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SUMMARY LEAFLET

This leaflet provides a brief overview of the Local Development Framework and its background. 'Local Plans' which contained policies for the use and development of land are now replaced by Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) as the Government has made major changes to the planning system through the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. These changes aim to make planning a more responsive and flexible system which will deliver sustainable development and meet the needs of communities.

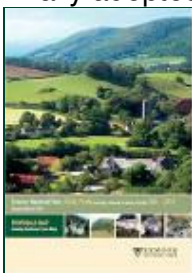
LDFs address a wide range of matters which affect the way we use land. The National Park Authority will need to bring together and integrate policies for the development and use of land within the National Park, with other policies and programmes which can shape the nature of places on Exmoor and how they function. The National Park Management Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategies produced by the Local Strategic Partnerships (with other plans and programmes outlined overleaf) contain important objectives which will influence the priorities and objectives of documents within the Local Development Framework (LDF).

The importance of community and stakeholder engagement is a key aspect of the new planning system. The public with other organisations and bodies will be able to be involved from the outset and throughout the preparation of planning documents contained within the LDF. For further information see our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) at: www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/sci

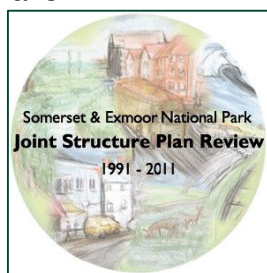
In short, the preparation of LDFs needs to consider all the key issues and plans for a place to manage change in the area whilst addressing the needs of the National Park and the community in the long term. Community involvement is crucial to this process.

Transitional Arrangements

The 'development plan' will eventually consist of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and development plan documents within the Local Development Framework. Until these are formally adopted there are 'saved plans'.



