

Minor Modifications – Approved by Council 4th June 2013

Mod. No.	Chapter/Section	Policy/ Para. No.	Page No.	Proposed Change//Modification (deleted text has strikethrough , new text is <u>underlined</u>)	Reasons
MM1	Throughout document			Remove references to Planning Policy Statements and replace with NPPF / 'Government Policy' reference where appropriate. Also remove all reference to regional policy guidance where appropriate.	To reflect most recent Government policy and recent revocation of the West Midlands Regional Strategy.
MM2	1. Introduction and Background	1.14	9	In December 2010 the Localism Bill was published which provides for the abolition of regional planning and revocation of regional strategies. On 20th May 2013 the Regional Strategy for the West Midlands (Revocation) Order 2013 came into force revoking the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands (RPG11) and the West Midlands Regional Economic Strategy. Despite plans to abolish the abolition of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy, the principles upon which it is based of rural/urban regeneration and sustainability remain valid and, unless superseded by more recent evidence, the evidence base which underpinned the WMRSS will still support the local planning strategy for Staffordshire Moorlands.	To reflect the latest position with regard to the RSS
MM3	1. Introduction and Background	1.20	10	Amend last sentence as follows To date the Secretary of State has not published the list of proposed changes and in view of the government's proposals to abolish Regional Strategies through the Localism Bill it is highly unlikely that these will now be published. Following the revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy on 20th May 2013, these changes will not be published.	To reflect the latest position with regard to the RSS
MM4	1. Introduction and Background	1.21	10	Delete whole section relating to the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (Phase 3 Revision)	To reflect the latest position with regard to the RSS
MM5	1. Introduction and Background	1.22	10	Amend first sentence as follows: A variety of other regional policy documents have also been prepared or are under review which may be relevant to have informed the preparation of the Core Strategy.	To reflect the latest position with regard to Regional Strategies
MM6	1. Introduction and Background	1.23	10	Amend first sentence as follows: "In March 2012, Advantage West Midlands - the Regional Development Agency for the West Midlands – will close closed.	To reflect the latest position.
MM7	1. Introduction and Background	1.25	10	Add following additional sentence: <u>On 12th April 2013 the Regional Strategy for the East Midlands (Revocation) Order 2013 came into force revoking the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands (RSS8) and the East Midlands Regional Economic Strategy.</u>	To reflect the latest position with regard to Regional Strategies
MM8	1. Introduction and Background	1.26	11	The Structure Plan sets out the broad planning framework for Staffordshire for the period 1996 – 2011. The key 'saved' policies in the Staffordshire Structure Plan that are specific to Staffordshire Moorlands and their relationship to the Core Strategy policies are listed in Appendix D. The Core Strategy will eventually	To reflect the latest position with regard to the Structure Plan

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				supersede the Structure Plan policies. On 20th May 2013 the Regional Strategy for the West Midlands (Revocation) Order 2013 came into force. As well as revoking the Regional Strategy for the West Midlands, this Order also revoked the previously 'saved' policies of the Structure Plan.	
MM9	1. Introduction and Background	1.29	11	The government has published proposals to abolish <u>now abolished</u> regeneration agencies which have co-ordinated work locally over the last decade, including RENEW North Staffordshire, and their replacement replaced them by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) which will take <u>have taken</u> over responsibility instead. Staffordshire Moorlands will be <u>is</u> covered by the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP.	To reflect the latest position.
MM10	1, Introduction & Background	1.30	11	Local transport authorities are required by the Transport Act 2000 to prepare Local Transport Plans (LTPs) for 5 year periods. Staffordshire County Council has prepared its third County-wide LTP for the period from 2011 to 2026. This Staffordshire-wide LTP does not include the Stoke-on-Trent conurbation, which has its own LTP (called the "Stoke-on-Trent LTP 2011/12 - 2025/26"). Because of this, peripheral areas around the City which lie in the Moorlands are covered by the Stoke-on-Trent LTP (Blythe Bridge, Caverswall, Werrington, Bagnall, Endon and Brown Edge). Both <u>The Staffordshire LTPs sets out the following objectives and priorities for transport:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>supporting growth and regeneration</u> - <u>maintaining the highway network</u> - <u>promoting equality of access and opportunity</u> - <u>maintaining safety and security</u> - <u>reducing road transport emissions and its effects on the highway network</u> - <u>improving health and quality of life</u> - <u>respecting the environment</u> 	To make the document factually correct
MM11	1, Introduction & Background	1.31	11	Delete paragraph	Replaced by changes to para.1.30
MM12	1, Introduction & Background	1.32	11	Replace paragraph by following: <u>The Draft Staffordshire Moorlands Integrated Transport Strategy sets out the transport challenges and projects for the District for the period 2011 – 2026 and will be reviewed annually. It identifies the following challenges:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Maintain current condition of the highway network</u> - <u>Improve accessibility to services and quality of life in local communities</u> - <u>Minimise impact of traffic generated by Alton Towers</u> - <u>Support vitality and viability of Biddulph, Leek and Cheadle town centres</u> - <u>Accommodate sustainable development on brownfield and greenfield sites in Biddulph, Leek and Cheadle</u> - <u>Support growth in tourism, particularly within the Churnet Valley</u> - <u>Improve public transport links to key destinations including the North Staffordshire conurbation</u> - <u>Raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage people to lead more sustainable lifestyles</u> 	To make proper reference to the ITS for Staffordshire Moorlands

