and or visit
- Peace and beauty
- The combination of wooded valleys in used rivers with upland moor above the tree line and a rim of beaches and spectacular cliff coasts - all in a relatively small and reachable area makes ENO very distinct from other NPS such as Dartmoor. It is a joy to live here.
- All are important to keep Exmoor alive and benefit the generations to come whose lives are to be difficult
- I value the quiet spots where breeding mammals and birds can mate and rear their young without interference. The deer are moving from previous areas as they are being disturbed by unregulated mountain biking, scrambling and officially sanctioned motor events.
- Exmoor is not at any time in the year overcrowded
- Not as crowded as Dartmoor. Ponies still allowed to be truly wild.
- Superb diversity
- Having worked for the Exmoor National Park Authority in various capacities between 1975 and 1986 Exmoor's various special qualities are embedded in my soul. I was born and brought up in Devon and spent a large part of my formative years on a traditional Exmoor farm and learned about the local communities as well as the qualities of the landscape and its features. I am impressed by the current professionalism and focus of the current administration and particularly the emphasis on management of rights of way and public access for recreation and exploration. My life's path took me away from the area to the Peak District many years ago but
 - Beautiful place to have grown up, live, work and retire in
 - They don't come any better
 - THE wild places are very important to me.
 - It is the diverse landscape that make Exmoor so very special, a moorland that is rich with ancient wooded combs
 - Important to support what works well, and not the activities that are detrimental to the location and environment
 - The mix of open landscape and integrated farming is what makes Exmoor special.
 - The wildlife is very important to me
 - Exmoor provides visitors with an opportunity to lose themselves in the beauty of the surroundings. There are also so many myths and stories about the moor that you can be transported back to another time
 - Quietness
 - Exmoor, particularly the western end, is unique in the UK.
 - Rural communities for me include traditions, oral history and especially the need for young local people to be able to live in affordable housing within their home communities.
 - Peaceful. Wild flowers
 - The people who live and work on Exmoor are it's most valuable capital asset everything else of value relies upon them.
 - The local people and communities that live on or about Exmoor and who love and care for it. People here take the time to say hello and chat.
 - We need to be encouraging more wildlife and biodiversity
 - small and welcoming
 - Exmoor is a truly beautiful place and must be protected at all costs
 - Maybe because of it's size, Exmoor has a much more intimate and accessible feel than many of the other upland N Parks and very few have the coast making a much wider range of habitats and scenery.
 - ENP different to any of the 14 other National Parks
 - No more grazing from sheep and constant deer hunting. Just shoot the deer if there are too many. Take all the sheep away.
 - I love that Exmoor meets the sea, you can feel like you are in the middle of the countryside or alongside the coast, which makes Exmoor so special.
 - It is a unique environment that is the closest true wild moorland for people living in the south of England. It is a very precious environment and I feel very upset at this time of year when I see local farmers poisoning their grassland with Glyphosate. The rains are washing this poisonous chemical into the river Avill between Timberscombe and Dunster for further information on this contact REDACTED
 - More hedges for birds, butterflies, and bats
 - There is one important point missing, local economy, it is important that the local rural economy is supported, the businesses, tourist attractions, hospitality industry etc.
- Sustainable and traditional way of life with access to life's modern essentials as necessary
- part of the beauty should be in the natural wildness of the district
- Local people keeping traditions. No new development. Should be like stepping back in time. Also too much tree felling to create 'new' habitats is destroying the landscape. Taking away from exmoor what it is.
- Enhanced accessibility
- Space, freedom and dark skies fundamental to Exmoor
- Exmoor has it all, we are so lucky to live here.
- my favourite area is the fantastic coast and western heath habitat
- Unspoilt, almost time warp
- I much prefer the "wild exmoor" to the "managed farmland exmoor"
- Extending speed limits to rural roads in the greater moor area would make it safer to use the roads without pavements (e.g. B3190) for walking (footpaths do not link up around here so it is essential to walk on the road), cycling, running, horseriding etc.
- Unique among National parks
- I value the freedom to roam through this wonderful area where I was born and grew up
- breathing spaces are important for humans, but particularly for our planet.
- Nature is allowed to flourish
- Leave the Moor alone!
- Realising that sheep farming isn't feeding the nation (on average 1% of the average UK person calory intake is lamb) and that therefore it makes no sense to be wreaking the land by grazing most of Exmoor to a bowling green state!
- The special qualities are fine but should not limit the change needed to support nature recovery and climate action, for example deer - there are too many. They are threatening some of the protected sites and need managing
- Opportunities for recreation would be more important if disability access considered
- Amazing views, free to roam so wild and open.
- Unspoilt
- More cycle paths are needed to connect the different villages and communities
- No need for bird shoots at all, privilege of the upper classes and one of the most wasteful used of land not to mention the animal welfare.
- I think access and nature are really important. Footpaths should be updated to bridleways where suitable. Wildlife and nature should be restored over traditional landscape. Tree planting, wood pasture and a reduction in sheep grazed permanent pasture areas would help restore the natural habitat of exmoor. Without trees and structure the park in places is lacking the special wildlife and wild feel that should be part of a national park.
- Myths and stories ie Lorna doone
- Exmoor needs to be far more rich in wildlife and a diversity of thriving habitats than it is at present.

- The rural community their work on the land and management of the iconic red deer herd is critical to the “feel” of the Moor.
- The farmers of Exmoor are a critical part of preserving all these outstanding qualities of Exmoor. Please ensure DEFRA policies and £ support ensure they have a sustainable future. It's one of the toughest places to farm and grazing suckler herds, sheep and Exmoor ponies are vital to the iconic landscape, economies and local communities.
- Because wildlife is so depleted across the UK, we must do more in our national parks to restore it. It needs to be your priority.
- Exmoor is an oasis of peacefulness and natural beauty
- The points listed in 1. are very much from the perspective of somebody looking in from the outside rather than someone who calls Exmoor home.
- Accessible open space is important
- Our national parks must do better for nature and must be focused on protecting and increasing habitats by allowing rewilding where possible
- Excellent local produce, eclectic mix of artisans, skilled craftspeople and trades, open spaces without huge number of tourists
- Exmoor needs to remain a place where hill farmers are valued
- The peace and quiet is also a striking feature
- Must not allow any of the above to be destroyed by commercialism
- The special qualities of the landscape are best dealt with by the farmers with good livestock grazing
- Every one of these qualities is intrinsic to the spirit of place which is Exmoor, that I grew up with. Missing is essential mention of Lorna Doone / Blackmore or wider reference to encompass other literary outputs associated with Exmoor please
- Peaceful. A place to commune with nature, rest and renew.
- Wilderness is so, so important. The most valuable asset of Exmoor
- For me Exmoor's greatest special quality is that it has so many different landscapes within a relatively small geographical area.
- Rural communities are rapidly dying out and need immediate attention to housing issues before anything else
- Rather daft questions because those things are all important, but then if they're not promoted properly (which is the case) they become irrelevant.
- Access need to be partnered with respect.
- Stunning scenery and natural beauty lift your spirits and keep you grounded.
- Openness
- Access for all users is important
- Need to have more diversity of habitats in Exmoor, more water retention and woodlands to battle climate change
- ENPA should look after the local residents of Exmoor not try to change it into a theme park
- All of the above are vital to mental health and well-being.
- Exmoor is a wonderful National Park with exceptional beauty
- Small pockets of temperate rainforests exist as fragments of greater forest cover from hundreds of years ago. Rewilding is needed to help contribute to the 30% by 2030 to help solve our biodiversity and climate problem.
- I especially love the wide open space, and the areas that are not wooded.
- Enrichment for the soul
- Wonderful dark skies. Peaceful beautiful place.
- Wooded valleys and high moores with rural communities and farms nestled between them.
- Also needs to be protected from development
- The preservation of Exmoor's natural beauty, unique history and historic rural settlements MUST come above the opening of the moor for wider enjoyment, those who love Exmoor for what it already is will always come.
- In order to protect the specialness of Exmoor we should also work out and set limits. how many people can live and visit. the areas set aside for farming and wildlife. Exmoor is unique environment human activity is more likely to damage this and we need to protect it from us.
- Beautiful scenery, nature, tranquility
- Quiet and silence, away from the pressures and busy-ness of the world. A sense of space and freedom, opportunity to explore and watch and listen.
- Other special qualities of Exmoor include that it is a working rural landscape; and it is still possible to find peace and solitude away from excessive recreational use.
- I do not agree that the rivers should be fast flowing. In many cases they are fast flowing due to the peat bogs being dug up by the Knights family and due to land drainage, leading to flooding and muddy rivers. I believe our rivers are a special quality. Just not muddy rivers.
- Stop with the horrific hunting practices. Not all traditions are good.
- Must remember this is a man-made habitat and needs to be remembered when managing e.g. rewilding
- All these qualities make Exmoor the amazing place it is
- It's the natural beauty that makes Exmoor special, it's a perfect opportunity for rewilding to make it even better
- Diversity in village accommodation - Villages need to expand to cater for existing families
- Exmoor farmers and Real Exmoor locals
- Legal country sports Reflect our history, rural way of life and bring much needed tourism and investment to Exmoor.
- the over encouragement of tourists in the villages takes away their beauty
- Preservation of natural environments should take priority over farmers' needs.
- Do not let a coal fired steam railway that existed for only 37 years spoil the beauty and tranquillity of Exmoor
- Exmoor is a place of beauty & importance which must be protected forever.
- National parks need special qualities that show ambition and vision for a greener, healthier more beautiful future. They should reflect the intrinsic value of nature as well as their essential role in society and climate adaptation.
- It would be easy to put very important for all the categories. Exmoor is unique in this aspect. The task must be to maintain this situation.
- wildness and freedom to explore the countryside Historic traditions, sports, way of life.
- Sadly, Exmoor, although beautiful is a shadow of what it should be. None of the ecosystems are thriving and domestic animals and pets far outnumber the wildlife. As an ecologist, I can hardly bear to visit as it reminds me constantly of what we have lost and what we could so easily have again, if only we could mitigate the harms being inflicted on the environment constantly. Until, wildlife and wild habitats are the priority this will be the case.
- Traditional farming of sheep and cattle is not the best interest of the National Park. Nor is Hunting and shooting despite arguments for the economic benefits. The questions do not reflect the option that we could do better!
- Need to keep it wild
- They are all inextricably linked
- Projects such as the beaver reintroduction scheme are very welcome. I personally would like to see wilder spaces protected. Some of the moors are slowly disappearing as turned into farming land.
- Peace, tranquility
- The variety of all the list above that is available in a relatively small area is what makes Exmoor really special.
- Bringing native species to the forefront along with areas that are rewilded rather than a focus on huge farming fields with no opportunities for native wildlife to flourish. Focussing on the natural habitats rather than creating manmade areas for recreation. The natural beauty of Exmoor is why it's so special
- I also think the sense of community and kinship is also important. You can't turn Exmoor into a 'museum' or 'theme park', it has to be a living, breathing place where people can live, make a living and raise their families.
- Exmoor certainly has a great deal to offer us and our visitors. We are fortunate to experience that amazing landscape from our own location - we overlook the Quarme valley and winsford hill beyond - second to none - especially when the sun begins to set beyond those hills.
- Peace and quiet away from the hurly burly of modern life
- The horse-riding side could receive more attention as not all are well marked/maintained and don't give enough description of type of suitability
- The importance of the role Exmoor plays in carbon capture and storage should be included
- Biodiversity could be far greater if there was more natural woodland. On Saturday afternoon it was beautifully sunny but there was absolutely no bird song my which is not how it could or should be
- A thriving farming community which is necessary for a realistic balance.
- The diversity of Exmoor - from coastal areas to moor to valleys... is special.
- Rural communities and agriculture care for Exmoor and make it special.
- I chose to live in the park because there were building restrictions. This was and is important to me as I am a keen

conservationist and wildlife/biodiversity supporter.

- It is good to see all the animals that use the moor, if cattle, sheep and ponies are removed it would end up barren just like the fooms have done on Dartmoor
- local people and local traditions must be a priority.
- all important
- You state that: "We want to conserve what is special about Exmoor, help people to experience and enjoy the National Park and to support the people who live and work here." 'Re-Wilding' will have the opposite effect on the special qualities described in question 1.
- It's also a traditional holiday destination - I've been coming since I was a baby and now I'm 59 and live nearby. So it has family significance and nostalgia for me.
- While the opportunities for recreation are important they do need to be balanced with the needs of the indigenous wildlife - particularly ground nesting birds. The requirement under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act to keep all dogs on leads in open access land from 1 March to 31 July seems to be totally ignored and no signage is erected by the ENP to remind people.
- Put agriculture at the core of the National Park
- The National Park should be overseeing the management of the land and working with a cohesive plan and to a standard with all of the Stakeholders.
- The rugged coast and natural habitats
- I am concerned at the lack of stock, sheep and cattle on the moor. I understand the dangers of overstocking but think this has gone too far on many parts of the moor. Many places seem to be completely unstocked.
- Exmoor is a unique National Park having a great coastline, open moorland, wooded and grassland areas, dark skies, deer, ponies and a place in which to work, visit and live.
- The local community and its traditions are especially important as they underline Exmoor
- Managed landscapes inc moorland shaped by the deer, ponies farming and species diversity within that eco system
- Please leave the farmers and their cattle and sheep etc as they help keep the grass short and other plants from getting out of hand etc. and their dung provides food and/or habitat for the beetles and other insects.
- Also the sense of timelessness, the feeling that things haven't changed for the worse
- traditional crafts, events and traditions need to be protected.
- it's the diversity and juxtaposition that makes Exmoor special
- Exmoor enhances my well being, my favourite place on earth
- Peaceful and quiet
- While important constituent, feel the open moorland is given undue precedence over trees and woodland.
- The amount of land which is open access is key to the area's attraction.
- The beauty of Exmoor is only spoiled by the number of organised shoots
- Exmoor has a quality seldom found in other national parks

- I'd stress its quiet and remoteness which for many people is something they have less opportunity to experience where they live.
- These qualities must be RESPECTED by all who VISIT the special areas. Steps are essential to protect and thus regulate
- We love it. The mix makes the area special
- I don't feel Exmoor is at all wild, rewilding and more tree planting would go a long way to creating a wilderness that really captures the imagination.
- Exmoor is a unique area and needs preserving
- Exmoor's villages and built environment blend naturally into the environment. Road and path signage is appropriate, and the prohibition of any manmade obtrusions which are out of harmony with the natural environment in terms of colour, shape or scale is well managed at present.
- They are all important and contribute to what makes Exmoor so special.
- Exmoor is old England, and one never tires of it.
- Native wildflowers and native trees
- the qualities of Exmoor are best helped by providing local jobs and homes for local people
- A place for nature to thrive in the first instance
- Peace and quiet is also very important
- Progress on habitat diversity
- Parts of the heather moorland are being encroached by scrub and bracken. How clean are the rivers? Many species, such as curlew, have virtually disappeared.
- The fabulous horse riding!
- Having been involved in tourism on Exmoor for ten years, I know that is what guests expect too
- Wide open moorland, dramatic cliffs and coastline, red deer, hill farms, that is what makes exmoor special
- Being able to see an area that is thousands of years old that's relatively unspoilt that so many people have access too if they want.
- Openness and diversity of landscape and habitat
- Exmoor is truly Rural with a Community that still lives and works in the Countryside
- The above categories sum up what makes Exmoor such a special place for me.
- Exmoor is unique and very special with open moorland, woodland and some of the highest sea cliffs in the UK. From Exmoor Ponies Red Deer and an abundance of Sea Birds is all that makes Exmoor such a special place.
- The peace and tranquility is important. I would hate to see Exmoor turned into a zone full of noisy people on a day out.
- Hunting of all animals should be banned on Exmoor it's disgusting to see the hunt when trying to enjoy walks on the moor.
- Peace and tranquillity
- As a N.T volunteer I think all of the above are important to maintain the unique Exmoor space.
- I found it very hard to decide which were the most important features. Nothing you have listed is unimportant.
- Open moors very important.
- Most important to me are the dark skies as these are becoming increasingly rare in the UK

- The enclosed landscape is nothing special in landscape terms and poor for biodiversity while to Exmoor beech hedges, while having a good practical purpose, screen much of the area from view. much of it not easy to see anya
- It's the unique combination of all the above that makes Exmoor special.
- What still distinguishes Exmoor as a special place in which to live and visit is its (largely) undeveloped natural beauty. Compared to other National Parks it has avoided the Disneyfication tendency.
- Opportunity to see red deer and even otters. Great footpaths. Good signposts
- Most and the most important of the options are immutable parts of Exmoor. They go without saying. The questions should be about the things that can be changed and whether they should be changed.
- Conservation must be main object to preserve wildlife
- There is no intrusive development e.g. wind turbines
- What I like about Exmoor and what Exmoor is are often two different things. Your question muddles the two and made it difficult to answer. Eg I like woodland but there's very little of it and we need more
- Unique in the United Kingdom
- Places like Exmoor are unique and becoming rare.
- Many other NP's end up spoilt by mountain bikes, 4x4's, unrestrained dogs, car parks etc. There are plenty of other areas for this, it should be important to resist government and business pressure to increase visitor numbers, increase tree cover and facilitate tourism and value the moor for what it is and the fact that there are, very rare, wide areas where there is little obvious sign of humans.
- We need to retain the vital elements of Exmoor which are an unspoilt environment and natural beauty.
- We need to stop development from taking over the green belt outstanding views and landscapes
- farmed landscape
- Iconic species should also be the pheasant.
- general tranquility
- Re wild as much as possible please. The woods are by far the best bits
- Fast flowing rivers and streams. Not sure why fast flowing specified as implies slower waters not so special.
- Peace and quiet
- Shooting, hunting and fishing
- Relative quiet and wildness of Exmoor & general lack of overcrowding are key enjoyable features, together with the range of walking opportunities.
- Its natural wild state
- It is a beautiful area which must be preserved.
- Preserve adjoining areas of AONB so as to complement the Moor
- I just question the continuation of rural 'traditions', particularly stag hunting. Although passionately enjoyed by a few, it is loathed by many residents and visitors. It is common knowledge that the behaviour of many of those involved in stag hunting is very antisocial and cruel. I don't think that this activity does the reputation of exmoor any good at all.

- All of these qualities make Exmoor the amazing, very special place it is.
- A place to feed the soul
- The list above does not recognise the cultural and economic future of Exmoor's communities that is essential to its continued viability
- Exmoor is the way it is because of the people who shaped the landscape in the past and the people who still work in the area to keep it thriving.
- Restrictions in planning that prevent people from living on Exmoor who have been born here and would like to stay and continue to contribute to its uniqueness. Need to be smarter at planning for young people and farming sustainability. This should not exclude the small farmer seems planning rules are different for larger more influential farming businesses.
- For Exmoor to remain stunning it has to be a place where people live and work and not just a showpiece
- Prioritise enhancing Natural Assets
- There are other parts of the wooded landscape not captured in the questions - like the isolated windswept hawthorns and the beech lined hedges that are also very characteristic of the area
- Celtic rainforest
- It appears to be all about those who wish to enjoy Exmoor, without consideration for those who livelihoods depend on it and make it what it is.
- off the beaten track
- "other recreation" is very open to interpretation
- Exmoor was better when it was the farmers who managed the open moorland.
- Diversity of Habitats and Wildlife is the most important Special Quality
- Diversity of ecology, species diversity, salmon are missed out specifically
- The wild and natural heritage and a safe haven for wildlife
- Although tourism is important, you can walk for hours and enjoy the tranquility of Exmoor's beautiful coast and countryside.
- Unique landscape and coastline
- Combination of dramatic coast and woodland is unique.
- Exmoor is special over other National Parks in that the area isn't too busy with tourists, so don't overdo the trying to attract more!
- I've lived in Minehead since 1957. To travel just a couple of miles to be in beautiful scenery is a wonderful asset.
- Clean air and litter free countryside
- Unlike New Forest not overwhelmed by aggressive cyclists
- The people who live here and their way of life is of equal importance to all of the special qualities .
- Walkers cannot enjoy when there's Hunting going on. It's dangerous! Gangs of people hollering and chasing deer then shooting them. These people shouldn't be allowed on a National Park! Exmoor should be a sanctuary for wildlife and people to enjoy in peace! Ban Hunting on Exmoor!
- Wildlife is so important, but the so called tradition of Stag hunting brings a bad name to the whole area. It is criminal!
- The beauty and wildlife
- The Moor needs better management with regards to gorse and swaling is essential at the correct times of the year
- A wide variety of landscapes in a small area
- wild and beautiful
- Access and accessibility to these special qualities is vitally important
- Care to be taken and thought for our rural town dulverton e.g signage, pavements commercial properties!
- it is the diversity in the landscape that is special. The mixture of open moor, woodland, rivers and historic environment accessible to visit.
- Clean air and tranquilizing- free from motor vehicles
- Unchanging and unspoilt
- Exmoor is a special place to me having been born and lived there. I loved everything about it. BUT in my opinion, it has changed for the worse over the last 40 years. The proliferation of Second Homes and holiday lets etc has desecrated the true Community of all the Towns and Villages.
- Don't forget the farmers who work and make Exmoor NP the beautiful place it is
- Great views
- its just beautiful
- The footpath network is crucial.
- The felling if so many trees and whilst the raining v for leaving us explained it's really spoilt areas on Exmoor. The current obsession with felling and replanting is changing the landscape for the worse (noticeably at Kipscome). Exmoor's best quality is being unspoilt. It is sadly getting spoilt.
- Don't ruin the special qualities by encouraging more car visits
- The wildness should be encouraged and Exmoor should not be turned into a theme park for rubbish welding idiots
- We live here but we have an awful view of our neighbours dumped rubbish & a nasty cancer sign
- They exclude the qualities that people would consider vital to living here in Exmoor.
- The open spaces and the Coombes are unique. The easy access for all
- strange mix of basic landforms, social statements and generalisations
- Unique countryside
- Openness. Ability to breathe. Countryside. Away from the town.
- moor land and woodland is very critical for the moors as they both give habitats rivers and streams give animals access to water and food sources and also the high cliffs give safety to sea birds the iconic species of deer and the ponies are a great way for conservation and keeping any meadows natural and maintained
- i dont know they rre just special
- A great place especially for exercise to help mental health issues
- It is important to me that nature is at the forefront of the management of Exmoor National Park. I feel that the impact of dog walkers is not being adequately managed through fouling, littering and wildlife disturbance. Signs are continually ignored so more needs to be done.
- Exmoor needs less open moorland and more biodiversity. I live by the West Lyn river and have never seen a fish due to agricultural runoff sterilizing the river.
- They should not stop the landscape of Exmoor changing to face the challenges of the 21st century - such as nature recovery and climate action
- The beauty of Exmoor is partly its remoteness and the brilliant way gorse etc., is managed
- Exmoor is a special place with special qualities, it's a shame people from outside Exmoor who just visit from time to time now want to drastically change it
- While the above qualities are essential there remains a requirement to 'pull in' tourists so more can appreciate these qualities.
- the above should be the main objectives of a National Park. Because if National Parks don't tackle this biggest crises we are facing, who will?
- Exmoor's communities and traditions are what make it as well as the landscape
- The Lynton and Barnstaple railway would be a good way of seeing the sights of Exmoor.
- Just a fabulous place to be
- The whole area needs to be explored on foot by car or hopefully by train as well
- I would really like to see the return of the full-length Lynton & Barnstaple Railway... very Exmoor!
- I love rural area, heritage railways, green environment!
- Exmoor has importance as a wildlife habitat over and above the importance as a tourist destination
- Whilst it is important to preserve the nature part of Exmoor as much as possible we must not forget the local communities who live and work on Exmoor and their livelihoods must not be sacrificed for others out of the area who many only come to Exmoor for a week or two per year.
- It is just beautiful and needs to be looked after
- Access
- It's unique railway history.
- Complimentary to Dartmoor, love character of both
- Exmoor is famous for its dark skies and it's vitally important that this is promoted, celebrated and preserved for all to enjoy.
- I think an extension of the iconic Lynton & Barnstaple narrow gauge railway would enhance the area and provide further visitor experiences and enjoyment
- We came and Stayed in Porlock for a week recently and toured all over the park and still didn't it all .You cannot take all its beauty in one week.
- Love to see the old Lyndon and Barnstaple Rly rebuilt it would be a great way to see the park!
- Fast flowing rivers and streams are attractive, but must not create unnecessary run off. Water catchment schemes must be in place to prevent avoidable downstream flooding.
- The special qualities have to be balanced with the ability of people to live and thrive in the area
- We are unique with the open moorland and high cliffs, however we are struggling to survive
- I have always considered Exmoor National Park to be one of the finest and most

diverse in the UK, I am now fortunate to live in Porlock Weir

- i enjoy the open spaces, and the dramatic differences within Exmoor
- For me, the walking has been the most special part of our holidays
- Exmoor & Dartmoor are truly special places!
- One difficulty is that currently it's almost impossible to access the area except by car.
- Encouraging less use of cars should be promoted
- Current human agricultural practice is always evolving. We shouldn't imagine it to be a permanent feature.
- The transport heritage is an important subset of this, whether the West Somerset Mineral Railway in the east, or the harbours, or the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway.
- These are all great points, but there is another to add - iconic, unique transport heritage. The full recreation of the unique Lynton and Barnstaple Railway, building on the tremendous work undertaken by the preservation society so far, must be fully supported and pushed through to completion as soon as possible, as well as continued support of the unique Lynton and Lynmouth Cliff Railway.
- I think that on some days there is a very special quality of stillness and silence in some of the Exmoor locations.
- Almost impossible to quantify, Exmoor NP has the feeling of being undiscovered which Dartmoor does not.
- The diversity of habitat and wildlife is the single most important quality as it underpins all others (from woods, to species rich grassland and everything in between which then is what support the enjoyment for recreation and farming)
- All very specific to Exmoor for me.
- A good place to live and work, (but in need of help to remain so)
- Less emphasis on man made habitats (fast flowing rivers, open moorland and patchwork field), allow Exmoor to actually be a true national park. Wilder, more space for nature and less constrictive.
- People come to Exmoor to enjoy all of the above, carefully maintained by the farming community which it has to be said is not supported with much encouragement by ENPA
- Feeling of wildness, unspoiled
- Enhanced by a re-constructed Lynton and Barnstaple narrow gauge steam railway.
- rewilding is not exmoor- the wildlife and people shape this landscape with farming and management practices- rewilding has no place in a national park
- We love the space and peace on Exmoor. It's an all year round destination for us, and never over-crowded
- Lack of traffic on the roads. If you increase the popularity you will get more traffic and that will spoil the whole area.
- I feel that it needs to be a sanctuary for wildlife, there are very few places left where wildlife is left in peace
- Peace and tranquility very good requisite
- Peaceful and calming
- It's very important that visitors and people visiting the moor respect it and look after it, don't abuse it and help to keep it special.

