

260721 – Item 7- Planning Matters

Correspondence received

I am delighted to inform you that the Dartmoor National Park Forum, and my first as National Park Officer, will take place on Friday 24 July at 2.00pm, at Parke in the Ian Mercer main meeting room.

The agenda for the meeting is attached, together with a copy of our Annual Review

At my first National Park Forum, you'll hear about some of the key work currently underway at Dartmoor National Park. A major focus will be the development of our new Local Plan, which is being brought forward in response to recent changes in planning legislation and the Government's requirement for all planning authorities to have an up-to-date plan.

Senior Planning Policy Officer Liz Payne and Director of Spatial Planning Dean Kinsella will outline the revised timetable, explain the key changes to the planning system, and provide an update on the current public consultation. Most importantly, they'll be seeking your views on how we can best engage with communities throughout the process and inviting your initial feedback to help shape the new Local Plan.

We are now just over a year into the delivery of the National Lottery Heritage Funded programme, Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes. I am pleased to say that the Programme Manager, James Sharpe, and the National Park's Director of Conservation and Communities, Richard Drysdale, will provide an update on the progress to date on the 15 programmes from the ten organisations. They will be highlighting key achievements and in particular events, activities and opportunities relating to the gateway towns of Ivybridge, Princetown and Okehampton.

Finally, I am looking forward to meeting you and spending some time as I introduce myself and outline my time in the role to date and looking ahead. Of course, we have left plenty of time for questions but if you are unable to attend please do reply to this email with any questions and we will respond to them in the meeting and/or directly back to you.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 1.45pm.

I look forward to meeting many of you on the 24th July.

Tom Surrey

Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

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