

Dartmoor National Park Management Plan Review

Dartmoor Debate No. 3 Next Generation held on 1 Nov 2018

Combined Vision statements

- Traineeships/placements for graduates/people not in education
- Support for new businesses on Dartmoor that help contribute towards NP purposes
- More workshops/networking
- Infrastructure improvements – Dartmoor to become more accessible
- Tax implications for people purchasing second homes
- Protections of community assets e.g. pubs, shops
- More affordable, accessible housing for young people to combat ageing population
- Create community events for all people – tendency for events to aimed at families
- Strike a balance between conserving and protecting areas of the moor and allowing people living/walking/biking to enjoy Dartmoor and use it freely
- Think globally – don't just focus on local goals
- Encourage businesses/companies/users to adhere to a Dartmoor Conservation Code
- Dark skies status
- Increase tree cover and protect woodland
- What about enhancing?
- People/organisations working better together to achieve conservation aims
- Better transport networks and links
- Increased information and signage – make people more aware
- More visits to schools and universities

Feedback received during the closing session in response to the questions:

“After all the various conversations you have been part of today And with the future vision for the Dartmoor national park in mind.....

What stands out for you... What single thing would you most want to see in the Dartmoor National Park Vision Statement at the heart of the new Management plan for 2020-2024?”

Comments grouped under spheres of influence

1. Systemic / wider issue / national policy ie beyond our (DNP CI) immediate influence:

- SERVICES
 - local residents particularly vulnerable have access to essential services esp non-car
- FUNDING
 - Alternative revenue schemes for farmers eg upstream thinking to diversify with secure revenue streams
 - More funding into conservation jobs
- TRANSPORT
 - Sustainable transport links
- CULTURE
 - Encourage more trust and respect in governing bodies
 - Support for low impact / off grid living to encourage sustainable living in NP
- HOUSING
 - Future of DNP, conservation, engagement and enjoyment can only succeed if local young people / next generation have places to live

2. Within the DNP's Community of Interest (DNP CI) 'sphere of influence' and delivery capability

- ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION
 - How can communities support DNPA to enhance Dartmoor?
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 - A society / think tank of young people from different backgrounds and all user backgrounds to discuss with DNPA
 - Be invited back to do a session like this regularly throughout this MP process
 - Develop rels with experienced knowledgeable local people and act on it
 - Develop understanding and a SHARED agenda
 - Communication / knowledge sharing between different user groups. Understanding. (eg farmers, businesses, professionals, bikers, walkers etc)

- Trust and respect knowledge and opinions – can't bring change on a closed mind to encourage collaboration give organisations reasons to be trustworthy and []
- EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION
 - Education
 - It is vital we educate young people on responsible use of the environment
 - Educating and inspiring people to use Dartmoor respectfully
 - Invest in education, networking and communication for those with an interest in DNP not just DNPA
- CULTURE & OUTLOOK
 - Vision- not be afraid to make bold moves – to lead the way in sustainability and wildlife
 - Think globally and take examples from best NP from around the world
 - Holistic approach to environmental conservation including communities and tourism
 - Holistic approach to care and protection of a wonderful natural space
 - Maintain opportunity for adventurous experiences
 - Always encourage people to the National Park
- FARMING / ENTERPRISE & CONSERVATION
 - There is a massive conflict of interest between farmers/landowners & conservation. Find a happy medium where everyone's voice is heard.
 - Giving farmers and landowners more opportunities to speak
 - More focus on conservation, habitat restoration, and increasing education and awareness of nature issues
 - Understand the positive benefits that farming brings to NP
 - A focus on the global push for environmental enhancement and conservation
 - Balance enterprise with conservation

3. Within the DNPA's sphere of influence / delivery capacity:

- Dark skies status taken into account in planning decisions and protected (DNPA)
- More DNPA roles for young people who are locals rather than those with degree level qualifications or at least a greater consideration for them (DNPA)
- National Park not to sell off existing woodland and proactively manage them (DNPA)
- 'bend' in policy. View individual cases. Better and more sympathetic views towards planning. (DNPA)