261201 – Item 18 – Call For Sites

Correspondence received 10/11/26

By email only

Dear Parish Councillors,

Further to our previous email about Gateway 1 we are pleased to announce our Call For Sites is now open. We are now inviting Parish Councils, landowners, developers, community groups and local residents to suggest sites for consideration as part of the preparation of the new Local Plan. We are looking for a wide range of potential development opportunities that could help meet future needs across Dartmoor. This includes sites that could support:

- Affordable housing and other specialist housing to meet local needs
- Employment and business development
- Gypsy and Traveller pitches
- Community facilities
- Mixed use sites
- Small scale renewable or low carbon energy development
- Local Green Spaces (as defined in the NPPF HC2)
- Minerals and waste

The Call for Sites exercise will not determine whether a site is allocated for development. Instead, it will help identify a broad pool of potential sites for further assessment through technical evidence and public consultation. The findings will inform future decisions on site allocations in the new Local Plan.

The Call For Sites is open until 26th February 2027.

Sites can be submitted and more information can be found **here**.

As Parish Councillors you will be well placed to understand potential opportunities for change within your Parish. At this stage, submissions do not have to be from the landowner, and we would welcome suggestions from you. We are happy to answer any questions you may have on this and would encourage you to attend one of our in-person events for Parish Councils.

Cllrs Evans, Hodges and Short attended an event in Chagford, notes below.

Any questions can be asked at these events or sent to forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk

Best wishes,

Dartmoor National Park Authority

Cllr Short's Notes from the Engagement Session held on 10th November

DNPA recognised the need for greater engagement with PCs and referred to us being responsible for some delivery.

The partnership board has 19 members, in the final document DNPA will identify who responsible for delivering each target but still working on how they get commitment from partners. The new legal commitment on many of them to support national park objectives helps.

The 104 targets is about half the number in the previous 2021-6 partnership plan but they have been made more specific/measurable. They recognise that without any accompanying narrative it is difficult for consultees to assess how challenging/realistic they are. Discussion about whether there needed to be more focus and if resources there for delivery, the final document will identify what are the key priorities.

Absence of anything on delivery of 20 mph zones- Mentioned that the State of the Park report 2025 identifies that the vehicle speed was the most significant impact upon public experience(44%).

More than half the session was devoted to the new local plan. The main discussion was on the call for sites for housing and other uses. PCs will receive a letter but may feel uncomfortable putting land forward. If it arrives in time we may put it on Dec agenda to decide how to respond.

Informal network of parish clerks suggested as a useful way for DNPA to engage. The six larger settlements that are defined local centres may be a useful group as the potential focus of new development and the struggle to preserve shopping and community facilities.

There is no overarching programme on how the 11 councils informal regional spatial strategy for Devon, the new local plan on a 30-month govt timescale, the new partnership plan on a shorter timescale and the potential return of local government review mesh together.

DNPA will produce some form of combined summary note of the four engagement meetings.