

Exmoor Young Voices

Sustainable homes, IT and travel for young workers and residents

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Draft Rural Worker and Succession Farm Dwelling Guidance Exmoor Young Voices response to the consultation

EYV Trustees, Committee, and Members met on 11th and 26th July to consider their responses.

Members support the new flexibilities proposed, especially accommodation for:

- **A boot room plus**
- **An additional bedroom**
- **Business space**

The Guidance advises that '**Personal circumstances** are unlikely to be relevant' when considering '**Size Requirements**'. EYVs experience in the last five years indicate that personal circumstances need to be 'more likely' taken into account if young, resident workers contributing to local life, changing employment demands, communications, travel, and costs, are to be sustained on Exmoor. They would like interpretations kept as accommodating as possible for young, rural workers.

Members would like the '**Financial Justification**' to include self-employed rural workers and small business start-ups as part of the succession arrangements. Could this rural worker agreement also be extended to all rural industries under similar succession, business and financial agreements?

EYV supports the '**Design**' recommendations for a) functionality, b) character, and c) landscape. Members with self build experience, however, emphasise that single storey, side extensions, rear lean-to's, or wrap around extensions add exorbitantly to building costs when, these can be incorporated more effectively into the overall, initial build plan.

EYV would like young workers, young adults, and young families to acquire a '**Platinum Status**' in the availability of homes on Exmoor, helping to maintain viable services and population balance within the Park. Anything less looks unlikely to stop the draining away of future generations.

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