

# **Dartmoor evidence review**

## **Bridging document**

### **Purpose**

This document bridges the gap between Natural England's evidence review on Dartmoor and wider evidence submitted to the Independent Review of Protected Site Management on Dartmoor, led by David Fursdon.

### **Content**

The literature synthesis for the Dartmoor Review follows the formal and well-established protocols for review of scientific evidence. It has been produced by Natural England as part of its evaluation of the evidence about effects of grazing on protected site condition on Dartmoor. It provides a summary of Natural England's evidence of the condition of SSSI features of Sites of Special Scientific Interest on Dartmoor.

This may support the work of the Land Use Management Group commissioned by Defra to encourage collaborative relationships between Natural England and Dartmoor's commoners and stakeholders.

The evidence reviewed here underpinned Natural England's advice to the Independent Review of Protected site Management that reported in December 2023. Natural England's advice to the Review panel was founded in the evidence and informed by the extensive experience available to Natural England staff of grazing management issues on Dartmoor and beyond.