

Annexe 2

ADDITIONAL MINOR CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Reference	Proposal	Paragraph and Page Number
MCS 4	<p>Recommend amend wording of second sentence to improve clarity to read;</p> <p>"This is equivalent to some 10% etc etc....."</p>	<p>Para 5.10.2 Page19</p>
MCS 5	<p>The Western Suffolk Community Strategy has been revised and adopted during the production of this Plan. The Submission document has been re-assessed against this Community Strategy to ensure they are compatible and accordingly the following Paragraph is proposed as a replacement to 6.3.</p> <p>Recommend replace Para 6.3, 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3, 6.3.4 with the following</p> <p>6.3 Western Suffolk Community Strategy 2006-2016</p> <p>6.3.1 The draft Community Strategy was revised and approved during the period of the Minerals Plan Document preparation. Now adopted it has 8 priorities and the relevance to the Minerals Core Strategy is expressed within the following; <i>to protect our natural and built environment and local biodiversity and ensure sustainable development.</i></p> <p>6.3.2 Text within the Strategy to support this priority states ; <i>the environment is important to the development of our community and links to economic and social well being, leisure activities, tourism, energy production and health improvement. Our lifestyle affects the environment through waste, development, pollution and climate change.</i></p> <p>6.3.3 These issues are addressed in principle in national policy MPS1, but they are also reflected in the Minerals Core Strategy through its vision, aims and</p>	<p>Paras 6.3, 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3, 6.3.4</p> <p>Page 21</p>

	<p>objectives. In particular policies 3,4,5,6 and 8 are reflected through emphasis on sustainability and environmental statements. DC policies DC1, DC2, DC 5, DC7 and DC8 promote environmental considerations in the implementation of policies</p>		
MCS 7	<p>Recommend amend wording of first sentence of paragraph 7.3.3 to make text correction to read;</p> <p>"The suitability of all potential mineral sites is very much....."</p>	Para 7.3.3	Page 25
MCS 8	<p>Recommend amend wording of paragraph 8.2.5 to make text correction to read;</p> <p>"Map A shows etc, etc....."</p>	Para 8.2.5	Page 29
MCS 9	<p>Recommend amend wording of second sentence of Paragraph 8.3.1 for clarity to read;</p> <p>"Developers are encouraged to make....."</p>	Para 8.3.1	Page 30
MCS 12	<p>Recommend replace words "preferred mineral allocation" in policy 5B by "site allocated" to provide clarity and to read as follows;</p> <p>"5B) Areas falling within 250m of a site allocated in the Specific Site Allocation DPD."</p>	Policy 5	Page 31
MCS 14	<p>Recommend amend wording to make text correction to read;</p> <p>" are shown on Map A and in more detail....."</p>	Para 8.5.4	Page 32
MCS 18	<p>Recommend amendment to paragraph 9.4.2 for clarity to read;</p> <p>"Designated sites of ecological interest such as CWSs are considered irreplaceable in</p>	Para 9.4.2	Page 39

	<p>the medium term and their retention in situ is always preferable. Some RIGS may be formed or re-created through mineral working. Whilst protection is always the first choice, recreation elsewhere, particularly where public access and enjoyment can be secured by agreement, may be an acceptable alternative. However, other RIGS with finite features of significance are by nature irreplaceable, in which case in-situ protection or recording of their features of interest is the preferred option. Further information can be obtained at http://www.geosuffolk.co.uk/</p>		
MCS 20	<p>Recommend amendment to paragraph 9.4.4 for clarity to read:</p> <p>The Suffolk Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) seeks to ensure the protection and enhancement of prescribed species and habitats within the county. Policy ENV3 of the Proposed Changes to the <i>East of England Plan</i> also asks Local Authorities to promote the conservation and enhancement of key habitats and species in accordance with the East of England regional biodiversity targets. Further information can be obtained at http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningbiodiversity</p>	Para 9.4.4	Page 39
MCS 21	<p>Recommend delete paragraph 9.4.6 on the grounds that it is confusing and contradictory to wording of Policy DC2</p>	Para 9.4.6	Page 39
MCS 22	<p>Recommend amend Policy DC2 to include the word "sufficient" to give additional clarity without being overly prescriptive as follows;</p> <p>"Policy DC2: Minerals development proposals that would:</p> <p>i) harm regionally and locally designated sites of ecological and/or geological/geomorphological interest, or sites which are proposed to be so designated; and/or</p>	Policy DC2	Page 39