- clean air, unspoilt countryside, good access and quiet roads, friendly community
- The special qualities are sometimes the most obscure ones.
- Every facet of each feature listed above is essential in attracting visitors to Exmoor and providing the possibility of economic sustainability.
- Beautiful scenery and should be kept as unspoilt as possible whilst still trying to reduce the carbon footprint and encourage younger people to live and work within the park.
- There is a need to conserve while moving forward and progressing. So it is very important to help the local community adapt with suitable housing and work opportunities which might support the ENPA aspirations rather than cover the land with PV panels as part of a poorly informed government green-washing initiative. A better informed and secure community will naturally turn to the qualities of the park which are less tangible to them today.
- For me, Exmoor is such an area of contrasts in such a comparatively small space. While in each of those small areas that particular place feels quite big. Comparatively few aircraft intrude upon that magical kingdom. The air is fresh, the views are incredible.
- Have some of the best driven bird shoots in the country.
- Only special if in good ecological health e.g. rivers and streams
- To keep Exmoor special and different, look after these special qualities, we also need to avoid adopting all the national rules and signs proliferating across the mall and in the wild open spaces and Woodlands
- Obviously a unique coastal/woodland environment which by its nature makes access difficult and should not be compromised.
- The mix of coast, moor and woodland in close proximity is truly special
- It's Exmoor's variety that makes it so special.
- Peace, tranquility and uncrowdedness.
- The variety is also important. I would not want it to all be moorland or all cliffs. And ENP has more variety than some other parks
- The sense of space and lack of too large a number of people is to me of fundamental importance to the charm and atmosphere found on Exmoor
- As a photographer it is a joy to spend hours in the park, forgetting that the world outside exists. As a patient with heart disease and clinical depression, it saves the NHS thousands of pounds for me alone and provides therapeutic benefits that they can't. Places like Exmoor aren't just nice to have, they are essential for the physical and mental health of society. Sometimes I feel this role, and responsibility, gets overlooked in concentrating on smaller initiatives.
- The vast intensive shooting estates are the single biggest blight on Exmoor. Shooting living creatures for pleasure is anathema to all that Exmoor stands for.
- Access through maps and online information with discreet signage is very important. Pretty much what you do already. It's a shame Dulverton looks a bit

shabby with many shops appearing to have closed. I don't think the car parking is very well signed or that it is the hub of EXNP. Flowers and good signage from the main road would draw people to Dulverton and support the local economy.

- The open moor, wildlife and tranquility are the main things our guests mention as being special to Exmoor
- The feeling of stepping back in time where things haven't changed for decades gives peace and tranquility.
- Exmoor is a very special place, far away from the hustle and bustle of modern day life and steeped in a history quite often forgotten elsewhere. It is beautiful in its simplicity and we should strive to keep it that way.
- It is crucial to support the local communities and the activities that provide many of them with a livelihood
- Exmoor remains unspoilt and has an gentle, intimate feel about it.
- Have lived on Exmoor for 3 years and it needs TLC and devolving that to London and getting rid of the office in Dulverton will not secure the future of Exmoor. If anything it will bring more worries for the people who live and work on the Park. We need to remember the Song Big Yellow Taxi.
- Access for walking and cycling really important but marked by dogs off leads. Whilst some dogs are good a large number are unpredictable and even appear aggressive. It would be good if it was socially accepted dogs are kept on leads like it is accepted socially responsible people don't drink and drive. Laws only work if they informed.
- Bearing in mind the 2 principle aims of the national park "other recreational activities" should not be roaring about on noisy motorcycles or 4x4s, illegal raves or wild camping."
- Exmoor must remain a special place for nature and the environment
- Not very well known keep it that way
- There is a unique combination of steep wooded coombs, open moorland and cliffs/valleys to the sea which means Exmoor has a special landscape. Development over the years has been managed which means the area retains a rural quality. Local heritage projects which have been done over many years have an accumulative effect and have gradually enhanced knowledge and understanding i.e. have an educational value.
- Peaceful
- Exmoor is paradise and holds a special place in my heart.
- Keep protecting the special qualities by tight control of building within the park and supporting landowners to look after and enhance the bio diversity.
- All these qualities together combine to make what Exmoor is and as my home are so important to me.
- You haven't included the lack of noise from trains and road traffic and pylons.
- So much of what I refer to as the real England is being lost, and Exmoor is a special place in that respect. I do not live in that beautiful part of the country, yet when I have visited, it feels like I've come home - and home it will be one day.

- Peace, quiet, unspoilt country side ,natural beauty , traditional methods of moorland management
- Diversity of architecture seeing new with old I really enjoy this and gain a better appreciation from the older styles.
- The survey looks like you want to rubber stamp your old approach without reviewing or updating it
- Generational Traditions and communities are a special quality of Exmoor
- Exmoor is much, much more than a moor !
- These are all important as special qualities of Exmoor and for the well being of the nation.
- Exmoor is such an amazing variety of beauty.
- Freedom and ease of access. Right to roam.
- The people. Exmoor needs to be a place where people can live and thrive. Without people we have a desert or a museum.
- I fear that Exmoor is currently being subjected to the overprinting of densely forested areas under the disguise of 'Carbon Capture'.In reality it is about commercial logging of evergreen larch and other pine trees in the future
- Exmoor's wild beauty and history give it an inimitable charm. Such an unforgettable place, with rare charm.
- Enjoyable visit
- Most of my visitors/guests say they appreciate returning to recharge and feel frozen in time. In my eyes, all those qualities combined deem Exmoor a hub for wellbeing and essentially, this could be tested, advocated and protected. The Lakes is too busy and the journey sometimes horrendous. Though Exmoor draws in people year after year for the beauty of the moors, coast, local food businesses, local heritage and chilled attitude. The ancient agricultural heritage of Exmoor has shaped the local resident's Guiding Principles to life. This is refreshing to visitors when they learn of Exmoor's challenges. As long as access is maintained, locals and visitors get the freedom to truly appreciate all the above.
- More encouragement needs to be given to young families who want to make exmoor part of their future

Section 2. Key Issues facing Exmoor National Park

Exmoor National Park is facing a number of significant challenges, at a global, national and local level.

How much of a concern to you are these issues facing Exmoor? Please indicate the level of concern that you feel about each of the following sections, with 1 being very concerned through to 4 being of no concern

5. Conserving and enhancing Exmoor’s natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage

	Very Concerned (3)	Somewhat concerned (2)	Slightly concerned (1)	Of no concern (0)	Weighted score (out of 3)
Loss of natural habitats and poor condition of designated wildlife sites	65%	25%	9%	1%	2.53
Loss of wildlife and declines in once common species such as dormice, moorland birds, salmon, butterflies	72%	20%	7%	1%	2.63
Increased invasive species, pests and diseases impacting Exmoor’s natural resources and wildlife	66%	25%	6%	2%	2.55
Increased impacts of climate change on nature	55%	29%	11%	5%	2.33
More conifer plantations and planting of non-native tree species	55%	30%	11%	4%	2.36
Increased light pollution impacting wildlife and people’s enjoyment of the dark night skies	50%	34%	13%	3%	2.31
Intrusive and unsympathetic development impacting Exmoor’s landscape character and built environment	56%	28%	13%	4%	2.36
Damage to historic sites, monuments and archaeology from vegetation encroachment, livestock and vehicles	45%	36%	15%	5%	2.21

6. Helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor

	Very Concerned (3)	Somewhat concerned (2)	Slightly concerned (1)	Of no concern (0)	Weighted score (out of 3)
Too many tourists at popular sites negatively impacting on the quality of people's experience	20%	44%	24%	12%	1.73
Impacts of irresponsible dog walking on the environment, livestock and other users	47%	32%	16%	5%	2.21
Some people do not feel welcome on Exmoor due to their race or identity	25%	24%	25%	26%	1.48
Some people cannot afford to visit Exmoor	18%	31%	29%	22%	1.44
Barriers preventing disabled people from accessing and enjoying Exmoor	24%	36%	28%	12%	1.73
Not enough people get the health and well-being benefits from spending time in the National Park	20%	32%	29%	19%	1.53
Footpaths and bridleways are overgrown, eroded, or difficult to access	32%	36%	24%	8%	1.93
Some aspects of intensive game shoot management impact negatively on the natural environment and other people's enjoyment of the National Park	48%	25%	14%	13%	2.08

7. Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses

	Very Concerned (3)	Somewhat concerned (2)	Slightly concerned (1)	Of no concern (0)	Weighted score (out of 3)
Loss of cultural heritage such as traditional skills and local traditions	41%	41%	14%	3%	2.22
Threats to the future viability of hill farming	48%	30%	15%	11%	2.19
Lack of well-paid jobs and affordable housing to enable people to live and work on Exmoor	55%	29%	12%	5%	2.37
Lack of sustainable transport options to and around the National Park	48%	32%	15%	7%	2.23
Poor digital communications such as broadband speeds and mobile coverage	34%	34%	23%	13%	1.94
Not enough visitors to support local businesses	19%	42%	29%	15%	1.70
Insufficient electric vehicle charge points for visitors and locals	16%	29%	31%	36%	1.36
Increased impacts of climate change on local communities, businesses and farms such as flood risk, drought, wildfires	43%	30%	18%	12%	2.09

8. Please add any comments on the issues facing Exmoor and any other issues not listed here that you think are important for Exmoor as a National Park.

- *A return to free parking would help accessibility in these financially challenging times*
- *The impact of hunting and shooting plays a huge part in the degradation of the area. A lack of understanding of good behaviours by people unused to the countryside threaten the places they are visiting*
- *I feel that we need to take action to tackle climate change now.*
- *On the whole I think the NP has done a good job balancing the needs of locals and visitors.*
- *The opportunities offered from renewable energy generation*
- *The only "invasive species" is man! Anything else which appears naturally is evolution.*
- *A large amount of Exmoor is either SSSIs, Open Access, SACs or AONBs. People owning these areas are not allowed to do what they wish to improve or protect them without jumping through a million hoops. The powers that be, that imposed these laws should either do their job or allow the landowner to!*
- *I'm seriously concerned about lack of affordable housing, rented or bought, for those wanting to work in the area. I'm also concerned about landlords restricting their properties to non pet owners.*
- *Negative impact on traditional country sports such as hunting by the National Trust, Forestry Commission when the hunts have converted to trail hunting. The hunts brought income to local liveries, hotels and pubs from visitors wishing to follow hounds.*
- *I reiterate my earlier point regards hunting at such places as land acre bridge, very aggressive attitude of hunt supporters and riders at a meet last year when I was out with my kids.. chasing a deer all over the valley, not good for visitors to see..*
- *Illegal hunting is still happening on Exmoor*
- *Exmoor needs to do more to promote out of season tourism*
- *if tourism(life blood of many locals) grows, there will be lots of visitors who will go to best known places. Manage it?*
- *Any suggestion that people feel excluded because of their race is rubbish. The effects of climate change are being over played and any idea that we should build wind farms or have acres of solar panels would be totally destructive to the character of the moor. You should not weaken in your strict planning controls. The idea of valuable car parking spaces being taken up by electric charging points is crazy. With regard to tourist numbers there are too many rather than too few. Running buses all over the moorland would*
- *not be environmentally friendly either. This is not a theme park like Alton Towers. It is a national park for nature and wildlife.*
- *More humans = more education, post covid there has been a marked increase in litter thrown from vehicles I live off Ridge Road pick 3/4 plastic bottles and 4/5 coffee cups almost daily! Sadly I fear it's the vast number of online delivery drivers causing this*
- *Whilst housing needs to be controlled a blanket ban does not encourage young people to stay. Training for traditional skills outside of families is difficult to tap into.*
- *Lack of exciting attractions/activities that appeal to teenagers/twenty somethings... if they come at this age and enjoy themselves they will come back time after time in the future*
- *thankyou for making these views known to the Devon and Somerset county council*
- *I studied Btech Frist diploma in countryside skills and Estate management, it's about finding the compromises at the same preservation of what makes Exmoor so unique to live and work in all areas*
- *I feel there is too much severe hedge cutting, verge cutting, removal of trees(even by large charities supposedly safeguarding our landscape), too much*

land put aside for Pheasant shoots, and not enough scrutiny on their 'vermin' control measures. Everything tidied up and nothing left wild or scruffy

- It is important to remember Exmoor evolves in line with nature it is not a giant park nor is it a museum, it is a hard working community of locals and friends maintaining the heritage as best they can. Please do not turn Exmoor into a theme park
- Stop second home ownership to enable the moor and its communities to survive.
- Exmoor is not very well known as a National Park and needs more advertising. We also need more affordable homes for our locals as so many are moving out and the planning authority do not help. Also you need to not be afraid of the National Trust - have you seen how they are ruining the Watersmeet Valley with their tree felling and then leaving them wherever they drop. Not good for the river or the area it looks awful
- Affordable housing and jobs should be separated as a question they are completely different issues
- Why single out shooting? Why not ask about fishing and hunting? This smacks of politicking.
- The vital changes probably coming soon, to restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystems, are likely to bring some very difficult tensions between different interests so it seems really important that there is wise, patient and locally knowledgeable management of that minefield. Although it is clearly important that ENP supports the tourist trade to some degree, I think that the wrong kind of tourism and/or creating any significant degree of unnatural 'access byways' would be very mistaken for the unique wild aspects of Exmoor.
- A huge increase in Somerset population means that there is a large increase in vehicles on all road. Thus, otherwise unspoilt areas are becoming spoilt
- There has to be a balance between enjoying the park and making sustainable communities
- It is and should be a working countryside and we are often too sensitive to change particularly with respect to afforestation and development. The landscape we are protecting is significantly a product of humans and in many cases artificial and not designed to look the way it does. Local people need jobs and housing and we are facing a climate emergency
- Littering
- I'd like to immigrate to Devon one day
- Change needs to be at a slow pace and consequences of them need to be carefully monitored
- Closure of National Park centres removes sources of potential tourist attraction and income.
- Exmoor's traditions are based on hill farming and traditional country sports - destroy either and you will end up with the park becoming full of retired second home owners rather than a living, working

community, too little being done to safeguard the Barle as a breeding ground for the Atlantic salmon,

- The release of hundreds of thousands of pheasant and partridge into Exmoor every year is deeply worrying. Even more so now with the devastating impact of avian flu. In addition the tonnes of lead shot which have been and are still being deposited across the moors and the valleys are inevitably causing damage to our soil and our water courses.
- There is no reason to people to feel unwelcome due to race or identity as all people are welcome if they show respect for the area.
- Need to anticipate not only social media 'events' arranged in haste, but also drone intrusion
- I think there is a need for an in depth study of the visitor economy and future visitor accommodation needs in the area. I am aware of several cases of the loss of visitor accommodation. How is the sector changing? What are likely to be the impacts of regulation on the (self catering) sector. Viability evidence needed to inform planning policies regarding the sector.
- Climate change
- Hunting with dogs is abhorrent and quite often the people associated with the hunt are extremely rude. They say it is tradition hunting but it is not when you are using quad bikes and mobile phones. If they must hunt then just chase on horseback and make it a fairer competition. I know people avoid going when the hunt are out
- Maintaining the balance between the quality of the Exmoor environment and the drive for more visitors which will spoil the experience.
- Get rid of hunting - it's illegal, and shooting, which damage wildlife and are cruel.
- Care taken to prevent unsightly buildings/bridges/car parks from being built
- I have encountered very few issues with poorly maintained footpaths, nor any lack of warm welcome due to race or identity, so don't feel qualified to comment on this questions.
- Increasing conflict of greater access for more people and the conservation of landscape, wildlife and residents' quality of life. Tough one to address!
- I used to travel by car; but now travel by bus. It's tempting to go back to driving around Exmoor. There are plenty of car parks; but very few buses.
- Visitors sometimes do not understand the need to 'pack in pack out' as patrolled in American national parks. ie leave nothing behind, litter, dog mess etc when you leave
- There must be a balance between the past and a viable future - we cannot lock Exmoor in aspic but must embrace change as we here to enable people to live and work here with 21st century facilities without losing the very essence of the wonderful rural environment.
- Unregulated burning of heather moorland by some unsympathetic residents. The concept and purpose of National Parks is

still not widely understood by the visiting public.

- Housing for local young people
- Light pollution, why are the street lights on so long?
- Fox and Stag hunting have to go, they are anachronism in a modern world.
- The landscape of Exmoor should not be changed in order to accommodate more sheep farming .
- Lack of Control over hedge/boundary management practices so significant loss of habitat, borders, wind breaks, and species of insects and birds as well as small mammals. Lack of support of small business, especially those sharing traditional, sustainable and country crafts, practices and transferable skills and knowledge. Restrictive planning, meaning people can't live in an up to date way in older buildings as they can't add a downstairs bathroom, office or porch to enable effective management of their land, animals and lifestyle. Joined up working and support is not available to all and appears to be always in the same places.
- Hunting with hounds leaves a negative and distressing experience on those visitors who encounter it.
- I think that most of the issues listed above relate to all National Parks, not just Exmoor, but they are a concern. I think visitors need to be educated more on how to behave in the countryside as the name 'Park' seems to lead them to believe they can go anywhere and do what they like (we live in the Peak District and regularly encounter out of control dogs for instance).
- The second/holiday home issue impacts on house prices and the ability of young folk to stay in the communities they grew up in.
- Shooting is a major problem - disastrous for wildlife, cruel, outmoded, extremely off-putting to visitors, causes problems for residents
- lack of diversity of leadership
- affordable housing is a key requirement to sustain communities for local people
- the impact of humans on wildlife habitats is hard to balance with questions about encouraging more access and support for businesses and visitors
- 30% more wild areas is required by law. Exmoor would be great for this. This would increase wildlife jobs.
- Unsustainable farming practices in relation to Climate Change. Monoculture grassland and use of Glyphosate
- Sheep, cows and ponies only eat grass and put back what they take out. Plant more hedges and native homegrown trees.
- Again, local economy, the locals are important. Supporting visitor attractions and the hospitality industry is paramount to making sure Exmoor is prosperous. Example, The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway and the proposed Park and Ride into Lynton & Lynmouth, hugely important.
- Air bnb and ridiculous house prices mean exmoor will soon be full of the elite and a diocese population will not be seen such as in the lakes. More affordable rented accommodation should be available and

not sold off. Only rented forever. Social cleansing by any other name.

- Unmonitored mountain biking & vehicles/deer poaching/litter/fly tipping
- Why the race question? Seems to detract from the big issues. Affordable housing which leads to and provides a work force. Of any race! Traditional working and farming needs people to carry it out. No houses no workers.
- I feel very concerned over broadband links (it's an economic pinch point) and transport links.
- With the benefits of Exmoor comes the lack of commercial competitiveness of some businesses. They rely on its natural appeal without upgrading their offer to visitors.
- The amount of tree cover needs to increase using native species. I don't think hunting with dogs should be allowed in the National Park although I do understand that it is a local tradition.
- Government schemes to maintain hedgerows etc are targeted at landowners with >10 acres, no support for smallholders to maintain or improve the diversity
- Please ban quad bikes & motocross bikes, the damage they do has such a powerful impact on the environment - erosion, plant/habitat destruction, visual etc etc!!
- The conundrum of tourism is a constant challenge and is managed fairly well by the ENP. And affordable housing for younger people who work here. A planning application near me in Porlock (Abattoir) is basically for well-off incomers whereas the emphasis should be the other way round. Difficult, and we understand the issues. Second homes is the other big issue!
- there are now 10 rapid chargers around and near Exmoor, which is a lot better than many more populated areas.
- Farming in itself cannot be the only way to value Exmoors land, I think tax payers would get better value supporting environment and access outcomes rather than supporting uneconomic farm businesses
- Don't want too many irresponsible tourists
- Disabled people on mobility scooters should be able to access all of Exmoor National Park via cycle paths
- Nature Tourism could help bring money into the parks if the natural environment was restored. Salmon numbers declining in our rivers should be a priority.
- I think as much rewilding as possible would be fantastic
- There are some incredible opportunities for Exmoor to benefit from green technologies, carbon sequestration and green sustainable tourism
- Excessive sheep farming - scalping the landscape, polluting rivers, denuding tree landscapes - for an agricultural industry which is cruel, damaging the environment and unsustainable. We need to reduce sheep farming and re-wild the landscape of Exmoor.

- Lack of proper consultation & communication between the ENPA and Exmoor's residents about policies that could affect their livelihoods eg the 'Vision' document. Also, farmers & land managers were promised consultation about the release of pine martens at an early stage in the plan's development, but so far there has been no consultation with the farming community at all - just a propaganda exercise in the Exmoor Visitor.
- Where possible as much rewilding and giving the land back to nature needs to happen. National parks are the very places where this should happen. So much habitat is currently being wiped out and the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. Tree planting, habitat creation and working to help nature thrive are essential for Exmoor
- Exmoor National Park is probably the least known national park. The marketing effort isn't delivering the impact the area needs to compete for the tourist pound and needs to be invested in with money and experts if that is to change
- The question re people not feeling welcome re race or identity is somewhat spurious!
- concerned that new residents don't fully understand planning constraints especially building things on floodplains, and felling trees
- We are in the cusp of a climate crisis and we are one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. Exmoor should be flourishing with mosaic of habitats, including wetlands and woodlands to store carbon, that allow our precious flora and fauna to thrive. That should be your absolute priority, bar none, first stepping stones being the removal of game bird shoots, intensive farming and sheep grazing.
- Young working people in the National park should be encouraged to be able to self build a house that they want to live in for life that's big enough
- too many people are coming to Exmoor, causing problems and making life difficult for local people who live here all the time
- Trying to balance the requirements of visitors and what the visitors want to experience, e.g. wilderness, wildlife, lack of people, is impossible to reconcile: unless you have the "silver bullet"!
- A significant risk to the area is ENPA's attitude to change. It would be happy in no one visited and nothing changed, but that creates a dead stagnant community. ENPA has to protect the environment, but it is not flexible enough about permitting changes that reflect changes in the tourism market. The Dark Skies is a vanity project and so marginal that it's meaningless, why do you keep bothering with it? We owned an 8 bedroom guest house for 10 years and no one ever came for the dark skies! And to hold events in winter when it's cold and the weather prevents seeing stars is ridiculous! stop
- If tourism increases, although they will bring money to the area they will destroy

the natural habitat with vehicles, motor homes etc

- Insistence on thinking hunting is part of the essential culture and history of Exmoor. Torturing animals for "sport" is simply wrong
- need to build more housing in the wider Exmoor area
- Don't try to change what we have change is not always progress!
- government financial support of national parks
- Biodiversity loss due to overgrazing. Flooding downstream due to deforestation
- Game shooting is an important part of country life and provides much needed employment. In addition, game shots carry out a great deal of conservation work, which is rarely if ever acknowledged. Game shooting is an intrinsic part of Exmoor.
- The national parks rigid planning framework prevents rural communities from improving their lives. Whether that is the farmer that wants to build a house so their parents can stay on the farm, or the rural village that wants to build affordable housing for their children. In order to address the environmental goals for the moors, valleys and rivers, the national park must relax its planning framework to allow residents of the park to improve their lives.
- Protection against development
- The greatest threat Exmoor faces is commercialisation by non Exmoor natives. Locals should be supported in their traditional way of life while maintaining the beauty and uniqueness that brings in the right kind of visitors. England's most precious heritage sites and areas of outstanding natural beauty must not become theme parks for the masses.
- There is a tension between the need to make an income through tourism and the impact of tourists on Exmoor. I have just returned home from a short stay at Hoburne In Blue Anchor and because we had a caravan near the main entrance this time I became aware of the tourist bus that runs from Watchet to Ilfracombe. I visit regularly but had not registered its existence. Are sustainable options widely known enough?
- There is a real risk that increased numbers of recreational users and dog walkers will have a negative impact on wildlife and environmentally sensitive areas, as well as on those who live and work on and around Exmoor.
- vital to maintain exmoor's identity and traditions
- In terms of making the moor more accessible to visitors, I think there should be planning dispensation for campsites near to the edge of the moor or on farms, with limited parking, where yurts or camping barns can be made available year around so that walkers do not need to carry tents etc. with them. They can instead walk between the campsites with a lighter load a bit like bothies. Of course planning could require that trees and hedges are erected so that over time, the campsites become more hidden from view.

This could encourage WWOOFing, where farming in turn could be made more viable and where the youth could be encouraged to get more familiar with nature and more respectful of the moor and its customs. A map could be created and made available, to aid walkers. It could be advertised as a way to have an affordable gap year or long term holiday, travelling and volunteering across the moor.

