



DARTMOOR LOCAL PLAN

guiding planning applications in Dartmoor National Park

Settlement Profile:

Whiddon Down

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This settlement profile has been prepared by Dartmoor National Park Authority to provide an overview of key information and issues for the settlement. It has been prepared in consultation with Parish/Town Councils and will be updated as necessary.



Introduction

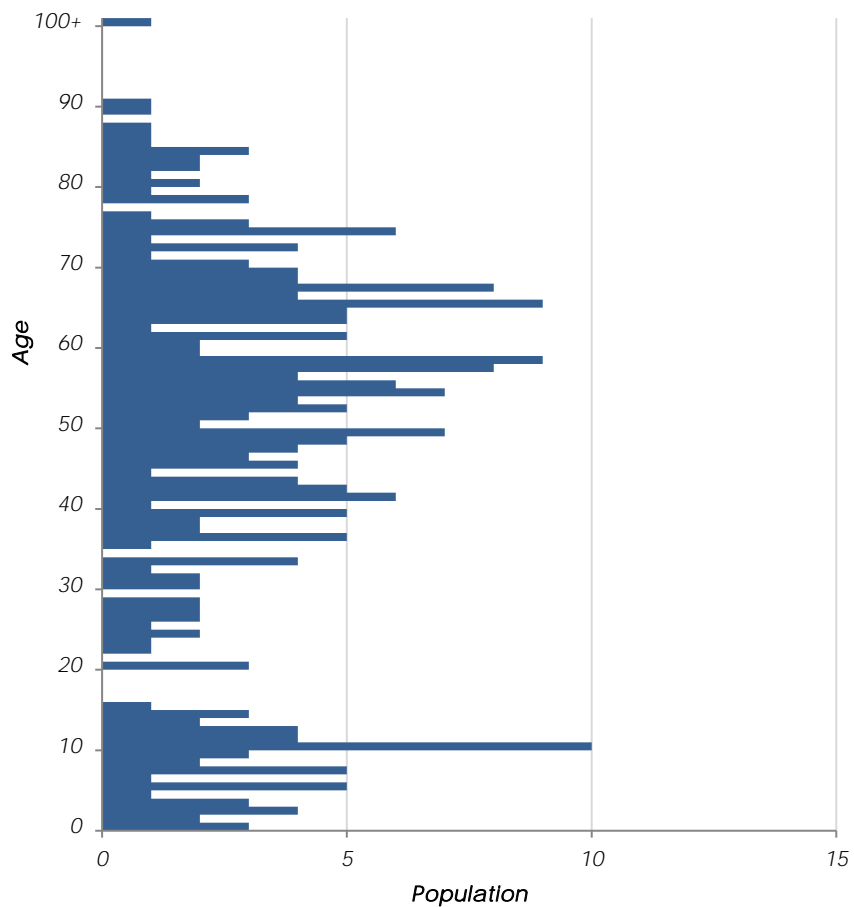
Whiddon Down is located on the northern boundary of the National Park, at the place where the A382 running south connects with the old A30. The new A30 trunk road lies a little distance to the north. Along with Crockernwell and Cheriton Cross, Whiddon Down was one of the post points on the turnpike road that formed part of the main Penzance to London route. The turnpike toll house may be seen at the southern end of the present settlement and the Post Inn is still in operation. Farming has also been an important component of the local economy.

The National Park boundary runs through the settlement, meaning that the part lying to the north of the old A30 lies within the West Devon local planning area. The village has a limited range of local facilities and services, but the A30 service station at the Merrymeet junction can act as a local store. The village is located within Drewsteignton parish. The results of a local housing survey published in 2007 showed a need from within Drewsteignton parish for four affordable homes. A scheme was completed in 2011 at Lamb's Park in the village of Drewsteignton which met this need.

