

Staffordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Development Scheme



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What is a Mineral and Waste Development Scheme?

1 What is a Mineral and Waste Development Scheme?

- 1.1 It is Staffordshire County Council's public statement on the production of mineral and waste development documents that will contain the policies and proposals for future quarrying and waste management development in Staffordshire as well as supporting guidance.
- 1.2 This development scheme is a project plan for three years but will indicate future work proposed beyond the initial three-year period. The project plan will be reviewed as and when necessary.
- 1.3 Where development document preparation is to commence within the next three years, the anticipated timetable for the preparation of that document is indicated as well as a description of its content.
- 1.4 The existing LDS was produced in April 2007, revising the original 2005 Scheme, and established a programme of work for an initial 3 year period to 2010/11. The scheme is subject to a continuous process of review so that progress in implementing it and changing circumstances can be assessed and the work programme revised and rolled forward. This 2011 scheme sets out the Councils current programme and takes into account progress made since the introduction of the initial scheme, issues identified through the Councils Annual monitoring Report and changes in Council timetables, government policy and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) procedures.
- 1.5 The County Council is required to submit the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme to the Secretary of State. Since the abolition of the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) CLG's advice is that as part of the "Localism" agenda they do not wish to formally approve it. Although he has a 28 day period in which he can agree the scheme or direct the Council to modify it, the Secretary of State has declared that he no longer wishes to exercise this power. Government advice is that the Scheme only needs to be published on the [County Councils webpage](#). The document however has been approved by the County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Assets and an electronic copy was sent to the Secretary of State.

Why review existing mineral and waste policies and proposals?

2 Why review existing mineral and waste policies and proposals?

- 2.1** In 2004, a new planning policy making system has been introduced as part of Government reforms to the planning system. The Mineral and Waste Development Framework will contain development documents to replace the policies and proposals currently found in the Structure Plan, Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan and will be based on a spatial planning approach. This is a new approach and is explained by reference to the following:
- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and accompanying regulations; and
 - The draft National Planning Policy Framework, existing Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and Mineral Policy Statements (MPS) published by the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- 2.2** There is a need, therefore, for local minerals and waste planning policies to be reviewed to ensure that the requirements of the new system are met.
- 2.3** The grant or refusal of planning permission for minerals and waste development will continue to be in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. It is important, therefore, that policies and proposals are up to date and take into account changing circumstances associated with society's demand for minerals, the need for waste management facilities and improved standards for environmental protection.

What is the current Development Plan?

3 What is the current Development Plan?

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- 3.1** The Development Plan for mineral and waste planning in Staffordshire will consist of:
- Development Plan Documents to be produced by the County Council (and in the case of a waste development plan document, to be produced jointly with Stoke-on-Trent City Council) forming the minerals and waste development framework;
 - Development Plan Documents to be produced by the eight District and Borough Council Planning Authorities in Staffordshire; and
 - During the transitional period, the Development Plan also includes policies found in the 'saved' Structure Plan, Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan.
- 3.2** More information on the Development Plan can be found on our [website](#) by clicking onto "Planning Policy in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent".

What happens to the policies and proposals and guidance in the current Structure Plan, Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan?

4 What happens to the policies and proposals and guidance in the current Structure Plan, Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan?

4.1 Table 1 below provides a list the current Plans. A ['direction letter'](#) from the Government has subsequently confirmed the 'saved' policies in our adopted Minerals Local Plan, Waste Local Plan & Structure Plan with effect from 28 September 2007. As a consequence, the adopted Waste Local Plan and Minerals Local Plan, together with the Staffordshire Borough / District Local Plans, the Structure Plan and Stoke-on-Trent's Unitary Development Plan, which form a part of **'the development plan'** for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, changed with effect from 28 September 2007. Essentially this means that the number of policies making up the development plan have been reduced and more reliance is now placed on national Planning Policy Statements to help determine planning applications until such time as replacement Development Plan Documents are adopted.

Table 1 'The Development Plan'

Title of Plan	Date of Adoption	Saved Policies
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Minerals Local Plan 1994 – 2006	December 1999	The list of policies saved by the Secretary of State is set out in Appendix 1
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Waste Local Plan 1998 – 2011	10 February 2003	The list of policies saved by the Secretary of State is set out in Appendix 1
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996 – 2011	10 May 2001	The list of policies saved by the Secretary of State is set out in Appendix 1

What development documents will form the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and what are the priorities for new policy?