- Planners are not realistic in what is sensible in e.g. building planning applications and only seem to exert power rather than consider sensible compromises between local human needs and ideologicistic ideas. Eg asking for single glazed wooden windows instead of heat conservation. Asking for expensive bat surveys rather than wanting bat boxes (at appropriate time of year) as standered which might encourage new colonies and much cheaper than a survey
- Exmoor lacks ambition as a destination - ENP seems conflicted in their approach to both tourism and PLANNING
- National trust over commercializing exmoor and taking money off exmoor. The loss of Park rangers and field service but too many office staff. Planning is a joke and should have more real exmoor people on the committee.
- Don't try to fix it all, concentrate resources on maintaining what we have.
- I feel strongly that the breeding of game birds and shooting should be banned on Exmoor its bad for the environment and native wildlife and only benefits a few
- The NP does not put enough emphasis on its communities and the people that live here. It is all about tourists and the environment
- I'd like to see a total ban on all hunting and game shooting on Exmoor. It's time this stopped.
- Ridiculous that the local plan includes a coal fired railway that will destroy the environment
- The character and beauty of Exmoor comes from the landscape AND the community/people who are being forced to rely more on tourism as farming and traditional ways of life that shaped Exmoor are forced out. I worry a lot that this will damage the beauty and character of Exmoor I have known and loved all my life
- Nothing about the impact of climate change on Exmoor's special qualities or the role of the national park in mitigation.
- There are many threats facing Exmoor and radical action is needed to tackle many, but one easy one should be control of dogs. Dogs harm wildlife and also other people's enjoyment of nature. There should be some dog-free areas and routes within the NP where people who do not want to meet dogs can enjoy the environment.
- Need to keep it rural
- Warned out by trying to defend nature and private property from hunting and shooting. Instant traffic caused by ruthless watchers is unbearable so is the illegal use of large numbers of dogs for fox and deer hunts who seem to brake constantly into properties completely out of any control. The ever increasing nature of pheasants shoots have devastating impacts. Increase number of rats crows etc etc at the detriment of other species. The use of quad bikes all over the land including at the beginning of the nesting season. I often have to take long loops when walking or driving to avoid the chaos and the rudeness of participants.
- Paths being damaged by too many mountain bikes. NT charging £5 for parking at Horner and Doone Valley! Okay for tourists from the SE but for local dog walkers not on. NT sprucing up properties so they all look the same disregarding local history - too corporate.
- Tourists not respecting the area. Farmers being irresponsible with waste, particularly plastic. People being ignorant about native species and not being willing to understand their benefits
- Installation of electric charging point for our own visitors is top of our list. We would like to know how best to support the local area as we welcome our visitors. Do let us know additional practical measures which are available to us to assist the local economy. You give a very comprehensive list of 'issues' We do encourage our visitors to notice what is happening, and we give them information about Caremoor too. Looking across at Winsford Hill from where we have our place - we are very aware that much tree planting has been going on in the (hidden) valley which we so enjoy viewing from our place.
- Opportunities for communities to gather together to celebrate the past and plan the future together
- From a selfish perspective, multi site and multi national businessness should be force to stock locally made produce. We should work in the best interest of local producers, rather than outsiders. From a selfish example would be our locally made alcohol should be stocked in every outlet on Exmoor as a condition, thus creating more jobs and more investment in the area. Instead we suffer as we get a small listing in a independent pub, which gets sold to a multi site company outside of area and then we get delisted.
- People can visit Exmoor without it costing them more than the petrol - it's what they want to do when they are there that can make it expensive. I find the amount of shooting birds around exmoor offensive as I don't agree with shooting.
- Anyone can access Exmoor there is no charge and some free parking!
- Increasing biodiversity so that rare species live on Exmoor again will bring new job opportunities as has been found elsewhere.
- It is vitally important that farming is seen as very beneficial to Exmoor - Farmers have managed the area for generations and need to be consulted and encouraged to continue the good work. We do not want to see the moor without stock as it would quickly turn into a jungle.
- ENP need to understand that businesses including farms need to be progressive to be viable and the increased regulations are putting pressure on them. Farmers have to comply with lots of bodies and to apply for schemes they have to make changes which may include planning applications, eg to cover dirty water areas or to house livestock. ENP should be working with the farmers not against. Also there is a lot of knowledge from the older generations and this should not be lost. Young people should be encouraged to stay in the area, they are the future. ENP need to be forward thinking.
- Whilst it is import that the Moor is accessible for all, walking up through the Moor costs nothing so should not discriminate those on low incomes, electric cars are great, but charge points can be accessed off the Moor before an Exmoor experience.
- Affordability of housing for local people due to predominant low wage economy.
- With proper support and encouragement, Exmoor businesses (especially farming) can maintain the right balances between wildlife and tourism.
- Cultural heritage includes hunting with hounds - I'd be delighted to see hunting ended (its a cover for criminality) but am concerned about any erosion of the rest if the cultural identity. Wife beating was traditional too but we no longer tolerate that.
- Too many second home owners taking up traditional permanent accommodation for local people
- A National Park Authority that is totally removed from the local community and poor understanding of land management
- The National Park should be helping promote the Park and good practice regarding the management of the land. Not just assume that all the Landowners know what they are doing. How the hedgerows and Devon banks are managed are impacting on the decline of Flora and Fauna. To many hedgerows are just being felled and incorrectly laid. The Park should adopt a standard and take ownership for checking and signing off on it.
- Sheep are of vital importance
- Exmoor National Park should focus on protecting and enhancing the countryside for those who live and work in the area
- The greatest threat to Exmoor's habitat is poor management by large institutional landowners and government policy. Traditional burning of the moor and proper grazing would recreate the variety of habitats that are needed. Decline in bird life, most noticeable over Dunkery, is due to poor management and lack of vermin control. Many of the moorland bird species are ground nesting so vulnerable to fox and badger predation as well as the increasing number of birds of prey that have been actively encouraged. The traditional practices of rural management have been pushed out. TB is a huge threat coming up over Dunkery from Holincote

and needs to be addressed. There is no need for intrusive new development as Exmoor has a large number of traditional barns that are no longer suitable for farming and a proper survey of these to determine which would be suitable for development to residential use would be the right way to go about creating more housing for local people. Please note what the North Yorkshire National Park has done in this regard. The local needs affordable policy does not work in the redevelopment of traditional barns due to the cost of conversion, but the fact that more homes would become available, with a tie that they must be lived in as the occupier's primary residence to prevent them becoming second homes, would help availability of homes. (As would making it a requirement to pay 5 or 6 times council rate for second homes.) Game shooting provides valuable employment and business activity on the moor especially as it is a winter activity. The same applies to hunting.

- the park MUST help keep local farming families and the knowledge they have in the area to keep traditional landscape and management practices alive and allow the younger generation to live and remain in the park. The farm produce must be championed and the heritage promoted
- Dog owning lobby is too vocal. Dogs and people should be banned from wildlife sensitive sites.
- Exmoor has been very well managed over numerous generations by the people who live and work there. Sadly interference in this process by so called experts is starting to undermine and spoil a wonderful part of the country.
- Overall, Exmoor is a wonderful area that should be conserved for all to enjoy
- Too many motor cyclists and Young people speeding in cars with no police action
- Rewetting the moorland to make river flow more uniform and to prevent flooding
- Further to the climate change issue, the problem of the moors drying out. This has a particular impact on potential breeding bird populations - like Snipe, Dunlin and Curlew.
- Commercial shoots spoiling the moors
- Too many holiday homes empty for large parts of the year preventing local people finding affordable accommodation. Incorrect use of council properties - people moved from surrounding towns or further and not working on the moor and council properties not fully utilized.
- I think you have a very confusing policy on what is allowed in the national park in terms of a business. There are so many restrictions and hoops to go through its nit worth thinking about a business in the national park in case if you're very active planning officers stopping things.
- Exmoor should be made accessible - but what people get out of it is very much down to them. Providing information that can help them get the best from living or visiting Exmoor, is essential but you cannot compel people to enjoy themselves. There

is a danger that people looking for experiences and attractions fail to appreciate what Exmoor can offer on its own terms - peace, quiet and a chance to escape the rush of life for most people in the 21st Century. If they are looking for some sort of 'buzz' then there are other destinations that cater for this.

- Increase in litter/ fly tipping
- The control of owners and their dogs
- Is there a public understanding that informed farming/land management is KEY to Exmoor's status
- Exmoor is unique, but can't stay frozen in aspic. Sympathetic development is required or it will die.
- You ask so many questions but without giving the opportunity to explain a score, I am not sure that the scoring is very useful to you. Even this box is not very helpful, as it is just a single line of text rather than a box that you can see and edit.
- Broadband is terrible within the Exmoor national park. Buying a house if you are young is impossible
- Encourage new small businesses of all sorts and encourage traditional skills/visitor participation.
- A recent obsession with tourism for Exmoor is not helping local people live real lives or have real jobs connected to their rural environment. Second home ownership has devastated opportunities for local people to live and work.
- The national park being used for pheasant breeding. Hundreds of thousands of non native species (the pheasants released into the landscape unbalances wildlife ad biodiversitiy
- Maintaining sufficient housing stock for current and future work force key
- It seems most of the UK don't even know Exmoor exists. That seems such a shame when it has so much to offer. It tends to be highlighted for bad press. Snobbish, ex public school pupils out foxhunting, not, all the gentle beauty of the moorland, ancient woodland and dramatic coastline
- Focus on maintaining Exmoor for local people.
- A lot of these questions are aimed at visitors/tourists. What about creating a viable place to live for locals too? Better transport links, mobile coverage, well kept roads and paths, supported jobs and livelihoods, better education and support for parents, elderly and young people. If you don't support us we can't support tourism as we won't be able to live here.
- Access. New and older stiles are often high, difficult to navigate and no options to get dogs through. Most people walk responsibly with their dogs and it is really difficult if not impossible to lift dogs over safely. It would be useful to liaise with someone about this, and point out where access is blocked for dogs.
- Intolerance towards Livestock farmers and their way of life concerns me
- Following on from mentioning shooting above. Stag hunting should be banned as it has such a negative impact on the land and overall Exmoor itself. Yes herd

management needs to be done but certainly not in this barbaric way. Visitors do not come to visit Exmoor to see a Stag being chased to exhaustion and then has its throat slit. Visitors who come to view the beautiful Stags and other wildlife in their natural habitat. The videos online say quite a lot of Exmoor is really like when the Stag hunts are out. I myself, have stopped visiting after having quad bikes roaring behind me trying to get past on a narrow footpath. 8 times within 1 hour I was on Dead Woman's Ditch. It's not on. National Trust outright banned it after the studies shown, why isn't Exmoor?

- Exmoor is more than just a national Park it has to be sustainable for the people that live and work there. That means we need tourists, without tourism none of it would be at all sustainable.
- Ban hunting it's outdated and dangerous for visitors the hounds are out of control on the roads and the horses and quad bikes ruin the landscape. Visitors do NOT want to see wildlife ripped apart it makes the countryside look like it's full of barbarians- move with the times and show compassion for wildlife
- Keeping dogs under tighter control
- As a N.T volunteer we are already planting thousands of trees. My concern would be too many holiday lets/caravan parks being allowed, there are enough already. and
- Not sure ANY farming is good for Exmoor
- Priority should be given to keeping the park in good condition, and attracting more tourists should come after. That way the park does not have more visitors than it can reasonably cope with. It is good to have more people enjoy the park but not at the expense of its unique characteristics.
- Some of the premises underlying these headings seem highly dubious. There is nothing to stop anyone visiting Exmoor if they wish to, whatever their reasons are for coming to the area. And I believe visitors, wherever they come from, are generally welcome. Game shooting is an interesting one. There may be some shoots which over rear birds and this is not attractive but I think they are in the minority and the hugely important role shooting plays in the Exmoor economy clearly needs recognising.
- There is too much centralisation of decision making in Whitehall and Westminster.
- Less use of heavy machinery on the environment where possible use grazing to maintain moorland allow more trees in other areas
- Too many sheep and in high densities in places. We need to rely on the ponies and cattle to manage the moors. Sheep and goats eat almost anything. More trees, more habitat creation for all the lost breeding species of birds. More ponds for dragonflies and other wildlife
- "Performance" cars/ speeding drivers on rural and village roads
- Please consider Exmoor in the round and resist urging to bring it up to urban

standards. That is NOT why people live or visit here. It is a rare wild place

- Central to the purpose of Exmoor is to get away from daily life in towns and cities. Therefore, to increase transport, increase electric charging points, etc defeats what should be a core objective of any future plan.
- We need to keep country sports active such as Shooting hunting fishing and metal detecting these are important aspects of village life.
- loss of exmoor family farms that are in jeopardy of not surviving. Many of us are farming with nature but we do not shout about it. The word nature recovery is deemed damaging and as a farmer I feel deflated about this. THIS terminology needs to change. ENPA should be supporting their farmers and sticking up for them!
- Second Homes are killing the local communities, as well as house prices. Lack of 'common sense' regarding planning when support should be given to local homes and businesses
- Over population of red deer and the spreading of TB.
- Too many cars visiting blocking roads and adding to climate change
- I've had very positive experiences of disability access on Exmoor, both for myself and my mother.
- The amount of litter that people leave behind being a fire hazard particularly in hot summers.
- The planning framework is contradictory, painfully slow and sclerotic, going flat against Historic England's advice on the repurposing of redundant farm building while conserving their significance, yet at the same time allowing farmers to erect vast, unattractive sheds visible from the moor.
- Last Q of 5 - not sure of the relevance of this unless to give an opportunity to the anti shoot groups. Last Q of 6 - I do not agree with electric cars, mainly due to the dangers of the batteries but also the quietness of the vehicles is dangerous to people walking on the narrow, winding country roads. I also feel strongly that people who have lived in the National Park for many years, possibly all their lives and farmers in particular are very overlooked by the National Park. This is such a waste as there is such a vast amount of knowledge that is left unused. The current trend to seek to destroy hill farming is a massive threat to the character and beauty of the National Park and the damage this will cause will be beyond repair for decades. The National Parks are all beautiful areas and people love them as they are. It should be remembered that the beauty existed prior to National Park status and much of the beauty of the landscape is because of livestock farming. Instead of the National Park (and Natural England's) obsession to control and/or destroy agriculture, through ideas such as dangerously low stocking levels which make hill farming no longer viable, policies

should be put in place, with farmers input respected, to encourage hill farming, particularly for future generations, which is healthy for the future of the local communities, which are also in decline.

- Keep Exmoor wild
- I think that fox and stag hunting should be totally banned. Personally I no longer visit Exmoor due to having witnessed this barbaric behaviour in the past. It is totally unnecessary.
- Support farmers and farmland
- Keeping footpaths and Bridleways in a usable condition with good signposting
- What is the evidence for the damages being implied by question 5. Does this just reflect the prejudices of ENPA staff? The partnership plan must look forward and consider the viabilities of the community on Exmoor. It has always been a managed landscape, and needs viable communities to manage it.
- I am not overly concerned with section 4 because land managers and farms already have stringent rules to follow when managing the land.
- Same as before there needs to be a focus on the people who live here and enabling them to stay find employment, build a house for example. Public transport is non existent if you want to live here you have to drive or live in centre of larger town with facilities. Too much focus on preservation it's incredibly important and needs to be balanced however if there are no hill farmers or local communities left Exmoor won't exist in its special way.
- If moorlands are not managed properly, wildfires will be inevitable as they will become overgrown with gorse and bracken
- Governance and new Statutory Purposes
- would be good to see farming being supported by the local area and for more affordable housing to be made available for those that have lived in the national park all there lives but cant afford anything
- I would like to know why the questions single out 'conifers' as the only non-native species causing problems. In my opinion the non-native livestock & gamebirds causes far more problems with over grazing, polluted watercourses, soil erosion, habitat destruction, etc. The questions are not without bias and the answers are unbalanced, this is a shame
- Too many empty second homes which is causing a housing crisis. Four homes in Combe Lane Exford alone are second homes or Airbnb. In addition gorse needs to be controlled by burning. This will help with the huge increase in ticks and to make areas more accessible to livestock.
- Lack of Broadband for business
- Lack of permanent better non tourist related work. need to create many more opportunities for economic diversification to create larger and smaller private sector employment within the ENP. Lack of maintenance and reuse of historic traditional buildings which are fundamental to the farmed landscape within the ENP.

- Being able to achieve long term sustainability of the area in the face of global warming and global economic change outside of ENP control
- I believe the impacts of pheasant shoots need to be studied to investigate the impacts of them, as I feel the number of shoots are ballooning. The impact of the hunts and in particular the behaviour of some hunt followers and the damage on protected sites from vehicles
- Nature Recovery efforts
- The Airband broadband on Exmoor is not fit for purpose and this means that many people cannot work efficiently within the National Park. It should never have been installed as it does not work in adverse weather conditions we need a fast, wired connection. Hunting should be banned on Exmoor as those involved with the hunt are arrogant, selfish and do not care about others or other horse riders (personal experience). We also need more affordable homes, less Air BnBs and second homes (huge problem) and better sustainable transport. Bus provision is dire.
- Farming sustainably to provide food, while enhancing the wildlife benefits, specifically declining insect population
- Too higher volume of visitors can have a detrimental effect on the landscape and wildlife.
- Difficult balancing act of improving access & facilities against keeping and restoring natural habitats flora and fauna.
- An ageing and increasingly isolated population. Difficulty in finding tradespeople to keep buildings and property in serviceable condition. Farms being sold to people who are only interested in the buildings - to convert to holiday homes and expensive residences. The average age of farmers and the lack of incentives or help to keep young people in farming or to allow them to become farmers.
- Beware of increase in numbers of aggressive off road cyclists
- Traffic speed on some roads . A 50mph maximum speed limit throughout Exmoor is of merit .
- Stag hunting should be banned. It has a negative effect on a wonderful area
- slight concern that little context provided to some of the issues above - ie game shooting etc
- Hunting. Please please ban hunting. Its disgusting. How can we square this beautiful land with such cruelty. You know stags are killed illegally as well as foxes. It must stop
- To explain my responses regarding race and affordability to visit Exmoor: I don't think Exmoor is any less welcoming or less affordable than other National Parks.
- Loss of critical tourism elements and infrastructure, from closure of pubs, shops and toilets to major tourism operators at risk of closure. If we lose a critical mass of reasons to visit (other than the natural environment), we risk worsening the local economy and limiting all options for

employment and social mobility even further.

- Climate change is the single biggest concern, but not connected to business and farms that cause it, this should be a whole separate option
- Staying rural with care and thought. Our rural towns and villages' history need to have guidance.
- increase in camper vans/fly camping. peoples understanding of responsible visits to the countryside
- I will write separately about the state of the moors.
- Changing the environment such as cutting down trees (sometimes necessary due to disease) and not replanting, effects the animal population such as Red Deer.
- Without the farming, and rural communities, there would not be the National Park that we love. Support those communities and maintain the world that everyone loves.
- Don't forget the farmers
- L&B railway impact on the Moor is a concern. Also the cost if parking in the Moor. It should be open to all. Designated mobile home parking should be available in towns to promote use of local business (Lynmouth Minehead)
- Things like the destruction of Doverhay Wood by the brutal felling of the conifer plantation for profit. During which over 15,000 natural deciduous trees were cutdown in clouding Oak trees over 300 years old. Some one at the Nat Trust needs arrested and charged with vandalism. This will take over 100 years to recover.
- Stop bloodsports.
- Too much influence from a small minority of wealthy landowners.
- Exmoor needs support for its countryside sports - hunting, shooting, fishing without which Exmoor would be "dead"
- i recommend that maybe you should offer to young people a star walk and have a look and do star gazing
- carbon dioxide emissions impacting the surrounding area and damaging the sides of the roads
- the maintenance of historical sites
- all put in the above points especially public transport & affordable homes
- Poor bus infrastructure chokes the economy
- Farming and hunting families enrich identity and heritage
- You need to encourage the long term development of a heritage and sustainable means of transport around Exmoor
- Please support reinstatement of full-length Lynton & Barnstaple Railway.
- Sustainable transport would be helped by development of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- I am very concerned about the impact of climate change/ drought on the wildlife
- The inter dependence between tourism and the economy is critical. The deep rural nature of North Devon is an asset and

managed well tourism could be a globally unique USP

- Public transport. Number of tourist carsrs
- Need to extend L&B railway to provide sustainable transport and local employment.
- Improved public transport would cut some pollution
- Residents should accept discreet visitor attractions to encourage new visitors
- The Park has to progress to preserve as much of the nature as possible
- Little people running ,Enp
- There are far too many cars going into and through the area.
- Support the LandB railway
- You have the Railway at Woody Bay which could be extended but nothing is happening
- Better provision for disable people better transport that they can use like the old railway
- The narrow gauge Lynton & Barnstaple Railway should be given every opportunity to expand through the Park to provide a sustainable means for visitors to enjoy the spectacular scenery. This should have the benefit of reducing car journeys. An expanded railway will also provide a draw for tourists who will make a positive impact on the local economy, it will also offer opportunities for employment and training in mechanical and engineering skills.
- Encouraging reinstatement of Lynton and Barnstaple Railway
- I'm surprised the lovely Lynton and Barnstaple Railway has not been extended. It seems such a wonderful asset to Exmoor as a heritage form of transport and like the he many Welsh heritage railways it would bring income and jobs to the National park.
- What is needed is sustainable transport. The Lyndon and Barnstaple Railway should be rebuilt to provide that option to remove cars from the roads and bring multi million point benefits to the economy like the Welsh Highland Railway has to Eryri
- Exmoor is a resource for the majority that should not be compromised by virtue signalling policies for the sole benefit of mall minorities, who have little or no interest in visiting the moor.
- Availability of public transport is a major issue. Re-install the Lynton railway should be high on the Agenda.
- Apparently the National Truse have done a massive cull of red deer, this is very damaging for Exmoor
- I strongly feel that transport alternatives within and around the Exmoor National Park are very important to allow people to visit and enjoy the area, but lessen the drawbacks of increased car usage within the National Park itself. The work done so far on restoring the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway is a fine example of allowing visitors and local people to enjoy the stunning scenery without using their cars. If the ultimate aim of restoring the original railway from Barnstaple town to Lynton (with a walking connection to the cliff

railway) could be achieved, then this would not only allow park and ride facilities to be set up but would also stimulate the local tourist industry in a positive way. Coupled with this would be the benefits to the local economy for retail, hospitality and catering outlets. Looking to the future, the railway could utilise electric power in the form of light trams or railcars to develop and maintain ongoing green credentials whilst still using the railway infrastructure.

- There is an opportunity to bring improved public transport access through the national park in the form of, and focussed upon, the reinstatement of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway. This opportunity, to improve access for all with scope to tackle private car congestion at key locations, should not be squandered.
- Number of cars and space taken by car parks is a concern. It must be a priority to increase access by other means, such as park-and-ride on the periphery. As at Corfe Castle in Purbeck this could be provided by heritage rail.
- Rebuilding the historic Lynton & Barnstaple railway will bring visitors and jobs....please encourage
- Cars, including electric cars, should be accommodated at the edge of the park for non residents
- Focus on the ecology and local human needs, not the latest race fads
- My experience as a visitor to Exmoor is that there needs to be a diversity of attractions, catering in locally appropriate ways for those visiting. More successful attractions will reduce the pressure on individual hotspots by supporting a wider range of activity.
- Regarding the sustainable public transport issues, this backs up the need for the full restoration of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway as soon as possible.
- It seems incredible that the efforts to reopen the Lynton & Barnstaple narrow gauge railway appear to be being held to ransom by a few land-owners; this line once open would both bring increased visitors to the park - but NOT in their cars; surely a win/win situation?
- Species rich grassland has declined most significantly...guidance and recognition for farm practices that encourage that across the whole farm needed. Maintenance of manageable levels of deer and rabbits increasingly necessary since the ban and extreme weather putting extra grazing pressure on sensitive sites and farm economics
- Adequate funding from central government to allow ENPA to operate to its full potential
- Hill farming is the backbone of ENPA ,yet is not recognised or supported for its immense value.
- the myth of climate change is of no concern at all to me as it is a communist ideology to tax people into oblivion
- Too many visitors not understanding the local ways & doing things wrong. Need education

- The future of the Lynton & Barnstaple steam railway
- shooting is a business within the national park which brings visitors and tourism and employment of a huge number of people -it should not be singled out and the management of the environment for shooting and bird management and welfare is strictly controlled, unmanaged woodland and valleys would decrease diversity of plants and animals- see the rewilding from stopping shooting on Bingley moor in Yorkshire it is scrub land heather and grouse all gone !!so sad
- More consideration should be given to the knowledge and opinion of the people who live and work on the moor. Not just the people who are employed to give an opinion.
- 'Local traditions' can mean many things. I feel that I need to make it clear that I do not include stag or fox hunting when I say I wish to protect local traditions. There is no place for animal cruelty in society today.
- although national park open access should be available fencing makes it impossible to make full use of this
- Moorland management is specifically important, for instance the Winsford Hill area from Mounsey Hill Gate to Colmers Gate has become so overgrown by gorse it's nearly impassable. The heather which once existed had almost gone, whereas on Dunkery the heather thrives.
- I have a hospitality business in the foothills of Exmoor, so we would like more tourists to visit Exmoor, not less. I don't think the people we host do any damage or anything negative. We are having a quiet year unfortunately but hope more people will visit to support the local businesses.
- Getting unemployed persons to engage on environmental tasks would be a win-win scenario.
- The introduction of the open top buses from Minehead to Ilfracombe is great. However, the congestion through Lynbridge should have been foreseen. The westbound bus should wait in Lynmouth until the eastbound bus has arrived or the eastbound bus should wait at Barbrook until the westbound bus has arrived. Likewise coaches need to be managed through that section.
- how to make everyone see the same reality of climate change. Major issues is people who do not see the impact they have on the climate e.g. farming livestock in high densities and flying private jets to shoot pheasants. Also local heritage and local traditions - hedge laying is a great local tradition, hunting is not. Devil is in the detail!
- What constitutes enough? There must be saturation limits for housing, holiday homes, and second homes if the Park is to remain open, different, and vibrant with nature.
- Viability of farming is critical to maintaining and improving the environment. 'Farming' needs to cover general land management and the cost of this are probably not coverable by normal commercial farming activities, but the solution should not be to increase visitors solely to increase revenue into the area because that may have a major detrimental impact on the environment as a whole.
- Reduced funding by government. If you have to increase your charges to visitors they will be dissuaded from coming back.
- I don't think people are unwelcome because of their race or gender
- Need to balance need for increasing food production with biodiversity and sustainability.
- Farmers unwillingness to Explore Environmental friendly options. Mostly fault of Defra and the Farmers Union
- The view that changes have to be one thing or another...there is room for all if handled correctly
- The threat of ever increasing light pollution on, around and abutting the park.
- this is a generic list - no idea what value you expect to get from this survey
- A lot of points raised are beyond the reach of an individual or indeed the scope of the Exmoor National Park - you can have a position however are unable to influence - you have to work with land owners and in some respects you have little or no control over how they manage the land they own which constitutes Exmoor. The big shoots hold money and power not sure how ENP feels they have any hope of making an impact on how they operate?
- The most important issues are to enable people to live & work in the Park to return it to looking as it did when the Park was created. Not to let it become even more a barren place full of 2nd homes, retirement & holiday homes full of tourists
- There is clearly a balance to be struck between increasing access and income from tourism whilst at the same time maintaining what makes Exmoor special. On balance I would err on the side of caution and not make changes to increase tourism that are irreversible and would lose what is so special about Exmoor.
- I would count loss of natural habitats and poor condition of designated sites as two separate issues because I think a review of designated sites is required. A wider issue in relation to designated sites but I think some are now out of date and no longer relevant to the condition of the site.
- This is a working, living and breathing Park there for all to enjoy. We must look at it and the people to live and work on it. Our farming community are and have been part of that for 100's of years. Providing local produce to a high standard plus work. It must not be devolved to London's care!!
- These appear to be leading questions reducing the quality of the data collected
- The park seem to allowing planning on yet more holiday let's, but not allowing local rural housing, or staff accommodation, which is desperately needed.
- There are too many car parks especially near iconic spots on Exmoor which make them over crowded and often turn into dogs' toilets. As someone who has moved into the area I do not believe Exmoor is racist and not welcoming. It is also very easy to find low to no cost walking and activities.
- You should stick to your present two main purposes i.e. "to conserve and enhance..." and "to promote opportunities" etc. It is not your job to moralize and take political positions. I would like to make the following points. 1. Much is said about light pollution but nothing about noise pollution. 2. Much is said about the local economy and social housing but Exmoor is not so vast that you cannot live outside the boundaries and work inside and visa versa. Lots of people do. This is not Siberia. 3. Visitor Management. This is only a problem at a few times. Parking restrictions and charges put people and the idea that buses will run all over the moor and that people will use them is laughable. People want to travel at their convenience and value their privacy. 4. Equality and Diversity. Nobody is prevented from coming. This is more about cultural differences. You cannot force people to visit if they don't want to. 5. The Right of access to the open moorland is on foot not motorcycle. 6." Exmoor remains one of the tranquil..." so why is it that on sunny weekends we are plagued with people who think the A39 between Minehead and Barnstaple is a rally course. 7. Say no to windfarms and solar panel farms. Telephone masts should be disguised. 8. Do not be hung up on Climate Change and your carbon footprint. What you do on Exmoor will not make a jot of difference. 9. The key to peoples behaviour on the moor is Education Education Education. 10. The lack of major roads and public transport is what has saved Exmoor. 11. The population is aging nationally not just on Exmoor. 12. There is much work available it's just that local young people do not want to do it. 13. Hedge and tree removal seems to continue unchecked. 14. whilst visitors are important for the local economy this is not a theme park and the original precepts for setting up the park should take priority. 15. Under access and Recreation illegal activities and use of vehicles is not considered to be a problem!!! There is much illegal driving on the open moor and overnight camping even when there are signs prohibiting. d ..
- The negative effect of country sports on wildlife and natural history is a great concern
- Against making pay for car park, people will park everywhere
- I would like to see more economic development and opportunities in the 4 villages with more than 1000 people in order to attract and retain a diverse demographic population for example, of all ages.
- Visitor hot spots, better to maintain, manage and educate visitors well in these areas. Most that need this level of support will not think it crowded so long as they have room to park.

