

Proposed Additional Modifications to the Norfolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan

This document sets out a list of potential additional minor modifications to the Publication version of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan which the Council are proposed for consideration throughout the examination. These additional modifications are based on a review of suggested modifications put forward in representations at the Regulation 19 stage. A summary of these representations and the Council's responses are set out in the Regulation 19 Statement of Consultation and full details are available in the Regulation 19 Representations Feedback Report.

During the Examination of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan, the Council will request the appointed Inspector to consider the following amendments as proposed additional modifications. The Council has suggested most of the following modifications in order to address concerns raised by those who made representations on the Plan. Additional minor modifications are those that do not materially affect policies and could be considered clarifications and corrections. No representation has been made, that in the view of planning officers would render the Plan unsound or give rise to sufficient cause at this stage to undertake a further consultation, however, it will ultimately be at the Inspector's discretion whether these suggested modifications are necessary and appropriately worded.

Additional text is shown as bold and underlined.

Paragraph 1.2: Amend the following sentence to delete 'district councils' and replace with 'Norfolk Local Planning Authorities': "Therefore, the NM&WLP is a consideration in the determination of planning applications lodged with **Norfolk Local Planning Authorities**, where there is the potential for those proposals to impact on safeguarded minerals and waste developments."

Reason: [Factual correction to ensure the Broads Authority is not excluded](#)

Vision: Amend last sentence of seventh paragraph to state: Opportunities to enhance such features will be supported. All developments will provide **a minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain and wherever possible contribute to the delivery of the national Nature Recovery Network objectives.**"

Reason: [Reference to the provision of the minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain and Nature Recovery Networks were requested by Natural England in representation 99423.](#)

Waste Strategic Objectives WSO7: Amend to the last sentence to state: "All developments will provide **a minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain and temporary developments will contribute to the delivery of the national Nature Recovery Network objectives on restoration**".

Reason: [Reference to the provision of the minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain and Nature Recovery Networks were requested by Natural England in representation 21912](#)

Minerals Strategic Objectives MSO9: Amend to the last sentence to state: "The restoration scheme and aftercare will protect and enhance the environment, including landscape improvements, **contributing to the delivery of the national Nature Recovery Network objectives and the provision of a minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain**".

Reason: [Reference to the provision of the minimum measurable 10% biodiversity net gain and Nature Recovery Networks were requested by Natural England in representation 99424](#)

Key diagram: Amend the Key Diagram to delete Sheringham and to include Holt. Delete the stone curlew mitigation zone and the 'grid cells with less than 50% survey coverage' for stone curlews.

Reason: [Sheringham was incorrectly included in the Key Diagram, whilst Holt was incorrectly excluded from the Key Diagram which was not in accordance with spatial strategy policies WP2 and MP2. The removal of the stone curlew mitigation zone and 'grid cells with less than 50% survey coverage' is in line with revised Natural England guidance \(see representation 99422\)](#)

Paragraph 6.3: delete 'Local List for Validation of Planning Applications' and replace with 'National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications'.

Reason: Factual update

Paragraph 6.16: Amend the fifth bullet point as follows: "minimising the use of external lighting and only use lighting if necessary and justified, use hooded/cowled lighting to direct light downwards, only have lighting on when it is needed (through use of timers, on/off switches or motion sensors), make sure the intensity is appropriate for the lighting task, and contain light within the site."

Reason: To provide additional information on lighting as requested by the Broads Authority in representation 99143.

Paragraph 6.19: Amend the first sentence of this paragraph to delete "District, Borough or City Local Plans" and replace with "Norfolk Local Planning Authorities' Local Plans".

Reason: Factual correction to ensure the Broads Authority is not excluded

Paragraph 6.21: Insert the following new sentence immediately before the last sentence in the paragraph "Geodiversity gains will be assessed on a case-by-case basis informed by the context of each application."

Reason: For clarity as requested by Anglian Water in relation to representation 99271.

Paragraph 6.22: Delete the existing text and replace with the following text: "A Biodiversity Survey and Assessment will be required for certain planning applications in accordance with the requirements set out in Norfolk County Council's adopted 'National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications."

