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Dear Chair

Dartmoor Local Plan – commenting on planning applications

As you will be aware the first draft of the Local Plan was published over the winter. Thank you to all of you who took the time to comment, and attended workshops or drop-in sessions. We have now reviewed all the comments received and published a summary of these at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview. We are now in the process of preparing a second draft and plan to publish this for consultation in September.

We had some good feedback from the workshops we have held for Parish and Town Councils, they have been well attended and we plan to hold another this year.

We're glad many of you are supportive of the emerging plan, and are eager to use the new policies. However I would like to remind you that the draft Local Plan will not be used for deciding planning applications yet. After we have completed consultation on the next draft of the Local Plan some policies may then carry some weight in decision making, meaning we can start to take them into account when applications are decided. However we will advise you if and when this is the case later in the year.

In the meantime, when you are commenting on planning applications in your parish please can you do so having regard to the policies in the *adopted* Local Plan; this is the Core Strategy (2008) and the Development Management and Delivery DPD (2013).

If you need any further advice please do ask the case officer which policies may be relevant when considering an application – they will always be willing to help.

Yours sincerely

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Bill Hitchins Chairman Kevin Bishop PhD Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local community.

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