	<p>ii) affect adversely natural habitat types and species listed in the Suffolk BAP and/or East of England Plan's biodiversity targets and which could result in an increase in the fragmentation and/or isolation of natural habitats; will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that sufficient measures to mitigate harm to the site, habitat(s) and/or species can be put in place. If appropriate mitigation measures cannot practicably be implemented, compensatory habitat or geological exposure of an equivalent standard at a suitable alternative location must be provided."</p>	
MCS 23	<p>Recommend amendment to key Policy link to DC2 on page 40 to read;</p> <p>"PS9, paragraph 9 emphasises the fundamental role of such sites in meeting biodiversity targets, contributing to quality of life and in supporting research and education. It states... [etc]"</p>	Key external policy link Page 40
MCS 24	<p>Recommended that word "full" in DC Policy 3 be replaced by word "field" as this was a transcription error. DC 3 Policy to read as follows;</p> <p>"Policy DC3: A desk-based archaeological assessment shall be undertaken in advance of the submission of any planning application for mineral working. Where the Suffolk Historic Environment Record indicates that there is the high potential for archaeological remains and/or the site is 5 hectares or larger in size, a field evaluation will also be required and will form the basis for any preservation and/or conservation strategy."</p>	Policy DC 3 Page 41
MCS 25	<p>Recommended that the term MDD in Paragraphs 10.3.3 and 10.5.1 be replaced by the term DPD</p>	Paras 10.3.3 and 10.5.1 Pages 46 and 47
MCS 26	<p>The policies identified as having been saved are incorrect. Recommended that textual errors be corrected in Appendix C by the deletion of Policies SMLP 3 & 4 and the addition of Structure Plan Policy MP8.</p>	Appendix C Page 56
MCS 27	<p>Recommend the inclusion of a definition of Geodiversity in the Glossary at Appendix D</p>	Appendix D Page 59

	<p>page 59 to read:</p> <p>“Geodiversity - the variety of rocks, fossils, minerals, landforms and soils along with the natural processes that shape the landscape”.</p>	
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<p>MCS 33</p>	<p>Recommend that Key external policy links to policy DC 1 be amended for clarity to include <i>"references to PPGs15 and 16."to read</i></p> <p>Key external policy links: <u>PPS7, paragraphs 21-25</u> and <u>MPS1 paragraphs 9, 14 and 17</u> describe the national policies on landscape protection and what should be included in local policies (PPS7) and how minerals development should take account of landscape concerns.</p> <p><u>East of England Plan Proposed Changes: policy ENV2</u> requires planning authorities to afford the highest protection to nationally designated landscapes. It emphasises that, within AONBs, priority over other considerations should be given to conserving their natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.</p> <p><u>PPGs 15 and 16</u> relating to historic features</p>	<p>Key external policy links Page 38</p>
<p>MCS 35</p>	<p>Recommend deletion of references to "<i>G. Hey and M. Lacey, Evaluation of Archaeological Decision-making Processes and Sampling Strategies (Kent County Council 2001), especially section 4.3.</i>"in Key external; policy links to Policy DC3 to read as follows;</p> <p>Key external policy links: <u>PPG16</u> provides the national policy guidance for the protection of archaeological remains.</p>	<p>Key external policy link Page 41</p>

MCS 36	Recommend paragraph 9.10.2. be amended to change the word " falling " for " changing " to read; 9.10.2 Agricultural after-use has traditionally been seen as appropriate where worked sites remain or can be restored above the water table, but with a changing demand for agricultural land, other possible uses for part or all of a site are now often agreed.	Para 9.10.2 Page 44
MCS 37	Recommended that the term MDD in Paragraph 10.7.1 be replaced by the term DPD	Para 10.7.1 Page 47