- Whilst tourism is of importance, this is a small area and too much tourism will ruin it.
- If you increase access to the moor then surely you lose what is precious, the lack of people, especially those who treat the countryside with ignorance and disrespect?
- Overpopulation of the whole country, which will spread to places like Exmoor. Unfortunately, no-one wants to acknowledge the elephant in the room.
- Traditional methods of Moor management have been lost. Exmoor has lost its heart and has become just a tourist and money making enterprise
- Poor Broadband impacts business development
- People need to be able to build houses in certain areas on their own land, preferably off grid and completely self sufficient. Preventing people from building on the land they have bought in an effort to live and work on Exmoor doesn't help the community. It doesn't make them want to ensure the moor is protected.
- The question about development in the park is one of taste. Rejecting modern construction methods and styles purely because they are modern is short sighted. The Park "style guide" for property development is antiquated and will only produce low quality copies of Victorian England.
- I am very concerned about the health of the iconic red deer and I'm worried about what will happen to them when a Labour government get in to power and do away with exempt hunting! The health of the deer are in the worst state that they've ever been owing to the excessively large herds which aren't effectively being dispersed! When exempt hunting is banned there will be mass culling of the deer, no landowner/farmer will be willing to put up the numbers anymore! There will be deer found dead and others running around injured with no one around to locate the animal and end the suffering! It really doesn't bear thinking about! I really hope you have a plan in place for the whole park not just the land you own to prevent this from happening? It is a real worry!
- No further rewinding should be carried out on Exmoor
- lack of housing for local people and too many second homes
- The Section 5 question about Game Shooting is very biased and rhetorical. No mention of the benefits game shooting brings to Exmoor.
- Shooting is critical to our communities and to the ecology of Exmoor
- All people need to be able to access open spaces and the freedom of Exmoor for their mental health and well-being it's important to educate the next generation who will be the people looking after our National Parks. For example access to the Pinkery Outdoor Centre.
- Animal farming and game shooting need to be moved away from.
- Create more affordable Housing and jobs for community
- Planning on Exmoor is totally broken. We need adequate planning that supports the local community.
- Hill farming of sheep seems to be driving a loss of biodiversity so I'd prefer to see it fail
- Exmoor needs a functional mobile and wifi network in all areas. It also needs an increased housing stock to retain labour for local businesses and farms.
- Mobility
- Not enough awareness about how shooting and gamekeepers can and do help to preserve wildlife and environments
- As a local resident, I feel more could be done to spread visitors around the park rather than concentrated in small pockets
- The District Councils to truly understand the right time and place to manage roads all year round. Exmoor is a "working landscape" as much as a tourist destination. Lynmouth Hill was repaired at peak visitor times (Feb half term and July holidays).
- Need to embrace climate change and plan effectively. Development of new homes / change of use for homes needs to be given greater priority - young families can no longer afford to live in the area their parents live - homes should not be designated holiday cottages - second homes / holiday homes should pay double council tax
- The biggest challenge we face is Exmoor's collective failing to understand/embrace the linkage between a thriving local economy (one that is appropriate to our size and scale) and conserving and evolving our beautiful national park. If we continue with our demographic, planning policies and view that visitors are in some way bad we will continue to fail to support our park. People and communities are a part of Exmoor, they always have been. We need and want visitors and we need and want commerce, they are not dirty words they are vital to the survival of this beautiful place that we are so blessed to spend our lives in. ENPA need to step up to championing the economic viability of the area.

Section 3 - Future Opportunities for Exmoor National Park

Thinking about the future of the National Park, we have identified some potential opportunities for the next Partnership Plan for 2024-2029. How much of a priority do you think these should be? The opportunities are grouped into three sections. Please use the boxes below each section to add any comments.

9. Conserving and enhancing Exmoor's natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage

	5 (High priority)	4	3	2	1 (Low priority)	Weighted score (out of 5)
Keeping Exmoor beautiful	68%	24%	6%	1%	1%	4.58
Improving the condition of important wildlife habitats	72%	22%	5%	1%	0%	4.65
Helping nature to recover through habitat creation and linking habitats	68%	22%	7%	2%	1%	4.55
Reintroducing species lost to Exmoor	41%	33%	15%	6%	6%	3.96
More broadleaved woodland, trees and hedgerows in the landscape	56%	31%	10%	3%	1%	4.39
Letting some areas be wilder and more natural	51%	28%	12%	4%	5%	4.15
Conserving historic sites and landmarks	43%	35%	17%	3%	2%	4.15
Protecting Exmoor's tranquillity and dark skies	59%	27%	10%	3%	1%	4.41
Helping mitigate climate change by restoring peatlands, planting more trees, and encouraging nature-friendly agriculture	59%	24%	10%	3%	4%	4.32

10. Please add your ideas or suggestions about the priorities for conserving and enhancing Exmoor's natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage

- Focus on creating 'natural' habitats that attract all forms of wildlife (it always seems like there are very few wild birds on Exmoor for example)
- Stop pheasant shooting entirely. It's an ecological disaster.
- New builds must have dark sky sensitive external lighting, so many new builds have light flooding upwards
- Let's have wolves and Lynx in Exmoor.
- There is a need to start regulating light pollution further afield than just the park. When stood in a dark spot, local towns & even those further away are easily spotted by their ever increasing light pollution
- Reduced damage by sheep grazing
- "Keeping Exmoor beautiful" - define beautiful, some people hate it - Exmoor needs to be kept "wild" not beautiful.
- Simply keep dogs out of the rivers, and on leads !!
- wilding should not involve destruction of farms or houses
- Overnight stopping or camping should be limited to recognized campsites. Off roading in motor vehicles should be stopped. Raves should be stopped. Penalties for tipping and littering should be enforced.
- Promoting more educational facilities for local schools and visitors about importance of land and habitat management
- We can do more in settlements e.g. our churchyard is having a wildflower strip.
- Beauty is, of course, a personal judgement but preserving the things that differentiate Exmoor from its surroundings is essential to keeping its identity and sense of place.
- Coniferous trees grow quickest and when felled for the timber industry lock in the carbon, deciduous trees are a poor choice for carbon capture
- Farmers are responsible caring people and should be helped not forced to make changes if they really do benefit all parties
- I walk with crutches due to a 20% working heart condition, I can't go round the back fields of (sunnybank monksilver) because the footpath is more suitable for more able bodied people. Instead I make use of the north hill disable footpath or Horner woods to the concrete seat. Monksilver is on the Coldrige way walk but it's not disabilities friendly. The steps only have one rail instead of two for they are so steep to get up and get down safely. There is no sign to say if the woodland walk across is closed for safety reasons as the natural waterfall and extreme rain fall made the this section of the walk safe or stability for walkers. Back a few years it was just pass able with

care but since then nothing has been said about the footpath.

- Exmoor has no Nature Reserves or rewilding areas. The wildlife is diminishing and landscape is being sanitised.
- It is important to ensure farming of stock is not negatively impacted by new initiatives
- stricter implementation of conservation areas...partic Porlock
- allow 'Nature' to react naturally rather than forcing change, eg 'drainage at Hurdle Down.
- Help people stay living there and they will help the rest.
- CLEAN WATER, everywhere, no exceptions, no agricultural or quarrying or other business pollution. NO SEWAGE released into any waterways, ever. Focus on the health of the tiny (soil bacteria, worms, insects) at least as much as of the large 'iconic'. Try to find/create really worthwhile, skilled, rural-based skills and craft employment on a solid long-term basis for younger ENP residents.
- The inclusion of well designed woodland containing conifers should be accepted
- more effort in educating people about why there are 'special' qualities
- Loved it there, round Exmoor
- Farmers need to be kept on board with any changes and encouraged to see themselves as custodians of an environment as well as food producers.
- Qu 9 above is three questions. Peatlands and trees are much more important than farming
- Am not a n ecologist and therefore do not feel equipped to make suggestions.
- Perhaps we could limit the number of car and motorbike events permitted. During the spring and summer almost every weekend there are large groups of motorcyclists who simply make circuits repeatedly through villages and across the moor, depositing who knows how much pollution in their wake. These groups often number 30 to 40 and make at least 3 circuits every day they are here. And don't get me started on the speed at which they go through the villages. This is a National park, not a race track.
- All of the above are important in keeping Exmoor the special place that it is.
- Beware idealistic rewilding and wildfire risk associated, as well as interruption of rural economy
- Do not plant trees or flowers on good level fertile land Short of food already
- Very important to involve, listen, explain changes to those who live and work on Exmoor.
- Flora & fauna first then tourists
- Encourage life on the moor by planting responsibly and sustainably
- Increasing numbers of grazing cattle are damaging footpaths and intimidating walkers
- Leave it alone.
- LITTER is a terrible blight. I'm sure you would get many volunteers who would be part of little picking groups.

- Protecting tranquillity is important to me, the dark skies are nice but less important.
- We have a wealth of wild areas that rightly need to be conserved, there is however trends in some villages to believe that green areas close to housing should also be left to go wild - this is nonsense and makes some areas look uncared for and unkempt.
- I find your conflation of issues in heading 9 rather disturbing. Each of the three strategies suggested has a different set of concerns and benefits and should not be lumped together in one, catch-all heading. Snacks more of woolly virtue signalling than clear strategic planning.
- Urgent action is required to clean up rivers and other waterways.
- Restrict the red deer population in order to prevent disease amongst the herds
- Improving the public understanding of the concept and purpose of National Parks to raise the awareness of the need to behave responsibly and with thought and consideration for the local farmers' needs and for habitat protection throughout Exmoor National Park.
- Let scrub grow where trees are wanted (natural regeneration) as well as planting...
- NO MORE PLANTING OF CONEIFERS.
- Tighter guidelines on landscape management, e.g. hedges, river pollution, species, best practices and use of the land, rotation and land management, regeneration
- I've been visiting Exmoor for the best part of 60 years and I am more and more shocked by the state of the open moorland. Swaling seems to do more damage, Molinia grass is an issue (as it is on Dartmoor) and possibly over-grazing is an issue. Again, this seems to be an issue for most National Parks and I know a lot of work is being done.
- Where species like beaver are re-introduced to address a particular issue in terms of nature, flood management etc that is a good thing but sometimes there are unforeseen consequences of introductions so they should be considered carefully. Climate change mitigation needs to be balanced with the need for land to be farmed for food in an environmentally friendly way.
- Hill farming livestock hasn't been viable (without subsidy) for decades and is a wasteful, unethical and archaic use of land. The land could be put to far better use for carbon capture, improving biodiversity and for locals and tourism to enjoy. Hill farmers should be paid to restore/care for land on an ongoing basis and supported to transition to regenerative/permaculture/diversified income (e.g. eco tourism)
- All the above. More control over farmers - stop them spraying fields and contaminating water courses.
- more wetlands!
- Need a proper woodland plan to create more woodland. Current efforts are woeful and traditional farming and moorland approach means very limited progress. The

new ENP wood you are planting is tiny and much much more needs to be done.

- Hundreds of thousands of trees. You need to be far far more ambitious.
- Ban hunting
 - need to look at historic stocking levels on the moor (ie last century or so before the advent of the current style of farming) and the level of support needed to keep farming viable without inflicting further damage.
 - Vegetation management , now swaling is not taking place in order to maintain the status of the open moorland.
 - Yes yes yes yes yes yes to the above
 - Like most people I don't want Exmoor to change even though I know to be healthy it must continue to be ever changing. Energy production is certainly one area that needs to be considered, a wind farm, solar panels / farms need consideration. Mobile communication is now seen as essential by many and yet Exmoor has such poor coverage, masts although not popular it is a must for modern day life.
 - More trees, more bogs and wetlands, less drainage, no sheep, heavy animal conservation grazing, beavers wild
 - Organic Farming Practices
 - If planting new trees make enclosures like the new forest until the trees have had a chance to establish.
 - We can't solve all of climate change issues. Look at exmoor as a silo not a whole and make that eco system perfect. Stop felling trees without good reason. Reintroduction should be thought through more as change happens for a reason. Might not be right to bring everything back. Like it might not be right to destroy woodland for one creature to help another.
 - Succession is part of conservation
 - Reducing speed limits in villages/towns such as Lynton
 - Need to use accurate figures on the water use and CO2 production of farmed animals in upland UK environments when considering how livestock farming impacts the park - these figures are radically different from widely publicised global figures and the park will suffer if inaccurate global figures are used to make decisions
 - Tourism MUST be managed with the priority given to protecting the environment. And services geared towards the community rather than increasing tourist numbers.
 - create a much more diverse mosaic of habitats with far fewer intensely sheep grazed pastures/hill ground
 - The landscape character guidance is direct conflict with the need for landscape scale changes needed, Exmoor is not a museum and positive change for people and nature should be championed by the park authority and not obstructed
 - Educating more people involved in conservation and respect of nature
 - Wildflowers ought to be planted bordering all the cycle paths on exmoor national park and there should be many more of them enabling communities to be

connected by active travel and fewer motor vehicles

- natural beauty is subjective, and often a source of unnecessary & harmful 'ecological tidiness'. working on the public perception of beauty as being a more natural, biodiverse landscape could help restore some of Exmoors seriously degraded habitats
- Its not beautiful at the moment, its just loads of over grazed sheep farms. Work positively with existing organisations. Sort out your corrupt planning department.
- I believe we need to balance people's expectation of Exmoor with the reality of climate change. Ie. Some areas might not be as pretty but it's important to do more for nature.
- All the above needs to happen at pace, this will change the landscape but will create a more resilient Exmoor for the future.
- Remove INNS eg Himalayan Balsam and American mink before contemplating species reintroductions.
- Regenerative nature friendly farming us the key integrating livestock grazing
- Promote tree planting , beavers on waterways and wetland habitats . National Trust sheep farming leases should be replaced by forestry (broad native species)
- Difficult to answer these things via a tick box exercise. Complicated issues eg. 1) How do you define beautiful? 2) I agree we should reintroduce some species lost to Exmoor eg breeding curlew but not eg pine marten 3) How do you define an important wildlife habitat? How is it decided what's important? (rarity, biodiversity, perceived beauty, usefulness etc?) If an area is already important perhaps efforts should be concentrated on improving other places so they become important, too? Places that are managed to carry on being important for eg waxcaps are v different from sessile oak woodlands or heather moorland. 5) Lots of assumptions made eg that peatlands mitigate climate change (they don't in some cases) and that we all know what nature-friendly agriculture is. (Regenerative farming is the new buzzword, but if some regenerative practices like cell grazing were adopted widely on Exmoor then fields would become patchworks of electric fencing - bad for wildlife and animal welfare.)
- Regenerative and Silvopasture agriculture need to be enhanced. Will mean a change as to the livestock balance with less sheep and more native breed cattle .
- Encouraging local people and tourists to get more involved in protecting the environment. Helping villages and towns go plastic free - become known as the plastic free national park. We're small enough to achieve it, with strong leadership and vision
- Talk to local farmers and engage with them, generations have worked the land and know it
- Educating children on these priorities and involving them in partnership plans - they are our future.

- Stop game bird shooting
- Same as before, but "beauty" is subjective, which is why I put it in the middle as it depends what beauty looks like to you.
- Promote a good balance between traditional farming and looking after the countryside
- Farmers need to stop overgrazing the land and tourist numbers need to be kept viable for the moor
- Deciduous woodland is a must
- Tranquillity needs to mean the absence of man made noise
- Supporting farm shops, by offering discounts on council tax etc, to reduce retail costs and thus allow Hill farmers to better compete with factory farmers
- I don't think Exmoor is beautiful at the moment
- Improve important on notices around Exmoor
- Involve farmers in conservation/wildlife as a way to diversify away from livestock farming
- Small pockets of temperate rainforests exist as fragments of greater forest cover from hundreds of years ago. Rewilding is needed to help contribute to the 30% by 2030 to help solve our biodiversity and climate problem.
- I do not agree with the concept of rewilding. Exmoor is as it is because it has been looked after a d ma aged by generations of people who live and work there, and who understand it. This includes farmers and gamekeepers. Rewilding is the opposite of sensible management, leave nature to itself and you end up with overgrown unmanageable areas that are not conducive to natural diversity.
- Exmoor's natural beauty, comes from its farmers and land managers, the park cannot achieve its goals without taking this community with them.
- Protecting woodland and old walls Maintaining rivers and waterways
- The problem with enforcing sustainable agriculture is that it can often make farming UNSustainable for local farmers. Local people and traditions go hand in hand with the beauty of the moor and their protection should be a joint first priority with the protection of the land.
- It is vital to create a rich and linked mosaic of improved habitats and productive, traditionally managed land.
- encourage organic farming and wire removal
- In terms of keeping Exmoor beautiful. I think it's important to remember that the constant of ecosystems is change and that change can be beautiful too. Whilst I think that parts of Exmoor should be conserved such as the moorlands and ancient woodlands. I think creativity should be encouraged in agricultural landscapes such as through agroforestry, forest gardens and the practices of the Knepp estate. This is why I have listed it as a 3. Because it will always beautiful. I do not think that it needs to be 'kept' beautiful, other than through managing bracken and gorse on

the Moors and ensuring not to further encroach on the moorland areas.

- some element of control/regard of the people on motor bikes/vehicles /quad bikes following the hunts and pony drifts. I have witnessed several incidents of reckless chasing around with no regard to animal welfare and other visitors using the moor.
- More open access for walkers
- Introduce the right loss species like curlew not pine matins, or beavers
- Concentrate on the quick wins, tree planting is good, in the right place, but it's not a 'fix all'.
- Be sympathetic when cutting hedgerows, these are important habitats for wildlife. This winter many hedges have been drastically cut back to almost nothing.
- not just the moorland but it is most important for the whole area of the park the decline in wildlife is frightening
- Start by not destroying the beauty by building a steam railway. 37 years does not count as cultural heritage
- Again, this is all themed AGAINST the very things that have shaped Exmoor, provide access to visitors, provide income for residents and does not learn lessons from the past. How can more access be achieved if areas are allowed to get wilder? Part of the beauty of Exmoor (as opposed to other areas of UK) is that it is wild AND accessible as it is. Equally, the health of wildlife seems to be ignored for quantity - at present the red deer population is dangerously high, for their health and that of Exmoor. No mention of plans for this...
- Richer nature and nature based services will bring value and economic benefit in med/long term
- I'd like to see multi-stakeholder coalitions working towards a vision for a green economy similar to the Affric highlands or Knepp.
- controlling invasive species impacting on the local ecology
- As a National Park, priority should be given the restoration of natural processes rather than artificial habitats.
- Keep visitor numbers low otherwise it will be spoilt as every other national park has been
- I'd love it if we could plant more tree's and never build any more houses on Exmoor
- Ban foraging.
- we would welcome written information about any of the National Park projects - is it possible to e-mail information which is suitable for us to print out and give them as much info as possible about their stay here.
- Limiting invasive sports such as shooting, hunting with hounds and use of motor vehicles off track/ on footpaths
- Farmers. Need more respect for good management and less negativity.
- All vitally important; bring back beavers
- As before, this must not be at expense of losing farming on the moor.
- Look after the species we already have. Red Deer population has been severely impacted by bTB. No one wanted to listen,

when a problem was identified and some herds have already been lost.

- Anything that decreases the erosion of Exmoor National Park is good. Most humans are anthropocentric and don't always consider the beauty and importance of something unless they are to benefit. All natural species must be preserved on the Moor if it is to sustain its 'natural' beauty, biodiversity of native species in the food chain, and traditional farming methods without pesticides and chemicals to protect the soil, wildlife and the whole of nature. In return, this will benefit humans too.
- Intelligent support for Exmoor farmers and other businesses is the most effective way to maintain Exmoor's natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.
- Beauty is quite subjective - we need to accept a degree of change in the landscape.
- Need to plant more trees to replace those lost through ash die back etc. financial incentives to encourage farmers to do so and to leave more of fields to flowers, trees
- More engagement with Stakeholders and getting more people involved with restoration of the landscape.
- A wide variety of tree species should be planted and regenerated including some 'non native' to secure resilience to climate change. Grey squirrel control needs to be undertaken on a landscape scale to enable trees to survive effectively.
- Invest in more rangers to be out in the park keeping their eyes on everything
- Grazed grass is the most effective way of reducing carbon. Planting trees has a declining effect on carbon after 30 years. What exactly do you mean by beautiful? I find the mixture of hedges, fields and moor actively managed very beautiful. Someone else might call vast tracts of conifer wood beautiful.
- educate the public in ways of the countryside code. promote local farming produce. Make it possible for young local farmers to remain in the area - allow conversion of barns to residential use for the next generation on the farm steads locals
- Quality of our rivers and coastal waters
- Exmoor must remain a working farming environment/community.
- Few poor deer need to be culled not hunted
 - allow MORE tree encroachment or establishment of some standard trees in SOME areas of expansive open moorland, to create greater biodiversity incl. nesting opportunities of non-ground nesting birds. (ii) importance of heather moorland is accepted but should not dominate conservation plans as much as currently to detriment of other species; (iii) Swaling and its impacts on species harmed

and CO2 etc should be reduced as far as practicable, rather than done simply because its has been done 'traditionally'; alternatives should be sought afap where burning non-essential

- Rewetting (again)
- Proper assistance to farmers who might consider planting native trees. This must include LONG TERM financial incentives.
- Educational information for tourists
- Making sure that visitors do not have a negative effect on the way of life of Exmoor people
- The national park does nothing for nature. It's all about planning and meetings.
- As Exmoor is a man-made environment, I would be cautious about plans to return it to something wilder. But more must be done to undo damage caused in just the last 25 years.
- Controlling 4 x 4 and quads on the moor through hunting season or banning only essential ones
- Encourage sustainable forestry of native trees.
- The loss of the National trust Tivington Farm, as a productive farm in the name of re-wilding is not good.
- ENPA needs to be careful to protect good food producing land alongside tree planting and rewilding schemes. Particularly - plant less trees, in appropriate areas (ie allowing broadleaf woodland to establish in truly rewilded pockets of appropriate land) and look after newly planted trees better. Good farming land is also important and there's not enough emphasis on that here.
- These are all important. The ENP needs to strike a balance between the priorities when they may conflict.
- The natural beauty is enhanced by traditional farming methods. Rewilding of good farmland seems unnecessary here
- I have a business that makes hand made natural birch products from Exmoor sustainably but have not received any useful help from Exmoor Authority bodies or funds because I'm not providing tourism.
- All farmers to be expected to move towards sustainable agriculture and paid to restore wildlife and wild areas.
- Avoid lots of notice boards. Agree wind turbines on the periphery.
- Please don't extend or tarmac more car parking
- Increasing education opportunities. The guided walks etc are excellent. giving visitors the reasons why we need to conserve and enhance.
- Preserve traditional Farming and stop inappropriate tree planting and associated fencing under the guise of carbon capture schemes
- The N.T are already doing many of things. But farmers need to be encouraged to stop polluting rivers and keep hedgerows in place. Also create wild life areas.
- I wouldn't like to see wolves back on Exmoor, but beavers especially seem to have an important impact on flood

prevention. I think intensive farming of any description has no place on Exmoor, and hill farmers should be adequately reimbursed for the extra costs they incur, and the important part they play in conserving Exmoor.

- Involving local people in decisions.
- Introducing species lost to Exmoor I suspect may be a reference to beavers. The salmon in Exmoor's rivers are now on the brink of survival. The introduction of beavers, with the further obstacles they would add to the migratory passage, would probably finish them off altogether.
- No! keeping Exmoor beautiful. This is double edged. At a landscape level a lot of Exmoor is beautiful (more forest would be good) but at a closer level Exmoor is a wet desert. We need more biodiversity. Open deciduous woodland. Restrict pheasant farms. No solar panels in fields put them on buildings. Reintroduce lost species. Legislate so farmers have to get planning permission if they plan to destroy nature. Nature changes. We need new priorities that match the results of climate change and destructive lan use. The current landscape is severely impoverished we can't 'preserve' this. It doesn't work for nature. Prioritise nature and have farming fit with nature not the other way round.
- Must be prepared to work WITH the Farmers & Landowners - Exmoor is already very special thanks to them
- Reducing the national speed limit
- You should not be combining issues in this survey. Yes to peat restoration, NO to blanket trees planting
- ALL country pursuits should be celebrated on Exmoor as a key aspect of the communities and attracting inward investment and supporting the local economy.
- keeping footpaths clear and dogs on leads encourage people to take there rubbish and dogs mess with them.
- work with the farmers and get out on farm to see the good they are doing!
- Levy charge (like congestion charge) for visitors to assist with fund raising
- Finishing farming and rewilding everything will not stop climate change, reducing visiting cars wii help
- I feel there are some potential conflicts between managing habitats and mitigating climate change. Tree planting, for example, needs to be the right species in suitable locations.
- I think you will need to be careful about balancing the effects of rewilding with maintaining some iconic landscapes
- See my earlier comments.
- Endure that the use of pesticides etc is severely restricted
- Stop quad biking on moorland
- maybe those 'swingable' benches in more accessible flat sites so people not able to stand or walk easily can have some fun activity
- Focusing on wildlife and landscape is easy because it doesn't answer back. What about Exmoor's conserving and enhancing

the ability of a mixed community to live on Exmoor?