Reason: Factual update for consistency with Norfolk County Council's adopted 'National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications.'

Paragraph 6.25: Delete the three bullet points. Amend the last sentence to state: "A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment will be required at the planning application stage for any proposal that due to its size, scale or location may have a significant visual impact upon the surrounding landscape."

Reason: Factual update for consistency with Norfolk County Council's adopted 'National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications.'

Paragraph 6.30: Delete the sentence: "A Heritage and Archaeology Statement must include a desk-based assessment containing:" and the four bullet points which follow that sentence. Add the following new text to the end of the existing paragraph "... in accordance with the requirements set out in Norfolk County Council's adopted National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications."

Reason: Factual update for consistency with the 'National and Local Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Planning Applications.'

Paragraph 6.31: Add a new paragraph after paragraph 6.31: "Both the direct and indirect impacts on archaeological remains, that may occur from proposed mineral extraction, need to be considered. This includes the potential for the works to alter the groundwater levels within the areas of the proposed works and in adjacent areas, which may affect the movement of water through archaeological deposits, or the preservation conditions. If this occurs it can result in the damage or even loss of vulnerable archaeological remains, such as waterlogged wood, leather or palaeoenvironmental remains, or effect the preservation of archaeological materials (e.g. peat). With regards to below ground archaeology, Historic England has produced the following relevant guidance documents on materials that may be present and how the potential impacts (such as changes to the groundwater levels or chemistry in the area) could be investigated): Preservation of Archaeological Remains (2016), Environmental Archaeology (2011) and Geoarchaeology (2015), Mineral Extraction and Archaeology Advice Note 13 (2020)."

Reason: To provide additional information on below ground archaeology as requested by Historic England in representation 99224

Paragraph 6.40: New sentences to be added to the end of the current paragraph as follows: **“Developers are legally required to have a consent or permit if the development will, permanently or temporarily, affect the flow or cross-sectional area of a watercourse. If work begins without a consent or permit in place the developer could be asked to change or remove the works. A watercourse consent application is managed outside the planning process. For further information visit [Consent for work on ordinary watercourses - Norfolk County Council](#)”**

Reason: Factual change as advised by the Lead Local Flood Authority in representation 99159

Paragraph 6.49: Amend to include a new sentence at the end of this paragraph to state **“It may be necessary for bird hazard mitigation to be secured through planning condition and/or planning obligation.”**

Reason: Factual change as suggested by Ministry of Defence (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) representation 99469.

Paragraph 8.5: Amend first sentence to state: “Norfolk is one of the driest counties in the UK and there is a need to minimise demands on potable water resources, **and water resources in general**, particularly in the context of climate change”.

Reason: As advised by the Environment Agency at the Preferred Options stage to include all water resources.

Policy MW3: Amend point (e) to state: “take account of potential changes in climate including rising sea levels, **larger river flows** and coastal erosion;

Reason: As advised by the Environment Agency at the Preferred Options stage to include larger river flows.

Paragraph 9.1: In the second sentence, after (SPA) add **“(and known as Breckland SPA)”** also delete the word ‘habitat’ after ‘The Brecks’. Delete the last sentence which states: ‘SSSIs and NNRs make up 40% of the total area’.

Reason: For clarity and factual correction, as advised by Natural England.

Paragraph 9.2: Delete the last sentence which states “Such circumstances may include the use of existing buildings and development where completely masked from the SPA by existing development”.

Reason: As advised by Natural England as the assessment can be more complex than this wording suggests.

Paragraph 9.3: Delete the whole paragraph.

Reason: As advised by Natural England in representation 99422 and further correspondence regarding their revised guidance.

Paragraph 9.4: Delete the whole paragraph.

Reason: Paragraph 9.4 specifically relates to development within the area detailed in paragraph 9.3, which is to be deleted due to updated Natural England guidance.

Paragraph 9.5: Delete the last sentence which states “Within this zone additional built development is likely to have a significant effect on the SPA.”