5 What development documents will form the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and what are the priorities for new policy?

- 5.1** Table 2 below provides a list of mineral and waste development documents that we intend to produce to replace the Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan. To understand these development documents, please refer to the glossary in Appendix 3. Separate site allocation documents are not proposed.

Table 2 Documents intended to replace Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan

Document title	Status of document	Date for adoption
Statement of Community Involvement	Non DPD/SPD	March 2006
Waste Core Strategy	DPD	October 2012
Minerals Core Strategy	DPD	To be confirmed in next LDS.

- 5.2** Priority has been given to preparing the Joint Waste Core Strategy. The table below shows the stages of progressing this waste development document to adoption. The Local Development Scheme will then be revised again in 2012 to reflect the timetable for preparing the Mineral Core Strategy. Given resources, the County Council intends to recommence preparation of the Minerals Core Strategy following adoption of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

Table 3 Joint Waste Core Strategy

Joint Waste Core Strategy DPD*	Timeline
Submission of the Strategy and SA report	January 2012
Examination	April/May 2012
Adoption	October 2012

* To be prepared jointly with Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

- 5.3** Relevant key milestones as identified in PPS12 are set out below. The council also undertook an informal consultation stage prior to the Reg27 stage. This is not set out in PPS12 but was undertaken to encourage public and industry involvement.

Sustainability Appraisal (September 2011)

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- 5.4** It is a legal requirement to consult the bodies defined in the Regulations on the Sustainability Appraisal. The Council consulted the general public as part of the Reg25 consultation on the Joint Waste Core Strategy. It was subsequently consulted on during the Regulation 27 period.

Regulation 27 Pre Submission Publication (23rd September to 4th November 2011)

- 5.5** This was intended to be the last opportunity for the public to make formal representations on the plan, evidence base, associated documents, SA, HRA and SFRA before they are submitted to the Secretary of State. The processes already undertaken to develop the plan have enabled the Council to consider most of the public's concerns before this stage and any changes are mainly for clarity.

Submission of Joint Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Documents to the Secretary of State (Reg30) (January 2012)

- 5.6** This is the stage where the Council formally submits the Waste Core Strategy document and a summary of the main issues raised in the representations on the Submission to the Secretary of State.
- 5.7** The **Examination of and Hearing into the 'soundness' of the DPD** is not one of the key milestones but is anticipated in **April/May 2012 subject to confirmation from PINS**.
- 5.8** PINS Revised draft timetable for Core Strategies is that they will dispatch their final report into the Examination 29 weeks after it is submitted. This should be around August 2012. Subject to timetable and the Inspectors comments, a recommendation to Council to adopt the strategy could be made in October 2012.

Table 4 Minerals Core Strategy

Minerals Core Strategy DPD	Timeline
Begin work on Pre-publication Core Strategy / Preferred Policy Directions	In 2009 the Planning Committee accepted the need to give priority to the preparation of the Waste Core Strategy. It is anticipated that work on the strategy will re-start when the Joint Waste Core Strategy has been adopted.
Consultation on Pre-publication Core Strategy / Preferred Policy Directions and initial Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report	TBC
Publication of the Strategy and SA report	TBC

What development documents will form the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and what are the priorities for new policy?

Minerals Core Strategy DPD	Timeline
Submission of the Strategy and SA report	TBC
Examination	TBC
Adoption	TBC

- 5.9** The Minerals Core Strategy will set out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for future mineral related development within Staffordshire. Notably, the Core Strategy will indicate the strategic sites for future mineral working over the next 15 to 20 years. Work on preparing the Minerals Core Strategy is currently on hold but will restart after the Joint Waste Core Strategy has been adopted in 2012.

Which parts of Staffordshire do the minerals and waste policies cover?

6 Which parts of Staffordshire do the minerals and waste policies cover?

- 6.1** The Mineral Core Strategy will apply to the whole of Staffordshire, which includes the County area except those parts within the Peak District National Park and the administrative area of Stoke-on-Trent City Council. However, the Waste Core Strategy has been produced in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council and so will it also apply to the administrative area of Stoke-on-Trent. The area subject to the Minerals and Waste Development Framework is shown on Figure 1 below:

Which parts of Staffordshire do the minerals and waste policies cover?

Figure 1 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent



When can you be involved in the preparation of the development documents?

