

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email below, which is very helpful.

Sorry, but just to ensure we are on the same page and I have understood your email correctly; Dartmoor are not currently seeking formal approval of the Byelaws. Dartmoor are currently undergoing the public consultation stage, which may result in amendments to the Byelaws to take into account any responses received. I believe, at this stage, we are solely seeking views from DEFRA on whether they would have any comments on the draft byelaws.

Following the consultation, Dartmoor will consider whether any amendments are required. Following this, they will seek approval of the Byelaws and formally send to DEFRA for confirmation.

It may be that I misunderstood the final line in your email! But thought I would just check.

Thank you again for all of your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and kind regards

[Redacted]

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Hi Alison,

I can confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you for sending through the latest copy of the byelaws. I will in touch with yourself, Simon and Andrew when I've looked over everything properly and identified next steps.

Best,

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From: Alison Kohler [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 September 2021 15:36

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear [REDACTED] thank you for responding, perhaps you could confirm receipt of this email in case it gets lost too!

I attach the version of byelaws that we are now consulting on and if helpful a link to the webpage [Byelaws Consultation | Dartmoor](#)

Please ask if you require any further information. I am away for a couple of weeks so I have copied [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] into this email who have been working on the byelaws.

With many thanks

Ally

From: Joanne Young [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 September 2021 09:33

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Alison Kohler [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear [REDACTED]

No need to apologise – I appreciate you have been very busy.

I attach the email my colleague sent to you at the end of August. There has been a slight amendment of the wording that DNPA have made since the sending of this email – Alison Kohler (who I am copying in to this email) will be able to let you have the version that is now being used for consultation purposes.

Your thoughts would be gratefully received. As per our initial contact, the guidance/standard byelaw wording/standard forms that we found for DEFRA had been archived and is out of date. DNPA were looking for DEFRA's initial thoughts on its suggested amended wording, so any amendments could be fed in to the final version before being sealed by the Authority and then sent for formal approval to DEFRA.

Kind regards

Jo

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 September 2021 09:24

To: kbishop[REDACTED] Joanne Young [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear Joanne Young and Kevin Bishop,

First, let me apologise, I have just been sent this email string and see that you have been trying to contact me since August. For some reason this has not come through to my inbox and I have not seen the emails until now.

Could you please send through the byelaws you attached in the initial email? They have fallen off the email chain that I've been sent through.

We will be back in touch as soon as we can with any necessary advice on the byelaws.

Best,

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From: Kevin Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 September 2021 17:48
To: McGeever, Sion [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Subject: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Sion/Sarah/Mark

As of yesterday we have gone live with a consultation on revisions to the Byelaws

<https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/about-us/who-we-are/byelaws-consultation>

As you will see from the email string below we have been trying to liaise with one of your colleagues who we understand leads on byelaws but have had no response to emails sent in August.

The review has already generated publicity with articles in the Daily Mail, Times, Telegraph and coverage on BBC. Most of this has focused (incorrectly) on a perception that we are banning wild camping – we are actually proposing minor reductions to the area where you can legally wild camp plus strengthening and updating of other byelaws.

Let me know if it would be helpful to brief you and send a briefing note to Lord Benyon in case he starts to get approached/lobbied.

Kevin

From: Alison Kohler [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 September 2021 13:22
To: '[REDACTED]
Cc: 'Joanne Young' [REDACTED]^[Redacted] TED] Kevin Bishop[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sent on behalf of Joanne Young: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear [REDACTED], I was just wondering whether you are able to respond to the question below.

Thank you

Ally Kohler

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Mobile: [REDACTED]
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From: Alison Kohler

Sent: 20 September 2021 17:45

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Joanne Young [REDACTED]^[Redacted]]

Subject: RE: Sent on behalf of Joanne Young: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear [REDACTED], I hope you are well. I have just left you a voice message. Please could you give us an update on timings regarding your response to this query. I am asking because we are preparing a briefing for the Directors at Defra just to keep them in the loop and to explain some of the PR which hasn't been totally factual.

Ally

From: ^[Redacted]

Sent: 19 August 2021 17:35

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Alison Kohler [REDACTED] Joanne Young [REDACTED]

Subject: Sent on behalf of Joanne Young: Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

Dear [REDACTED]

Dartmoor National Park Authority Byelaw Review

You may recall that I was in contact with you in November 2020 (email attached for ease of reference) to explain that my colleagues and in the County Solicitor's office at Devon County Council had been instructed to assist Dartmoor National Park Authority with a review of its byelaws. The current byelaws have been in force for many years; they need amending to take account of issues such as the development of technology in recent years, and changes in the manner in which the moor is now used by the public.

When we were last in contact, I enquired as to whether DEFRA had any updated guideline byelaws/forms, because the only ones we could find were in the National Archives and appeared to date from 2006. You indicated that we should contact you with the proposed new byelaws in the first instance so the next steps could be considered.

The review process has taken some months, but the Authority is now at the stage of putting the proposed new byelaws to the Authority members. The plan is for this to happen at the Authority meeting on 3 September 2021. I appreciate this may be a big ask, but if there are any comments that you have to make re the proposed new byelaws (as attached) ahead of that meeting, that would be useful. If that deadline could not be met, if you could indicate when you hope to be able to substantively respond, I should be grateful. I think the Authority would want to ensure that the proposed draft is acceptable to DEFRA before it commences the formal consultation process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Joanne Young

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