Reason: As advised by Natural England as it is more complex than the existing wording suggests.

New paragraph after paragraph 9.5: Add the following new text: **“Stone Curlews are also found outside of the SPA. Stone Curlew are a protected species listed in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 so any direct or indirect impacts (such as disturbance up to 1,500m away) to non-SPA stone curlew will still need to be assessed and if necessary mitigated / compensated for outside of the Habitats Regulations process”**.

Reason: As advised by Natural England to advise on impacts to non-SPA stone curlews.

Paragraph 9.6: Delete the following text from the end of the paragraph “Due to the sample size and the number of buildings identified, there needs to be an element of caution applied to the results, however, the research indicates that there was no evidence of a negative impact of agricultural or commercial buildings. As such, the analysis suggests that project level HRA for non-residential development in the SPA buffer zones may be able to demonstrate that adverse effects can be ruled out.”

Replace with the following new text at the end of the paragraph: **“The research indicates that the effect of buildings is from residential rather than other building types. However, due to the sample size and number of buildings identified, there needs to be an element of caution applied to the results. As such, proposed non-residential building developments in the 1,500m buffer zone should be carefully considered. Any project level HRA undertaken should ensure it can demonstrate adverse effects can be ruled out.”**

Reason: As advised by Natural England in correspondence regarding their revised guidance.

Map 2 (and policies map): Delete the mitigation zone for Stone Curlew (orange hatching) and the 1km grid cells where less than half the area surveyed (squares outlined in orange)

Reason: As advised by Natural England in representation 99422 and further correspondence regarding their revised guidance.

Paragraph W0.4: Add the following new text at the end of the paragraph: **“This is recognised in the National Planning Practice Guidance for Waste (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 28-007-20141016)”**

Reason: Update to replace reference to the Waste Framework Directive in paragraph W0.5 with reference to the National Planning Practice Guidance in this paragraph.

Paragraph W0.5: Delete the current paragraph

Reason: Update to replace reference to the Waste Framework Directive with reference to the National Planning Practice Guidance (added to the end of paragraph W0.4).

Policy WP1: Amend header row to state (‘000 tonnes **per annum**) for each waste type and total

Reason: For clarity

Paragraph W2.1: Add new bullet point e) (and amend existing bullet point e to f) to state **“there are a significant number of both non-designated and designated heritage assets across Norfolk, including more than 430 Scheduled Monuments, more than 10,890 Listed Buildings, 53 Registered Parks and Gardens and 352 Conservation Areas.”**

Reason: To include information on how the historic environment has been considered in the spatial strategy.

Paragraph W2.4: Insert additional text after the word ‘SACs’ as follows: **“(defined as habitats sites in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017)”**.

Reason: For clarity

Paragraph W2.5: Delete the first sentence of this paragraph and replace it with the following new sentences: **“The NPPF (2023) sets out how to consider impacts of proposed development on the significance of a heritage asset. In accordance with NPPF (2023) paragraph 202, where a development proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal.”** Amend the start of the current second sentence to start ‘Norfolk’s’ instead of ‘These’.

Reason: The information in the first sentence to be deleted will instead be in new bullet point e of paragraph W2.1. The additional text is for clarification on the approach to less than substantial harm in accordance with the NPPF, as requested by Historic England in representation 99226.

Paragraph W3.1: Add the following new sentence to the end of the paragraph: **“The National Planning Policy for Waste (2014) states that, when identifying appropriate locations for waste management**

facilities, priority should be given to the reuse of previously developed land, sites identified for employment uses and redundant agricultural and forestry buildings and their curtilages, as well as looking for opportunities to co-locate waste management facilities together and with complementary activities.”

Reason: To include national policy justification for the types of land included in Policy WP3.

Paragraph W3.6: Amend the last sentence of the paragraph to read as follows: “Therefore, Policy WP3 identifies suitable types of land for the location of **non-hazardous** waste management facilities, **excluding landfill sites (which are covered by Policies WP11 and WP12) and Water Recycling Centres (which are covered by Policy WP14)**. Further details are provided in the following policies that would apply to planning applications for particular types of waste management facilities.”