7 When can you be involved in the preparation of the development documents?

- 7.1** Government guidance defines two important processes for the preparation of development documents and these are:
- “Early involvement” – anyone who has an interest in the planning of an area should be involved in the preparation of policy making, particularly at the early stages of preparation;
 - “Front loading” – involves early involvement and consideration of alternative options. When considering site allocations, all those who wish land to be allocated for development should ensure that their sites are brought forward early in the process.
- 7.2** One of the main differences between the preparation of a development document with policy (DPD) and a development document containing guidance (SPD) is that the development plan document will be subject to independent examination by a Planning Inspector. Preparing a development plan document will, therefore, take more time to complete.
- 7.3** Opportunities for involvement are explained in the [“Statement of Community Involvement”](#). This document will also indicate how the community would be consulted on planning applications.

How is sustainable development taken into account in preparing new policy and proposals?

8 How is sustainable development taken into account in preparing new policy and proposals?

- 8.1** The reforms to the planning system require that new policy and guidance should be prepared with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. Sustainable development is defined as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.
- 8.2** The County Council must now comply with the requirements of the European Union (EU) Directive for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and these requirements have been included in a process to be carried out alongside the preparation of mineral and waste development documents known as ‘Sustainability Appraisal’.
- 8.3** The Sustainability Appraisal should be started as soon as a new development document is first considered and should provide input at each stage when decisions are taken. For example, a sustainability appraisal report will be provided when issues and options are being considered at the early stage of development document preparation and a final sustainability appraisal report is required when submitting a development plan document to the Secretary of State. These reports will be used for consultation purposes and will play an important part in demonstrating if a development document is ‘sound’ by ensuring that it reflects sustainable development objectives.

How will development document preparation be monitored?

9 How will development document preparation be monitored?

- 9.1** We are required to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and one of the functions of the report will be to assess whether the targets and timescales for the delivery of minerals and waste development documents have been met. If targets are not met, the development scheme will need to be reviewed. We will be working hard to ensure that the targets are met but if they are not, then we will provide reasons why we are behind schedule. There is also a requirement to monitor the implementation of policy and this will influence the need to review policies within development plan documents.
- 9.2** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is required to be prepared in respect of the financial year and should be published by the end of the calendar year. The current AMR is available to view on our [AMR webpage](#).

Appendix 1: Saved policies from current plans

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Table 5 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Minerals Local Plan 1994-2006

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Minerals Local Plan 1994-2006	
Number	Policy Name
2	Need for Minerals (landbanks)
5	Conservation of Minerals (Mineral Consultation Areas)
6	Conservation of Minerals (MSAs)
9	Restoration & Aftercare
10	Use of Legal Agreements
12	Proximity to Sensitive Development
19	Other sites of cultural/ natural importance
20	Other sites of Cultural/ Natural Importance (conservation)
21	Landscape Character and Quality
22	Advanced Tree Planting
24	Archaeological Evaluation
25	Archaeological Recording
26	Historic Landscapes
30	Traffic Impact Appraisal
31	Traffic Legal Agreements
35	Ancillary Industrial Development
38	Exceptional Circumstances
39	Working of Extensions
46	Fauld Mine Anhydrite Landbank
48	Cauldon Works - Cement Minerals - Landbank
49	Shale Reserves at Cauldon Cement Works

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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Minerals Local Plan 1994-2006	
Number	Policy Name
51	Sand & Gravel Borrow Pits
52	Sand & Gravel Borrow Pits – Legal Agreements
54	Crushed Rock at Caudon Low
56	Silica Sand Landbank for Moneystone Quarry
57	Silica Sand at Moneystone
Proposal 1	Newchurch Area of Search for Anhydrite
Proposal 3	Mineral Safeguard Areas for Etruria Marl
Proposal 4	Caudon Shale Quarry Area of Search
Proposal 5	Sand and Gravel Site Specific Allocations (Croxden/ Pottal Pool/ Tucklesholme Farm/ Barton/ Alrewas South & Whitemoor Haye/ Leasowes Farm)
Proposal 7	Moneystone Quarry Area of Search

Appendix 1: Saved policies from current plans

Table 6 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Waste Local Plan 1998-2011

