



Dartmoor Local Plan 2026 (emerging) Notice of Scoping Consultation

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In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Dartmoor National Park Authority gives notice that it is undertaking a Scoping Consultation on the emerging Dartmoor Local Plan 2026.

This is an early opportunity for communities, organisations, businesses and other interested parties to help shape the matters the new Local Plan should address and the way the Authority engages people during plan preparation.

The Authority is seeking views on:

- the vision for the new Local Plan;
- the scope and content of the new Local Plan, including how well the current Local Plan is performing;
- how the Authority should engage with people throughout the plan-making process, and what could be improved.

To help inform this discussion, we have prepared a [SWOT](#) (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis based on evidence gathered through the [State of the Park Report](#), [Local Plan monitoring](#), and [workshops](#) held during the development of the Partnership Plan.

How to respond

The Scoping Consultation is open for six weeks. Representations must be received by the Authority no later than **Sunday 23 August 2026**.

The preferred way to respond is by completing the [online consultation survey](#).

Alternatively, the consultation document can be viewed as a PDF online at <https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/emerging-local-plan> or at the Authority's office at; Forward Planning, Parke, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9JQ. Opening hours are Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Friday, 9.00am to 4.30pm. *Reception is closed for lunch between 1.00pm and 2.00pm*. Responses can be submitted by email to forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk or by letter to the address above.

Future Notifications

As part of the survey, you may also request to be notified of the following future stages of the Local Plan process:

- consultation on the proposed local plan content and evidence

- the publication of observations or advice from the Planning Inspectorate after Gateway 2
- the consultation on the proposed local plan
- the submission of the proposed local plan for independent examination
- when details of the independent examination are available
- if the independent examination is paused for further work
- if additional documents for the independent examination are published
- the publication of the recommendations and reasons of the independent examiner
- the adoption or approval of the local plan