- If moorlands are left to become overgrown, the tick infestation will become untenable for all animals, humans included.
- Stop subsidised visitor promotion
- Again there is a very biased question offering only broadleaved woodland - why can this question not be asking people if they want 'more woodland' and then leave policy and professionals to decide the form of the woodland best suited to the location. This bias is not present in the other questions
- Better support for farmers to help deliver what you are proposing. They cannot do it for free.
- reduce impact eg of pheasant and grouse shooting
- Controlled burning of gorse.
- Encouraging landowners to stop reducing hedgerows to the point where they no longer provide wildlife habitat.
- What we already have needs managing much better. That should be a much higher priority than trying to create new habitats that, in turn, are likely to go on to be badly managed either through ignorance or lack of resources.
- Reintroduction of species lost could be due to climate change so careful feasibility studies would be needed.
- Less intensive management of some areas - let nature heal
- Preserving and increasing the rare wildlife we already have.
- I would be cautious about reintroducing lost species and rather concentrate on preserving what remains.
- Conservation and improvement of habitat should take priority over increasing access and tourism.
- Any areas of commercial forestry / conifer plantations should not be replaced with the same when they are felled for timber, but should be reinstated to heath/moor land.
- A national programme to improve respect for Exmoor, its people and way of life.
- Create zones in the national park where humans are not allowed except for those employed to maintain. Zones will slowly recover from too much exposure to tourists
- Ban staghunting!
- no 9 requires context - as trees on open landscape may damage ground nesting bird habitat and increase risk of wildfire
- You must not allow hunting.
- Exmoor is a very beautiful landscape which is natural and does not need rewilding, but there is an urgent need to keep our rivers clear trees and debris to stop flooding
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Exmoor moorland in winter may not be seen as beautiful by many people.....
- More wild areas hollow ways earth under our feet fallen trees as it would be before man had a lawn mower!
- Exmoor has a greater potential for wildlife and beauty than food production. help needed to re-purpose traditional farming
- Limiting off road vehicles
- Preserving the 'original' character and heritage is the highest priority. NOT necessarily increasing visitor numbers
- Don't forget the farmers
- NO people allowed police enforcement
- Don't close off spaces and farms to "re-wild". PLEASE consult a horticulturalist they are a wealth of information instead of just chopping trees down and replanting elsewhere.
- Cannot change the landscape just to combat climate change from India and Asia. We are a unique space that should be preserved as it always has been to the naked eye. No extra trees. Replace anything lost, but not changing the scenery.
- Please do some research Climate change is a natural cycle and the Earth has no warmed for over 10 years now
- Stop bloodsports
- Stop building development on floodplains
- All the above is important and by doing so you will automatically improve the beauty.
- the places that are considered natural and wild should be kept for animals only
- don't change the nature too much
- It's very important that the tree planting process is made easier for landowners currently it is too difficult and expensive
- Maintaining the lesser used paths would be very helpful in encouraging walkers.
- Restricting motor home groups camping on North Hill would make it less intimidating
- Reduce the impact of vehicles by increasing public transport
- less planning restrictions to when creating habitat on degraded land. for instance, it shouldn't be easier for me to get permission for chopping down a tree, than it is to plant one!
- Make hill farming viable to help dip down effect of money in local businesses
- Would love to see more work on saving and expanding the area of the red squirrels
- I'd love to see moorland reforested
- Improve economy for future of a vibrant potential
- Restoring and protecting wildlife is more important than keeping it beautiful, although I personally feel that both go hand in hand.
- Only let change to the park that will enhance its beauty
- Let the farmers farm
- More sustainable transport with park and ride
- Encouraging the reinstatement of the Lynton And Barnstaple Railway through the park.
- Climate change will impact the moor with more extreme weather events, from flooding to droughts. The moor needs to be as resilient as possible.
- All the suggestions listed in 1 to 9 above are very important. Exmoor Nation Park is a treasure that requires the utmost care, respect and safe keeping. I feel very encouraged by the ongoing work that the Exmoor National Park authority continue to carry out in these very difficult times. Keep up the excellent work.
- The Exmoor National Park should work more closely with farmers in the area to create a better place for all.
- Regeneration ag can allow ecological recovery and farming to co exist. Its not either/or. We need both.
- More wooded areas would greatly improve the diversity and attractiveness of the moorland and rather than having to fence areas to protect trees from deer is it not possible to leave strategic areas of gorse to grow and put young trees amongst the gorse which would protect and allow trees to grow at which point the gorse can be cleared to leave areas of trees
- Trees in the right place should be supported but not at the cost of unimproved grassland that is/could easily be species rich. Nature friendly farming is essential and should be a huge priority considering the land %but rewilding is detrimental to both the environment and long term sustainability and economy. (Ref: nethergill)
- Well thought through Environmental support systems that will encourage farmers and Landowners to focus on nature recovery. Perhaps ENPA could run a project scheme?
- Stop archaic view of "beautiful" Exmoor and focus on species recovery and conservation. Utilise Exmoor to create a true National Park instead of cultural landscape, especially in light biodiversity crisis and climate change.
- No mention of hill farming, yet again. Too many environmentalists have too much say and are completely against hill farming, this is extremely worrying.
- as per previous comment
- Do t know
- A successful Lynton and Barnstaple steam railway
- encourage farmers to manage the wilder parts of moorland ,grants to brash encroaching gorse and re open over grown paths
- The opinions of the people who earn their living from exmoor need more consideration. As a farmer I think there needs to be more specific wildlife control . The red deer numbers are out of control and it's causing massive disease issues. Better management would lead to a healthier population .
- create some circular loop walks instead of the out and back options. Find a way to get dog owners to pick up and take away dog mess from the paths, especially those areas that are theoretically wheelchair accessible. Prevent farmers from churning up the gateways with unfeasibly large tele handlers and letting the peat soil wash away (keep Exmoor on Exmoor)
- Should be linked to investment in skills and education
- More information available for visitors to respect the natural environment of the Moors.
- From what we can see, we think you are already doing a good job at this - we see tree and hedge planting, I haven't noticed anything negative.

- Restore shooting rights to common land bring back more controlled burning of heather, predator control and reintroduction of red grouse. Employing gamekeepers to manage the moorland you will bring back more ground nesting birds like curlew, plover and hen harriers a sea of purple heather instead of gorse and bracken.
- keep exmoor beautiful? what does this mean? Beauty is very subjective - to some it is a neat landscape with square fields and sheep, to others it is a mosaic of diverse habitats, wild
- Partner more effectively with the local communities and parishes, not just consulting but facilitating engagement and outcomes. Negativity about Planning bedevils full engagement by community consent.
- Climate change needs to be planned for. Rather than focus on reintroducing species concentrate first on removing non natives that are there currently.
- Wild camping is increasing, especially motor caravans. Big white dots scattered across the landscape do not look good. I realise ENP probably do not have the resources to police it but if it gets out of hand it will be even harder to control later.
- Some of these questions are difficult to answer without having more information on the specifics they are referring to, eg questions 2 & 4
- Keeping Exmoor beautiful can mean different things to different people. We don't want "wilding" of Exmoor, we want to retain its current semi-tamed beauty.
- vastly reduce the number of non native game birds from Exmoor.
- More natural ancient habitats rather than human maintained farm and moorland
- Slight concern that tree planting is done only after full survey of proposed site
- Reaching out and educating Farmers
- Education not only about wildlife and ecology but also about the importance of dark skies.
- "keeping Exmoor Beautiful" is a meaningless statement - you actually mean keeping Victorian style old buildings. This is not a forward looking vision. if you keep looking backward to preserve stuff you will actually KILL the culture on the moor and not allow it to be relevant to the 21 century or future. This can not be a dead museum of "things the Victorians messed up"
- Again - you are short of funds focus on small and mid sized deliverable projects
- Recognising the role that farming and fuel sports play in maintaining the natural beauty and heritage of exmoor
- I do not know what you mean by keeping exmoor beautiful? Bad question
- Agree to encouraging nature friendly agriculture in order to make farming a sustainable lifestyle on Exmoor. Against planting more trees because off setting with tree planting does not negate the damage done by those companies doing it. Restoring peat lands & tree planting takes away agricultural land needed for food production which should be given the highest priority as this country has such a low self sufficiency level.
- providing alternative transport solutions to cars to get locals and Tourists about (Electric Buses, L&B)
- encourage more community run projects/groups to take care of the National Park.
- Friendly agriculture is an insulting comment to all the farmers who work hard to feed this country!! They also look after and manage the countryside better than some Nat Park managers.
- Do not weaken on your planning controls and enforce your rules and byelaws generally.
- Restrict/stop the rearing of mass numbers of game birds
- Support landowners so that they can conserve and enhance Exmoor natural beauty.
- Larger ag. machinery esp. ag. contractors, means gateways and access points have to be enlarged to accommodate them removing ancient banks and boundaries. Im going to be forced to do this soon as you cant find contractors to take on small jobs on land with small gateways and its not good. Devon Highways are also reluctant to prevent larger lorries accessing small lanes where these vehicles damage ancient routes and infrastructure.
- Stop building more housing, and address the point of why it's needed in the first place.
- Management of Moorland ..burning Heather and silver birch and reinstating moorland habitats
- Providing dedicated parking areas to stop tourists parking in stupid placed and damaging plant life. Yes cars park are unsightly but if they are painted green to blend in with white marking and pay and display them at least all the dipsh**ery is kept in certain places which can be monitored. Would advise making these carparks secure so they can be used inappropriately.
- Keeping exmoor beautiful is a meaningless and hollow statement. Beauty is not preserving victorian ideals which is the current basis of development in the park. Beauty has much more to do with the harmony with nature and creating a future where mankind and nature are in good balance
- See question 7
- Caring for nature should come before encouraging people to enjoy Exmoor. Nature, once destroyed, cannot easily recover.
- Recognition that farmers and shoot owners are working conservationists
- It's important to conserve Exmoor natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and it all needs to be prioritised before it's too late.
- Rewilding
- TV programs to communicate issues.
- More rewinding and introduction of 'keystone' species.
- Less sheep
- Broadleaf trees need to be planted in smaller stands rather than huge plantations. We do not need any conifers. Exmoor is about moorland, farming and wild flower meadows
- Biodiversity and local population
- Grassland and grassland management stores more carbon than trees. Grass also provides year round beneficial layers for wildlife and carbon sequestration within weeks. Trees take longer to plant, grow and store carbon. Grass should be cut not left, otherwise it piles up, rots down and release more carbon. Quite ironic. Planting trees on years and years of well managed farmers fields will kill years of hard work and destabilise a whole biome and ecosystem which was in a harmonious equilibrium for centuries.
- Sympathetic development for affordable homes for local families should not be strangled into red tape

11. Helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor

	5 (High priority)	4	3	2	1 (Low priority)	Weighted score (out of 5)
Removing barriers that prevent people from visiting Exmoor	26%	33%	22%	8%	11%	3.53
Helping more people to connect with Exmoor's wildlife, natural beauty and heritage	32%	35%	22%	6%	6%	3.81
Maintaining and enhancing the network of footpaths, bridlepaths and other opportunities for quiet enjoyment and recreation	61%	26%	10%	3%	1%	4.42
Providing opportunities for backpack camping in remote areas on Exmoor (wild camping)	19%	26%	23%	11%	21%	3.11
Providing high quality visitor facilities such as parking and public toilets	30%	34%	19%	10%	7%	3.69
Promoting the health and well-being benefits of Exmoor	31%	33%	22%	7%	7%	3.73
Helping more people to learn about, understand and value Exmoor	41%	33%	16%	6%	4%	4.01
Developing better sustainable transport and active travel for visitors	38%	30%	18%	8%	7%	3.84
Increasing the provision of electric vehicle charging points for visitors	16%	24%	26%	13%	21%	3.02

12. Please add your ideas or suggestions about the priorities for helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor

- Walking route map boards at all ENP car parks, showing points of interest/heritage
- It is very important.
- Interpretation that promotes engagement with the depth of localities, whether ecological, historic, local customs, current business etc.
- It is important for people to understand the delicate and important environment
- Have wildlife/trail cams all year round so people everywhere can appreciate Exmoor even if they can't visit.
- More attractive signage NO CAMPING AT ALL. the beginning of the end, wild camping is just another name for camping!
- Perhaps pub's and cafes could be given grants to install charging points, especially in remote areas.
- right to roam is an important one especially regards the DNP issues with wild camping .. getting that correct is great .. I used to work in outdoor education, and am a keen wilderness walker.. its a balance .. I've been at sheradon water visitiing for years .. I pick up rubbish after parties.. only weeks later to be approached by a local (I am local lol) who told be to move off you camp here even though I was just stopping for a brew in my motorhome.. people just jump to assumptions sometimes bless em..
- Visitor centres, TV in-depth programmes, walks organised locally, WSom free press etc are your best allies
- People need to be educated to the differences between theme parks and national parks. they should realize that this is not somewhere you come on a sunny day to make lots of noise, dump rubbish and light fires for barbecues.
- Many national parks in other countries have a charging system for entry with funds going towards conservation and development it's probably not viable in U.K. but
- Closer collaboration with caravan parks and butlins to break down barriers encouraging shortterm volunteering from holiday makers.
- Exmoor is a small place. What might help is more initiatives to support visits all year round and the technology to make it easier for locals, businesses and visitors to be comfortable in the area. Dark skies is great platform
- Public transport is not viable on Exmoor, as is the case in all rural areas. As a result of middle aged and elderly visitors, the main Exmoor visitor demographic, valuing their independence, much more car parking provision is necessary and urgently required especially in the honeypot sites....
- The charm of exmoor will be lost if it's too accessible - at least keep some bit for the more intrepid adventurers
- Maybe it's time to engage with all schools nationwide that be quite a challenge but maybe there is a project that could help engage schools, agricultural and other colleges participate in
- monitoring of conservation areas to ensure compliance
- Help local people to stay living on the moor and raising families.
- Some of the points above seem more than a short 5 year solution. Electric vehicles for instance and charging points transport to arrive here all admirable suggestions but are they any way to being realistic in the 5 years of this olan
- First priority is for primary school children within ENP and nearby to have really meaningful learning about Exmoor (and

the many fascinating areas of additional learning arising from different aspects of both the natural world and the societal issues in the area).

- Litter bins and poo bins at car parks
 - Sensitively placed signage
 - Let me live in that area
 - Television is a key influencer but massive influxes of people destroy the uniqueness so more visitors are not the answer .
 - More information centres
 - Fundamentally disagree with wild camping, exmoor is not a huge national park. It will damage valued businesses providing accommodation and camping. It will also erode the special wild qualities that the moor has, it will have a negative impact on the wildlife, increase the risk of littering, wildfires and pollution. The open moorland belongs to the wildlife, as humans we can transit through but after dark, it is given back. Exmoor's special qualities are already protected by virtue that Exmoor isn't fashionable and has a huge number of tourists. I am worried that the ENPA attempts to attract more and more visitors in itself will damage the special qualities, traditions and landscapes they seek to preserve.
 - People need to be educated in why places like Exmoor are so special. They need to appreciate the wild and natural beauty and attractions need to be tasteful
 - There is a trade-off between fulfilling statutory mandate to enable public access, understanding and enjoyment and, on the other hand, destroying the very qualities that define Exmoor as tranquil and uncrowded
 - More thematic guided walks. Farm visits.
 - Signs to stick to path
 - Breathe deeply and open eyes wide and lose yourself in nature and the beautiful scenery
 - Focus on educating children on the benefits of looking after our environment and not dropping litter and leaving dog poo
 - Better education for people to understand why we need to protect our national parks .
 - Too many people already.
 - Regular walks and talks about the biodiversity, and the beauty of Exmoor for all especially taking school groups out. Teaching children the value and importance of our wild spaces.
 - One of the most important things would be to ensure that visitors understand that that Exmoor exists as a special place because of its winless and remove from the fads, fashions and preoccupations of a social media motivated generation. We need to make sure people are prepared for the experience of quiet, dark, secret nature. That is where the true value of "access to nature" is to be found, not in turning Exmoor into a n amusement park for stressed out townies.
 - Better advertising in a range of media about what is offered. The Country Code requires attention - too many people, local and visiting, are unaware that this exists,
- or if they do, many are unaware of it's "rules".
 - More emphasis on information about the frailty of landscape and habitat and promotion of responsible visitor behaviour
 - I'm not sure what you mean by sustainable transport
 - Education in schools both local and national
 - Information centres could enhance their explanation of the concept and purpose of National Parks and to treat all their features and qualities with respect and consideration.
 - ENCOURAGING MORE WALKING AND LESS CYCLING AND CAR DRIVING.
 - Culture, heritage, environment and sustainable well being
 - I think eventually electric vehicle charging will be very important but given the overall lack of charging in Northern Devon I am not sure it is yet a massive priority as I am sure until it becomes more widely available in the whole area many people will be coming in electric cars. So one to be ready for as the infrastructure develops locally
 - "Wild Camping" only with landowner/tenant/occupier permission with areas being discussed with ENPA as to best places and not a free for all.
 - I believe that also educating people on how to behave in the countryside - keep dogs on a lead when necessary, don't leave litter, don't have open fires, remember that a lot of people go into the countryside for peace and quiet, Leave No Trace.
 - Education is the key and communication of the most important messages is critical.
 - Stop the motor 'sports' in the National Park - cars tearing up the tracks eg on Grabbist and Croydon Hill
 - rebrand it as national park for all
 - Need a proper cycling plan. Most national parks have invested in trails and facilities. The fact the ENP own cycling map has stopped being printed about 5yrs ago says it all.
 - Electric charging points have already been installed within ENP in a unsympathetic manner, they are very large and ugly for use in a conservation area.
 - More wildlife
 - Putting gates which are disabled people can use. Not keen on wild camping as not all respect the open spaces
 - Stop trying to enhance everything and look more at maintaining pathways etc. They no longer become lovely rambles when the path becomes accessible to all. Site have accessible space but not everywhere had to be accessible to all.
 - To make better transport is super destructive. And will naturally increase speed which will be super destructive.
 - Exmoor is for not just a holiday destination it is also people's homes!
 - Reducing car park fees and better marketing/special offers for public transport
 - The footpath network is patchy near wimbleball and requires walking on the main road with no pavement and a 60mph limit - this should be addressed -
- indeed reducing the speed limit will decrease CO2 emissions from vehicles. It might be possible to negotiate with landowners to have a schedule of permissive footpaths which for example would be closed when fields were needed for livestock but could be open when growing for hay
 - Litter picking, us locals are frequently the worst, wildfires etc. Respect needs to come before access else all is lost...
 - I have concerns about the speed against the quiet of electric vehicles for the wild & farm animals that are such a joy roaming free across Exmoor.
 - already doing a good job, compared to 10 years back.
 - National parks in the UK need to be more progressive especially about how people connect with Exmoor
 - Keeping it secret
 - The benefits of active travel in relation to enjoying Exmoor should be promoted much more
 - Mountain biking is a great way to promote and enjoy the park. Is there scope for a bike park or activity centre like Haldon Forest.
 - Maximise the use of online and digital presence.
 - Let them work it out for themselves. Don't waste money trying to explain it.
 - Better public transport and less parking would be smashing! Reducing air pollution and making Exmoor more beautiful
 - Lynton & Lynmouth - excessive road traffic / 44 ton delivery lorries damaging roads and hedgerows. We need to introduce more 'park and ride' facilities with shuttle buses operating from p&ride sites. Local tourist tax might be used to fund maintenance and improvements. Finally more dog controls for the beaches and footpaths.
 - There's a problem here: Yes, Exmoor should be affordable for everybody to visit and enjoy, but the more visitors there are the more erosion, rubbish and general pressure on wildlife and resources there'll be. For years the NP has mainly attracted white middle-class people who are fairly well off - especially people who visit for hunting & shooting in the winter. It'll take a lot of work to change that without upsetting the local economy and damaging the places that these new visitors will be encouraged to discover. For many people, enjoyment means a short walk to a beauty spot and a cup of tea, or taking part in organised bike rides & races rather than setting out on foot with a map and a picnic. Wherever there are people there's wee and poo, and that has to be managed, too, especially if wild camping is to be allowed.
 - Tourists who come here are keen to explore and discover the area, they need more guidance to do it. In my experience many local people aren't engaged for instance, they have no idea we are a Dark Skies reserve, don't care about protecting the environment or appreciate it and they

need to be engaged as they are here all the time.

- More outreach work outside of Exmoor focusing on nearby towns such as South Molton/Barnstaple etc, many live so close but feel lack of connection with Exmoor.
- prevent some businesses using Exmoor as a free business opportunity - for example large groups of off road cyclists speeding on tracks. prevent 'industrial' shoots
- Educating and engaging people so that they feel passionate is key
- Wildlife first, history second, tourists and visitors third
- People's enjoyment and appreciation should absolutely be a priority, but better land management and transparency about why you're managing it in a beneficial way needs to be forefront
- Education, start with children, too look after the environment, but to also remember, we have to produce food
- The moor needs to be preserved and not overrun with people
- Wild camping will add to the existing litter problems, as experienced elsewhere
- Getting them here to enjoy it would be a start. Exmoor is one of the least visited national parks. Proactive quality marketing!
- Occasional signage, with maps of walks and features and species to look for
- Car charging points should be high on agenda as should Pool cars in villages. we would give up our second car if there was an in demand pool car in village as would many households
- Farm trips Exmoor farm tours
- More info points around Exmoor not just in visitor centres, explaining conservation of immediate local areas (If mobile signal/4G available use QR codes?)
- Rewilding the area, as well as providing better access could mean people have better access to areas that are good for their mental health.
- More toilet facilities, absolutely. But please remember this is a living and working area, and not a theme park!
- Promote respect for landscape. Availability of busses linking places to visit. Sympathetic car parks not tarmac indiscriminate
- It is a shame that wild camping is not allowed in our national parks but at the same time I understand how this could be abused by people unsympathetic to the importance of preserving Exmoors beauty. It is certainly not important to actively market Exmoor to outsiders arriving in their large heavy electric vehicles. Locals do and will continue to enjoy the moorland they're so lucky to live near.
- Stop spending on advertising the park does this without help. add outside lights to planning.
- Close working between hotels, campsites and accommodation providers to highlight sustainable travel, good practice, walkers' and backpackers' and drivers' codes. For each area have a things to see and places to visit on foot from this location leaflet and encourage accommodation providers to share it with visitors and talk about it
- It would be better to discourage people from visiting Exmoor to allow habitats to regenerate and wildlife to recover, managed by those who understand and respect the landscape.
- interpretation not needed; wild beauty needed
- As said before, enabling people to create year around campsites with access to yurts and camping barns would encourage more affordable and lightweight travelling across Exmoor, whilst providing an opportunity for making farming more affordable and providing visitors with greater opportunity to learn about nature, heritage and rural skills and thus increasing respect and reverence for it.
- Get a balance for use of funding rather than spending on large amounts on projects of minimal impact
- Accept that in you actually need tourists to maintain village shops and local producers
- All exmoor car parks should be free to park especially National trust car park because people will not pay and will park on verges and farmers gateways and open moorland.
- there needs to be areas totally free of people to stay wild
- Wild camping should be encouraged as long as it is "leave no trace". People will invest more in conserving these areas if they understand and value them more.
- Helping people to connect with the local community not only for the heritage and knowledge but also engagement for the future
- A clear strategic vision from central Government would greatly help people understand national parks.
- People should understand how irresponsible behaviour impacts on Exmoor eg littering, bbq's etc. I was shocked by the amount of dog poo left hanging in trees in plastic poo bags at Exmoor beauty spot last year. Maybe more bins needed but really people should be more responsible and take it home. With the remoteness & wildness of Exmoor come fewer local conveniences. that's part of it!
- Better zoning. Areas off limits to dogs.
- Enforcement of rules eg. Hunting and appropriate use of footpaths and bridleways
- Educate younger children to enjoy and most importantly respect the Exmoor countryside. Do not open it to the masses it will destroy Exmoor
- Concerned about camper vans parking on the moor and not using designated sites
- Exmoor should retain its wildness to survive - if people walk on paths they will become clear - wear boots. Expect to get muddy.
- send us info as stated above in some accessible format so that our visitors have access as easily as possible.
- Programmes designed for use in local Exmoor schools - and those in surrounding areas - including field trips/ stays
- More interaction between farmers and public. National park are regarded as being national trust,
- Wishing to enhance areas for wildlife to thrive and at the same time encourage wild camping and inviting visitors is a complete contradiction.
- Education about farms as well as general Exmoor. More of keeping dogs on leads during lambing time etc.
- I believe people will only understand the importance of Exmoor if they experience it first hand. It is a very magical place that naturally soothes the mind, body and soul.
- More (and the more visible presence) of Rangers would be the best way of helping people to understand and enjoy Exmoor. r
- By its nature, there are limits to how accessible the area can be, and unlike some other NPs there are no major disadvantaged towns nearby (Minehead is the largest).
- I think you are doing quite a good job already
- Consider dedicated parking and provide transport to areas to help the visitor experience.
- Expand the visitor centre network and with much more emphasis on PR
- People disturb wildlife. I do not see or hear about any barriers to people coming and enjoying Exmoor. The health benefits of Exmoor are no greater to people than living a sensible active life wherever you are. The footpath and bridlepath network needs to be better maintained but not to become suburban.
- Maybe more interpretation boards, discrete but informative
- Exmoor does not need to be advertised/promoted. Its beauty speaks for itself!
- More litter bins and rubbish notices needed
- More youth involvement programmes perhaps - such as co-operation with the (hopefully) forthcoming Natural History GCSE.
- Make provision for dedicated motorhome/campervan parking this could bring much needed income to rural communities the
- Stop overnight parking/camping. Allow overnight Parking only in authorised paying locations
- Why not develop a 'park and ride' model so fewer people need to bring their cars into the ENP knowing they can expect a regular free service to return them to their 'start point'. Should we be looking at 'day passes' and charging people visiting Exmoor, who want the convenience of driving everywhere? If it's going to be used as a 'park' by many more people in the future, then is this the logical conclusion? (Blue badge drivers would be exempt)
- There are things on offer but businesses need extra help to promote them
- No wild camping
- see my answers to 12
- Electric car provision supports wealthy guests but we need to be more inclusive! There is too much hypocrisy over the use of electric cars (lithium mining, battery

recycling, etc etc) What we really need is less cars...