Reason: For clarity

Policy WP6: amend criteria c) to state ‘which is **previously developed (brownfield)** land, or’

Reason: For clarity and consistency with the NPPF.

Paragraph W7.5: Amend the last sentence of the paragraph to state: “In these cases, **where this has been demonstrated through an alternative site assessment**, Policy WP7 will allow an appropriate proposal to be determined positively”.

Reason: For clarity on the policy requirement.

Paragraph W9.1: Insert the following two new sentences after the current first sentence: “**The Waste Management Plan for England (2021) states that the government continues to support anaerobic digestion as the most effective way to treat separately collected food waste to produce energy and valuable bio-fertiliser. This ensures that food waste is diverted from landfill and reduces greenhouse gas emissions**”.

Reason: To provide national policy context support for anaerobic digestion of food waste.

Paragraph W9.1: Delete the current sentence which states “This process produces methane gas that is normally used to drive a diesel generator and export the electricity to the grid.” Replace with new sentence as follows: “**Anaerobic digestion produces biogas (a mixture of around 60% methane and 40% carbon dioxide) and digestate. The biogas can be burned directly in a gas boiler to produce heat or burnt in a combined heat and power (CHP) unit to produce heat and electricity. Alternatively, the biogas can be cleaned to remove the carbon dioxide and other substances, to produce biomethane, which can be injected into the national gas grid to be used in the same way as natural gas or used as a vehicle fuel.**”

Reason: To provide more detailed information about anaerobic digestion as suggested by Anglian Water representation 99526.

Paragraph W10.2: Add a new paragraph after W10.2 as follows: ‘**The Waste Management Plan for England (2021) states that “the government supports efficient energy recovery from residual waste – energy from waste is generally the best management option for waste that cannot be reused or recycled in terms of environmental impact and getting values from the waste as a resource”.**’

Reason: To include the national policy context on residual waste treatment.

Paragraph W11.1: Amend the first sentence to read as follows: “Many inert wastes can **and should be** reused or recycled **whenever possible**”.

Reason: For greater consistency with the waste hierarchy.

Paragraph W11.6: Amend the first sentence to state: “Planning obligations and/or conditions will be used to ensure that restoration and commencement of **a beneficial** after-use takes place **at the earliest opportunity** and within an appropriate timeframe”.

Reason: For clarity and consistency with the National Planning Policy for Waste.

Paragraph W14.2: Amend the second sentence of this paragraphs as follows: [delete: Although changes to permitted development rights have sought to remove the need for planning applications for very small developments] [insert: **Permitted development rights exist for certain types of water and sewerage development which are set out in the General Permitted Development Rights Order 2015 (as amended).**] [Insert: **However**], there are still applications that will need to be determined [insert: **beyond the thresholds for permitted development**].

Reason: Factual correction as requested in Anglian Water representation 99276

Paragraph W15.3: Delete the last sentence in this paragraph and replace with the following new text: **“However, Anglian Water has committed investment at Whitlingham WRC to accommodate further growth including an accelerated infrastructure project to reduce nutrients to technically achievable limits”.**

Reason: Factual correction as requested in Anglian Water representation 99285

Paragraph W15.4: Amend the paragraph as follows “[delete: ‘It is proposed’] [insert: **The Council proposes**] that the Whitlingham Local Liaison Group [insert: **is re-established**], with the purpose of discussing both operational matters and Anglian Water’s future plans for the site [delete: ‘should hold meetings on a regular basis (perhaps quarterly or six-monthly)’]. The following parties should form part of the Local Liaison Group: Kirby Bedon Parish Council, Trowse Parish Council, Postwick Parish Council, Thorpe St Andrew Council, local residents, Anglian Water, the Environment Agency, Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council, the Broads Authority, [delete: ‘and’] Crown Point Estate [insert: **and any other relevant organisation**]. [Delete: ‘The Liaison Group should consider requests from other organisations to join the group.’]”

Reason: For clarity, as requested by Anglian Water in relation to their representation 99279.

