

Item 3b Partner Updates

Organisation	DNPA
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of Progress	<p>Progress on the Dartmoor Local Development Framework (LDF)</p> <p>DMD DPD consultation due May 2010 Having adopted the Core Strategy last year, work has focused on gathering evidence on housing, employment and population to help prepare the initial consultation documents for the next stage, the Development Management & Delivery DPD.</p> <p>The main opportunity for stakeholders and residents to engage in this planning document will be at its 'Preferred Options' stage which is scheduled to be published in May 2010. Prior to this there will be discussion with parish councils in the eight local centres (including South Brent) – the main towns and larger settlements in the National Park, where the majority of the small scale development that is planned to take place up to 2026 will be focused. Development in the 34 smaller rural settlements will be restricted to that which is needed to meet local needs for housing only.</p> <p>Design Guide DPD consultation due March 2010</p> <p>Strategic Housing Land Availability (SHLA) The SHLA for the National Park is now available on the Authority's web site and reflects land that has been put forward by landowners in areas where a housing need has been identified.</p> <p>Landscape Character Assessment consultation early 2010 The Authority has recently commissioned Land Use Consultants to carry out detailed landscape character assessment work across the national park. This will be at a similar level of detail and using the same methodology to work that has been carried out in those parts of South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon that lie outside the national park. A draft Landscape Character Assessment will be the subject of consultation early in 2010.</p> <p>Recreation Strategy consultation April 2010 The Recreation Strategy for the DNP is being revised, to help the Authority manage and maximize opportunities for recreation in a way that does not conflict with the special qualities of Dartmoor or the needs of other recreational users, local communities and businesses. Generally the current strategy has worked well but a number of issues have been identified for further consideration including; litter and anti-social behaviour, uncontrolled dogs, demand for additional access to water for canoeing and wild swimming, a need for better map based information (including more</p>

	<p>interactive) for all users and encouraging people to use public transport – this still remains a challenge.</p> <p>Currently we are discussing with key landowners, the Dartmoor Commoners' Council, and recreational user groups. We will also use focus groups to gather views from a wider audience and details will be advertised in the near future.</p> <p>We hope to have a draft of the strategy ready for consultation in April 2010 with a final version by the end of summer 2010.</p> <p>Apprenticeship DNPA has recently appointed an Apprentice Stone Mason. This 2-year apprenticeship is being supported financially by Construction Skills (www.constructionskills.net) and the training provided by Weymouth College (Diploma Level 2 in Stonemasonry). We are looking at how we could extend apprentice opportunities further throughout the Authority.</p>
<p>Current/Shared Issues</p>	<p>One Planet Dartmoor</p> <p>The One Planet Dartmoor initiative was launched in October as part of a Low Carbon Festival. The aim of the initiative is to look at how we can live within environmental limits – One Planet – but accepting that Dartmoor is not a closed system. One Planet Dartmoor is shaped around the ten principles of sustainability that have been used in the WWF One Planet living programme (Zero Carbon, Zero Waste, Sustainable Transport, Local and Sustainable Materials, Local and Sustainable Food, Sustainable Water, Natural Habitats and Wildlife, Culture and Heritage, Equity and Fair Trade and Health and Happiness)</p> <p>It is a partnership project – an initiative that encourages everyone involved with Dartmoor (businesses, farmers, foresters, local communities and visitors) to live within their fair share of the earth's resources. The National Park Authority will fulfill a co-ordinating role as well as taking the lead in some areas.</p>
<p>SHSP Action Recommended</p>	<p>Each Partner to consider what actions they are taking or considering taking that will contribute to achieving One Planet Dartmoor.</p>