

Meeting Support Document 20th September 2021.

9.10.21 b): Planning decisions; pending and received:

Planning Decisions Pending: DNPA unless stated otherwise.

Number	Location	Proposal
0379/21	Weir Mill, Drewsteignton	Use as B1 light industrial - light carpentry and joinery works, ancillary wood storage, office, etc.
0438/21	Higher Hopsyard, Drewsteignton	Erection of self-build carpentry workshop and studio space
0472/21	Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton	Improvements to disabled access, stone ramp and automated glazed door at main entrance to castle. Resurfacing of landscape to forecourt, servants' garden and east terrace
0489/21	Upperton Farm, Drewsteignton	Convert existing domestic store/workshop to ancillary accommodation
0478/21	Honeyford Cottage, Crockernwell	Change of use to a unit of holiday accommodation
0479/21	Honeyford Cottage, Crockernwell	Change of use to a unit of holiday accommodation
2530/19/FUL WDBC	Land North of A30 Junction, Whiddon Down	READVERTISEMENT (Revised additional information received) Development of new farm shop and ancillary cafe with supporting secondary areas consisting of storage, WCs, offices and kitchen space (resubmission of 2701/18/FUL)

Planning Decisions received:

Number	Location	Proposal	Decision
0392/21	Netherton House, Drewsteignton	Window alteration and re-open existing doorway	Granted conditionally
0427/21	East Fingle Farm, Crockernwell	Renew cement-based render to north elevations and insulated lime render to east, west and south elevations of farmhouse and repair cob and stone walls	Granted conditionally
0455/21	West Fingle, Crockernwell	Erection of timber framed building for storing swimming pool equipment, hot tub, keep fit area and sauna	Granted conditionally

10.9.21 b) Consultation on draft proposals to revise Dartmoor byelaws

Drewsteignton Parish Council will make any final comments at the Council meeting on Monday 18th October 2021.

Dartmoor National Park Authority has agreed draft proposals to review Dartmoor's byelaws. There will now be a public consultation which will start week beginning September 20th 2021. The byelaws are in place to protect the special qualities of Dartmoor National Park including its wildlife, habitats, cultural heritage, archaeology, and the livestock that graze the commons. The current set of byelaws regulating access on the commons have been in place since 1989. They are now 32 years old and, in that time, there have been legal, practical, technological and societal developments.

The byelaws need updating to better reflect modern needs, improve public understanding and address issues which have the potential to damage the National Park's special qualities.

The review aims to ensure the byelaws are updated to be:

- Relevant and proportionate for modern society
- Clear and easy to understand

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- Cover the right activities and areas
- Complement other powers and legislation.

The Authority's Director of Conservation and Communities Alison Kohler said: “The Authority has agreed to consult on revisions to the National Park byelaws. We are doing this to ensure the byelaws are fit for purpose and help protect the National Park for all to enjoy today and tomorrow.

“Updating the byelaws is an important topic for everyone who cares about Dartmoor whether it's landowners, commoners, residents, businesses or visitors, and we recognise people will want to have a say.

“Following Authority agreement, a draft set of byelaws will go out to public consultation from week beginning September 20th. We're keen to hear a diverse range of views so we can develop byelaws that are relevant, clear, enforceable and enable people to enjoy Dartmoor, help look after it and ‘[leave no trace](#)’.”

[The consultation will be publicised on the National Park's website](#), social media and by news release. People can [subscribe to receive newsletters](#) to stay updated. The consultation will remain open for six weeks. The following step is that the Authority will meet again to consider responses, agree appropriate changes and formally approve the byelaws. They'll then be sent to Defra for final confirmation.

Note: The six-week deadline should be around the 25th of October 2021.

10.9.21 c) Draft Memorandum of understanding - WDBC & Parish Councils

Covering Email:

Following a report into the Borough Council's handling of a planning application last year, it was agreed that it would be helpful for there to be a memorandum of understanding (“MoU”) with each Town/Parish Council. It was agreed that the MoU would set framework for a more collaborative working relationship; one in which there is a recognition that each party can do things to help the other. We have now drafted and agreed the draft MoU with the Council Leader, Portfolio Holder and Chair of the Development Management and Licensing Committee. The MoU sets out:

- a description of the respective roles of the Council and the town and parish councils;
- the circumstances in which the Council will have pre-application discussions with the town and parish councils or seek their views about draft proposals;
- details of what information to be provided to town and parish councils by the Council when application is registered and how the information will be provided;
- guidance as to what should be included in consultation responses so that they are relevant to the application;
- timescale for town and parish councils to respond and the circumstances in which these may be varied;
- how town and parish councils will be consulted about amended plans; and
- speaking at Development Management and Licensing Committee.

The MoU will not be legally binding, although we accept that it looks rather “legal” at the moment (We are exploring with colleagues whether it can be turned into something a bit less formal-looking). We would be grateful if your Council could consider the draft MoU and indicate whether it would agree to enter into the MoU with the Borough Council. You will appreciate that given the number of councils it may not be possible to tailor the MoU to each Council's own requirements.

Draft MoU:

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