Paragraph W15.5: Replace the existing sentence in this paragraph which states “Anglian Water is planning to publish a Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan in 2022 covering the period 2025-2050” with the following new text: **“Anglian Water published a Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) in May 2023 which outlines how their water recycling service will cope with growth and climate change over the period from 2025-2050 and supports Anglian Water’s Long Term Delivery Strategy. The DWMP sets out that the medium-term plans (to 2035) for Whitlingham are to increase the network capacity and the long-term plans (2050) are for a new Water Recycling Centre or infiltration removal, or a new permit and increase capacity along with 25% surface water removal.”**

Amend the last sentence to state: “However, there is still a need for Anglian Water to develop a longer-term masterplan/ implementation strategy **(covering a period of at least 5 years)** for the Whitlingham WRC site...”

Reason: To include updated information on the Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (Anglian Water representation 99280) and to clarify the timescale to be covered by the masterplan.

Paragraph W16.1: Add a new sentence to the end of this paragraph as follows: **“The National Planning Policy for Waste (2014) states that waste planning authorities should ‘ensure that waste management facilities in themselves are well-designed so that they contribute positively to the character and quality in the area in which they are located’.”**

Reason: To include reference to the National Planning Policy for Waste in the policy justification.

Paragraph MP1.7: Add the following new text to the end of the paragraph: **“Therefore, the sites listed in the mineral extraction sites table on pages 100 and 101 are allocated for sand and gravel extraction in the Plan.”**

Reason: To make it clear which sites are allocated to meet the forecast need for sand and gravel extraction set out in Policy MP1.

Paragraph MP1.15: Add the following new text to the end of the last sentence to read: “Therefore, it is considered that for the plan to be positively prepared, a site for carstone extraction should be allocated **and site MIN 06 at Middleton is allocated for this purpose.**”

Reason: To make it clear which sites are allocated to meet the forecast need for Carstone extraction set out in Policy MP1.

Paragraph MP2.1: add new bullet point i) (and amend existing bullet point i and j to j and k) to state “**there are a significant number of both non-designated and designated heritage assets across Norfolk, including more than 430 Scheduled Monuments, more than 10,890 Listed Buildings, 53 Registered Parks and Gardens and 352 Conservation Areas.**”

Reason: To include information on how the historic environment has been considered in the spatial strategy as requested by Historic England in representation 99232.

Paragraph MP2.9: Delete the first sentence of this paragraph and replace it with the following new sentences: “**The NPPF (2023) sets out how to consider impacts of proposed development on the significance of a heritage asset. In accordance with NPPF (2023) paragraph 202, where a development proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal.**” Amend the start of the current second sentence to start ‘**Norfolk’s**’ instead of ‘These’.

Reason: The information in the first sentence to be deleted will instead be in new bullet point i) of paragraph MP2.1. The additional text is for clarification on the approach to less than substantial harm in accordance with the NPPF, as requested by Historic England in representation 99233.

Policy MP5: Amend 2nd bullet point to read ‘[delete: enhance the] **provide a measurable net gain in** the biodiversity of the river valley (either immediately or on restoration); and’

Reason: Consistency of wording with biodiversity net gain requirements

Paragraph MP7.2: Add a new fifth sentence (after the existing sentence ending ‘flood alleviation or water supply’) to state: “**Restoration to areas of open water must be designed and located to take account of aviation safety.**” Amend last sentence to state “... must provide **a minimum 10% measurable** biodiversity net gain in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Act 2021.”

Reason: For clarity and consistency with the NPPF regarding aviation safety and for clarity regarding the legal requirements of the Environment Act 2021.

Paragraph MP7.5: amend the last sentence to state “maintaining” instead of “maintain”.

Reason: typing error

Policy MP7: Amend the 7th bullet point to state “The scheme provides for a **minimum 10% measurable** biodiversity net gain, primarily through the creation or enhancement of priority habitats and linkages to local ecological networks and green infrastructure corridors.”

