



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)
Regulations 2004**

Regulation 31(2) (c)

**Statement of the total number of representations made and summary of the
main issues raised in the representations**

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

1 Introduction

1.1 The *Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004* require a local planning authority that has submitted a development plan document (DPD) to send a statement to the Secretary of State indicating the total number of representations made and summarising the main issues raised in those representations.

1.2 The *Dartmoor National Park Authority Core Strategy Development Plan Document - Submission Version* was submitted to the Secretary of State on 15 June 2007 and the eligible period for the receipt of representations on the document closed on 27 July 2007.

2 Representations received

2.1 Over the six week period allowed for representations, 74 respondents submitted 318 individual representations. Of those representations, 50 considered all or parts the Core Strategy DPD sound and 268 considered all or parts of the document unsound.

3 Main issues raised in the representations

3.1 The spatial component of the document is deficient, with particular regard to:

- Housing numbers, allocations, evidence of affordable housing need and delivery mechanisms
- Amount of employment land and allocations based on evidence of unmet needs
- Amount of retail floorspace and location
- Type and location of strategic services and facilities
- Landscape character assessment to inform land use and design decisions.

3.2 The settlement strategy (policy COR2) should be amended to:

- (i) delete Meavy, North Brentor and Walkhampton from the list of designated settlements;
- (ii) add Wrangaton to the list of designated settlements.

- 3.3 The climate change policy (COR8) should be broadened to include a wider range of factors, in particular biodiversity components, and should be strengthened to set more ambitious and challenging carbon reduction targets.
- 3.4 The strategic framework for minerals (policy COR22) is not in accordance with national guidance, fails to qualify what is considered 'major' minerals development in National Park terms, and does not provide for the safeguarding of mineral resources from sterilising development.
- 3.5 The monitoring framework (Table 6) should be improved, with more relevant and focused indicators that relate to the delivery of the strategy.