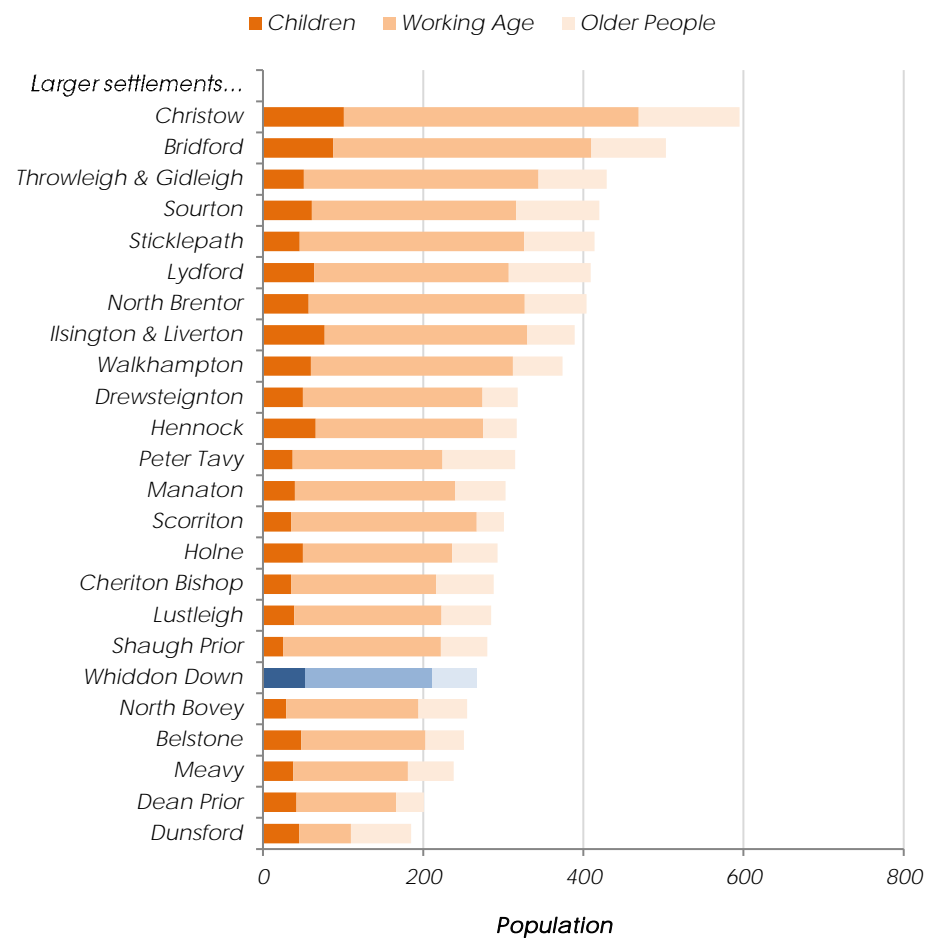
Population 267

Census 2011, defined by best fit Output Areas

Age Profile (Census 2011)

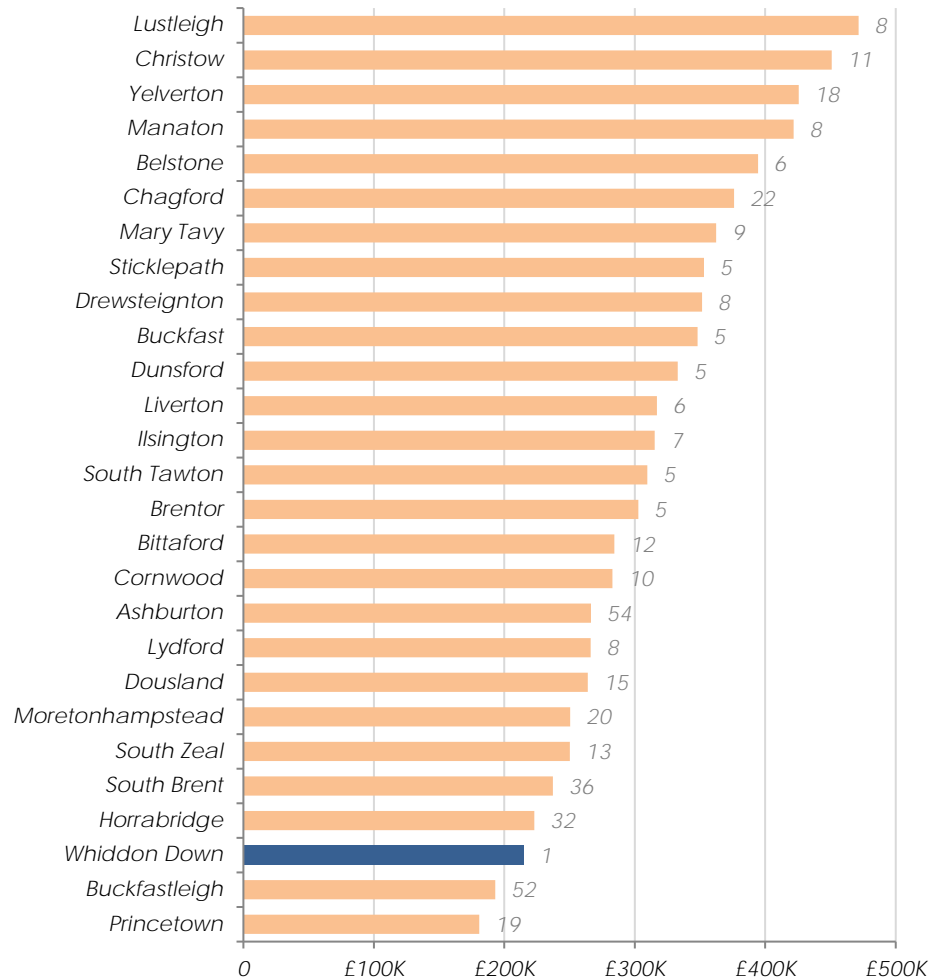


Settlement comparison (Census 2011)



Average House Prices 2016

Excluding settlements (other than Whiddon Down) with less than five sales, number of sales labelled. The low sales experienced in Whiddon Down do not provide an accurate average, but are an indication of poor housing availability in this area.