Reason: For consistency with the legal requirements of the Environment Act 2021 as requested by Natural England (representation 99421)

Policy MP7: Amend the last bullet point of the policy to insert the phrase ‘historic landscape characterisation and’ as follows “the scheme has been informed by the historic environment, **historic landscape characterisation and** landscape character assessments and the restoration enhances the historic environment.”

Reason: Technical clarity requested by Historic England (representation 99238)

Paragraph MP8.1: Add a new sentence to the end of this paragraph to state: “**The national Planning Practice Guidance (paragraphs 27-056-20140306 and 27-057-20140306) contains further details on the information that should be contained within the outline aftercare strategy and the detailed aftercare programme.**”

Reason: To include reference to the relevant paragraphs of the NPPG that provide further detail on the outline strategy and detailed programme.

Paragraph MP8.3: Add a new sentence after the first sentence in the paragraph to state: **“The approved aftercare would be secured by planning condition or a legal agreement as appropriate”**.

Reason: For clarity about the process to secure aftercare as raised by Norfolk Wildlife Trust in representation 99341.

Paragraph MP11.1: Amend the first sentence to add ‘and Mineral Consultation Areas’ as follows: “The NPPF (paragraph 210 (c)) states that in preparing local plans, local authorities should: “safeguard minerals resources by defining Mineral Safeguarding Areas **and Mineral Consultation Areas**; and adopt appropriate policies so that known locations of specific minerals resources of local and national importance are not sterilised by non-mineral development where this should be avoided (whilst not creating a presumption that the resources defined will be worked)”.

Reason: To include the full text from paragraph 210 (c) of the NPPF for clarity.

Mineral extraction sites tables:

- Amend the right-hand cell of the header row of the table to state ‘Planning status at **31.12.2022**.’
- Amend the right-hand cell of the row of ‘land west of Bilney Road’ to state **‘Planning application submitted in July 2022 and being determined.’**
- Amend the right-hand cell of the row of site MIN 202 to state **‘No planning application’**.
- Amend the right-hand cell of the row of site MIN 25 to state **‘Planning application submitted in December 2022 and being determined’**.

Reason: Factual update of the planning status as at the end of 2022 for all sites.

MIN 64 Site Characteristics: In the third bullet point, delete “but had not been implemented by December 2021”.

Reason: Factual correction as the permission has been implemented.

Paragraph M96.4: Add the following new sentence to the end of the paragraph: **“Mitigation measures should include landscaping, screen planting and/or bunding as appropriate, particularly along the north-western and south-eastern boundaries of the site”**.

Reason: To clarify what appropriate mitigation measures would be for the setting of heritage assets, as requested by Historic England.

Paragraph M96.19 Restoration: Amend the third sentence of this paragraph as follows: “The restoration scheme should seek to retain screen planting **and include the restoration and reinstatement of historic hedgerows and field boundaries informed by Historic Landscape Characterisation.**”

Reason: To clarify the heritage enhancement on restoration as requested by Historic England.

Policy SIL 01: amend the first sentence of requirement c to include reference to the Grade II Font against south façade of White House Farm, as follows: “The submission of an acceptable Heritage Statement to identify heritage assets and their settings (including the Grade II* Ruins of Church of St Michael **and the Grade II Font against south façade of White House Farm**), assess the potential for impacts and identify appropriate mitigation if required.”

Reason: Clarification of heritage assets as requested by Historic England in representation 99252

Paragraph MIN 69 Site characteristics: Add the following text to the end of the third bullet point: **“and this permitted tonnage is already included in the sand and gravel landbank”**

Reason: For clarity as requested by Norfolk Gravel in representation 99316

Paragraph M69.1: Add a new sentence at the end of the current paragraph to state **“There are existing emissions to air and noise arising from traffic movements on the A148”**.

Reason: Clarity regarding the existing amenity impacts arising from traffic using the A148

Paragraph M69.5: Add the following new sentence to the end of the current paragraph: **“Trial trenching was carried out in the permitted northern part of the site in 2019 which found archaeological remains likely to be related to later Anglo-Saxon to early medieval iron ore processing activity including charcoal production.”**

Reason: Factual update as requested by Norfolk Gravel in representation 99319.