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MM13	1. Introduction and Background	1.41	13	<p>Amend last section as follows:</p> <p>The 2008 – 2011 <u>2011/12 – 2014/15</u> Corporate Plan identifies 5 priority <u>the following priority</u> outcomes that are required from the Council's activities. These are:</p> <p>Improved community safety by reducing crime and the fear of crime. Improved health by effective health improvement and by increasing participation in sport and physical activity at all levels and abilities to ensure equality. Protection of the environment with effective planning policy and a robust response to climate change. A strong economy by developing sustainable towns and rural communities with work opportunities and excellent public amenities. Decent and affordable housing by increasing the supply of affordable homes and facilitating improvement in conditions of existing properties. Sustainable towns and rural communities Improve the supply of quality affordable housing through partnership Work with partners to improve health and community safety</p>	To reflect the latest Corporate Plan priority outcomes
MM14	1, Introduction & Background	1.48	14	<p>Add following to list of studies:</p> <p>Historic Environment Character Assessment</p>	To update list of evidence base studies
MM15	1, Introduction & Background	1.48	14	<p>Amend following:</p> <p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2007 <u>2008</u>)</p>	To correct date of study
MM16	2. A Portrait of Staffordshire Moorlands	2.14	23	<p>Amend 3rd sentence to read:</p> <p>The District (outside the Peak District) also includes 967 Listed buildings and structures, <u>117 Scheduled Monuments</u> and 14 Conservation Areas.</p>	To include reference to the number of Scheduled Monuments.
MM17	3. The Challenges	Creating thriving, distinctive market towns	32	<p>In the second bullet point replace 'traffic congestion' with 'local traffic issues'.</p>	To improve clarity.
MM18	3. The Challenges	Making travel more sustainable	34	<p>Amend second bullet point as follows:</p> <p>The main source of non-car access in the District is by bus. However, whilst many settlements are located close to main bus corridors and consequently have regular links to Leek and Hanley, <u>with many settlements having daily bus links and a call-on-demand Moorlands Connect service</u>, gaps in transport provision is still an issue in certain areas.</p>	To improve clarity and understanding of the issues.

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MM19	5. Aims and Objectives	SO9	43	To protect <u>conserve</u> and improve the character and distinctiveness of the countryside and its landscape, <u>heritage</u> , biodiversity and geological resources.	To improve clarity and consistency with NPPF
MM20	7. The Spatial Strategy for Staffordshire Moorlands	7.31	56	Replace 5 th and 6 th sentences by following: The government has reviewed the role of such planning contributions and introduced a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as a means of funding additional infrastructure arising from growth. The Council is currently considering and assessing the appropriateness and viability of introducing CIL for Staffordshire Moorlands to meet future infrastructure needs on a locality basis.	To correct and update the position regarding CIL
MM21	7. The Spatial Strategy for Staffordshire Moorlands	7.44	59	Add following sentence to paragraph: <u>The Council has undertaken a Tourism Study which highlights that the District has the potential and capacity to attract more visitors and to create more jobs in this sector. It identifies a number of potentially transformational projects which could provide significant impact on the tourism economy of the District, either in terms of direct impact and job creation or in terms of catalysing wider development.</u>	To update the Strategy with the findings of the Tourism Study.
MM22	7. The Spatial Strategy for Staffordshire Moorlands	7.49	60	Amend first sentence as follows: A Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment <u>and a Historic Environment Character Assessment</u> <u>have</u> been undertaken which will be used to map the quality of the District's landscape and identify future management measures.	To include reference to the HECA.
MM23	8. Core Policies	SS5a – Leek Area Strategy	79	Amend Part 4, 5 th bullet point as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>protecting and improving the setting and historic character of the town and increasing access into the countryside by foot, and cycling and horse riding.</u> 	To ensure the historic character of Biddulph is given full consideration and to reflect that horse riding is also a means of accessing the countryside.
MM24	8. Core Policies	SS5a – Leek Area Strategy	80	Amend Part 5 as follows: Create major regeneration mixed use opportunities and related infrastructure improvements for the following strategic sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Cornhill, Leek – uses which may be suitable are employment, tourism and leisure; any development shall make provision for a link between the A520 and A53 to the south of the town and links to the canal and Churnet Valley railway.</u> • <u>Churnet Works, Macclesfield Road, Leek – uses which may be suitable are employment, residential, retail, leisure; any development shall make provision for appropriate off-site highway improvements.</u> 	The Churnet Works site has planning permission for retail, employment and residential uses, part of which has now been completed. It is therefore no longer necessary to identify it as a proposal in the Core Strategy.

