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All Dartmoor Town/Parish Councils

Please quote: Settlement Profiles

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Dear Parish/Town Council Chair

Consultation – Settlement Profile Update 2020

You may remember that back in 2017 we consulted with you on a series of draft Settlement Profiles. These Profiles included useful information about each classified settlement within the National Park, such as population, housing, open space, services and communities' infrastructure needs.

With your help these Settlement Profiles have informed the Local Plan review, determination of planning applications and helped make clear what DNPA and communities know about their settlements. In an effort to keep this information up to date and relevant, we would like to once again consult with you. We would like you to inform us of any changes in your communities that should be reflected in the information in these Settlement Profiles.

You can find the Settlement Profiles on our website: <https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning/planning-policy/background-evidence/settlement-profiles>

We would like you to download the Settlement Profiles for all settlements in your Parish, refamiliarise yourselves with them and then answer the attached questionnaire.

We understand that the COVID pandemic is continuing to affect our daily lives and that many Council's meetings will be affected. We will therefore give you longer than usual to respond, two months. Should you have any problems meeting this deadline, do please call and discuss this with us.

Could we please ask that you **please respond to this consultation by 4th December 2020**, either by post or email at: forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk.

If you have any questions about the consultation please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Bill Hitchins Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities.

In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local community.

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