Land Registry, 2016

Identifying Housing Need

Whiddon Down's affordable housing need will be identified from housing need within the following Parishes:

Drewsteignton, South Tawton, Throwleigh

Sites allocated for development in current local plan:

No sites allocated for development

5 affordable units have been delivered on other sites since 2008

No recent housing survey to identify local need for housing

Issues Paper Consultation (Dec 2016)

The following summarises issues identified by Drewsteignton Parish Council:

- *Support small-scale housing development in rural settlements*
- *Prioritise brownfield development*
- *Support conversion of redundant historic agricultural buildings*
- *Support improved access to superfast broadband, mobile coverage and public transport*

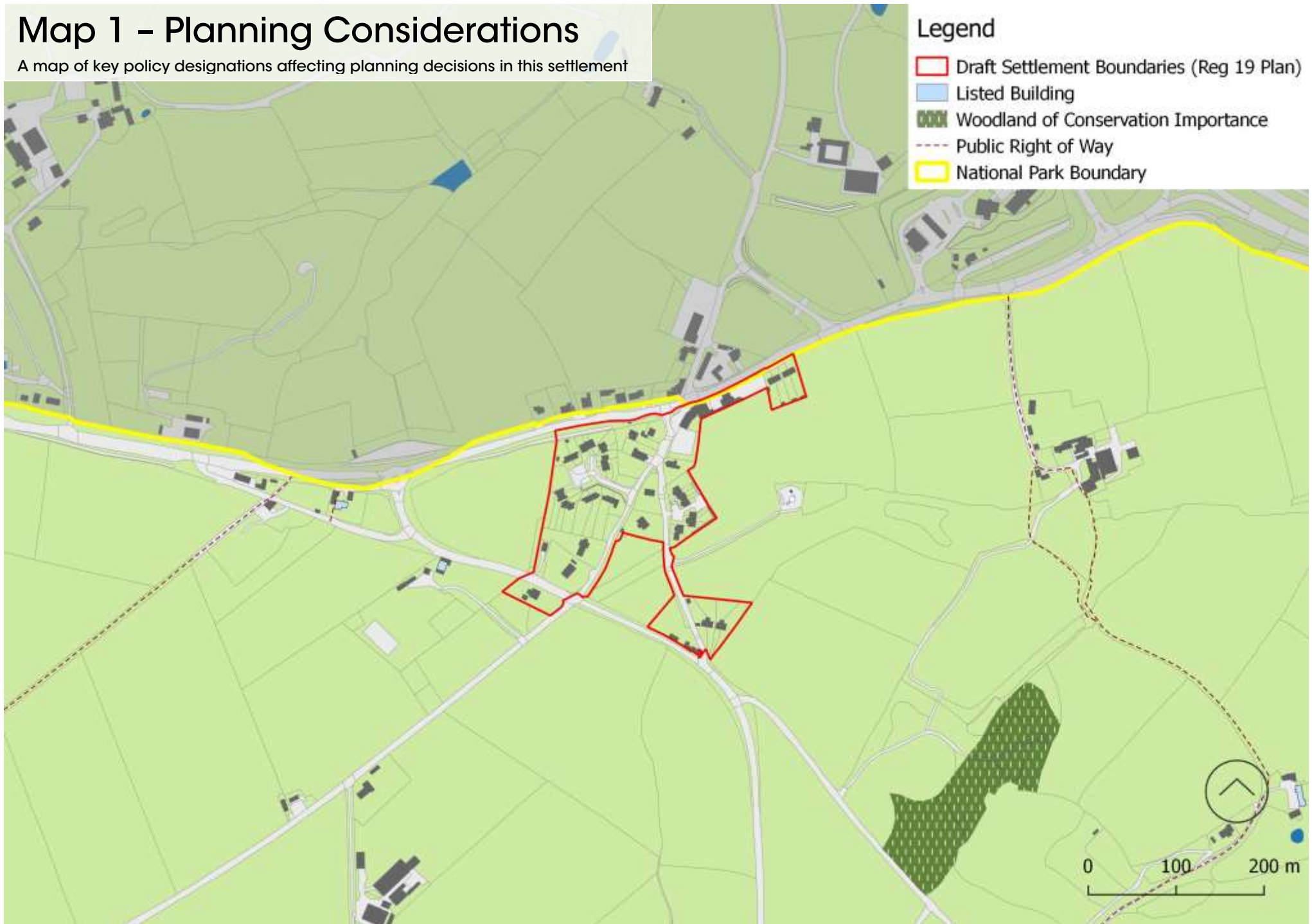
Infrastructure delivery

We are aware of the following items of infrastructure which are needed and have a reasonable prospect of being funded in the next 20 years:

