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Notice of submission of the Exmoor National Park Draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Notification is given that the Exmoor National Park Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 6th May 2016 for independent examination. The Local Plan includes policies and policies maps which will guide development and the use of land in Exmoor until 2031, and indicates what kind of development will be permitted in planning applications.

The Local Plan can be downloaded from the Authority's website at <u>www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk</u> along with the sustainability appraisal, policies maps, representations statement, copies of representations and other supporting documentation. Reference copies are also available to view during normal office hours at Exmoor National Park Authority Offices at Exmoor House, Dulverton.

The Exmoor National Park Local Plan will now be subject to an independent examination conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. The examination is a continuous process running from submission through to the receipt of the Inspector's report. Part of the process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend, will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector.

Please note that this is not an opportunity to make further representations regarding the Plan's content. Those who made representations at the pre-submission (Publication) stage will, if the Inspector deems it appropriate, be offered the opportunity to appear at the examination. They will be notified regarding the examination process by the Programme Officer.

To assist the Inspector, an independent Programme Officer Christine Self has been appointed. The Programme Officer is responsible for all procedural matters of the examination and all future correspondence should be via the Programme Officer. Her contact details are:

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Further information about the Examination process and timetable will be made available via the Authority's website as it becomes available. Details will also be sent to those who made representations on the Publication draft Local Plan. After submission, communication will primarily be via the website or sent by email from the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

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