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MM25	8. Core Policies	8.1.42	81	The policy also identifies 2 major regeneration opportunities which are considered strategically important. The regeneration of the Cornhill area of Leek as a major regeneration opportunity which is strategically <u>important and</u> has been recognised as a Council objective for a number of years. The site is owned by the District Council and is well related to existing employment uses as well as potential tourism facilities to the south. A significant related requirement is the provision of an east-west link road between the A520 Cheddleton Road and the Barnfield Industrial estate, to allow easier access across the southern side of the town, and to relieve pressure on Junction Road. The County Council has begun investigating the costs and feasibility of a link road.	To reflect the deletion of Churnet Works as a proposal from the Core Strategy.
MM26	8. Core Policies	8.1.43	82	Delete paragraph relating to the Churnet Works site.	To reflect the deletion of Churnet Works as a proposal from the Core Strategy.
MM27	8. Core Policies	8.1.43	82	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list ' Historic Environment Character Assessment '.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM28	8. Core Policies	SS5b – Biddulph Area Strategy	83	Amend 5th bullet point (part 4) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protecting and enhancing the setting and <u>historic character</u> of the town. 	To ensure the historic character of Biddulph is given full consideration.
MM29	8. Core Policies	8.1.44	83	Amend 2 nd sentence as follows: The Biddulph East ward falls <u>was</u> within the <u>former</u> North Staffordshire Housing Market Pathfinder, which has been established to address housing market failure, obsolescent housing stock and mismatch between housing supply and demand.	To update this information.
MM30	8. Core Policies	SS5b 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence'	85	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list 'Historic Environment Character Assessment'.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM31	8. Core Policies	8.1.48	85	Amend second sentence as follows:: The total remaining capacity of this site is <u>approximately 8 hectares</u> which exceeds the requirement for Biddulph.	To update this information.
MM32	8. Core Policies	SS5c	86	Amend heading "S5c" to read ' SS5c '.	To correct typographical error.

