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Dear Mr. Shrosbee,

Shropshire Local Plan Review: Representations from Staffordshire County Council as an adjoining Minerals Planning Authority

I refer to your draft minerals and waste position statement dated February 2022 in connection with the above.

As indicated in your position statement, the duty to co-operate process between the two Mineral Planning Authorities has been principally undertaken through discussions at the West Midlands Aggregates Working Party (WMAWP) and consultation on the draft Local Plan.

Four representations have been made by Staffordshire County Council in relation to the soundness of the following parts of the pre submission draft Plan:

- a) SP16 Point 3 (provision for sand and gravel)
- b) SP16 Point 4 (provision for sand and gravel outwith allocated sites)
- c) DP30 Point 1 (strategy for provision of additional sand and gravel resources)
- d) Table DP30.1 (supporting policy DP30)

In relation to these representations, your statement indicates that we have discussed potential modifications to the draft Plan as set out in the following table.

Policy ref/ Table	Proposed Change to Plan
SP16 Point 3	<p>Revise explanation that the level of provision for sand and gravel in Shropshire is based on adjusting the 10 years sales average (2009 – 2018) by considering the following:</p> <p>a. The increased trend in sales indicated by the latest 3 years average (2016 – 2018); and</p> <p>b. The anticipated increase in the number of operational sites during Plan period.</p> <p>The methodology used for setting the level of provision reflects the circumstances of balancing demand and supply in Shropshire.</p>
DP16 Point 4 (also refer to DP30 Point 2)	<p>Regarding the criteria for sand and gravel proposals outwith allocated areas, revise explanation that “unmet need” would include maintaining production capacity from permitted sites.</p> <p>Monitoring as explained under paragraph 4.270 of the draft Plan should include the overall productive capacity of sand and gravel quarries and the contribution to productive capacity from ‘windfall’ sites.</p>
Table DP30.1	<p>The issue of permitted reserves and the evidence used for DP30 has been discussed and further evidence will be provided by Shropshire Council, if required.</p>

The proposed changes as set out above were discussed and agreed between officers representing the two councils in September 2021 and would address the main issues of soundness raised in representations made by Staffordshire County Council.

Regarding the waste policies in the draft Plan, no representations have been made by Staffordshire Council and the duty to co-operate process between the two Waste Planning Authorities has been undertaken through discussions at the West Midlands Regional Technical Advisory Body and consultation on the draft Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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