- *None known*

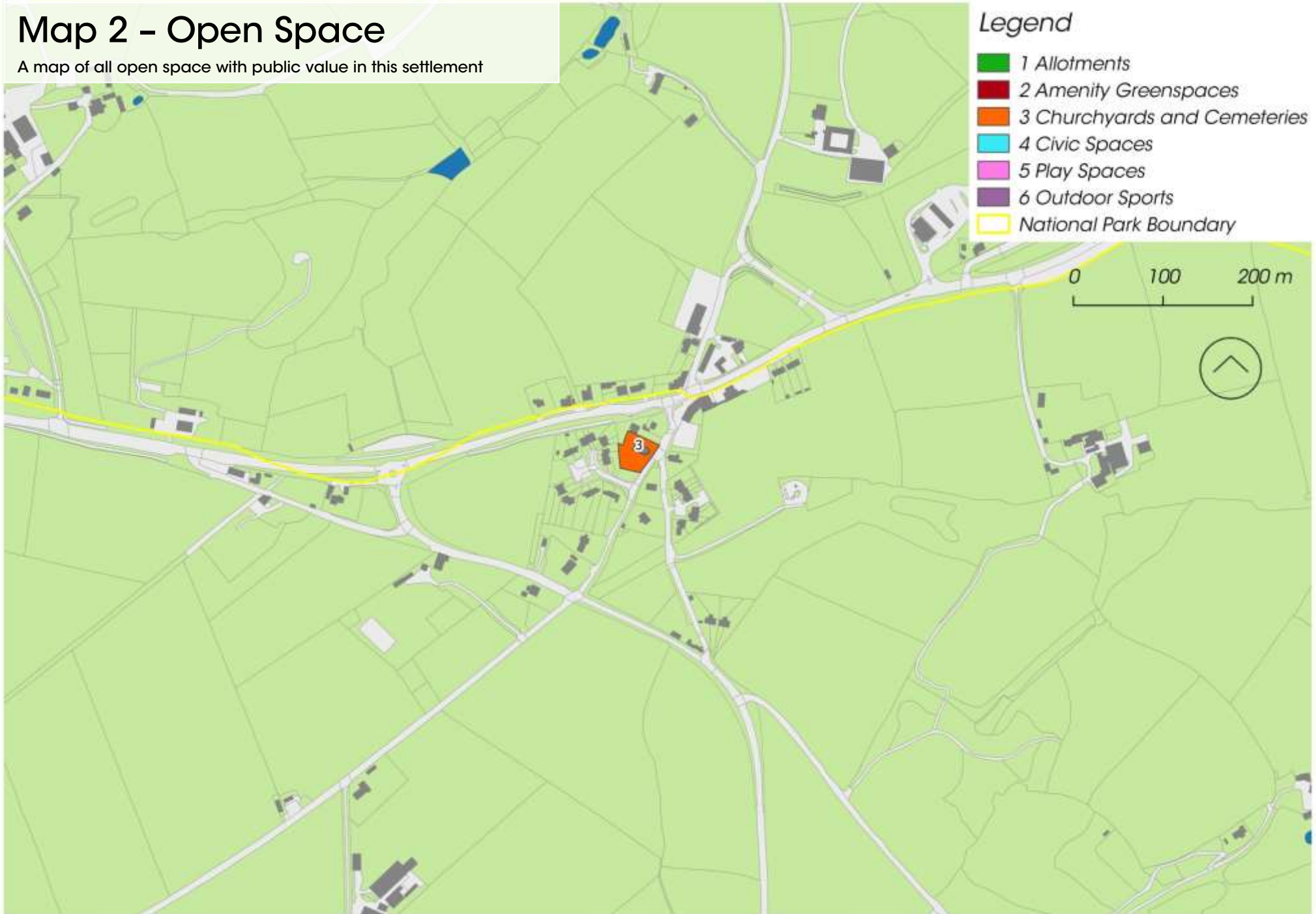
Map 1 – Planning Considerations

A map of key policy designations affecting planning decisions in this settlement



Map 2 - Open Space

A map of all open space with public value in this settlement



Settlement Services and Connectivity

Information on this settlement's services and how well connected it is

Settlement Services

Settlement	Post Office	Village Store	Village Hall	Primary School	Regular Bus Service	Recreation Ground	Children's Play Area	Church	Pub	Health Centre	Branch Surgery	Pharmacy	Garage (fuel)	A-Road	B-Road	U-Road
Whiddon Down	x	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>If no, distance to nearest</i>	>5km			>5km												

Method of Travelling to work (Census 2011)