- Electric charge points are important, but feel that is not an issue for ENPA. They be paid for through their use.
- ENPA should not be obstructing farmers wanting to offer well managed seasonal camping that respects nature and offers tranquility/peace, etc, in favour of wild camping sites. Farmers are already being compromised by over-zealous ENPA planners obstructing responsible and much needed farm diversification with regard to offer camping to visitors. It is not a good idea to do that.
- There are not any barriers to prevent people from visiting Exmoor. Not without ruining what it is that people want to come and see. The footpaths and bridleways are fine. I use them the whole time. This is not an issue that needs fixing. Wild camping should not be allowed. Visitors cannot be relied to look after the environment. You must not try and turn Exmoor into a theme park, thereby destroying what makes it so special.
- Wild camping is dangerous if people camp in a farmers fields with animals especially cattle and cows with calves. Also if they have dogs. The animals are the farmers lively hood and they need to be respected.
- Increasing visitor numbers through tourism does not necessarily help Exmoor - it depletes it through overuse and urbanisation.
- People are not the priority and it is important that visitors to Exmoor leave some areas just for nature to get on with it.
- The railway needs rebuilding for transport and history
- I'm always amazed to discover how many people from South molton have never been Exmoor. Without better access and public transport, Exmoor will become more and more dominated by only the wealthy
- Focus on maintaining the moors and landscape for local people to enjoy and keep special
- Better signage and explanation of areas.
- As above really, about education. Transportation, car parks etc may help BUT if done sympathetically. Encouraging people to explore different areas would help to disperse footfall.
- Explain that Exmoor is a working environment not a Rural Theme park which is why it is such a wonderful place
- More gates instead of stiles. To make greater access to those who are unable to climb the numerous stiles.
- Education and taking litter home. Respecting wildlife and not letting dogs run wild were there is sheep.
- We need to strike a balance between encouraging visitors to come because we need the income they provide, and protecting Exmoor from damage through ignorance other pressure of numbers that they will bring. We will be in danger of destroying the very thing that people come for.
- More disabled access... boardwalks etc
- Exmoor's wild natural beauty is the key to its appeal. Preserving this should be the top priority and a brave stance should be taken to resist the (understandable) pressure that now exists to sign up to some of the more urban based, political, mono-cultural notions of how the areas land should be "enjoyed". If the ENPA succumbs to this pressure the very thing that it has historically been charged with protecting will be lost. One example is "wild camping". By all means encourage further campsites, but how can promoting wild camping be consistent with the ENPA's objectives with everything that would go with this (uncontrolled fluorescent coloured tents dotted around the moor, litter, human waste, not to mention whatever disregard this would have to the owners of the land)?
- More control of dogs in wind areas but not banning them
- Enhance and protect nature and the rest will follow. If nature was restored to its full beauty it would not need to be sold to people. Prioritise nature protection and enhancement over facilities
- Visitors must realise that the beauty of Exmoor has been created by the dedicated work of generations of family farmers and their rights must be respected
- Encourage people to enjoy Exmoor AS IS. Increased visitors will destroy what we have and love.
- Exmoor is what it is, people either come here to enjoy what is here already, or don't visit.
- clear information in visitors information centres reminding the public this isn't london its the countryside
- Electric vehicles will be short lived. It will all be hydrogen with 8-10 years. Electric is unsustainable and very expensive. Educate holiday makers that thi sis Exmoor and not Disneyland - keep dogs on leads - don't litter etc.
- 10 removing barriers- unclear what this means
- Teaching people to respect the area they are visiting.
- See my earlier answer.
- It is not a theme park. Love it for its wild state. Do not expect tourist attractions
- Invest in Exmoor communities and allow them to invest in themselves instead of restricting initiative through restrictive and prescriptive plans.
- Continued and clear upkeep of footpaths and bridleways. Educate cyclists that Private drives are exactly that. Private.
- Drop as a statutory purpose
- Well way-marked trails and footpaths, less barbed wire and stiles would help
- Encouraging residents & visitors to remove their dog's waste & keep them on leads or close control at all times to enable peaceful enjoyment for everyone & wildlife to be undisturbed.
- There is a need for greater understanding and management of the conflict between public access and disturbance of and damage to habitats and wild areas on Exmoor.
- Education and restrict open access to vulnerable areas
- You need better sustainable transport and active travel for locals. The tourist Coaster bus to Lynmouth is an absolute menace for locals. The National Trust car parks should be cheaper or free as people now park in locals spaces and along the verge in Horner, damaging it significantly. Electric cars are very dangerous near horses as you don't hear them coming and visitors should be educated on this. Visitors should also learn how to reverse on a country lane before using said lane.
- I do not believe that any people who actually want to come to Exmoor are prevented by any reason, but I think that the actual experience of the landscape for those who do want to come should be top priority!
- Improve and support better internet/broadband communication
- Better public transport services - for example a decent bus / coach service from both Taunton and Tiverton train stations to Key towns (Dulverton, Dunster, Minehead and Lynton).
- Television and other media programmes .
- walk and talks with diverse range of experts - i can help you in this! REDACTED
- Ref no 17 sustainable transport is very expensive to run and there are not enough people using it as seen by the local community buses.
- Educating people of the value of diversity of landscapes, how it is managed and to treat the countryside with respect
- Communication and social media would really boost being able to easily recommend walks and sites for people visiting
- The wildness of exmoor the air quality the sounds wind rain water wildlife .
- need to engage and educate visitors about responsible visits and special and sensitive sites
- Encourage people to respect the habitat and animals
- Don't forget the farmers
- If you provide areas for wild camping it is no long wild camping duh
- Too much focus on car journeys. You only really promote walking .
- Educate people on rural life
- more accessible boards that have brail ect
- advitisms online for the national park
- the ENP right of way team should definitely get the funding they need from the government.
- The remoteness is the beauty
- Reopen the Lynton and Barnstaple railway which will provide transport and accessability
- Development of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- Lynton and Barnstaple railway should be positively exploited to provide and additional means of transport into the north of Exmoor to supplement bud services // electric vchides don't solve vehicular impacts such as accidents,

speeding, airborne particulates etc so yes charging infrastructure needs to improve but not as the only solution

- A major priority should be restoring the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway with the Park & Ride at Blackmoor Gate, this will reduce traffic in and out of Lynton and Lynmouth and also provide an excellent gateway to the park from the A39/A399 junction.
- Better information about transport
- Don't understand No 10. What are the 'barriers' preventing people from visiting Exmoor?
- Attracting more coach companies for greater national accessibility
- Lots of footpaths are poorly sign posted.
- The park is there to be enjoyed by one.
- Help the narrow gauge railway encourage people out of their cars, and sustainably pass through precious areas.
- Railway transport options
- Improve the homepage of the Exmoor National Park website.
- Narrow gauge railway from Barnstaple. Ferry from S.Wales to Barnstaple, Lynmouth or Porlock
- We need jobs for people to come and work here. High house prices and low wages discourage people from coming here. Less skilled labour affects all businesses
- It is important that Exmoor National Park is able to be enjoyed by an increased number of visitors in the years ahead but without those visitors having a negative impact on the balance of the wildlife, natural beauty and inhabitants. As stated in my reply to question 7, an alternative transport facility would greatly benefit this. The restoration of a previous, historical light railway would be such a win-win for the National Park and all it stands for.
- Promote the rebuilding of the entirety of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway
- The balance needs to be found in promoting Exmoor to a more diverse audience so that local communities thrive through tourism, but keeping the tranquillity which Exmoor has to offer.
- Care must be taken in terms of provision of additional car parking/visitor facilities, whilst still improving access. Visitor amenities outside the park boundary which explain the historical, cultural and industrial history of Exmoor, coupled with non-car access to the park itself could help here.
- Public transport including bus and railway should be developed with Park and ride car parks linked. The Lynton and Barnstaple railway would be perfect today allowing access from the main road network at Barnstaple into the park and reducing congestion at Lynton
- Don't worry too much about who does and doesn't come. People self select, always did, always will.
- Focus on accessibility to a wider range of visitors, Rail/bus links.
- No mention of farmers who maintain the beauty and land for tourists to enjoy
- electric vehicles are a folly, they just move pollution out of site. in fact they are more

polluting than ICE vehicles. charging points are a waste of time and money.

- Education is key for the less savvy visitors
- Being able to travel to Lynton by steam railway
- Better public transport, bus and rail, taking cars off the roads.
- promote the countryside code -it is not taught in school any longer and people do not understand or choose to ignore the need to close gates and safeguarding stock in fields/enclosures
- More promotions
- Focus on creating the structural conditions for success that will enable enjoyment in the future
- Ensure that there are facilities available, encourage people to remove their litter, follow the countryside code. More rangers available around viewpoints to explain about the Moors and their environment
- Controversial but I would love to see a really high quality visitor attraction on Exmoor - a bit like The Eden Project. We host a lot of families and people who don't necessarily want to do long walks, they don't always come back again as I think they feel there's a lack of things to do on rainy days for example. We would love to see more things to do for people who don't or can't walk very far - Exmoor is amazing for walkers - but it would be good to see more for other kinds of holiday makers. I think the Exmoor tourist information centres are very good and there are so many leaflets about wildlife and conservation. I haven't seen much info about the history - for example WW2 and North Hill.
- Advertise on the London Underground - just as Visit Scotland does. They have enough money to have done the research so Exmoor doesn't have to.
- If understanding and enjoying Exmoor comes at a cost to the local population, you will have a very hard time. However if you focussed on making Exmoor attractive to outside visitors so that they shared in the costs you incur and generated some useful revenue, the local population should see the benefits and support your work. The benchmark is not another UK national park, it's the more advanced national parks abroad.
- finding ways to inspire people outside Exmoor too, people don't have to visit to see special qualities and value the place
- The Park gets it about right now with education and information. It's also important to let people discover for themselves the joys and intricacies of the Park, especially as all knowledge is available electronically now, so that Exmoor can remain untrammelled by plaques, signs and environmental information overload. ENP is not a Stately Home or Garden Centre.
- It's a tricky balance. Probably best to enhance existing visitor facilities rather than build new ones.
- I would encourage focus on making the visit better for those who come, rather than trying to increase the numbers who

come. The first will achieve the second in time by word of mouth.

- One of the great joys of Exmoor is that it remains quiet and relatively unspoilt and although not actively wishing to deter people from visiting, it is the very fact that there aren't huge numbers of visitors, leaving the area quiet and peaceful and an absolute gem for those who go out of their way to discover it for themselves.
- More opportunities to get involved with work parties tree planting, removing non native species, etc.
- Happily pay for car parking where toilets are provided
- Keeping Exmoor as beautiful as it already is and the people will keep coming
- Transport to Exmoor is key for all the above. Some cannot afford cars, especially electric currently so a good public transport system such as park and ride, or buses from train stations would contribute to the above. More visitors would help to sustain the tourist industry but there needs to be education regarding expectations of behaviour with these areas.
- again this is a generic list - not really any help. Your survey questions do nothing to place items in priority -
- As there is no transport support for local people how are you going to provide something for visitors? 10. Not sure what you actually define as removing barriers transport, cost, accessibility
- Reintroducing lost species has to be the biggest waste of time and money. Everywhere in the world that I have heard this happen it has been a disaster. Species are lost for a reason, and reintroduction upsets the fragile balance. I definitely advise against it! I would also be very careful before introducing or promoting 'wild camping' on Exmoor. It will be the beginning of the end.
- There are already too many tourists on Exmoor given too high a priority by ENP. The main priority should be supporting the indigenous population who are becoming an endangered species who should be supported like Native Americans & the tribes in the Amazon jungle. That's how bad it has become in the Park!
- Wild camping will impact legal sites and result in extra litter
- More guided talks and walks at weekends so that working and school age can attend.
- See comments on page 2.
- Attracting more tourists will damage Exmoor
- Parking and facilities just need to be basic
- ENP needs to remember the fact that greater access for people means you will reduce the quiet and solitude that is one of the best assets here. I mean, look at what has happened on Dartmoor!
- Again the questions include vague and meaningless statements. what does "removing barriers" actually mean???
- People need to understand the importance that the DSSH play in looking after the deer!
- People should understand how essential farming is to Exmoor

- All helps people's understanding and giving people the opportunity to access Exmoor.
- Just let wildlife do its thing, and people will enjoy it.
- We do not need areas for wild camping. RESIDENTS need vehicle charging points. We do not need expensive parking which has been contracted out to a third party.
- promote participation in management
- Specialist trips lead by Subject Matter Experts of Exmoor which is educational and controlled. A method of sharing the qualities of Exmoor to UK Regions/Internationally which draws appreciation and funding before any visit. Inner city school trips or residential where younger people can spend more time to appreciate it. 10 days in Marseille for us
- was far more relaxing and appreciative than a weekend away.
- Decide if exmoor is going to be a conservation experiment or a living museum or a place for people to live and work and act accordingly. Piecemeal insistence on cottages only be used for holiday let's is planning a burden on local folks who want to live and work there

13. Supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses

	5 (High priority)	4	3	2	1 (Low priority)	Weighted score (out of 5)
Encouraging green businesses and careers linked to managing and caring for the National Park	48%	33%	12%	3%	3%	4.19
Developing better sustainable transport and active travel for residents and workers	45%	31%	16%	5%	3%	4.10
Ensuring development is high quality, well designed, in appropriate locations and conserving the landscape from inappropriate development	60%	29%	9%	2%	1%	4.44
Enabling more affordable housing	45%	28%	16%	6%	4%	4.04
Improving energy efficiency of buildings and reducing reliance on fossil fuels	48%	31%	13%	4%	4%	4.14
Creating better internet and mobile connectivity	36%	34%	20%	6%	5%	3.90
Planting more conifer woodland for local timber and to absorb carbon	15%	23%	27%	14%	21%	2.97
Enabling more small-scale renewable energy in the landscape and built environment	38%	34%	16%	7%	5%	3.93

14. Please add your ideas or suggestions about the priorities for supporting the prosperity of local communities and businesses

- New builds on Exmoor should have renewable energy sources as standard
- Communities need help to move away from unsustainable activities.
- Find a way to integrate new/modern business ideas and initiatives without stifling and snuffing out creativity.
- Stop second homes which leave houses empty for much of the year.
- Make advertising on the visit exmoor website and paper publication more affordable
- encourage people to fit small black windmills for power
- Substantially increasing council tax to second home owners and for that tax to benefit local businesses, such as parking and charging points.
- Its an interesting juggling act to be sure ..
- expensive to subsidise! let it happen
- You should stick to your present strict policies on planning and development and not be sidetracked by climate change and accessibility arguments.
- Affordable housing at an appropriate scale certainly. Unfortunately, affordable housing usually implies large estates of standard design that is totally alien to the area. Maybe a biennial competition to design suitable housing and business premises with some sort of help to find land/planning/finance?
- Tourism is overwhelmingly the main economic driver, farming only exists because of subsidies
- Keep it low key and wild please but I understand funding is needed to maintain, but better signs etc would be great, just please don't make it a theme park style wild place
- being more generous with rent and rates
- More opportunity for small business start ups such as enterprise units
- Protect the 'wild' areas with increased agricultural subsidy but with less/controlled use of the land.
- Getting more solar on buildings instead of filling fields with panels. Rooftops are a great asset which mean we don't take additional land away from farming and wildlife. It's better to make a building a little less appealing than to use up yet more land.
- permitted developments for microbusinesses
- You need to keep up to date with renewables and how they can be used. So often the planners just say no
- Wind and solar should be promoted more for a sustainable environment. Solar powered public conveniences maybe.

- Local communities are stagnating as the restriction in property building even in designated areas has been limited in the last 5 years.. demand has out stripped availability this pushing up prices. There does need to be a balance of more open market property together with affordable housing where a need is proven
- Circular local economic activity, supported initially (pump priming) by some public funding. As much purchasing and contracting as possible to be focussed on local supply (local authorities, NHS, schools, transport projects, etc etc)
- 26: such as?
- More small businesses
- Accept that subsidies may be needed to support industries where the volume of visitors needs to be limited in order to avoid spoiling the environment
- Re 23 above, I support insulating buildings etc but not reducing our reliance on fossil fuels per se
- Enlightened planning attitudes and perhaps subsidies for struggling locals (unlikely I guess)
- Conifer plantations have no place on exmoor - planting should be with local species with exception on beech which has historical precedence with Knight era farms. le sessile oak, Holly, hawthorn . Items 23-26 are not within the remit of a national park.
- Housing fo local people built by local companies. Career oppotunities for local people in all of the projects mentioned in this survey.
- some more plant based options in retail and dining. Sadly lacking in this area which means those who follow a plant based lifestyle cater for themselves or dont spend money locally.
- Unless the rural economy is encouraged there will be no locals to host visitors, as well as a declining number of those 'there to care' for Exmoor'
- Hydro electric power from smaller rivers and dams newly created
- Encouraging and sustaining the visitor economy is conspicuous by it's absence from the final category. It is hugely important to the prosperity of the area in terms of employment (tradespeople as well as direct employment), incomes and support for local services eg public transport
- Make them more hospitable to people who do not like Hunting. A lot of the communities rely on hunting and this can then cause anti-hunt people to avoid these places.
- Support for the move away from our reliance on oil for domestic heating to the retro fitting of heat pumps, in particular the training of local people to have the skills to implement this transition. Exmoor is dependent on oil for heating.
- Inapropriate Planning restrictions are stifling small businesses
- More outdoor recreation options for families
- They will sort themselves out.
- Major changes and training needed in the planning department
- Important to create affordable housing but care needs to be taken to ensure these go to the right people and not greedy landlords. Also they need to compliment the environment and be energy efficient
- Whatever happened to the idea of coppicing? The Marquees of Tavistock's seven year rotational coppicing was adopted in Sweden and helped supply wood for local craftsmen, fuel for small village generators, an environment for small birds and mammals, a supply of nuts, charcoal, spars for thatchers, and hurdles for livestock. All of which provide skilled, local work and would recover many areas near villages which were once coppiced, as can still be seen in maps of the 1960's.
- More emphasis on good insulation in new builds and help for older properties. Promotion of green energy and sympathetic planning considerations for this.
- Providing decent transport and educational opportunities for young adults
- No more conifers
- Encourage both visitors and residents to shop locally rather than stockpiling from more distant supermarkets.
- Individual small wind turbines should be encouraged
- Allowing more solar panels on roofs
- Build sustainable housing for young locals
- better phone and internet provision
- Parking charges have become very expensive in NT car parks. This deters visitors and makes them park inappropriately elsewhere
- Improving the awareness of local businesses and promoting the benefits of local businesses. Supporting local business applications to ensure there are opportunities for growth and to keep the local economy local
- Individual farmstead small wind turbines (really small) to generate and store electricity - it's always windy here.
- Conifer planting should be approached as to sensitive areas and not on the open moor if possible.
- Consider restricting the purchase of second homes. Our village is half empty in the winter... although it does make parking easier.
- I am not sure about whether more conifers are appropriate. Small scale renewables are great but the economies of scale can be challenging and the environmental impact needs careful consideration through the planning process.
- Nature preservation must take priority over human activities
- seed funds for small businesses and freelancers to keep them local
- Need to be proactive with renewable energy, including PV, hydro and ASHP
- Building high spec houses which are only likely to be bought by wealthy people from outside the area will be of little benefit to the existing residents, wildlife and conservation apart from the owners of the land used and should be very difficult to get permission for
- Communication is the biggest bug bare I have to deal with from visitors who are used to super fast broadband and mobile as the norm.
- Make your planning dept less of a joke
- Only native trees should planted. And only ones that have been grown in the uk and not I repeat not brought in from another country.
- Q19 implies that green businesses linked to managing and caring for the national park are the only option for businesses. Improved internet access and accessibility (transport etc) would encourage other (small) businesses and reduce possible reliance on tourism and national park management businesses.
- More affordable perpetual rented. We're so obsessed with ownership in this country. Is that because it's cheaper than renting. Change the narrative. Internet is great, but it's not everything.
- Businesses seem to act in isolation with little comms with the community to get buy in to their plans
- Alder is better at carbon absorption
- Affordable housing if allowed, should only be for local people and strict rules put in place to ensure these homes are only for local people. There are too many second/holiday homes pricing our local families out of the market.
- See answer 11
- Prefer to see conifer forests on the periphery of the moor, acting as a boundary/buffer as it is not a natural environment.
- The last thing Exmoor needs is more conifers. Broad leaved trees capture far more carbon
- help make it easier for people to move from gas/coal to heat pumps and solar panels.
- Grants?
- Farming can no longer be assumed to be the business of Exmoor it plays its part but green tourism and better connectivity both virtual and physical to allow other business to thrive on Exmoor is very important
- Information meeting about the dangers of loosing Exmoor beauty
- Local businesses would be much improved if there was greater emphasis on enabling active travel which brings tourists to remote places where rural businesses can thrive
- Enable more small scale renewable energy like the one the national trust put forward that you blocked!
- Definitely no more conifer plantations!
- Not hydro! Only native species of local provenance.
- Hydro electric generation on the east and west Lyn river systems
- What is meant by green businesses? Is farming a green business, for instance? There should definitely be financial help for people living in old / listed buildings to make them more energy efficient, and flexible planning to allow for that eg

allowing solar panels on roofs, double or triple glazing etc. .

- We need native trees not endless rows of non-native conifers
- The list above has almost nothing to do with supporting local businesses. These are major infrastructure projects requiring national funding - the risk is small businesses which are part of the fabric of the Park are left behind. They provide the local jobs, these large projects above (if they even happen) will be awarded to huge companies - the challenge here is to get these projects run by local people, creating jobs at the same time. And remember, tourists need places to eat, shop, visit - none of these relate to that. Not everyone wants to (or is able to) walk in the countryside.
- In an area without gas oil will always be important!
- Allow the farming families to keep their specialist knowledge and staff producing food to help local self sufficiency.
- Native broadleaf should be planted over conifer types
- Small open market development in the community centres to promote local people, businesses, etc
- No conifer expansion! Deciduous only!
- Good design should result in an interesting variety of building styles - even agricultural buildings should disappear into the landscape. Stop allowing people to paint houses a glaring white where they are visible for miles around!
- Proactive quality marketing to promote Exmoor and get paying visitors here (and staying here for a decent length of time, not just 1 or 2 nights while passing through!), which will then put £s into the local economy.
- I know there is a national housing shortage building in protected areas will ruin the environment both physically at aesthetically
- Exmoor doesn't need more affordable housing we do not have the LOCAL people to fill them and we don't need to increase the population of Exmoor just to fill affordable housing
- Encouraging local businesses
- Encourage farmers to move away from livestock farming. Encourage use of land which does not involve blood-sports
- Ecotourism could be enhanced of the right kind of lodges built in rewilded areas, where birders and other nature minded people can enjoy the area.
- The 'harm' done by development, needs to be offset by the economic and social gain from it. Whilst their will always been harm be that for landscape or nature, that should be offset by the value that development brings to the community, either through job creation or housing.
- Allowing individual small scale personal household renewable energy projects. Not allowing rampant 'affordable housing'
- Section 21, we don't want development, it's a national park not infill!
- Renewable energy is at this time insufficient for rural needs and should not be encouraged or enforced. Allow people

to continue to live and work in the moors within their means, this included a reliance on fossil fuel as only a very small minority of the UK can afford to contemplate renewable energy. There should definitely not be housing developments in Exmoor especially not affordable housing. Rich city folk should not be encouraged to purchase property on the moor with things like good internet. This is pushing up the cost for locals whose families have lived in the area for generations. Exmoor is not a theme park for the rich.

- Reduce the number of holiday homes which will increase the amount of housing without the need to build more.
- A proportion of new housing in all areas should include homes ring fenced for people working in the area and local people.
- ensuring housing so that there are people to employ
- Regarding number 21. I think more dispensation should be made for housing outside of villages if it's in the location of existing (agricultural) buildings, if such development improves the condition of existing buildings e.g. those crumbling to a pile of stone or where the development is in keeping with the local vernacular. I think that with requirements around visual management e.g. the growing of trees and hedges to hide such buildings, that such developments should be allowed. Whilst some dispensation is available to those with agricultural businesses outside of villages, I think this should be extended to those either employed or providing employment in the area. Otherwise, the current trend of there being no one in their 20/30s will continue and there will be no one to support the conservation or communities.
- We should be able to put wind turbines and larger hydropower plants to make use of Exmoors natural water and wind availability for to benefit local businesses and increase the sticky money.
- Definitely allow more sustainable electricity generation sources
- Inappropriate development is a personal view on a subject, it seems to me that park authorities personal have their own ideals which override the common good.
- There is a need to encourage and support local businesses - better planning decisions allowing limited development to ensure the viability of villages - schools shops etc. - The current ENP plan is ridiculous
- Stop letting the National Trust taking money of exmoor and help local people run cafes, camp sites, etc. It will keep money on exmoor
- Enable residents to make renovations and expand their existing home with fewer regulations and in comparison with the rest of the country. Allow landlords to rent out properties to visitors without the need for approval from the National Park to encourage more people to visit the area.
- There is no mention of linking the local community and the businesses they run (not necessarily tourist related) to visitors.

There appears to be a belief that the local community is anti-visitors except for cream teas- they have way more to offer and are often simply not supported enough

- Given the switch to remote working, I think reliable broadband is one of the most important priorities to boost the economy.
- Keep housing affordable for local people. Ban second homes.
- If people want development and modern infrastructure they should move to it; it is not realistic to want to live in a place like Exmoor and expect to have fast broadband etc.
- Help farmers to maintain their farms to keep the Exmoor landscape as beautiful as it is now
- Regarding housing, are the people in social housing still entitled to it or have their circumstances altered
- Control and police the hunting shooting activities.
- I can see the appeal of wild camping but takes away business from local b&b's. Encourage use of small hotels/b&b's as opposed to holiday lets and second homes
- how can we employ more local workers in our aim of drawing more visitors to spend their holiday here rather than some foreign place. We have noticed an interest in staying local (UK) rather than going abroad.
- As with my previous message. Other areas support local better, it should be mandatory that huge companies like staustell brewery operate and benefit from Exmoor should list our products within the national park. Instead they fuel poor quality mass produced mass market produce. Support local and it gets reinvested into the area.
- As an Exmoor loving "outsider" I would like to see more accompanied walks and horse rides being considered - this would also help local trade.
- Active pursuit of local community energy schemes
- More renewable energy on buildings and small scale wind turbines
- <https://www.earth.com/news/trees-grass-carbon-sink/>
- Affordable housing for local people and better internet to help businesses and to increase opportunities.
- renewable energy is very important, but only where there are already sites that need power. The Moor lends itself well to renewable energy, there should be legislation that allows this opportunity to get away from the use of fossil fuels.
- Exmoor is totally unsuitable for the development of 'renewal energy' - lobby national government for the provision of reliable energy for all.
- Affordable housing and decent broadband are key. An affordable housing policy should include disincentives/ restrictions on holiday and second homes.
- The planning rules to allow for the enhancement of existing farmsteads and redundant barns needs to be more practical and based on/aimed at the economic needs of the local community and not an academic basis frozen at an

- arbitrary point in time and determined by people who have never lived on Exmoor
- Sustainable tourism is key. I would like to see less AirBnBs and more people using B&Bs, hotels, campsites etc.
 - Promoting these on a national and international level. Give Exmoor an identity. Make it somewhere, where people want to come.
 - Information about risks from ticks and snakes needs to be publicised
 - Affordable housing and self build schemes for young people who were brought up in Exmoor are vital. Investment is needed in fibre broadband for the more remote areas
 - Green business yes but government cannot afford to pay people to "manage and care for the moor". Exmoor's farmers are well able to do that.
 - Look for ways to encourage pop up camp sites and motorhome camping facilities
 - There is need for high quality retirement properties for moor residents to downsize. Restrict sale of all properties as holiday homes
 - The national park does nothing to promote business or have a business strategy in place. It's so difficult to deal with why bother.
 - On Q12 - can/should Exmoor be just as well served as everywhere else? Given its location, geography and attractiveness for being 'different', does it make sense to have giga-speed internet, 5G mobile coverage, EV charging points, every roof covered with solar panels, wind turbines and so on.
 - More affordable housing must be to benefit genuine local communities young and old who cannot afford price inflation from 2nd homes etc. It is the LOCAL communities who sustain the national park and its purposes 12 months a year inflation from outside
 - Build a network of hydro electric power generation plants from the many rivers in the area. They can be located unobtrusively.
 - Supporting the development of small share office space with good connectivity
 - Definitely support increasing local community energy self-sufficiency.
 - Don't ruin Exmoor by allowing it to be planted over by non native species. National Parks can never be mass tourist sites, by definition. So public transport facilities etc are not appropriate.
 - Mobile phone signal is vital on Exmoor, for emergencies.
 - High speed broadband would allow people to work for home and therefore reduce emissions
 - Rather than building thousands of new homes which just causes further urbanisation - stop planning permission for development of old farm buildings for tourism/airbnb's etc and make sure they are available for local people to rent and live in whilst working locally.
 - Growing local food for local people
 - Aiding in the reinstatement of the railway should be a high priority for the park.
 - Helping to create strong links between local businesses, then between them and young people in education. Being more proactive in encouraging skills that are needed and valued in our local businesses and communities to encourage young people to find manfully work a d build their lives on Exmoor, so they stay, take up employment to, raise their children.
 - Supporting the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway to restore the railway from Woody Bay to Blackmoor Gate and eventually provide a sustainable transport link between Barnstaple and Lynton
 - Support small crafter and artists businesses and start ups that involve innovate ideas of bringing guests to this area.
 - Please no more conifers. Apart from them making the area underneath barren, they leave such a scar once felled. Maintain and promote planting of native species of deciduous trees.
 - Support businesses that rely on the Countryside like Livestock Farming and Country Sports, very few other businesses rely solely on a working Countryside
 - Sustainable energy must have greater support and encouragement and the national park authority must engage and promote.
 - We need to keep development of building to a bare minimum and we do not need trading estates on Exmoor, it is not the area for that.
 - Green investment is the only investment that should happen on Exmoor
 - I have a historic water mill on my property. I have given up any further thought of developing this dilapidating property because of the absurdly sclerotic planning regulations. This is something I would have done with great care and consideration to the local environment. It would have meant a significant sums being paid to local builders, architects, and other suppliers. It would also have stopped any further deterioration in the fabric of the building. Also, we would have liked to get rid of our oil fired energy system and turned to a renewable source, in particular a sensitively located domestic wind turbine that would be seen by no one else. But this is not possible either despite the ENPA's public commitment to promoting a green agenda.
 - Conservation is not only about natural sustainability, it is about supporting local skills and jobs not turning the park into a Disneyland.
 - No to solar panels in wild areas and fields.windmills are ok. Affordable housing should only be for locals not outsiders wanting second houses and air bnb. Reduce the number of second homes through taxation and regulations. Support local hotels and genuine bnb
 - Current proposals : ELMS & SFI do NOT bode well for the future of family farms. This MUST be addressed
 - More advice to drivers to indicate walkers and residents are on foot on the country roads especially around the villages
 - only market forces can control housing. More facilities equals higher prices. Few people use existing buses.
 - There will always be challenges for local businesses in remote communities, but to 'engineer' the environment to attract a different type of visitor would affect those businesses that are already here and thriving.
 - No more development keep the local communities stop all these london folk etc flooding the landscape
 - allowing renewable energy opportunities, Broadband links need to improve particularly on farms in remote locations
 - Questions are pointed without thought. Oil still alot cheaper to run than ASHP, average family cannot gain grants to replace heating source with sustainable and affordable heating. Afoordable house - still not affordable depending upon rent modell, and all to often it is not for locally established families, once local connection fulfilled or not taken, then homes offered to outsiders, defeating the objection - I could sight many examples.
 - Make your mind up whether being the least visited National Park is a benefit or a loss.
 - The planning authority should introduce policies which encourage small scale renewable energy projects and simplify the planning application process for such development.
 - Make the affordable housing for locals only. No more holiday cottages etc
 - The need to ensure that traditional trades are allowed to continue and prosper with financial backing if necessary.
 - I think that, with car culture so entrenched, the kind of sustainable public transport that is required should be quite flexible - and expected by passengers to be so (except perhaps for first and last buses), so that buses will run with more passengers. Or perhaps some smart phone "ping" when people are waiting at subsequent stops
 - The points above are biased towards the assumption that a 'green' economy is good, and reflect the prejudices of the ENPA staff. This is an honourable ambition if affordable, but don't direct the prejudices of staff onto the lives of others. Be more open minded please.
 - Solar panels on buildings should be encouraged
 - Encouraging the use of small water turbines from Exmoors many streams.
 - Drop as a duty
 - Support to diversify away from unsustainable hill-farming once BPA reduced and allowing the ladscape to slowly develop over time to fit the needs of society and the residents to make a living now. This needs to be a working landscape not a 'countryside theme park' where the residents are part of a quaint tourist attraction
 - Conifer trees can be planted as part of mixed stands (mingled with broadleaves), allowing for a mosaic effect. Forest Development Types may be a useful

resource for understanding how to pair species together to get timber and landscape benefits.