Paragraph M69.6: Amend the second sentence to delete ‘an active’.

Reason: Factual update as mineral extraction has ceased in the adjacent site.

Paragraph M69.7: Delete the existing text and replace with the following updated text: **“The site would form an extension to the existing Briton’s Lane quarry which has been operational since the 1940s. Mineral extraction at the original quarry has ceased and restoration of the site, by 31 December 2034, is secured through permission FUL/2016/0002. The existing quarry site contains a ready-mix concrete production plant along with other buildings which have permission to be permanently retained.”**

Reason: Factual update following the grant of planning permissions FUL/2019/0001 and FUL/2019/0002 in October 2020 which have been implemented.

Paragraph M69.9: Amend the first bullet point to state **“The presence of the existing site with permanent permission for concrete manufacture and associated employment”**. Amend the third bullet point to state: “The opportunity to **increase the scale of local nature conservation habitats by facilitating** a high-quality biodiversity led restoration for site MIN 69, **with connectivity to the approved restoration of the adjacent quarry site”**.

Reason: Factual update following the grant of planning permissions FUL/2019/0001 and FUL/2019/0002 in October 2020 which have been implemented.

Paragraph M69.11: Amend the last sentence of this paragraph as follows: “The PROWs **within the site will** need to be diverted during mineral extraction operations and reinstated as part of the restoration of the site. **Some footpath diversions have already been secured as part of the working of the minerals consented under permission FUL/2019/0001.**”

Reason: Factual update

Paragraph M69.19: Amend text of fifth sentence to state “Given the site’s importance, a ‘watching brief’ during the extraction phase **is likely to be required**”.

Reason: Clarification, as proposed in Norfolk Gravel’s representation 99322.

Specific Site Allocation Policy MIN 69: Amend criteria j to state: “Advanced planting (or allowing current trees and hedges to thicken up) along the southern and eastern boundaries of land in the applicant’s ownership (some of which would be outside the area of MIN 69) will **need to be maintained** to screen the site from public viewpoints, including views from the A148”

Reason: Proposed in representation 99323 by Norfolk Gravel because the advanced planting is already in place.

Paragraph M25.23 Restoration: Add the following new sentence to the paragraph: **“Restoration shall include the retention of boundary hedgerows and trees and the reinstatement of historic hedgerows and field boundaries informed by Historic Landscape Characterisation.”**

Reason: To clarify the heritage enhancement on restoration as requested by Historic England.

Appendix 1: Add a new sentence after the heading and before the table: **“The following table lists all the existing policies in the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD that will be replaced by policies in this Minerals and Waste Local Plan.”**

Reason: Clarity to explain what Appendix 1 is showing.

Appendix 1: In the row for Policy CS14 amend the title of the new local plan policy from 'MW4: Breckland SPA' to **'MW4: The Brecks Protected Habitats and Species'**

Reason: Factual correction to policy title.

Appendix 2: Add a new sentence after the heading and before the table: **"The following table lists all the existing policies in the Minerals Site Specific Allocations DPD that will either be replaced by policies in this Minerals and Waste Local Plan or deleted on adoption of this Minerals and Waste Local Plan along with the reason for deletion"**.

Reason: Clarity to explain what Appendix 2 is showing.

Appendix 3: Add a new sentence after the heading and before the table: **"The following table lists all the existing policies in the Waste Site Specific Allocations DPD that will either be replaced by policies in this Minerals and Waste Local Plan or deleted on adoption of this Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the reason for deletion"**.

Reason: Clarity to explain what Appendix 3 is showing.

Appendix 12 Glossary: Amend definition of amenity to say: **"the quality or character of a property or area and elements that contribute to the enjoyment of a property or area."**

Reason: Clarity

Appendix 12 Glossary: Add a definition for 'agent of change principle' – **"existing businesses and facilities should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of development permitted after they were established. Where the operation of an existing business or community facility could have a significant adverse effect on new development (including changes of use) in its vicinity, the applicant (or 'agent of change') should be required to provide suitable mitigation before the development has been completed."**

Reason: For clarity