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Waste Local Plan 1998-2011	
Policy Number	Policy Name
3	General Protection
4	Restoration, Aftercare and After-use
5	Legal Agreements
10	Waste Disposal on Agricultural, Forestry, or other Land
12	Criteria for the location of Waste Treatment Facilities
13	Time limits for Waste Treatment Facilities on Landfill and Mineral Sites
14	Waste Treatment Facilities within buildings and in the open air
15	Temporary consent for open air waste treatment facilities
16	Incineration

Appendix 1: Saved policies from current plans

Table 7 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-201

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011	
Number	Policy Name
D1	Sustainable Forms of Development
D2	The Design and Environmental Quality of Development
D3	Urban Regeneration
D4	Managing Change in Rural Areas
D5A	Green Belts
D5B	Development in the Green Belt
D6	Conserving Agricultural Land
D7	Conserving Energy and Water
D8	Providing Infrastructure Services, Facilities and/or Mitigating Measures Associated With Development
E1	Employment Land Provision and Distribution
E3	Locational Factors for New Sites
E5	Major Investment Site
E6	Implementation and Programming
E7	Existing Industries
E8	Loss of Employment Land and Buildings
E11A	Tourism
E11B	Major Tourist Attractions
E12	Tourist Accommodation
H3	Mixed Use Developments
H4	Portfolio of Sites
H6	Conversions
H10	Affordable Housing in Rural Areas
H11	Housing in Open Countryside
T1A	Sustainable Location

Appendix 1: Saved policies from current plans

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011	
Number	Policy Name
T1B	An Integrated Transport Strategy
T2	Urban Areas
T3	Rural Areas
T4	Walking
T5	Cycling
T6	Motorcycling
T7	Public Transport Provision
T8A	Improving the Rail Network
T8B	New Stations
T9	Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles
T10	Freight Transport
T11	Management of Traffic
T12	Strategic Highway Network
T13	Local Roads
T14	Routes of National and Regional Significance
T17	Lorry and Coach Parking Facilities
T18A	Transport and Development
T18B	Operational Requirements for Employment Developments
T19	Airfields and Heliports
NC1	Protection of the Countryside: General Considerations
NC2	Landscape Protection and Restoration
NC3	Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
NC4	Protecting the PeakDistrictNational Park
NC6	Important Semi-Natural Habitats
NC7A	Sites of International Nature Conservation Importance

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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011

Number	Policy Name
NC7B	Sites of National Nature Conservation Importance
NC7C	Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance
NC9	Water Resources
NC12	National and Community Forests
NC13	Protection of Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands
NC14	Sites of Archaeological Importance
NC15	Sites of National Archaeological Importance
NC16	Registered Historic Battlefields
NC17A	Historic Parks and Gardens: Protection
NC17B	Historic Parks and Gardens: Management and Restoration
NC18	Listed Buildings
NC19	Conservation Areas
TC1	Ensuring the Future of Town Centre
TC4	Local Shops
TC5	Small Scale Retail Facilities in the Countryside
R1	Providing for Recreation and Leisure
R2B	Chasewater
R3	Recreational Facilities in the Countryside
R4	PublicAccessLand
R5A	Water Areas and Rivers
R5B	The Tame and TrentValley
R7	Canal Facilities
R8	Restoration of Canals
MW1	The Need for Minerals
MW3	The Efficient Use and Recycling of Minerals

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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011	
Number	Policy Name
MW4	Conservation of Mineral Resources
MW5	Sustainable Waste Management
MW6	Evaluation of Proposals
MW7	Relationship to Conservation and/or Development Initiatives
MW8	Transportation of Mineral and Waste
MW9	Reclamation

Appendix 2a: Document Profiles

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Table 8

Title	Joint Waste Core Strategy
Role and Content	To set out the Vision, Objectives and Strategy for waste development in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, including policies for assessing development proposals.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of Conformity	Consistent with national policy
Geographic coverage	Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
Stakeholder and Community Involvement	In accordance with the consultation/participation processes set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.
Timetable	<p>November 2006: We published a 'Scoping Report for the Waste Core Strategy' in November 2006, bringing together the results of initial stages of our SEA/SA work relating to our first issues and options document. It set out a proposed 'sustainability framework' to be used in appraising the policies and proposals of the Waste Core Strategy as it emerges.</p> <p><u>March 2007:</u> Issues and Options document was approved by Planning Committee for consultation. This document related to Staffordshire only. Joint working with Stoke-on-Trent City Council on a Joint Waste Core Strategy was agreed in November 2007.</p> <p>30 March: Public consultation of I&O document</p> <p><u>November 2007:</u> The Planning Committee accepted the planning and financial benefits of joint working and Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council agreed to prepare a joint Waste Core Strategy.</p>

