

Wyre Forest District Council
Kidderminster Central Area Plan
Schedule of Minor Modifications (February 2013)

1. These proposed minor modifications to the plan have arisen from representations made at the pre-submission publication stage and from further discussions between the Council and stakeholders under the Statements of Common Ground. These amendments do not materially alter the policy and are included largely for reasons of clarity and grammatical amendments, they are therefore considered to be minor in their nature.

2. Alongside these minor modifications, the Council has submitted a schedule of main modifications to the Plan for the Inspector's consideration and these will be subject to a 6 week consultation period. The main modifications concern amendments to the content of policies which are considered necessary to make the plan sound.

3. It should be noted that due to the implementation of the changes to the Development Plan Regulations which have arisen from the implementation on the Localism Act, a generic minor modification is proposed to rename the Plan from "Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan Development Plan Document (KCAAP)" to the **Kidderminster Central Area Plan (KCAP)** and all references to the "Local Development Framework" to read **Local Plan**. All references to the "Proposals Map" will be amended to the **Policies Map**. For information purposes, the Local Plan encompasses the Adopted Core Strategy, the Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan, the Kidderminster Central Area Plan and the Policies Map.

4. For clarity on the impact of the minor and main modifications on the document should be read in conjunction with the Submission version of the Plan, which is available to view through the following link.

[Submission Document](#)

5. The table below sets out the list of minor modifications for the Kidderminster Central Area Plan.

Modification Number	Page	Policy / Section	Proposed Change	Reason for Change	Relevant Representation /Statement of Common Ground (If Applicable)
KCAPMI01	Various	All reference throughout the document	Amend all reference to the “Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan” to read “Kidderminster Central Area Plan” Amend all references to the “Proposals Map” to read “Policies Map” Amend all references to the “Local Development Framework” to read “Local Plan”.	For consistency with the requirements of the Localism Act and subsequent amendments to the Development Plan Regulations	Discussion at EIP hearings.
KCAPMI02	Page 9	Vision	Include additional wording in the vision as follows: ‘...The town centre will be a vibrant, attractive , <u>safe and crime free</u> environment in which people wish to spend their time at all times of the day and night...’	To ensure that the Vision links to the Objectives and that it helps to create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP142 SOCG6

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KCAPMI03	Page 9	Vision	<p>Include an additional paragraph in the Vision to take account of flood risk, as follows:</p> <p><u>Development will help to alleviate food risk and the waterways will be flanked by attractive waterside developments that make the most of these assets and bring them more into focus.</u></p>	In order to recognise the flood risk issues that exists within the town.	Environment Agency KCAAPP111 SOCG3
KCAPMI04	Page 10	Strategic Objectives	<p>Include additional wording in Strategic Objective 12, as follows:</p> <p>12. Ensure the town is safe, <u>crime free</u> and enjoyable for all users</p>	To ensure that the Objectives help to create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP140 SOCG6
KCAPMI05	Page 16	Policy KCA.DPL2 Mixed Use Development	<p>Include additional wording in the policy as follows:</p> <p><u>Community uses (including medical and the emergency services)</u></p>	It is considered that emergency services are one of the uses that can contribute to supporting the vitality and viability of the town centre, and as such should be specifically listed.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP133 SOCG6
KCAPMI06	Page 25	Paragraph 5.44	<p>Include additional wording in paragraph 5.44 as follows:</p> <p><u>"Any new industrial development will need to consider the potential impact on ground water protection in the area. Types of activities, drainage and building design should be in line with the Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection Principles and Practice Guidance. Tighter controls are likely to be required in line with this guidance, as</u></p>	To ensure that the water environment within the KCAAP area is protected and to improve the soundness of the plan.	Environment Agency KCAAPP96 SOCG3