Local Plan

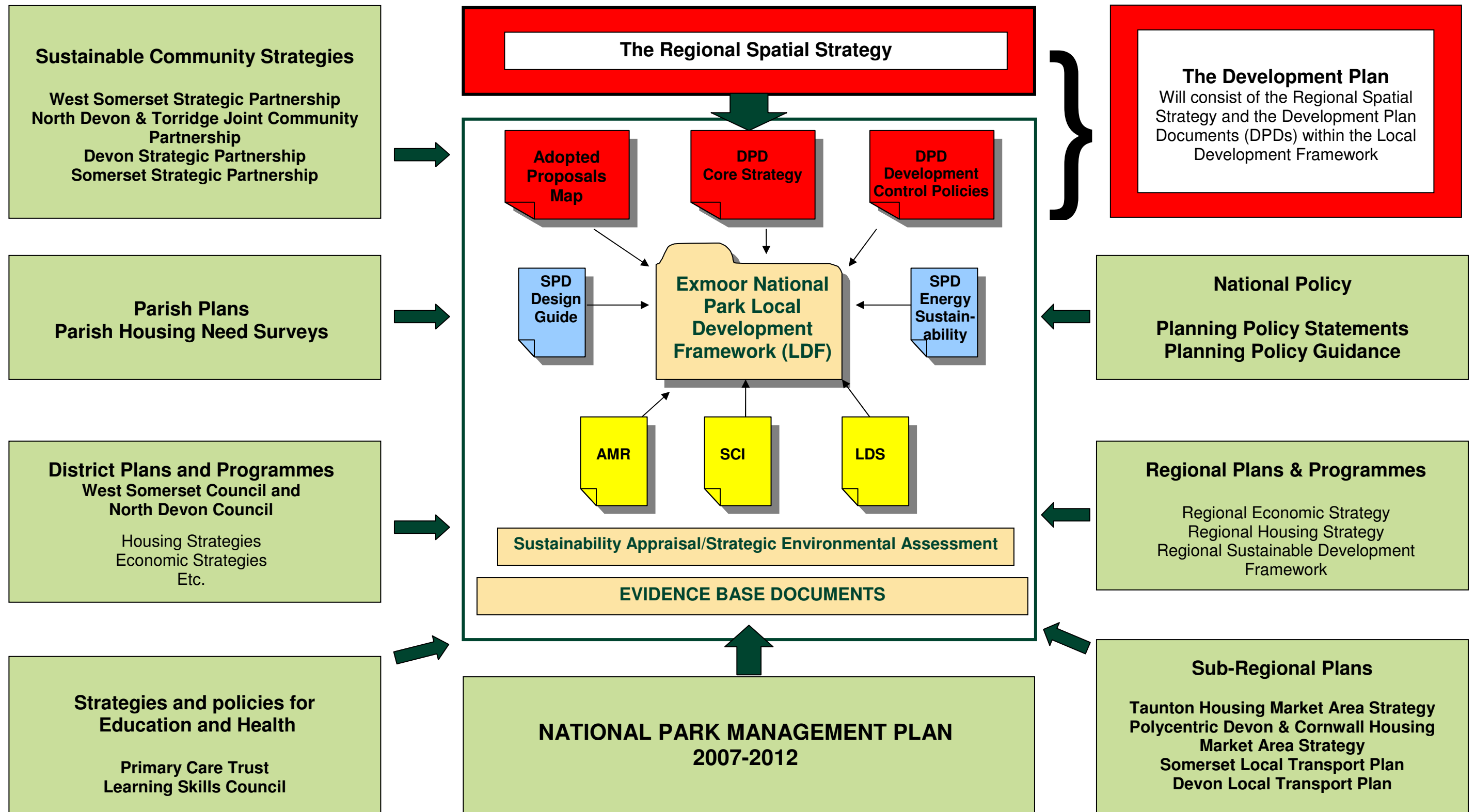


Structure Plan

These saved plans are those that were prepared under the previous planning system and consist of the Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review 1991-2011 and the Exmoor National Park Local Plan 2001-2011. The RSS will eventually replace the Structure Plan, and the development plan documents in the LDF will in due course replace the Local Plan.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Local planning authorities should...take account of the principles and characteristics of other relevant strategies and programmes when preparing local development documents and in particular the core strategy [within the Local Development Framework]. These should include the community strategy and strategies for education, health, social inclusion, waste, biodiversity, recycling and environmental protection (PPS12).



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

DEVELOPMENT PLAN: We have a plan-led system whereby applications for development or the use of land should be decided on the basis of the 'development plan'. Under the new system the development plan will eventually consist of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the development plan documents within the Local Development Framework.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) is a collection of local development documents (LDDs), together with Sustainability Appraisals, the Local Development Scheme (LDS), Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS (DPDs) are contained in the LDF and have legal weight as part of the Development Plan. The DPDs are subject to public consultation and a formal examination in public by a Planning Inspector.

CORE STRATEGY (DPD) will set out the broad aims and objectives for development and land use in the National Park over the next 10 – 15 years. The Core Strategy will outline the strategic development needs for the National Park including those for minerals and waste, together with targets for development of affordable housing and of brown-field land.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICES (DPD) will contain a set of development control policies to provide the criteria to guide decisions on planning applications and appeals. These will include policies on minerals and waste.

PROPOSALS MAP indicates the Authority's planning proposals for various locations (includes settlement inset maps) and the areas to which various planning policies apply. The LDF Proposals Map was adopted 1st March 2005 (it is also the Exmoor National Park Local Plan 2001-2011 Proposals Map)

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (SPDs) contain guidance on the implementation of certain policies contained in DPDs but do not allocate land for specific uses, or set policy in their own right. These documents are subject to public consultation but are not formally examined by a Planning Inspector. An example of an SPD is the proposed Design Guide SPD which will encourage high standards of design for development.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) has been through the consultation and examination process and was adopted by the National Park Authority in August 2006. This document explains how the public and other stakeholders/organisations will be involved at all stages of the planning process.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) is a three year project management plan which sets out the timetable for the preparation of all the various documents within the LDF.

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (AMR) is a yearly progress report on policy performance, the achievement of objectives within the LDF, and progress made on the preparation of DPDs and SPDs as set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (SA) will be prepared in conjunction with individual DPDs and SPDs, and will ensure that environmental, economic and social considerations are taken into account at an early stage.

FURTHER DETAILS: You can read more about the new planning system and view a range of documents at: www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/ldf
Alternatively you can contact the Policy & Community Team on: 01398 323665 or write to us at, Exmoor House, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9HL