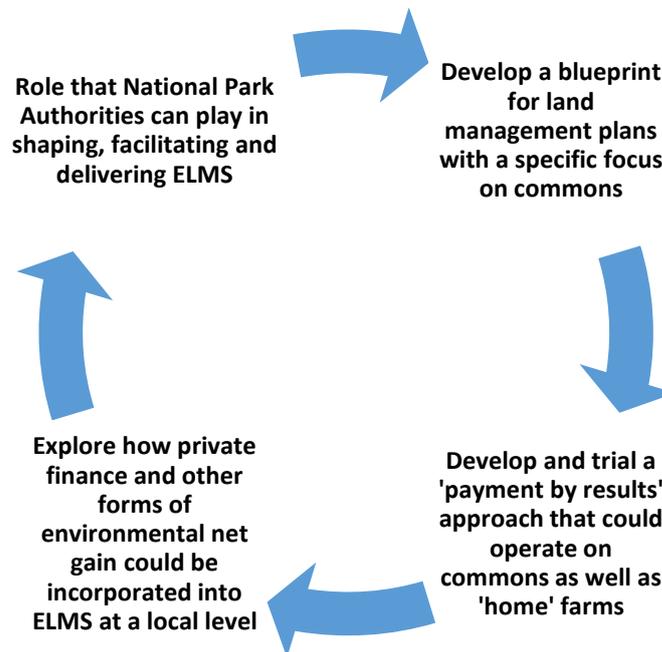


Dartmoor Tests & Trials Proposal Summary

Our proposal is for a trial to explore four, interlinked objectives:



Phase 1: Explore the role that National Park Authorities can play in shaping, facilitating and delivering ELMS.

Objective

Develop a practical, tested model that uses the National Park Management Plan process for local priority setting and landscape-scale planning. The model would provide a clear framework for the development of land management plans at a holding level and for commons and the delivery of ELMS. This will inform an approach that provides a framework for partnership working at a local level to deliver local priorities and the objectives of the 25 Year Environment Plan.

Phase 2: Develop a blueprint for Land Management Plans with a specific focus on commons and the link to the home farms and explore what advisor/guidance is required to support the development, implementation and monitoring of land management plans (at a farm, common and wider landscape-scale).

Objective

To develop a template for integrated management plans for a series of farms, up-to three commons and at a landscape scale that seeks to ensure the plans are 'owned' and understood by the farmers/land managers concerned and provide a basis for management to deliver the outcomes sought.

Phase 3: Develop and trial a 'Payments by Results' approach that is capable of delivering a range of public benefit objectives and could be operated on a common as well as the home farm, across farm boundaries and at a landscape scale.

Objective

Design a 'Payment by Results' model for delivering a range of outcomes that links to the integrated land management plan for the farm and/or common, is understood and supported by the farming/land management community and rewards the management and enhancement of identified public benefits. We would take a broad definition of 'payment by results' The model would also address how you measure/assess delivery.

Phase 4: Explore how private finance initiatives and other forms of environmental net gain could be incorporated into ELMS at a local level

Objective

Work with a range of businesses to look at whether there are environmental outcomes they would be willing to pay for; how they might pay for these; whether it would require landscape-scale action by suppliers of such benefits to attract purchasers; and the sort of advice/environmental brokering arrangements that would need to be put in place to deliver such a model.