Appendix 2a: Document Profiles

December 2007 Issues and Options 2 commences. In response to the requirement that the Core Strategy needs to identify "broad locations" or "strategic sites" for future waste management facilities, it was necessary to gather evidence on alternative options for future sites. A second stage Issues and Options consultation was deemed necessary in preparation of a Strategy that is more "place focused" and which covered both Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

3 July 2008 Issues and Options 2 was approved by Planning Committee for public consultation. In response to the requirement that the Core Strategy needs to identify "broad locations" or "strategic sites" for future waste management facilities, it was necessary to gather evidence on alternative options for future sites. The consultation took place October – November 2008 and landowners and the waste industry were invited to submit suitable sites for future waste management facilities. This information has been incorporated into a Site Assessment Report (March 2010) and demonstrates the potential availability of sites to meet the projected need for additional waste management capacity.

1 July 2010: Planning Committee approved the [draft Strategy](#) for consultation

9 August 2010: Consultation on the [draft strategy](#) commenced.

12 April 2011: Informal consultation on [Revised draft policies for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy](#) commenced until 26 April 2011.

7 July 2011: Planning Committee approved the submission draft of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy (Regulation 27 Publication document).

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23 September to 4 November 2011 -

Representation period for the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy' for formal pre-submission consultation under Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended).

[1 December 2011](#) :

Planning Committee approved a Schedule of Minor Amendments to the submission draft / Regulation 27 Publication document.

[8 December 2011](#):

Full Council approved the submission of the Joint Waste Core Strategy, Schedule of Minor Amendments and all supporting documents to be submitted to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.

January 2012-

Submission of the Joint Waste Core Strategy

April/May 2012 –

Examination.

October 2012 –

Adoption of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

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Table 9

Title	Minerals Core Strategy
Role and Content	To set out the Vision, Objectives and Strategy for Minerals in the County, including policies for assessing development proposals.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of Conformity	Consistent with national policy
Geographic coverage	Staffordshire
Stakeholder and Community Involvement	In accordance with the consultation/participation processes set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.
Timetable	<p>October 2005: "Minerals Core Strategy - Issues and Options" was reported to Planning Committee in October 2005 and released for public consultation between 11 November and 23 December 2005.</p> <p>May 2007: Members of the Planning Committee approved a document to use for the purposes of public consultation on the selection of preferred options for a Minerals Core Strategy</p> <p>July 2007: In response to advice received from the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) and the Planning Inspectorate, a report to Planning Committee recommended that consultations on preferred options be deferred because the preferred options were considered to be sufficiently spatial to provide a clear strategy which identifies "strategic sites" for future mineral production.</p> <p>September 2007: We sent out invitations to the minerals industry, landowners and other stakeholders ('developers') asking for submission of proposals for strategic sites.</p> <p>July 2008: The Planning Committee approved a document to be used for a second round of consultation on issues and options for the</p>

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	<p>Minerals Core Strategy. This second round provided an opportunity for stakeholders including local communities to consider what needed to be addressed in a local strategy for minerals but in contrast to a previous consultation in 2005 (see above), there was also an opportunity to comment on options for strategic sites as proposed by the minerals industry and landowners.</p> <p>March 2009: The Planning Committee recommended to Cabinet that the main priority should be the preparation of the Waste Core Strategy but that concurrent working on the Minerals Core Strategy be maintained.</p>
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Appendix 2b: Key stages

Key stages in the preparation of the Minerals Core Strategy

Development document	Stage of Preparation	2005				2006				2007				2008				2009				2010			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Minerals Core Strategy	Issues and Options																								
	Issues and Options 2																								

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Annual Monitoring Report (AMR): A report produced by the local planning authority and submitted to the Government which includes an assessment of whether the policies and related targets or milestones in the Mineral or Waste

Development Documents have been met; what impact the policies are having on national, regional and local targets identified in Mineral or Waste Development Documents; whether the policies in the Mineral or Waste Development Documents need adjusting or replacing; if policies or proposals need changing and suggested actions to achieve this.

