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Dear Mr West

Minerals and Waste Policies

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2023 and enclosed lists of Main Modifications (MM) and Minor Modifications. Having given this further consideration we are of the opinion that the following should be added to the list of MMs.

- 1. The information provided in paragraph 3.166 of the Plan on the existing number of consented waste management facilities and the capacity of those facilities requires to be updated to the latest position as stated in paragraph 76.1 of the Council's Hearing Statement (ID29).
- 2. Policy SP17(2) is supportive of waste recycling and recovery facilities close to the main centres and smaller scale facilities outside those locations. Part (5) of the policy safeguards waste management facilities in locations that are consistent with the site identification criteria for new sites. The use of the term 'criteria' may indicate the need for a fuller explanation of the terms provided in part (2). At the hearing, the Council explained what is meant by 'smaller scale' and 'local needs.' In order to assist the clarity of the policy, explanation of these terms should be added to the supporting text as a MM.
- 3. The development guidelines for all sites are to be included in Appendix 2 and this is listed as a minor modification. This amendment is a significant change and should be a MM.
- 4. Appendix 6 and the relevant settlement strategies, including those for the saved allocations identify sites which may be suitable for waste management facilities. It would aid clarity if the supporting text to Policy DP32 directed the reader to those parts of the Plan.
- 5. Existing permitted quarries are to be listed in a new appendix (Appendix 8). The supporting text to Policy DP30 should direct the reader to that appendix.

We ask that the Council considers these amendments to the list of Main Modifications and that an amended list is sent to us via the Programme Officer. Please indicate a timescale for submission of the list.

We would be grateful if the Council would place a copy of this letter on the Examination website. However, we need to be clear that we are not inviting or proposing to accept any comments on this letter from any Examination participants at this stage.

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