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Local Plan Review Consultation
Forward Planning
Mid Devon District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

Mid Devon Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation

Exmoor National Park Authority would like to make the following comments on the Mid Devon Proposed Submission Local Plan:

- 1.1. Policy S1- Sustainable development priorities: The Authority welcomes the inclusion of Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks within sub-paragraph (K) of Policy S1.
- 1.2. Policy S9 – Environment: The Authority supports this policy, particularly sub-paragraph (E) which protects the special environmental qualities of the National Park's landscape and its setting.
- 1.3. Policy S10- Tiverton: The Authority suggests that an addition is made to the supporting text to recognise that Tiverton also serves a large rural area including parts of the National Park.
- 1.4. Policy DM27- Protected Landscapes. The Authority supports the inclusion of this policy giving recognition to the sensitive nature of the National Park with regards to development. However, consideration could also be given to light pollution to minimise impacts on the Dark Sky Reserve status of Exmoor National Park. The wording of the final paragraph of the policy should be amended to read: '*Major developments within or adjoining the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or adjoining Dartmoor or Exmoor National Parks will only be permitted in exceptional cases*' as any development within the National Parks will not be covered by the Mid Devon Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

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