

Okehampton Town Council
4th August 2025
Meeting Report

Date:	28 th July 2025
Name:	Emma James

9. Consultations – To consider the following consultations

9.1 Dartmoor National Park – Consultations close on 25th August

a) [Consultation: Draft Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\) | Dartmoor](#)

Consultation: Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Have your say: Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Dartmoor National Park Authority is reviewing its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) . A document that sets out how we engage with communities, organisations, and individuals on planning applications and the preparation of key planning documents.

We're inviting feedback on our updated draft SCI, which includes updated information on how people can get involved in planning applications and policymaking as well as updates to reflect recent legislative and policy changes, and best practise. In particular we will no longer send letters to neighbouring properties to notify them of planning applications but will continue to use Site Notices to publicise each application.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to let us know if the SCI clearly explains how and when you can get involved in planning decisions, and whether there are any improvements we could make.

We remain committed to meaningful public involvement in planning and want to ensure the SCI is clear, proportionate, and effective. Your feedback will help shape how we consult on planning matters across Dartmoor.

Consultation runs from the 14 July to 25 August 2025

Please read each part and give us any feedback by returning the on-line questionnaire below:
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

About you

Are you responding as *

- Individual
- Organisation

If answered organisation, please tell us the name and sector/type of the organisation:
Understanding and accessibility

Does the draft SCI clearly explain how and when you can get involved in planning? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Please provide more detail:

Do you find the document easy to understand? *

- Yes
- No

If the answer was no, please provide more detail

Is there anything that would make the SCI more accessible or useful? *

Content and Approach

Do you agree with the proposed approach to community engagement in planning policy? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Please provide more detail *

Do you agree with the proposed approach to engagement on planning applications? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Please provide more detail *

General comments

Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the draft SCI? *

b) Consultation: Local validation checklist | Dartmoor

Consultation: Local validation checklist

Introduction

Dartmoor National Park Authority is reviewing the Local Planning Application Validation Checklist and would like your views.

The checklist sets out the information required when submitting a planning application to Dartmoor National Park Authority. Ensuring this information is clear and up to date helps applicants and agents, and helps the Authority process applications more efficiently.

We've made a number of updates to reflect current guidance and improve clarity. We hope the revised checklist is clear and easy to use.

We are also proposing to add new requirements for certain developments:

- A Carbon Reduction Statement
- Energy Efficiency Report
- An Accessible and Adaptable Dwellings Statement

The consultation runs from 14 July until 25 August 2025.

[View the draft checklist](#)

We welcome comments from anyone with an interest in the planning process, especially applicants, agents, developers, community groups, and local residents.

Please read each part and give us any feedback by returning the on-line questionnaire below: Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

About you

Are you responding as: *

- Individual
- Organisation

If answered organisation, please tell us the name and sector/type of the organisation

Understanding and accessibility

Is the draft Validation Checklist format clear and easy to understand *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If the answer was no, please provide more detail

General Comments

Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the draft Validation Checklist? *

- Yes
- No

If answered yes, which section do you wish to comment on?

- Householder applications
- Full applications - major
- Full applications - minor
- Outline application with some or all matters reserved
- Reserved matters
- Permission in principle
- Listed building consent
- Advertisement
- Removal or variation of conditions
- Non-material amendment
- Approval of details to discharge conditions
- Lawful development certificate - existing development
- Lawful development certificate - proposed development
- Prior notification
- Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area
- Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO)
- Hedgerow removal notice
- General comments

Please provide us with your comments

Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the draft Validation Checklist?

9.2 West Devon Draft Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation closes
30th September 2025 <https://statementoflicensingpolicy.commonplace.is/>

Let's Talk about Licensing

Have your say about our Statement of Licensing Policy

We are reviewing our Statement of Licensing Policy which sets out the Council's policy for licensing and regulating businesses where there is the sale of alcohol, provision of regulated entertainment or late night refreshment.

This usually covers businesses such as pubs, clubs, restaurants, hotels, off licenses and late night food takeaways.

Have your say before Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The draft new policy can be found at this link [WDBC DRAFT Licensing Policy 2026-2031 \(1\).pdf](#)