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MM33	8. Core Policies	SS5c – Cheadle Area Strategy	87	Amend Part 4, 6th bullet point as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the role <u>and historic character</u> of the town and its links with the Churnet Valley as a visitor destination. 	To ensure the historic character of Cheadle is given full consideration.
MM34	8. Core Policies	SS5c	89	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 4) 'Historic Environment Character Assessment'.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM35	8. Core Policies	SS6a	92	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 3) 'Historic Environment Character Assessment'.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM36	8. Core Policies	8.1.69	96	Add following sentence after 3 rd sentence of 'Bolton Copperworks, Froghall' bullet point: There are significant potential contamination issues which may be at some depth within the site which must be addressed.	For consistency with the findings from the Bolton Copperworks Masterplan Study.
MM37	8. Core Policies	8.1.77	100	Amend 2 nd sentence as follows: The emerging former RSS Review continued to recognise the site as a major strategic employment site for North Staffordshire proposing its inclusion as a 'Regional Investment Site'.	To clarify the status of the RSS Review
MM38	8. Core Policies	8.2.3	102	The Government has made it clear that sustainable development is the core principle underpinning land use planning, in PPS4 <u>the NPPF</u> and other guidance. In particular the Stern Review (October 2006) identified that human activity is changing the world's climate, with profound and rising costs to the natural environment, concluding that action is needed now to avoid the worst of these costs. <u>This was addressed in the 2008 Planning Act, which requires that LDFs contain Policies (when taken as a whole) designed to "...contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change."</u> The NPPF also addresses <u>climate change mitigation with its support for transition to a low carbon future, support for more renewables; and its direction that Planning should play a key role in helping to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.</u>	To update references in supporting text
MM39	8. Core Policies	8.2.5	103	The District contains many <u>a number of</u> older settlements, many of which contain buildings and sites which could be re-used. Some of these have a history of contamination due to industrial legacy, and remediation measures will be necessary <u>where redevelopment is proposed</u> . In some cases a developer may be required to submit pre-application evidence as to the presence of contamination across the site, under the 2011 Environmental Impact Regulations, before a planning application can be determined. <u>The NPPF requires that any contaminated site proposed for redevelopment, should not be capable of being described as contaminated land under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, following remediation measures.</u> Further, the District has a history of mineworkings; the presence of which can adversely affect the stability of future built developments. The presence of minerals underground may also be identified as a resource for future extraction under County Minerals Plans. For these reasons, all future applications and	Textual amendments to add clarity

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				allocations will be assessed against the best available information, such as Coal Authority records.	
MM40	8. Core Policies	8.2.11	106	<p>This Policy deals specifically with issues of pollution and flood risk. Pollution not only can negatively impact on the quality of life of people, but can also contribute to climate change (impact on ozone etc) and adversely impact on biodiversity assets (which can also affect 'wealth creation'). <u>The NPPF directs Councils to proactively provide needed economic development - however decisions should ensure that new development is "appropriate for its location" in pollution/contamination terms; and more generally development should contribute to securing good standards of amenity and reducing pollution. On the other hand the NPPF recognises that industrial expansions resulting in 'some' additional noise should not be unfairly restricted. National guidance on pollution has sought to minimise or mitigate the impacts of pollution, whilst balancing this against the imperatives for economic activity which generate it (PPS1). PPS23 goes further by establishing the precautionary principle and sets out matters to be considered in preparing Local Development Documents and taking decisions on individual planning applications. The Council will apply these principles to any development where pollution or contamination considerations may arise. The Moorlands has a wet climate and within it there are significant corridors along rivers identified as being within flood risk zones. The questionnaire responses indicate acute public concerns to flooding generally. Development patterns can have distorting effects on the water cycle and drainage systems (for example, artificial features such as hardstanding, new roads and pavements can create channels of surface run-off)."</u></p>	To update references in supporting text
MM41	8. Core Policies	8.2.12	106	<p>Add specific reference to the Humber River Basin Management Plan in the first sentence as follows:</p> <p>The District Council will continue to keep abreast of relevant evidence affecting pollution and flood risk in its District, such as the requirements of the 2003 Water Framework Directive and any relevant Catchment Flood Management Plans <u>(such as the Humber River Basin Management Plan)</u>, as per RSS Policy QE9".</p> <p>Add new sentence at end of paragraph as follows:</p> <p><u>"Notwithstanding any requirements for site-specific flood risk assessments, new legislation (2010 Flood and Water Management Act) may require separate Sustainable Drainage approval from the County Council (in all locations) for most new structures.</u></p>	To provide specific reference to this important evidence document <u>and legislation regarding SuDs.</u>
MM42	8. Core Policies	8.3.7	110	<p>Amend 2nd and 3rd sentence as follows:</p> <p>More detail on agreements with developers to contribute towards training programmes and employment support and employment access schemes and off-site contributions for employment training and support will be provided in an SPD on Developer Contributions <u>or any subsequently adopted Community Infrastructure Levy</u>. This <u>SPD</u> will contain additional information on when agreements may be needed, what they will seek to cover, levels of contribution and how they will operate.</p>	To reflect the position regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy

