

# National Trust Session 1

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## Exmoor National Park Local Plan Examination

### National Trust Statement

#### Session 1: SECTION 4 (Conserving and Enhancing Exmoor) & SECTION 5 (Responding to Climate Change and Managing Resources)

**Question 1.1** Do policies CE-S1 and CC-S2 provide adequate protection for the undeveloped character of the Heritage Coast?

The National Trust supports the proposed actions by the Council in SD5 to address the soundness issues raised by the Trust in their representation on the publication draft plan (Reps 0044-02/03/04/05). Those being changes to paragraph 4.15, policy CE-S1, and paragraph 5.32.

However, in addition, to ensure effectiveness, the Trust have suggested Policy CC-S2 (Coastal Development), part 2. C, includes a reference to CE-D1 as well as CE-S1, for the purposes of conserving the undeveloped nature of the Heritage Coast.

The Council has now proposed this remaining matter be addressed with additional modifications – see Statement of Common Ground – which the Trust is in agreement with.

**Question 1.3** Is the protection given by policies CE –S4 and CE – D3 to heritage assets and their settings fully consistent with national policy, and are these policies likely to be effective?

The National Trust notes the proposed action by the Council in SD5 with the proposed change to paragraph 4.110. However, reference to the Historic England guidance on *The Setting of Heritage Assets* is required in paragraph 4.99 which relates to information requirements and the assessment process for development. The Trust also feels the policy wording of CE-S4 criterion 4 needs modification. To ensure consistency with national policy criterion 4 of policy CE-S4, should state clearly what is required in relation to development proposals likely to affect heritage assets, ***including development likely to affect the setting of heritage assets***, and the requirement should specify that the assessment should describe the significance of the assets affected. This is necessary to ensure consistency with paragraphs 128 and 129 of the NPPF.

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