- Plant more trees but not on fertile agricultural land unlike the National Trust.
- Reducing carbon footprint by using the woodlands - managed correctly and the wood used in the area
- Enabling more people to live and work on Exmoor full time. That means allowing the provision of a range of housing, not just local needs affordable housing. Encourage entrepreneurial activity to create jobs.
- Shop local
- Better rates of pay for National Park jobs all the ones I've seen advertised are very poorly paid. Less Air BnB and a ban on second homes, freeing up properties for locals. The house next door to me is empty about 50 weeks of the year due to second homers. Obscene in a housing crisis. Some work hubs for businesses or hot desking with speedy broadband in the local area, association or communication between local businesses.
- Encouraging businesses that help increase green tourism
- Promote them at events and on your website, meet with them regularly - Parish Council meetings, etc.
- Planners need to spend time with grass roots
- Young local people need to be able to afford to live here to set up businesses that are beneficial to Exmoor.
- Affordable housing needs to be suitable to rural lifestyles. 2 up, 2 down with 1 car parking space is not suitable
- Transport links are key for local people to live and work in the Park. Also key to ensure the Park is accessible to all
- Whilst the beauty and history of Exmoor should be rightly regarded as a priceless asset, it's important to adapt our approach to address the climate and economic crises. There should be a facilitative, rather than a prohibitive approach to planning, focussing on influencing good design and appropriate scale, rather than standing still and thinking somebody else can make all the necessary adjustments. The landscape, culture and heritage have all had to adapt to circumstances over the centuries and must do again. We must be open to change at pace, but within a framework of clear guiding principles that look to protect the essence of the park.
- Having the infrastructure to allow visitors to easily stop and explore local businesses
- Leave the office, take a walk around discover unkempt neglected sad areas. Pride should be taken.
- Better broadband and mobile phone links
- Don't forget the farmers
- add it more into the community
- Affordable RENTALS are needed. Purchased property is stagnant and affordable only the first time it is bought. Rentals allow staff to come and go for a few years here and there and increases diversity in villages. We're so obsessed with ownership in this country!

- Read my answer re climate change, visit Electroverse.uk
- Wind turbines would be a disaster for Exmoor. All new builds I should have a mandatory requirement for solar panels on their roofs. Solar fields are unsightly and block the natural pathways for wildlife.
- Allow more development in existing houses and settlements.
- offer massive days out or maybe fresh milk or something like that.
- more interaction from local businesses like farmers and shops
- Regulate holiday lets
- Opinions on how renewable schemes look need to be balanced against the urgent need to generate green energy, every house should have PV Panels and every agri building
- Look at planning barriers to sustainability such as the rule of no double glazing on grade II listed houses. Surely solar panels used sensitively should be acceptable if to in plain sight
- A park and ride scheme to reduce vehicles in Lynton & Lynmouth
- renewable energy infrastructures should also be subject to less planning restrictions
- Local housing for rural workers would be a priority
- Extend the Lynton railway. It could be used for transportation across Exmoor and reduce traffic on the roads
- May be set up a local business unit to help and assist new small businesses get set up in and around Exmoor
- As I I
- A restored L&B Railway would promote culture and bring in tourists on a sustainable way, and improve prosperity of many local businesses
- More renewable energy sources would be very welcome
- Reasonable price homes for local people and young couples should be provided and this property it should be against the law to sell it or rent it to people for second homes
- Attractive visitor experience will encourage word of mouth returns. Many in south of England are unaware
- Help people travel around the park without the use of their own vehicle.
- The L and B railway is an asset to the national park and needs proper support
- Whilst on holiday we went on the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway and my family thought how wonderful it would be if I one day you could ride the bus into Exmoor National park from Barnstaple rather than having to drive, especially with there not being much parking in Lynton and Lynmouth.
- One aspect of this would be the re-instatement of the Lynton & Barnstaple steam railway - it would bring much-needed business to the area.
- Facilitate the development of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway.
- It appears that our communities are viable in the Summer months but come the end of October until the end of March Exmoor

- is empty of people and commercial work. We need more year round employment and exploitation of the excellent Broadband around the moor.
- ENP needs to look favourably on renewable planning applications
- Full restoration of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway would be a major benefit to local communities and businesses alike, and would be a flagship facility for the Exmoor National Park in much the same way as the restoration of the Welsh Highland Railway has benefitted the Gwynedd area. It would attract visitors and allow them to enjoy the Exmoor National Park with minimum impact upon it.
- Be more supportive of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway rebuild project
- Working with the Lynton and Barnstaple railway more to create a piece of living history by helping and supporting them to grow. It allows people of all ages to admire the beauty of Exmoor and help bring much needed cash flow in to the local area.
- Planting fast-growing non-native species of trees may have its place nationally in capturing carbon, but surely that is not appropriate in a national park, and in terms of long-term carbon capture, native hardwoods are probably more appropriate and may be more effective.
- Local business hubs can be developed around public transport access points
- Conifer plantations are a blight. Focus on natural regeneration of native woodland instead. Exclude to keep the grazer out of key locations.
- Planning policy should be used to channel rather than prevent development.
- conifer plantations would need to be carefully sighted but could definitely be in the mix
- Conifers should be maintained at their current levels. New builds should be more ecological (eg solar) including agricultural in as many situations as feasible.
- Consider revising local plan to facilitate employment creating schemes.
- No mention of support for farmers, this is ridiculous.
- net zero is an unachievable folly
- Hydro power would be appropriate
- Accelerating the progress of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- every new house should have solar panels as part of permission to build and bigger schemes should have a clause to support local infrastructure such as schools, dentists, doctors surgery hospitals and schools as well as reservoirs and roads networks
- Helping farmers thrive not struggle
- The conifer carbon capture for carbon offset is a con and we should resist it. Electric charge points for e-Bikes yes, not for cars.
- Greater focus on supporting young people (local and from away). Where tensions or trade offs arise, optimise for things that support young people and the future.
- Encourage local business which will benefit tourism, eg bike hire, guided walks to

encourage people to the area and spend money to boost the local economy

- As above
- Small scale wind turbines should be encouraged - and subsidised. Ditto viable domestic hydro electric & solar energy.
- planting woodland to build wooden houses? how would you ensure timber was used for local needs? contracted out all clearances
- Affordable housing is a misleading concept. They are not affordable, appropriate visually, or suitable for local work and family life – play space/vegetable growing. We need to adapt existing buildings, especially stone barn and chapels no longer in use even if they are not in existing settlements. Also make every effort to bring empty homes into use for regular residents.
- Starting point is probably again farming and forestry as two areas that need to be profitable to ensure investment and management.
- Many of these questions are difficult to answer in a tick the priority box system without being given more information on how these aims are likely to be achieved and at what cost to other aspects including financially and environmentally. It seems a little simplistic without being able to see the bigger picture of what might be entailed.
- Need support with business rates for small local businesses
- opportunities for eco tourism, promotion of food produced in Exmoor
- Tidal power is way forward not small scale schemes
- Affordable housing must be limited to people contributing to the Economy of NP

not only on the land but in the hospitality industry that supports it.

- Until you re visit the Exmoor National Park Plan none of this makes much sense - you are wanting to encourage wide camping - which by its nature will generate little or no revenue to businesses in the park - are you going to prioritise Green projects over normal planning? Does your very stretched planning department have the capacity to deal with these lofty ambitions given their problems deciphering the current ENP position on planning
- I did not want to answer the final question above. There is no clarity on what you mean exactly by 'small scale renewable energy in the landscape?' Depends on what sort of renewable energy you are referring to? If you are suggesting weirs then definitely NO.
- As said before the main priority should be to return to supporting the people living & working on the Moor which has sadly been given lower priority in recent decades in favour of promoting tourism which is now in danger of destroying the whole concept of a National Park. To survive it has to return to a live working environment managed by those who own & work in it.
- All any new housing (where appropriate) should come with the ability to maintain its own renewable energy i.e solar panels. Maybe even access to wind/water in wells??
- these to be almost invisible so as not to detract from previous points
- Wild camping should not be allowed. You open the door to travelers and every tom dick and harry living out of the back of a van. This adds nothing to the beauty of the moor.

- Affordable housing
- Making tourists respect the countryside
- Could promote Exmoor more for example to specific population centres such as to residents of Bristol 2) could make much more of dark skies festival eg a Mini literary/book festival
- Affordable housing from existing buildings. Doesn't need to be new builds.
- Pubs, community shops and village halls vital for a healthy community.
- Reduce the possibilities of the rise of second homes that contribute little to community life.
- Affordable housing needs to come with ties to localised employment on prioritised basis.
- No 24 Especially important
- Fibre broadband for the more secluded areas of Exmoor its vital
- Priorities are as above. Need to facilitate younger people to remain and live on Exmoor
- It would be better if the jobs are more to do with protecting and helping wildlife, rather than animal farming or shooting.
- Prioritise diverse and ancient woodland rather than fast growing conifer woodland leading to monocultures.
- Green economy based solutions
- We do not need more conifers for any reason as it is simply commercial logging in the future.
- promote participation in management
- Tidal Lagoon/Solar on housing and small holdings
- Financially support local shops / garages so they stay open in the winter / some villages become ghost towns as they are set up for tourists and not for locals

15. Have we missed anything in this section which you think should be a priority for the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan to address?

- The number of sheep on the hills needs drastically reducing
- Stop old ways of thinking and doing, embrace new and ways to integrate it.
- No, don't think so. Although, it would be nice to release beavers.
- Supporting small businesses
- Retention of young people - how to introduce high value business that may attract or help to retain people
- Take better care of the rivers and what tries to live in them
- Educating visitors about dark sky's, littering and respecting farm and local properties. Giving visitors information on how to drive and respect others on country and single track roads.
- Improve the pedestrian access from Dunster to the Tall Trees Trail (currently along the A396 over Frackford Bridge whereas the old road bridge could be used and restricted solely to pedestrians. Re-write the "Exmoor Cycle Route" as compiled by Mike Bishop which takes cyclists along the A39. The new laws on giving cyclists a wide berth make this

impractical. Re-instate the "Exmoor National Park" sign at County Gate (also the Devon sign). Encourage off season tourism by having a promotional page on your website (current pages tend to be annual pages so it is often difficult for anyone visiting in January and February to see what events are taking place when they are making their booking)

- Rangers and Volunteers
- Visitors need far more education on how to behave in a national park. What is acceptable and what is not. It is after all supposed to be primarily for the benefit of the flora and fauna.
- Probably lots!
- Please can the Exmoor ponies be a equally important to maintain the Hurd's of ponies as that a big attraction but they also play a very important role in preservation of heathland.
- Building a healthy and sustainable visitor economy
- Wildlife has so little space and peace to do its thing. It needs more prime habitat and less human disturbance.

- Local people engagement
- Don't succumb to political correctness and the metropolitan lobby. Exmoor is rural and your survey and all your work should be above vested interests such as anti-hunting, anti-shooting and anti-fishing.
- I don't know the remit of this plan, so can't comment
- Make coastal resorts look more stunning in the area
- Recognise that some areas of the UK need to be kept relatively empty . The UK risks otherwise becoming a bland sub - urban sprawl
- Protecting it from wind turbine development and solar (unless it is on top of buildings)
- Too much swimming in the river Barle. Motorhomes parking up on the moor overnight are not policed. Littering and dog poo bags. Racing cars and motorbikes across the open moor in good weather are a danger to livestock.
- To help support new and existing local businesses to survive all of the above questions

- Fully engage all partners who can help to deliver aspirations, and maintain/enhance dialogue especially with local communities
- As above
- Promoting the benefit of increasing diversity of planting in grazing meadows
- Ban hunting full stop
- Not sufficient emphasis on how Exmoor could lead the way on moving away from burning fossil fuels, for residents, visitors and businesses
- Increased support for hill farming to enhance land management and visitor enjoyment
- Wildness
- We need to create a brand awareness of Exmoor foods and crafts, something the Lake District seems to do so well. It would create a market for and awareness of slow reared, low input pastured meat, the quality of Exmoor wool, Heather and orchard honey, our superb local brewed and distilled products.
- Engaging more with local schools and young people and offering more opportunities for engagement in research, surveys, etc for those who are less "outdoorsy" and those who have disabilities.
- Addressing the problem of second and holiday homes within settlements which impact on communities.
- Affordable and appropriate housing for locals/Education
- I don't want to see any wind turbines on Exmoor.
- To listen to local knowledge and not get it all from theory
- Hopefully the emphasis will be on 'Partnership' with all residents, landowners and visitors to Exmoor with the object of maintaining and enhancing its special landscape, wildlife habitats and local economy.
- Work with local businesses and share best practices, encourage people to do the right thing with support and sharing.
- Local housing
- Maintenance of waterways to reduce flooding and pollution
- At the moment there appears to be no mechanism for LPAs to require a contribution from developers of open market housing or business use (including holiday accommodation) towards supporting the ENPA address the pressures of additional users on the moor, prows etc. This is something the Park Authority together with other NPAs should be addressing with MPs and should include the impact of developments outside the National Park within the area from which new residents and temporary residents regularly make use of the NP.
- More control over human activities to stop destructive behaviour eg shooting, hunting, poor farming practices, motor sports etc
- national partnerships across all national parks
- Engaging young people. Better multi-use trails to open up access for more users.
- Need more upmarket accommodation/hotels/restaurants for wealthy visitors, too many airbnb!
- Allow common sense to prevail to planning legislation which has failed to keep up with manufacturing developments.
- more native trees
- Affordable housing for local people who work here
- It should be for people to enjoy. Keep dark sky statuses if necessary Make small enclosures for certain trees shrubs wildlife to be kept free from human interference. Sheep cows ponies and deer only eat vegetation and once digested put back what they have eaten. We are only here for a short time but humans are responsible for the loss of these wonderful places. Plant hedges and trees get rid of non native tree and shrubs. .
- As previous, the locals and the local economy, the Park isn't just for leisure, there are people who live there too.
- Affordable rents. Social diversity of those living here. Make it a nice place to be and visitors will come. But not at the expense of locals. A lot of people visit because it's unpretentious. You risk losing this element and have for some years now. Covid has not helped us at all.
- Bike park in Dunster
- If we are to have conifers please can we have the pine martins back to go with them?!
- Clear create and protect more habitat - too much bureaucracy
- More D of E to educate the youngs
- More emphasis on active travel facilities to connect communities and businesses
- How to work with other partners
- Active measures to discourage second home ownership - stop giving tax breaks to owners.
- For there to be a true partnership between the ENPA and residents & businesses on Exmoor, especially farmers and land managers, there should be proper face-to-face consultation about important issues that will have far-reaching consequences for them eg the 'Vision for Exmoor' document, the release of pine martens and other projects such as the plans to for Exmoor Forest. Also, the ENPA should respect the fact that people are trying to make a living as best they can here, so the planning process should be quick (or at least to a timetable so people know how long it will take), fair and transparent. Similarly, the ENPA shouldn't change its mind at the last moment about things like grazing licences. If farmers and other business owners are treated with respect, then they will respect the ENPA. At the moment there's a strong feeling amongst farmers that the ENP is pursuing its own agenda no matter what.
- I think you simply don't have any understanding of what it's like to run a business in Exmoor. There seem to be initiatives that last 12-18 months and then move on to the next 'big thing' or buzz word. There's no clarity of vision, no funding, no measurement, no accountability.
- Control the buying of good hill farming land being turned into unproductive shoots. Uk needs to be more self sufficient in food production
- The promotion of small independent businesses for local people who wish stay living in the park
- Your planning rules are not good, bad very ugly housing has been allowed and extensions and other buildings that fit into the landscape better not allowed, this is wrong and should be addressed NO MORE UGLY OUT OF KEEPING BUILDINGS ALLOWED IN THE PARK. The planning rules should be more like the Coteswold, building must be in keeping with the area, not ugly modern ill built bungalows and houses.
- acknowledge the immediate need to house local workers. especially younger ones
- MARKETING
- Ban fox and deer hunting on horses on any part of Exmoor
- Discourage damaging or unauthorised parking, more park and ride, protecting vulnerable features from off-road vehicles and heavy pedestrian traffic, divert some visitors from "honey pot" venues by introducing them to less visited places.
- More re-wilding
- Rewilding on a grand scale. The 30% by 2030 and 50% by 2050 needs to be taken into consideration in our national parks!
- Bring back proper hunting!
- Concentrate on local issues. Climate Change is a government issue. Electric cars may not be the 'future' so do not invest.
- The main aim should simply be conservation. Not any kind of development or "modernisation". Exmoor's beauty is inseparable from its historic look, feel and tradition.
- Exmore has very few areas which would be suitable for disable access pick one and develop it
- The scale of gamebird businesses has reached a tipping point and is causing adverse harm to biodiversity. Hunting with large packs of dogs is a daily occurrence and laws are broken all the time. How does this look in a national park and to visitors? The traffic chaos and dangerous driving from the hordes of watchers can make driving a hazard at times and I don't appreciate the manner in which they tear across open countryside. Far more damage done than by dogs or other users of the open spaces
- There should be more emphasis placed on the investigation of and preservation of Exmoor's archaeology and heritage.
- Please refer to my other answers given.
- Increase the stocking rate and the duration of cattle on moorland and and discourage the high level of sheep, managed in a rotation to help reduce to prevalence of sedge and increase the diversity on plants.increase funding for collars to assist grazing management on moorland.

- Allow more new local affordable homes and decline all developers planning applications like you should
- PLANNING !!!!!
- Get rid of the Planning department.
- There is a huge variety of knowledge and talent across the Exmoor businesses and communities. How to support and grow this should be added
- Registered campsites for visitors and overnight parking for motorhomes
- In the long-term the National Park should be seeking to reduce impacts of resident humans and their pets on the natural environment.
- REDACTED
- Putting future generations at the heart of people planning
- Keep visitor numbers low and educate people to respect the countryside
- Would like the park to be open to all and do not like to see too much signage but find littering - drivers chucking stuff out of car windows - annoying (often come back from a dog walk with pockets full of litter and cans as well as poo bags!) and why do people have to create little piles of stones on historic monuments (Dunkery Beacon) Don't get it. Encourage people to leave things as they are and nor put their mark on things.
- Exmoor is wild and beautiful and the naturalness of it is what should be advertised not as some sort of amusement arcade.
- Great to hear on the news there is a program to preserve the bloody line of native species such as the Exmoor Pony. Preserving the future of the part is everything. The time is ripe for all of the views espoused by scientists such as James Lovelock who warned of the grave consequences that would follow if we didn't steward our environment sustainably.
- Priority must be to provide effective support for, and in collaboration with, Exmoor hill farming. The appropriate preservation and care will follow and naturally provide the environment for sustainable tourism. Forget Work to 'update the carbon footprint metrics for the National Park and 'Exmoor climate neutral targets', concentrate on climate adaptation assessment.
- Holiday/second homes are the elephant in this room.
- It is always important to remember that Exmoor is a place where people live all the time - the priority for the ENP should be to preserve it for them and not turn Exmoor into a theme park.
- Be more inclusive to people and business that are already here, Stop the clicks and cronyism be more transparent. Included the many not just the favoured few.
- Keeping it local
- Car speed has greatly increased to the point of being dangerous for walkers, cyclists and riders. I think the Park Authority should seriously consider a blanket speed limit of 40 mph on the open roads over the whole Park.
- Expansion of the park to include more of the beautiful areas within Exmoor Fringe could be beneficial in terms of more people feeling inclusion as part of the park, and therefore helping them feel responsible for the future wider area. This could bring additional employment, financial and wellbeing benefits associated with people identifying with being in a larger Exmoor.
- Road signs need to be less hidden in undergrowth and speed limit greatly reduced.
- Fundamentally, Exmoor National Park's challenge is to meet the two contradictory aims of conserving this special area and making it accessible to be enjoyed by UK and overseas visitors. I would be interested to see estimates of visitor numbers by 2030 and beyond. A five year horizon is too short given the historically slow pace with which we can adapt and change. What does Exmoor look like by 2040?
- A visible 'audit' of farming and land management so that everyone can understand how the land use can be supporting of nature, and can restore so much in nature that has been lost over last 70 years tture
- Yes, more emphasis on working with farmers farming the land - food security, protecting cultural landscape and heritage, innovation, sustainable tourism - and how rewilding can be evolved without compromising all this and rural communities. Farmers farming the land need to be properly brought into plans.
- This is as really badly designed survey.
- Self builds / ease of obtaining planning permission for young people in the area.
- More low cost camp sites
- Ensuring that roads are properly maintained
- Helping and supporting the Exmoor ponies owners show, breed and create a demand for Exmoor ponies as riding ponies to keep them alive
- More rangers need to be seen and actively working. I know it's a huge area but visitors do feel and do do whatever they like ie. Wild camping/ motorhomes /bbq's where ever when ever they feel like it. The rubbish, excrement, fires I have seen because of this not checked/stopped is shocking.
- Prevent scramble bikes and manic cyclists spoiling for everyone
- Promotion of the rural hospitality venues on Exmoor
- Priority is to ban hunting- stag hunting is abhorrent how can exmoor let this continue
- HUNTING!! Illegal deer hunting regularly on Exmoor. BAD for tourism. Hunt destroy verges and moorland without a second thought for others.
- Keeping Farming on the Hills and Moorland and proper management of the moorland e.g. Swaling etc to stop Tick problems and to ensure the plants get the regeneration through swaling. Heather has declined where swaling has not been carried out regularly and properly.
- Exmoor is a natural place is does not need promoting and visitor centres. If people seek the benefits Exmoor offers they will find it.
- Pressure national government to make it more attractive financially for doctors to move out of cities. Proper public transport that runs late at night. I don't use buses because I can't get home in the evening. Use minibuses.
- Not enough emphasis on the future of the family farms that created Exmoor's already beautiful landscape
- see 13
- Are you preserving Exmoor or trying to aid business?
- Celebrate, as opposed to being silent on the plight of country pursuits
- Planning - a contentious area. Local families have to jump through hoops to have a simple extension or alteration which will assist their families, and the ridiculous policy of promoting timber windows in one of the most humid atmospheres in UK, yet quite happy to allow contemporary abortion such as that at Battleton. Also sebery planner has their own view rather than promoting a ENP view. The ENP view should also be have an element of common sense. Example: - Clipped eaves with no fascia - asked Planning officer how to achieve ventilation in loft as required by B.Control - response '... I don't care, ... I want clipped eaves with no fascia" - not helpful... - only way to achieve ventilation was to have mini fascia....
- ENP being more open to ideas and responsive to opportunities. It's less about global initiatives and more about the quality of individuals assessing the merit of proposals.
- Respect all forms of its wildlife. Don't drown it out with humanity,
- I do not feel that the NT should not be allowed to purchase any more of Exmoor. They already own far too much.
- Seek ways of working closer with other National Parks to avoid duplication in times of tight budgets
- The economic challenges of living on Exmoor
- Solar panels on all new housing. Discreet wind turbines.
- Drop idea of a Partnership Plan. Rely on statutory requirements.
- Local affordable housing is key otherwise the villages will die. Campaign to double tax second homes and enforce planning permission where homes are being used for Airbnb.
- Discouraging the importation of pheasant chicks & their release in the national park, which causes a danger to road users, a nuisance to gardeners & impacts on native bird life.
- Woodland management
- Re-instate access to Sillery Sands, east of Lynmouth, via the Public Footpath Right Of Way that has NOT been repaired as per your legal and moral requirements.
- You have already have it in this survey it but affordable housing is critical .
- Ban Hunting on Exmoor