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MM43	8. Core Policies	8.3.11	111	Amend text as follows: Where mixed use development is not viable then the Council will seek a financial contribution in appropriate cases towards securing employment development elsewhere in the area. Further details will be set out in the Developer Contributions SPD <u>or any subsequently adopted Community Infrastructure Levy.</u>	To reflect the position regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy
MM44	8. Core Policies	8.4.4	115	Amend 2 nd and 3 rd sentence as follows: It reflects the guidance in PPS3 'Housing' and the RSS to achieve mixed and balanced communities in the <u>NPPF to create sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities</u> and to make efficient use of land. Collaborative working between Local Planning Authorities, local communities, stakeholders, developers and house builders is also a key principle underlying PPS3 the NPPE.	
MM45	8. Core Policies	H3	119	Amend Supporting Guidance and Evidence text as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National policy guidance - Circular 04/06; Circular 04/07 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' (March 2012), National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) • Regional policy guidance - Phase 2 Review RSS policy CF9 • Evidence - North Staffordshire Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment; <u>West Midlands RSS Interim Policy Statement: Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and travelling Showpeople</u> 	To reflect latest supporting guidance and evidence
MM46	8. Core Policies	TCR1 – Development in the Town Centres	120	In Part 8 amend text as follows: Only permitting new retail, leisure, office and other key town centre uses outside town centres where they are consistent with the approach set out in <u>national policy PPS6 in terms of need, scale, sequential approach to site selection, impact on other centres, including those beyond the District boundary, and accessibility and are consistent with the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy policies for non-strategic centres.</u>	To reflect the latest national policy and the revocation of the RSS.
MM47	8. Core Policies	TCR2 – Retailing outside Town Centres	123	In the 2 nd paragraph, amend text as follows: Other major retail proposals (of 500m2 gross or more) will not be permitted outside town centres in order to protect the vitality and viability of the town centres, unless the proposal can be demonstrated to be acceptable under <u>national policy, and regional planning policies.</u>	To reflect the revocation of regional policies.
MM48	8. Core Policies	8.5.2	120	Amend text as follows: In line with responses from the consultation, and the retail study and.....	Textual amendment to correct typographical error.

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MM49	8. Core Policies	8.5.5	122	Amend text as follows: This policy approach ties in with the vision of the Staffordshire Moorlands Draft Sustainable <u>Sustainable</u> Community Strategy 2007 – 2020.....	To update information and correct typographical error.
MM50	8. Core Policies	8.6.5	126	Delete the following sentence: Applicants are advised to refer to the Government guidance entitled 'By Design' (a companion to PPS1).	To update information – the document referred to is no longer Government Guidance.
MM51	8. Core Policies	8.6.7	126	Amend text as follows: Concept Statements developed by the <u>former</u> Countryside Agency are a simple, clear expression of the key characteristics of place that new development should create.	To update information.
MM52	8. Core Policies	DC1	127	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box remove references to PPSs and regional policy and move 'Streets for all Manual: West Midlands – Department of Transport & English Heritage (2005)' to the end of the 'evidence' list.	To update information.
MM53	8. Core Policies	8.6.8	127	Add reference to Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the fifth sentence as follows: There are 967 Listed buildings and structures, and 14 Conservation Areas, <u>and a number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)</u> within the District outside the Peak District National Park; and a further 371 Listed buildings and structures within the Peak District National Park.	To clarify that in addition to statutorily-protected Listed Buildings and Conservation areas lying in the District, there are also SAMs which also attract statutory protection
MM54	8. Core Policies	8.6.10	128	Amend second sentence as follows: Although there are no specific additional statutory controls resulting from inclusion on the register, Government guidance (PPG45 <u>NPPF</u>) indicates that local authorities must have regard to the protection of these sites in preparing plans and determining planning applications.	To update supporting text of Policies to reflect the publication of the NPPF and resultant cancellation of earlier Planning guidance.
MM55	8. Core Policies	DC2	128	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 3) 'Historic Environment Character Assessment'.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM56	8. Core Policies	8.6.12	129	Amend second sentence as follows: The European Landscape Convention, which became binding on the UK in 2007; has the aim of encouraging public authorities to adopt policies and landscape protection and management measures so as to maintain/improve landscape quality across their Districts; further to this Planning Policy Statement 7	To provide a legislative context to Landscape Protection Policy; and to update supporting text of Policies to reflect the publication of the NPPF

