Further Proposed Changes to:

- Policy 2: Provision for industrial minerals; and,
- Table 1: Policy Monitoring Framework

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Introduction
When the Final Draft – June 2015 version of our new Plan was submitted for Examination in January 2016, ‘proposed changes’ were also submitted for consideration by the Inspector.

In response to discussions at the Examination hearings, which started on 30 March 2016 and end on 13 April 2016, we now wish to make ‘further proposed changes’. The ‘proposed changes’ already submitted, together with the ‘further proposed changes’ taken together will represent the ‘main modifications’ and ‘additional modifications’ to the new Plan.

Main modifications are being made to address soundness issues, i.e. to ensure that the new Plan is ‘positively prepared’, ‘justified’, ‘effective’ and ‘consistent with national policy’ (ref. National Planning Policy Framework – paragraph 182).

Additional modifications are being made to improve the new Plan e.g. to provide further clarification or to update the new Plan.

A schedule of main and additional modifications will be prepared and made available for public comment before the Examination closes and the Inspector completes his report, albeit that the Inspector will only consider representations on the main modifications at this stage (ref. Planning Practice Guidance – Local Plans – paragraph 024).

The further proposed changes
As a result of the discussions on Day 1 of the Examination, we wish to make ‘further proposed changes’ to Policy 2: Provision for industrial minerals for the reasons set out below:

1. To clarify that the aim of the policy will be to maintain the provision during the plan period, which is already acknowledged in Chapter 3, paragraph 3.16, we wish to make a further proposed change to Policy 2.1 by re-introducing ‘During the Plan period’ which we had previously deleted as a proposed change.

2. To clarify how the further proposed change to Strategic Objective 1 - the requirement for a steady and adequate supply of industrial minerals during the plan period would be met, we wish to make a further proposed change to paragraph 7.13.

3. To clarify that the monitoring of Policy 2, described in Chapter 8, Table 1, already includes a commitment to monitor the provision of industrial minerals,
we wish to make a further proposed changes to the supporting text at paragraph 7.8 to refer to the monitoring arrangements.

4. To clarify that the policy would be monitored in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF, paragraph 146, we wish to make further proposed changes to Chapter 8, Table 1 –the Policy Monitoring Framework.

Explanatory note: Extracts from the Final Draft – June 2015 (with tracked proposed changes) version of the new Plan are provided below. The ‘proposed changes’ are shown tracked in red and the ‘further proposed changes’ are shown tracked in blue.
Policy 2: Provision for Industrial Minerals used in the manufacture of cement

2.1 During the Plan period provision will be made to maintain at least 15 years of permitted reserves of:
   a) limestone and shale for use at Cauldon Cement Works; and,
   b) anhydrite and gypsum from Fauld Mine.

2.2 This will be achieved from existing permitted reserves and by granting planning permission to extend the existing sites within the areas of search at New House Farm and Newchurch shown on the Policies and Proposals Map and Inset Maps 12 and 13.

2.3 Any proposals will only be supported where it has been demonstrated that they accord with the plan policies, including Policy 4.

2.4 Planning permission will normally be conditioned so that the extension area can only be worked following cessation of mineral working within the existing site unless it has been demonstrated that there are operational reasons why this is not practicable.

Reasons for the Policy

7.13 Our Vision and Strategic Objective 1, recognise the importance of industrial minerals to support sustainable economic development taking into account the need to achieve an acceptable balance between the supply of minerals and with the impact of mineral operations on local communities and the environment.

The Level of Provision

7.15 The NPPF defines either at least a 15 or 25 year landbank stock of permitted reserves of for industrial minerals to support plant used in the manufacture of cement. To ensure a steady and adequate supply we will monitor Policy 2 as described in Chapter 8, Table 1. For example, as part of our Annual Monitoring Report we will monitor the Plan to confirm that there are at least 15 years of permitted reserves for cement minerals.

Refer to paragraph 146 of the NPF.
The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire 2015 to 2030
Further Proposed Changes to:
Policy 2: Provision for industrial minerals and Table 1 (Policy Monitoring Framework)

Table 1: Policy Monitoring Framework (Extract – page 65)

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<td>Strategic Objective 1 recognises the importance of industrial minerals to support sustainable economic development taking into account the need to achieve an acceptable balance with between the steady and adequate supply of minerals and the impact of mineral operations on local communities and the environment</td>
<td>Sales/ Reserves of: limestone and shale for the Cauldon cement works; gypsum and anhydrite at Fauld Mine; and Permissions within area of search/ or outside allocated areas for: Shale at Cauldon; and Anhydrite/ gypsum at Fauld Mine Clay supply/ reserves used at clay product works listed in appendix 5, to works outside county and supply from outside county to works in Staffordshire; and Sales/ reserves used at Tunstead Cement works in Derbyshire</td>
<td>Data derived from planning applications and reported in Annual Monitoring Report</td>
<td>Maintain landbank at least 15 years of permitted reserves for cement minerals. All sites to be located in line with location criteria set out in Policy 2 100% of extension areas conditioned to only be worked following cessation of working within existing site</td>
<td>Landbank for Cauldon and Fauld falls below 15 years of permitted reserves for more than two consecutive years</td>
<td>Review provisions of resources that can be allocated for the continuation of cement/ mine production.</td>
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