- an off-record forum to record and discuss complex land-based issues
- Stop the hunts
- Planning can be very difficult and therefore a lot of hurdles need to be removed to encourage development for the young people of Exmoor
- Yes crude signage on commercial properties.commercial properties becoming offices etc eg not selling
- Whats with the hunting obsession? Its dated and should be treated as such
- Plant deciduous trees rather than coniferous
- There should be restrictions on ONLY LOCAL families to occupy New Housing. O
- Don't forget the farmers
- Education is key and Exmoor Park are in an ideal place to do this.
- Nature doesn't need to be messed with by man to flourish. Well meaning idiots cause more damage
- Hunting is an intrinsic part of Exmoor and that activity, together with shooting brings huge employment to the moor out of the tourist season. Both should be allowed to continue within the national park.
- Give more priority to the concerns of existing residents. I have a planning issue which you refuse to address.
- The people who live here.
- I think in the modern era hunting and shooting of wild animals should be phased out. Pheasants eat slow worms, grass snakes, voles, shrews and everything else. They are not natural to this country. I realise the monetary value hunting and shooting bring to the very local economy but there is more to be done to encourage cyclists, hikers and horse riders. I also think far too many properties are not bought up by outsiders and used for their personal use and then released as holiday lets when the owners do not want to use them. If you did not have all these properties the hotels and guest houses would be better occupied and you would establish real life with children and a proper community in each of the towns and villages.
- advertises days out or try a muddy walk for a day r something like that it wuld bring kids to come down
- the renewing of the facilities like pinkery
- Needs to be action not just words !
- Find a way to increase tourism to Exmoor while reducing the impact of vehicles
- Hunting encourages community ties and community respect
- As I I
- Enhancing the awareness of rural industry, farming, the history of Lynton and Sir George Newnes along with the railway built for tourists in Victorian times. This could be North Devon's "Ironbridge" if done in the correct way.
- Give planning permission for the Lynton and Barnstaple railway to extend. This would have a big economic boost for the local area as well as getting people into the countryside that they would not get to see from a car and possibly unable to walk the distance. They have planning in place
- in Devon and all ready have a line on exmoor it's crazy not to join it up. If extended to Lynton it could help take cars away from car park and people can travel in by train and no clog up local roads.
- Restoring the narrow gauge railway to encourage slow tourism and alleviate the pressure of vehicles in ENP
- Only public transport access is via Barnstaple, don't encourage cars if you can create excursions
- ENPA need to be more supportive to rural business when it comes to planning to enable rural businesses to thrive
- Rebuilding of Lynton and Barnstaple Railway
- THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE LYNTON AND BARNSTAPLE RAILWAY WILL BRING IN MANY VISITORS TO THE NATIONAL PARK AND PROVIDE EMPLOYEMENT TO MANY LOCAL PEOPLE>
- Support for Lynton and Barnstaple Railway
- Allow reinstatement of the Lynton and Barnstaple railway which will reduce traffic into Lynton
- Do not encourage more tourists without providing the supporting infrastructure. Block second homes at the expense of local people. Develop more bridle ways into a viable network. Provide secure parking on the fringe of the park. Encourage traditional B & B, and discourage holiday lets.
- Support for year round creative industries and software development.
- Everything covered in all your sections, thank you. I hope my suggestions are of value
- A proper plan for the re-instatement of the lynton & barnstaple railway including the benefits for the economy like businesses, employment, skills, reduction of car usage & an international attraction that will come with the re-instatement and education of this to the local population in the national park
- Helping to promote and encourage the L & B Railway
- As above
- The potential for heritage rail to both attract visitors, and bring them into the park from the periphery, without bringing cars into the park, could play a significant part in the sustainable development of visitor facilities.
- Heritage railways offer a useful form of alternative access, employment and prosperity and should be encouraged.
- protect the trackbed of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway so that it can eventually be restored to provide car free access to the coast from Blackmoor Gate
- I would love to see the Railway extended and it would be a great park if you could ride from Blackmore Gate to Lynton
- Increased farmer understanding/availability of environmentally friendly practices and improved relationship/education/cooperation between general public and food suppliers/farmers
- Education, young people the opportunities afforded by Young Ranger scheme etc
- Species Reintroduction
- Do we need to say it again. Support and encouragement for hill farming, a well tried and hard working, unlike many professions.
- The extension of the lynton and barnstaple railway to aid a park and ride scheme, and create jobs and skills for the area
- The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- Lynton & Barnstaple railway should be reopened
- every new house should have solar panels as part of permission to build and bigger schemes should have a clause to support local infrastructure such as schools ,dentists,doctors surgery hospitals and schools as well as reservoirs and roads networks
- Increasing the size of home that can be built if the applicant has strong ties to the area to enable them to stay local
- Technology and innovation and how that can support people and nature, but may require compromise on development/infrastructure and beauty.
- No, but would emphasis the need to manage the Moors, encourage wildlife and livestock which clearly enhance the environment
- The planning process is a huge hurdle to overcome for anyone trying to change anything. The process is weighted too much towards conservation and discourages any new development (see the Lake District planning regime to observe how to plan sustainably without opposing well-designed new development.)
- See comment above
- food security - promoting local food and I don't just mean meat. So often the conversation is about meat. Why not find, promote and encourage more local vegetable growers, bakers, dairy, mushroom growers. There is so much to be done to help localise our food which would help with many things including lots of nhs priorities. local food hubs like at honer, veg, meat, proper farmers markets
- Population balance: the Park needs a priority on demographics before it becomes a wealthy, geriatric, retirement space in which the local history, knowledge, skills, and experience, which have shaped this landscape, are lost.
- Tourism is obviously provides significant revenue to the area but any expansion should be done very carefully. Still, conversion of barns to holiday accommodation provides local employment and spending so should be permitted but probably large new caravan parks should be avoided. Also state of the rivers i.e. degree of pollution, requires urgent action - disgraceful, although obviously not ENP responsibility..
- Promoting farming and the livelihoods of people working in agriculture. 2. A plan that will support people who work remotely (eg IT consultants) moving to Exmoor.

- To enhance and retain the exmoor visitors centres with their welcoming staff and local walks and trails especially for children and to increase the guided walks and events etc
- Looking well into the future when all us oldies who retired here are long gone.
- you need to look to the future -
- Should ENP be accountable for their spend and outputs - should their be a regular public review of their performance
- You have not mentioned the very necessary protection of certain stretches of rivers that need their spawning grounds protecting if we are to see the survival of the internationally protected Atlantic salmon on Exmoor. Surely a National Park should be concerned for this species? The River Barle is where 80% of salmon entering the River Exe system come to spawn, mostly between Withypool and the source. This area is becoming more and more used by locals and visitors. Dogs are constantly in the river, disturbing not only the salmon but many other species along

with the damage caused to the banks and the riverbed, the river fly, the habitats of kingfishers and may other species that nest in the river banks. Dogs, not only in rivers but also disturbing the ground nesting birds is a major problem which does not get a mention. Sadly the major offenders are the locals, and it is heartbreaking.

- See above.
- Keep it local. If we lose this to London the Park will lose its identity and just become a museum.
- Decreasing the number of second homes as these cause issues for Exmoor's sustainability, community and financial viability. There needs to be planning laws and disincentives to prevent Exmoor becoming a playground for the wealthy.
- There are a great many people and organizations out there that want you to change your stance on planning and what you do generally and if they can hang a save the planet tag on their arguments they will. Do not weaken. They are really

doing this for their own purposes, usually financial gain.

- Litter and farm rubbish on the roadside is creating a very negative view of how Exmoor cares for the environment.
- Informing people about your Partnership Plan, this is the first I've heard about it, why is that?
- Affordable housing to encourage young people who wish to stay in the area
- It's Important to consult with people get everyone involved and be inclusive of all sectors of society.
- The need to significantly reduce animal farming
- Flexibility and Fast Track housing planning to enable historic or listed buildings to incorporate warmer housing methods - thicker double glazing (>6mm), solar, insulation, heat pumps
- Don't pass planning for homes where they will be holiday lets only and look less favourably on folks who will have it as they only residence

16. Do you have any other comments about the Partnership Plan?

- Good luck overcoming the resistance of the local communities to change.
- No large scale solar panels fields on Exmoor
- Well Done to you all throughout the difficult covid years
- Education is key for the younger generations
- Less 4 and 5 bed builds and more 3 bed for ordinary families
- Exmoor can't run itself with out the assistance of having others joining them for the common good of making Exmoor a even better place to live, work and enjoy.
- I very much doubt anything will change and this will have been a money wasting politically correct exercise
- Please let it me a true partnership not a dictatorship from you to us.
- Too reliant on seasonal work as no other industry is encouraged. We need small business units in each town to help locals develop their trades and a positive outlook on any new employees. We are building a new warehouse in South Molton as we wouldn't get permission on Exmoor. Hence jobs lost here.
- Keep it non-partisan.
- Have never read the plan - where is it? Maybe this survey could have directed us to it?
- Is it only available to people with on-line access? My neighbour doesn't have any.
- Please, let me live in Devon one day
- Please let those who live and work on Exmoor have the loudest voice .
- I am worried that the focus to attract more and more visitors and pursuing trendy issues like wild camping and wild swimming (which already has been proven to damage rivers) will backfire and cause damage to the sense of wilderness, remoteness and refuge for nature that exmoor has.

- Keep/restore free Pre-Planning consultation; include some encouragement regarding affordable housing discussions
- Excellent initiative, keep up the good work
- You mention archaeology a number of times yet, compared to Dartmoor, the survey of Exmoor is remarkably incomplete. That in itself is a great challenge and excitement. If only we had a Crossing or a Hoskins for Exmoor!
- Are schools, homes for the elderly, hospitals and charity groups asked to comment? Is Exmoor a place that everyone can enjoy? Maybe more emphasis on the benefits of this beautiful asset and more feedback, media coverage of the projects the Park is undertaking and the positive outcomes.
- Lovely to have goals but easier said than done, certainly without necessary resources.
- Could you explain what you mean by sustainable transport.
- Exmoor should not be made to look like a theme park.
- Sounds great but, realistically , none of it is possible without an increase in Council Tax. This will need a more courageous approach from local and national government, putting money where their fine words are.
- Need to support hill farming in its entirety and not support ideas against this.
- Keep sheep on the fields. If necessary make mobile enclosures to keep them off certain areas
- I found the questionnaire rather biased of I'm honest and also the switch from the first page where low importance was on the left of the options to the right in subsequent pages. All should be from left to right in importance/priority or visa versa, not mixed.
- All of the plan requires funding and recognition that visitors Have enjoyed the national park. Some visitors do not even

know they have entered the national park! As the signage is insufficient and out of date. Look at South Downs National Park for good model.

- Seems ambitious. What is your priority?
- I have observed on Bodmin that car parking areas are very, very close to the 'thing' that visitors wish to see, this is pure genius. They park up and Potter the 200 yards or so to gawp at the view/thing, take their photos, maybe have a picnic, then go on to the next thing. This also ticks alot of the disabled access boxes too. It gives a great feeling of access with none of the associated damage - let's face it, the vast majority of people don't want to slog up and down the coombes! Visitors want to see the ponies & deer so good viewing points would be gold, and in the off season it would provide legitimate pull up places for the hunt followers thus removing the genuine issues for other road users. Guided walks would teach people loads, but the popularity of the Tarr Steps circular walk clearly shows what the majority feel is manageable. Experienced walkers generally tend to have a better idea of the do's & don'ts...
- It is a stunningly beautiful area but more must be done to attract the future generations to help them maintain their roots in Exmoor.
- it should be far reaching to deliver on biodiversity and climate crisis. too much weight is put on historic environment which whilst important is not going to help us in the crisis we are in and shouldn't take precedent over enhancements to habitats. it often strikes me that the national park is more interested in its planning department than its obligations for nature.
- Action action action- this plan should be about delivery - needs smooths targets and the park authority holding to account on delivery by the members
- Getting more people involved

- Take the opportunity to be bold and brave and maximise the opportunity for nature and people
- Please don't spoil what's so wonderful about Exmoor and the farmers and communities that contribute
- Exmoor is environmentally being systematically degraded by sheep hill farming and cattle rearing. Moorlands need to be reforested, reducing flooding. Finally stop south west water dumping untreated sewage into Lynmouth rivers and seascape.
- If people are going to be asked to work with the ENPA and other partners, they should be paid something for their time and travel. Also, at least some meetings should be in the evening. Otherwise retired, relatively well-off people who don't have to make a living here will be the only ones who will be able to afford the time and money to become involved.
- It doesn't look like a plan, just a lot of initiatives in the current zeitgeist. And there's nothing in here of any actual realisable value to businesses of any size.
- Working with locals and keeping them on board is vital to the park's future
- Try to encourage small businesses - like tearooms, cafes to provide year round local food and become 'destinations' for visitors
- I wish it well, but unless ENPA wakes up to the real world, nothing will change, visitor numbers will decrease and communities will struggle..
- I would like to see ENP be the trail blazers in creating a low carbon, wildlife friendly environment.
- Please remember that Exmoor is a living, working place, developed and cared for over centuries. It does not need to be ruined in the name of "fighting climate change", or creating a theme park experience. Why can't you just look after it as it is? No-one is prevented from going there, and it does not need ev charging points, more trees (which would ruin the harshly beautiful landscape in some areas) and similar nonsense. And for goodness sake, leave game shooting and trail hunting alone.....and no, I don't do either, but I understand them. alone
- You cannot achieve your goals of a wilder, more beautiful Exmoor without relaxing planning regulations.
- Think Local not National. Protect the remote nature and low population. Even if development is high quality, well designed, appropriately located still does not mean it should be developed.
- Stop closing paths because of ash die back, it's health and safety gone mad!
- Do not allow Exmoor's beauty to be subverted by the ill intent of those who claim it must be more climate friendly or diverse. Exmoor's beauty, tradition and history MUST be conserved for those who appreciate it for the way it is not those who seek to profit from what it could be. The ONLY opinions that should matter are those of English natives of Devon and Somerset and people from the wider English community with an interest in preserving our unique history.
- In a number of areas protecting them by doing little is more effective than consent interfering. Look at some of the long term studies from the US national parks
- It needs to put nature recovery and biodiversity centre stage and not tourist numbers and revenue
- maintain and celebrate exmoor's traditions and history
- Please refer to my other answers given.
- Why did the planning application was granted for Lydiate Lane in Lynton for open market homes which we do not need. Stupid.
- PLANNING - we have been stuck in limbo as ENP planning dept struggles to understand its own plan - it has affected our ability to both trade and provide additional jobs in the area - It needs simplifying. Recent submissions show a real bias towards both big money in farming, shooting and the national trust - I am very disaffected with the National Park. Despite having lived and worked here for the past 32 years !!!!!
- Work with the farmers not against
- Please make it about supporting the people and communities of Exmoor to maintain and build on what makes Exmoor beautiful rather than ruining it by turning it into a glorified country park and pushing the local communities out through lack of sustainable housing income beyond tourism
- It's a very diverse objective. Dealing with the most relevant issues is the key.
- I feel that preserving the park in its original status must be a priority.
- Value Exmoor's traditions - don't let it get turned into a theme park. Good luck
- Please listen to the local people, not just the environmentalists. Most of us live in partnership with nature already and make Exmoor what it is.
- I would be very happy to lend my services to anywhere you think I may be able to help. My number is REDACTED
- Far too much emphasis on "Climate Emergency" - there is no such thing; stop following the herd! Intelligent support for Exmoor hill farmers would take care of the changes to climate.
- I'd like to see the draft!
- Make it a vision for the future not just a tick box exercise with no real change.
- It is a good start though more needs to be done
- Please note that a very high percentage of Exmoor is privately owned unlike other National Parks and therefore the local community is of the greatest priority along with its character and traditions.
- Heavily tax properties left empty for greater than four months without authorisation.
- This is a very good exercise in consulting with the public and with businesses. But more needs to be done to enjoy your decisions are based on a large number of responses, rather than too few.
- Use the national and local media to educate and understand that national park areas have to be protective as well as progressive - RESPECT!!
- See comment 14.
- The fortunes of the towns and villages on and around exmoor fluctuate wildly from year to year depending on whether they are 'in vogue' with tourism. This makes maintaining and growing a business very difficult for new starters. Having such a high turnover of retail properties in villages and towns is not good for them. Looking at a long term Co-op plan for small businesses to join that will collectively purchase pr, social media and marketing packages and strategies, advise and training could do a huge amount to lessen the feast or famine issues and create more stability, jobs, training, wealth and hope, right from the grass roots level.
- The national park should focus on maintaining the natural environment, moorland, red deer, not on electric charging points.
- Must be driven by Rural people who live and work locally and use our local facilities
- The key issues are captured but the important thing will be seeing it through to delivery and good integration with local authorities and involvement of local people. It's vital that living on and near Exmoor is a viable and sustainable option for future generations.
- More joined up thinking on conversation eg flailing allowed until mid April but bird nesting season starts beginning March
- There needs to be boldness in confronting resistance to change from vested interests like land owners in order to deal effectively with climate change and ecological collapse.
- Work With the Farmers. These comment boxes are far too small to accommodate the whole message. Hence : Farmers hold the key!!
- ENP need to take better care of what is already here. Encourage back hedge laying etc Use powers to prevent derelict/abandoned/empty buildings
- Involve the locals and parishes - do not write and enforce nonsense that will isolate the ENP
- Just to repeat that while public consultations are good, the problem is the sclerotic effect of ENP's governance. You need a better team!
- Do not turn Exmoor into a the park adventure and destroy it
- While visitors to Exmoor are very important, everything that they come to see has been created by local people! Without a healthy agriculture, hospitality, and country sporting industries, there will be much less variety, and much less financial security on Exmoor.
- I don't think planting conifers is the right ideal/ direction.. Micro forests have been doing wonders in urban environments, but even if that's not appropriate a combination of local slow-grown deciduous tree timber, and some conifer, should be grown and coppiced/ pollarded.

- Please get real.
- If Exmoors indigenous population prospers, so will everything else. Please, no more buildings like Dulverton Medical Centre. What an eyesore!
- Ensure it is viable for those that you want to help you deliver it. Cost of living is making working and living on Exmoor less and less attractive and without proper financial support to deliver your plan the younger generation are not going to be here to help deliver it.
- The highest priority should be given to mitigating the effects of climate change & ecological disaster, doing no harm & rewilding.
- This is a big plan with a lot to achieve.
- Nature Recovery must be the top priority
- Not sure whether consultation will make any difference as you'll do what you want anyway.
- Very well put together
- Please hold public events to promote your ideas and listen to the people of Exmoor .
- see this from the Royal Society - esp page 80 - the more people understand, the more they change their mind (relate to my earlier comment on context!) <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/living-landscapes/multifunctional-land-use/>
- Please do not make it too complicated.
- I would like the Authority to work more as an initiator, facilitator and broker of great new ideas and less as a structure of control, limitation and delay.
- Care needed desperately to save our historic famous rural town Dulverton. The appalling tarmac!
- No. Most things covered by earlier answers
- Don't forget the farmers
- Some of the questions are leading rather than open!
- Man made Climate change is a phypop do some real research and do not listen to media outlets like BBC etc they are wrong
- It is vital that the ENPA remains independent and does not allow itself to be swallowed up by a "one size fits all" national park governing body. Exmoor is unique and should stay that way.
- maybe just offer special stuff.
- Park authority should publicise progress reports on its plan objectives
- It looks great
- Very much respect and protection rural communities and traditions
- It is going in the right direction
- Perfect plan
- Encourage initiatives such as the Lynton Barnstaple project. North Devon and Somerset infrastructure has it's limits
- More promotion of Exmoor food & drink and businesses. Encouraging young people to stay on Exmoor with affordable housing is a priority also.
- Do not indulge in virtue signalling policies to be trendy. Target spending that will provide a sustainable, natural living and working environment that can be enjoyed for years to come.
- Joint partnership initiatives need to be developed further for example I understand the rebuilding of the Lynton and Barnstaple railway has been hampered due to planning and funding issues which seems contrary to the desire for a sustainable park
- Could be more on water quality and flood alleviation, as benefits of ecological regeneration.
- I would like to see active support for the future extension of the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway, with planning decisions supporting the ability of the railway to develop incrementally rather than imposing unattainably onerous conditions.
- The current one is very good - more of the same please
- The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- all new developments should have solar panels as part of permission to build and bigger schemes should have a clause to support local infrastructure such as schools ,dentists,doctors surgery hospitals and schools as well as reservoirs and roads networks
- When agreed it needs to be implemented and followed. It would be good for further local consultations to be arranged to take this forward, it is so important to involve the locals of the area.
- There are no relevant questions directly concerning the proposed re-opening of the L & B .
- The plan doesn't have a striking vision for the future. Where do you WANT to be in 10 years time? Exmoor could be the leading national park with it's exquisite chocolate box villages supported by a vibrant rural economy adapting to climate change (through its....) and a new tech economy with the highest or best micro-generating enterprises including power generation from the sea and family run wood-based industries, which support (....).
- Population balance: the Park needs a priority on demographics before it becomes a wealthy, geriatric, retirement space in which the local history, knowledge, skills, and experience, which have shaped this landscape, are lost.
- Slightly suspicious with the way the questionnaire is worded - almost seems designed to support a pre-concieved plan!
- Whilst supportuinf tourism, we need less holiday cottages and more affordable housing for those employed on Exmoor.
- Things need to move pretty fast.
- Look at the financial cost and output of your departments can they more effectively be stream lined and jobs integrated. Large staff of people non accountable and often unreachable
- I feel like ENP care more about the wildlife than keeping loacal farms as they are, they should be working with the farmer to help the environment, not taking back the whole farm and turning it into a wildlife mess, most farmers are more than willing to work alongside the environment, looking after the environment isn't all about turning productive fields into swamps and letting docks and thistles grow wild.
- Have probably said enough !
- Lastly please can we introduce a plan re lighting, less of it peoples gardens, fairly lights and exterior lighting is popping up everywhere.
- I get the feeling you want to improve access to Exmoor, but its tiny infrastructure is what actually makes it so unique and what has protected it from overdevelopment and all that comes with it, eg people, noise, cars, pollution and more crime.
- not sure this will lead to anything of real value as the survey techniques are questionable.
- Keep people informed and involve and include every sector of society. We all have something to contributez
- Excellent initiative
- Encourage sustainable business to work in exmoor and not look at it as a museum piece

17. Would you or your organisation like to work with Exmoor National Park Authority and other partners to help deliver the Partnership Plan? If so please contact us at NPMP@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

Section 4 - About you

To help us understand who has responded to the survey, please provide a few details about yourself. We will only use this information to analyse the survey responses and all responses will be collated and anonymised.

18. What age range are you in?

Under 16	1%
16-24	3%
25-34	6%
35-44	9%
45-54	13%
55-64	29%
65-74	26%
75+	10%
Prefer not to say	3%

19. Gender: How do you identify?

Man	51%
Non-binary	1%
Woman	45%
Prefer not to say	1%
Other	3%

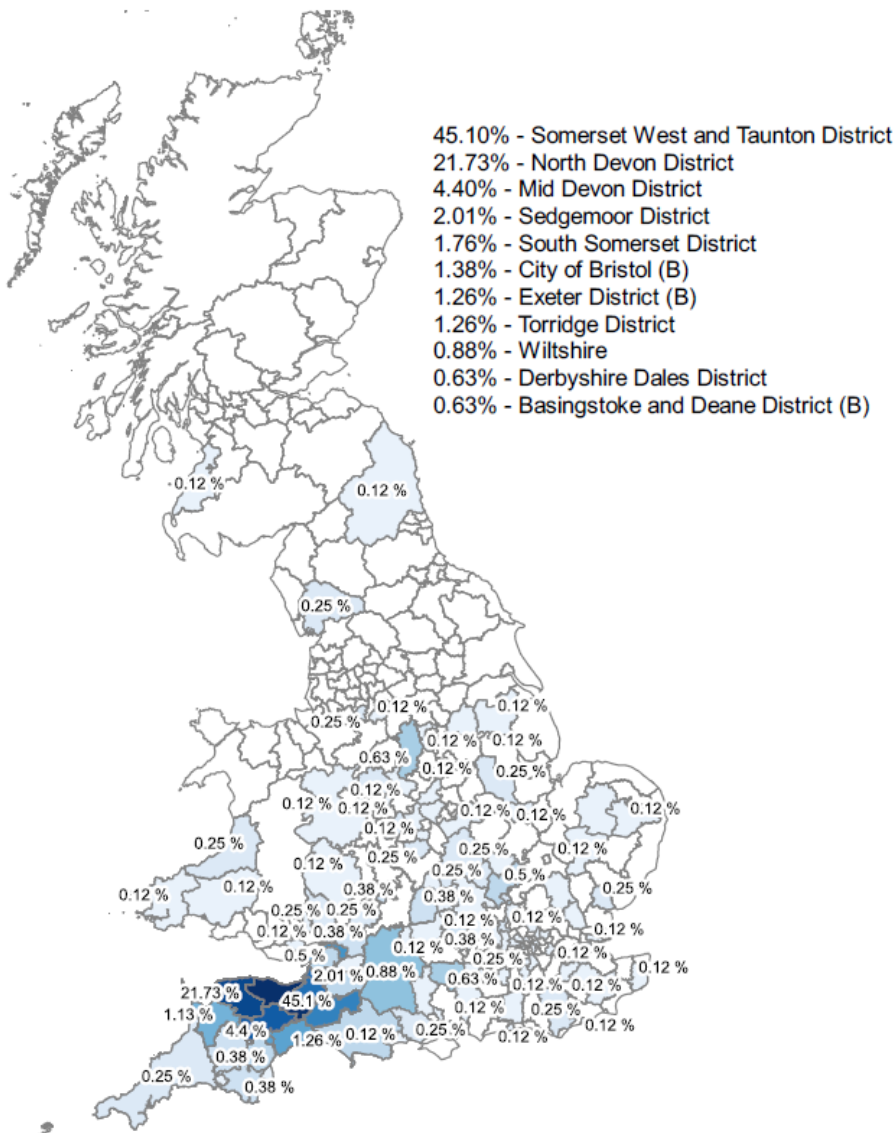
20. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community?

Yes	6%
No	90%
Prefer not to say	4%

21. Whether you live in Exmoor, Visit Exmoor or just care about Exmoor we want to hear your views. Please indicate which of the following statements is most appropriate to you:

I live or working Exmoor National Park	53%
I don't live here but visit often (at least once in the last year)	40%
I have visited in the past but not recently	7%
I have never visited Exmoor but would like to in the future	0.3%
I have never visited and have no desire to	0%

22. As a National Park we would like to explore how views may differ amongst those local to the National Park compared to those based away from the area. If you are happy to, please provide us with the first half of your postcode and the first digit of the second half (e.g. NW1 2, TA24 1 etc)



23. We would also like to understand how representative the survey responses are of all communities with an interest in our National Park.

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Do you consider yourself to be a member of a minority ethnic community?	3%	93%	4%
Do you have any health issues or disability that limits your daily activities?	15%	81%	4%