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				the NPPF identifies the need for Council's to produce policies that maintain and enhance the value of the countryside.	and resultant cancellation of earlier Planning guidance.
MM57	8. Core Policies	8.6.12	129	Amend fourth and fifth sentences as follows The continued use of the current Special Landscape Area designation is therefore not considered sufficiently sensitive to local landscape characteristics and it is proposed to address local landscape impact through the use of a Landscape Character Assessment instead . The Council has undertaken a Landscape Character Assessment in order to identify character features in the District which should be used to inform planning decisions taking into account Staffordshire County Council's Historic Landscape Characterisation Study, and earlier <i>Planning for Landscape Change: Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan, 1996 – 2011 (2000)</i> .	For grammatical clarity and provide a more complete list of evidence documents which informed this Policy.
MM58	8. Core Policies	DC3	130	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 3) 'Planning for Landscape Change: Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan, 1996 – 2011'	To include reference to this study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM59	8. Core Policies	8.7.1	131	Amend text as follows: Creating sustainable communities by ensuring that new development contributes to the creation of safe, liveable and mixed communities with good access to jobs and key services and to sports, recreation and leisure facilities for all the population is a key principle of Government planning policy and regional planning policy and is widely supported by local residents.	To reflect the recent revocation of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy.
MM60	8. Core Policies	8.7.4	132	Replace following text ' Access to such facilities for those who live in rural areas is addressed in Planning Policy Statement 7 'Sustainable Development in Rural Areas'. In line.... ' With <u>The NPPF promotes the retention and development of local services and community facilities in rural areas. In line with this Government guidance, the policy seeks to support the retention of community facilities.</u>	To reflect most recent Government policy.
MM61	8. Core Policies	C3 – Green Infrastructure	136	Amend 5 th bullet point as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> create appropriate access for a wide range of users to enjoy the countryside, including improved linkages to and provision of formal and informal recreation opportunities and accessible woodland areas, encouraging walking, and cycling and <u>horse riding</u> 	To reflect that horse riding is also a recreational activity within the countryside.
MM62	8. Core Policies	Supporting Guidance & Evidence'	136	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 3) ' Historic Environment Character Assessment '.	To include reference to this recent study which has informed the Core Strategy.

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MM63	8. Core Policies	R1	139	In the 'Supporting Guidance & Evidence' box add to end of 'evidence' list (bullet point 3) 'West Midlands Historic Farmsteads and Landscapes Project'	To include reference to this study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM64	8. Core Policies	8.8.4	139	In line with national guidance Planning Policy Statement 7 The NPPF, the West Midlands RSS and the Staffordshire Moorlands Sustainable Community Strategy, Policy R1 sets out the criteria for economic, community and recreation development that the Council will be supportive of in rural locations and the need for such development not to have a detrimental impact on rural character or environmental quality.	To reflect the publication of the NPPF and resultant cancellation of earlier Planning guidance and the revocation of the RSS
MM65	8. Core Policies	8.8.7	139	Tourism also plays an important role in diversifying the rural economy. The Tourism Study and the proposed Tourism Study will be used to identify identifies where there is scope for further provision and the nature of that provision which will help inform decisions on applications for tourism uses in order to ensure supply matches demand. Policy E3 sets out the considerations for tourism proposals.	To correct typographical error.
MM66	8. Core Policies	8.8.8	139	Amend first sentence as follows: Staffordshire County Council is currently completing a <u>has completed a</u> County-wide mapping and characterisation project of historic farmsteads, which is part of a Region-wide programme of projects.	To update the status of the programme.
MM67	8. Core Policies	8.8.10	141	Amend first part of supporting text to read: Policy R2 recognises that the re-use of rural buildings for commercial purposes is preferable to that of residential uses in line with Planning Policy Statement 7 and sets out the criteria for the re-use of these buildings. It takes account of local circumstances and the need to safeguard rural buildings that are judged to be of particular merit in terms of architectural, historical importance or their contribution to local character in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 7.	To reflect the cancellation of PPS7.
MM68	8. Core Policies	NE1 – Biodiversity and geological Resources	142	Amend Parts 1 and 2 of Policy as follows <u>The biodiversity and geological resources of the District and neighbouring areas will be protected conserved and enhanced by positive management and strict control of development by:</u> <u>1. Resisting any proposed development that could have an adverse effect on the integrity of a European site alone or in combination with other plans or projects unless it can be demonstrated that the legislative provisions to protect such sites can be fully met.</u> <u>2. Conserving and enhancing any Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The Council will not permit any development proposal which would directly or indirectly (either individually or in combination with other developments) have an adverse effect on a Site of Special Scientific Interest.</u> <u>3. Protecting, Conserving and enhancing national, regional and locally designated sites. The Council will not permit any development proposal which would directly or indirectly result in significant harm to geological and biodiversity conservation interests including ancient woodland, unless it can be demonstrated that:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no appropriate alternative site available; and 	To clarify that Policy imperatives differ between national-level; and local-level designations, under NPPF guidance. Also textual corrections in places to iterate that the Policy seek to “conserve” rather than “protect” biodiversity assets, in most cases.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all statutory and regulatory requirements relating to any such proposal have been satisfied; and appropriate conservation and mitigation measures are provided; or if it is demonstrated that this is not possible the need for, and benefit of, the development is demonstrated to clearly outweigh the need to safeguard the intrinsic nature conservation value of the site and compensatory measures are implemented. <p>Consequential renumbering of remaining parts 3 to 8 as 4 to 9.</p>	
MM69	8. Core Policies	8.9.2	143	<p>Replace by amend text as follows:</p> <p><u>The NPPF states that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. The NPPF requires that local planning authorities should “set out a strategic approach in their Local Plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure. The NPPF requires that distinctions are made between the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites. These sites are protected under separate legislation with ODPM Circular 06/2005 outlining how statutory obligations impact within the planning system and policy NE1 will seek to reinforce their protection through the planning process. This policy will help in the achievement of the Staffordshire Moorlands Sustainable Community Strategy outcome of “The built and natural environment will have been protected, public open spaces improved and biodiversity enhanced.</u></p>	To clarify that Policy imperatives differ between national-level; and local-level designations, under NPPF guidance.
MM70	8. Core Policies	NE1	142	<p>Add to supporting text:</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) have produced guidance ‘Planning for a Healthy Environment – Good Practice Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity.</p>	For clarity.
MM71	8. Core Policies	NE1	144	In the ‘Supporting Guidance & Evidence’ box add to end of ‘evidence’ list (bullet point 3) TCPA’s ‘Biodiversity by Design’ guidance.	To include reference to this study which has informed the Core Strategy.
MM72	8. Core Policies	8.10.1	145	<p>Amend second sentence as follows:</p> <p>Jointly The Staffordshire Local Transport Plan, and North Staffordshire Local Transport Plan (refer to para. 4.25 1.30 for further explanation) <u>are</u> the principal means of addressing transport issues in the District, and the proposed policy approach seeks to ensure that proposals in the LDF are helping deliver the objectives of these <u>this</u> Local Transport Plans.</p>	To make the document factually correct
MM73	8. Core Policies	T1 – Development and Sustainable	145	<p>Amend 3rd bullet point as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referring to <u>maximum appropriate</u> parking standards as laid out in national and regional guidance, or any parking standards that may be produced locally. 	To make the document factually correct with regard to the Local Transport Plan and revocation of RSS.