Core Strategy: This type of development plan document should set out the key elements of the planning framework for the area. For minerals, the core strategy should take account of the need to contribute appropriately to national, regional and local requirements at acceptable social, environment costs; and for waste, it should set out a planning strategy for sustainable waste management, which enables adequate provision of waste management facilities in appropriate locations.

Development Plan: The documents setting out the policies and proposals for the development and use of land and buildings in Staffordshire. It includes the existing Structure and Local Plans (until September 2007) and Regional Spatial Strategies and Development Plan Documents prepared as part of the Minerals & Waste Development Framework.

Development Plan Document (DPD): These will contain policies and proposals. They are subject to independent examination and there will be a right for those making representations to be heard at an independent examination. A development plan document forms part of the development plan.

Examination: All development plan documents are subject to examination by a Planning Inspector (an independent person) appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's role is to consider the development plan document as a whole and to determine whether the DPD is 'sound'. The Inspector will consider all the representations made on the submitted DPD. The procedure for consideration of representations may involve written procedures, informal hearings and formal hearings.

Local Development Document (LDD): The collective term for development plan documents, supplementary planning documents and statement of community involvement. For minerals and waste planning, the terms mineral development document and waste development document are used.

Local Development Framework (LDF): These will be a 'portfolio' of local development documents which collectively deliver the spatial planning strategy for the local planning authority's area. A LDF will be produced by either a District Council

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or Unitary Authority whereas the mineral and waste development framework (MWDF) for Staffordshire will be produced by the County Council. The LDF should include a core strategy; site specific proposals (where needed); area action plans (where needed); a local development scheme; a statement of community involvement; proposals map or key diagram; and an annual monitoring report.

Local Development Scheme: sets out a programme for preparing Local Development Documents. All authorities must submit a Scheme to the Secretary of State.

Minerals or Waste Development Document: refer to LDD above.

Minerals and Waste Development Framework: refer to LDF above.

Minerals Local Plan (MLP): Current mineral policies and proposals for Staffordshire are found in the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Minerals Local Plan 1994 – 2006 (refer also to the Structure Plan). The MLP is ‘saved’ until policy is replaced by the Minerals Core Strategy.

Minerals Policy Statement (MPS): Contain national planning policy for mineral development and supporting material e.g. good practice guides. They replace guidance found in Mineral Planning Guidance (MPGs). MPSs will be replaced by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): The Framework will replace the current suite of national Planning Policy Statements (PPSs), Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs), Mineral Policy Statements (MPSs), Mineral Planning Guidance (MPGs) and some Circulars with a single, streamlined document. Note that PPS10 ‘Planning for Sustainable Waste Management’ will be revised and annexed to the National Waste Management Plan for England. Until that Plan is finalised, the Statement will remain in force. Local authorities preparing development plan documents should have regard to policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. Views on the content and format of the draft framework were sought by 17 October 2011. The finalised NPPF is anticipated in early 2012.

Planning Policy Statements (PPS): Contain national planning policy and supporting material e.g. good practice guides. They replace guidance found in Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs). PPSs will be replaced by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

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Proposals Map: Illustrates the spatial extent of all the policies in development plan documents, together with any saved policies. It will be revised as each new development plan document is adopted. Proposals for changes to the adopted proposals map accompany submitted development plan documents in the form of a submission proposals map.

'Saved' policies/plan: Policies within the existing Structure Plans and Local Plans that are saved for a time period during replacement production of Local Development Documents.

Site specific allocations and policies: Where land is allocated for mineral or waste development, this should be made in a site allocation development plan document or area action plan.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): This development document sets out the standards which the planning authority will be required to achieve in relation to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all mineral and waste development documents. The SCI will not be a DPD but will be subject to independent examination.

Structure Plan: The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996 – 2011 provides the strategic context for local plans within Staffordshire including the MLP and WLP. The Structure Plan was 'saved' from 28 September 2004 by Direction by the Secretary of State.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): These will provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in the development plan documents. They will not form part of the development plan or be subject to independent examination but will be a material consideration in making planning decisions.

Sustainability Appraisal: The purpose of sustainability appraisal is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of policies so that decisions can be made that accord with the objectives of sustainable development. The appraisal process incorporates the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment. (See also 'Strategic Environmental Assessment').

Waste Local Plan (WLP): Current waste management policies for Staffordshire are found in the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Waste Local Plan 1998 – 2011 (refer also to the Structure Plan). The WLP is 'saved' until policy is replaced by the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

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