Note on proposed modifications in respect of on-site mineral extraction for use on site

1. This note responds to the Inspector’s comments within the first review of the table of modifications that has been prepared by the Council to identify amendments to the plan.

2. Having received clarification from the Inspector, for consistency across the Local Plan the aforementioned modification should apply to other Policies in the Local Plan as detailed below.

3. To reflect the aforementioned Inspector’s suggestions and to ensure a consistent approach is taken to minerals extraction of certain proposed site allocation policies, the Council propose the following modification to Policies SCLP12.3: North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood; SCLP12.20: Land at Felixstowe Road; SCLP12.29: South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood; SCLP12.51: Land to the South of Eyke CoE Primary School and East and East of The Street, Eyke; SCLP12.61: Land between High Street and Chapel Lane, Pettistree (adjoining Wickham Market); and SCLP12.66: Land adjacent to Reeve Lodge, High Road, Trimley St Martin, as well as Paragraphs 12.60, 12.192, 12.311, 12.566, 12.691, and 12.766 (which relate to each of those policies).

4. Modifications are shown in strikethrough for deleted text and in underline for additional text. The Council will include these revisions in the schedule of modifications that has been collated as part of the Examination.

Additional criterion for Policy SCLP12.3 and additional sentence within Policy SCLP12.20:

“Any planning application should be supported by evidence which assesses the quality and quantity of sand and gravel resources on site in order to determine whether the site is suitable for prior extraction.”

Paragraphs 12.60 and 12.192:

“The site is located within a Minerals Consultation Area as defined by Suffolk County Council as the Minerals Planning Authority. Therefore any planning application should be supported by evidence which assesses the quality and quantity of sand and gravel resources. Planning applications should be expected to be supported by evidence considering the suitability for prior extraction, as directed by the Policy, having regard to the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan and other material considerations. Should the site be considered suitable for prior extraction, having regard to the evidence submitted together with advice from the Minerals Planning Authority, any planning permission for development will be conditioned to take place in phases which allow for prior extraction of some or all of the economic resource.”
Additional criterion for Policies SCLP12.29, SCLP12.51, SCLP12.61 and SCLP12.66:

“Any planning application should be supported by evidence which assesses the quality and quantity of sand and gravel resources on site in order to determine whether on-site resources should be used on-site during development.”

Paragraphs 12.311, 12.566, 12.691 and 12.766 (grey highlighted text is proposed in addition to modifications previously submitted):

“The site is located within a Minerals Consultation Area as defined by Suffolk County Council as the Minerals Planning Authority. Therefore any planning application should be supported by evidence which assesses the quality and quantity of sand and gravel resources on site in order to help judge whether on-site resources should be used on-site during development, as directed by the Policy. This may help reduce the amount of material transported on and off site during development.”

In relation to Policy SCLP12.66, Land adjacent to Reeve Lodge, High Road, Trimley St Martin, the text of the Final Draft Local Plan shown as struck through in the Council’s Statement of Common Ground with Suffolk County Council (August 2019, page 16) would remain deleted, as set out below for clarity:

“Therefore any planning application should be supported by evidence which assesses the quality and quantity of sand and gravel resources. Planning applications should be supported by evidence considering the suitability for prior extraction having regard to the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan and other material considerations. Should the site be considered suitable for prior extraction, having regard to the evidence submitted together with advice from the Minerals Planning Authority, any planning permission for development will be conditioned to take place in phases which allow for prior extraction of some or all of the economic resource.”