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MM74	8. Core Policies	8.10.3	146	Amend first sentence as follows: This policy reflects national transport planning policy in the NPPF and the emerging RSS regional transport policy which seeks to deliver a system that supports sustainable transport through the integration with land use planning at all levels, so that transport and planning work together to support more sustainable travel choices and reduce the need to travel.	To reflect the introduction of the NPPF and revocation of RSS.
MM75	8. Core Policies	8.10.5	146	Amend first and second sentences as follows: The Council will continue to work closely with the Highway Authority to ensure the coordination of proposals within the LDF and the Local Transport Plans <u>(as expressed within the 'Staffordshire Moorlands District Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-2026' which explains how the LTP is expected to be delivered in Staffordshire Moorlands and where the County Council's transport investment, and other funding resources, are expected to be targeted.</u> The location of development and the way that development is carried out are important factors in helping achieve the priorities of the Local Transport Plans; and in the case of proposals affecting the Strategic Road Network closely involve the Highways Agency such that it can undertake its duties as set out in DfT Circular 2/07: <i>Planning and the Strategic Road Network</i> .	To clarify the relationship between the 'Integrated Transport Strategies' that the County Council produces, the LTP, and LDFs.
MM76	8. Core Policies	8.10.5	146	Amend second sentence as follows: The location of development and the way that development is carried out are important factors in helping achieve the priorities of the Local Transport Plans; and in the case of proposals affecting the Strategic Road Network closely involve the Highways Agency such that it can undertake its duties as set out in DfT Circular 2/07: <i>Planning and the Strategic Road Network</i> .	To make the document factually correct with regard to the Local Transport Plan.
MM77	8. Core Policies	8.10.7	146	The Council will require new developments to meet specified parking standards, details of which will be established through subsequent work on local standards, <u>which will have reference to DfT's Manual for Streets (2007).</u>	To provide specific reference to this important evidence document.
MM78	8. Core Policies	8.10.8	146	Add new sentences at beginning of para 8.10.8 as follows: <u>The Council has a statutory responsibility to consult various organisations before determining planning applications (depending on the scale and impact of the proposals) as laid out in the Development Management Procedure Order. For example the Council must consult the Secretary of State for Transport, Staffordshire Highways Authority, or Network Rail for proposals which would increase traffic volumes upon trunk roads, classified roads, or railway level crossings (respectively).</u> Add new sentence after 3 rd sentence:	To explain how the Council must consult organisations affected by transport impacts of proposals.

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				<u>This may also require developers to fund any qualitative improvements required in relation to existing facilities and infrastructure as a direct result of increased patronage resulting from new development.</u>	
MM79	8. Core Policies	T2 – Other Sustainable Transport Measures	147	Amend the Policy wording of the first two paragraphs as follows: In line with priorities set out in the <u>NPPF</u>, RSS Regional Transport Strategy and the Staffordshire and North Staffordshire Local Transport Plans; and through working with partner organisations, the Council will encourage and support measures which promote better accessibility, create safer roads, reduce the impact of traffic, or facilitate highway improvements. In particular, the Council will: 1. Support, subject to feasibility assessment, new road schemes within the District (where not already identified as priorities in the RSS or Local Transport Plans) where: a. there would be evidence to suggest positive impact and need for the scheme; and b. it would be in accord with the general objectives and policies of the <u>NPPF/RSS/LTPs</u>...	To reflect introduction of NPPF and revocation of RSS, and to make the document factually correct with regard to the Local Transport Plan.
MM80	8. Core Policies	T2 – Other Sustainable Transport Measures	147	Amend point 5 as follows Support and promote the development of a network of safe walking, <u>horse riding</u> and cycling routes (including the National Cycle Network) connecting to transport interchanges, linking communities and recreational/tourist areas.	To recognise horse riding within this sustainable transport network.
MM81	8. Core Policies	8.10.9	148	Amend last sentence as follows: Additionally, the Council will exploit opportunities for new road schemes which are not identified in the LTPs, provided these are feasible, and subject to available finance The Council will work with the highway authority to exploit opportunities for new road schemes. If they are feasible and subject to available finances, they will be included in both the Infrastructure Plan and District Integrated Transport Strategy.	To reflect partnership working with SCC and to emphasis role of SCC Integrated Transport Strategy for SMD and how this cross-relates with Core Strategy preparation.
MM82	8. Core Policies	8.10.10	148	Additional text to first sentence as follows: A major issue for the District has been the inadequacy of the alternative modes of travel and in particular the public transport system. Whilst there is an extensive network of bus routes, <u>with many settlements having daily bus links and a call-on-demand Moorlands Connect service</u> , the Development Capacity Study found that the frequency and accessibility to these services can be limited, particularly in the rural areas.	To improve clarity and understanding of the issues.
MM83	Appendix A – Implementation & Monitoring Plan	C2	165	Add 'Green Infrastructure Strategy' as an additional (seventh) bullet point at the end of the list in the column headed 'Principal Means of Implementation / Delivery' in the table.	To reflect that recreational open space is an element of green infrastructure and that there is potential to identify further open space

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					through the Green Infrastructure Strategy.
MM84	Appendix A – Implementation & Monitoring Plan	NE1	166	Add 'Green Infrastructure Strategy' as an additional (third) bullet point at the end of the list in the column headed 'Principal Means of Implementation / Delivery' in the table.	To reflect the benefits that the provision of new green infrastructure (through the Green Infrastructure Strategy) has on the biodiversity and geological resources in the District.
MM85	Appendix D – Relationship of key Policies		187	Remove all references to current and phase 2 review RSS policies and to saved Structure Plan policies.	To reflect the latest position with regard to the RSS and the Structure Plan.
MM86	Appendix E – Core Strategy Links		191	Amend to reflect latest Corporate Plan priority outcomes.	To reflect latest Corporate Plan
MM87	Appendix I - Glossary		205	Add new entry to Glossary: <u>Heritage Asset – A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the Council (including local listing).</u>	To provide greater clarity to the meaning of Policy SS6c(4) and ensure conformity with NPPF definition..
MM88	Key Diagram	Leek	215	Delete 'Major Regeneration Opportunity' at Churnet Works site on map	The Churnet Works site now has planning permission and is being implemented