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			<u>the sites overlie a principal aquifer with a relatively shallow water table. The aquifer is of regional strategic importance in terms of water supply and the sites fall within close proximity (Inner, Outer and Total Source Protection Zone) of a public water supply source."</u>		
KCAPMI07	Page 28	Policy KCA.GPB6: Tourism Development	Include additional wording in the policy as follows: '...Within these areas, development <u>which is demonstrated to create a safe, enjoyable and crime free environment will be supported.</u> Development for the following uses will be specifically encouraged:...'	A reference in the policy is required to ensure that tourist related development is safe, enjoyable and crime free. It will help in ensuring that the KCAAP will deliver sustainable tourist related development from a social perspective, as required by paragraph 7 of the National Planning Policy Framework.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP134 SOCG6
KCAPMI08	Page 30 / 31	Policy KCA.GPB7 Leisure Development	Include additional wording within the policy immediately before the Evening Economy section: <u>"The enhancement of the Town Hall and its use as a multi-functional venue for the arts will be encouraged."</u>	To include support for the Town Hall improvements within the policy	The Theatres Trust KCAAPP36
KCAPMI09	Page 33	Paragraph 6.3, Adapting to and mitigating against Climate Change	Insert additional paragraph after 6.3 as follows: <u>"Worcestershire County Council have recently adopted the Waste Core Strategy for Worcestershire. This document forms part of the Development Plan for the District and therefore all proposals will need to have regard to its contents, and particularly Policy</u>	To reflect the recent adoption of a Waste Core Strategy for Worcestershire and to improve clarity between the two statutory documents that will manage development within the District.	Worcestershire County Council KCAAPP123 SOCG5

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			<u>WCS17: Making provision for waste in all new development.”</u>		
KCAPMI10	Page 39	Urban Design and Place Making Objectives	<p>Include an additional bullet point in the objectives as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Create a safe and secure environment which reduces opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.</u> 	To ensure that the Objectives help to create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP141 SOCG6
KCAPMI11	Page 40	Policy KCA.UP1: Urban Design Key Principles	<p>Amend criteria in Policy UP1 as follows:</p> <p>Criteria (i) “... enhances local <u>character and distinctiveness..”</u>.</p> <p>Criteria (j) ‘...<u>and consider the incorporation of fire safety measures.</u>’</p> <p>Criteria (l) ““respect and <u>enhance the blue and green infrastructure and heritage assets</u> of the town centre....”.</p>	<p>To improve consistency with NPPF</p> <p>To improve consistency with NPPF and to ensure that fire safety measures are considered in new developments.</p> <p>To improve consistency with NPPF</p>	<p>English Heritage KCAAPP22 SOCG2</p> <p>West Mercia Police KCAAPP136 SOCG6</p> <p>English Heritage KCAAPP22 SOCG2</p> <p>Environment Agency KCAAPP106 SOCG3</p>

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KCAPMI12	Page 40/43	Urban Design and Place Making para.7.8 & 7.22	Add in additional sentence at end of paragraph 7.8 & 7.22 as follows: <u>"It is also important to consider how any proposals will take account of and promote the surviving historic character of the townscape."</u>	To clarify inter-relationships between policies	English Heritage KCAAPP27 SOCG2
KCAPMI13	Page 52/ 53/ 55	Paragraphs 7.57, 7.63 and 7.68	Amend references to Wilden Marsh SSSI to read: Wilden Marsh <u>and Meadows</u> SSSI Amend references from Special Wildlife Site to <u>Local Wildlife Site</u>	Clarification purposes.	Natural England KCAAPP118
KCAPMI14	Page 55. Para 7.68	Green Infrastructure Opportunities	Expand last sentence of paragraph 7.68 to read <u>"The links also offer promenading opportunities to link the British Sugar and Churchfields sites as well as offering opportunities to address the impacts of climate change including flood risk and the urban heat island effect, as well as promoting opportunities for sustainable transport. Developments along the Stour Valley will also provide opportunities to enhance the landscape and townscape along this corridor."</u>	To provide greater clarity in relation to the purpose and function of Green Infrastructure links, which will help to enhance the effectiveness of any proposals within this corridor.	Worcestershire County Council KCAAPP128 SOCG5
KCAPMI15	Page 55, Para 7.70		Amend last sentence to read: Implementing measures such as street trees, green roofs and SuDS can all provide an enhancement <u>provide visual enhancement as well as benefits such as flood mitigation and amenity greenspace."</u>	To explain that the role of green infrastructure is wider than biodiversity alone.	Worcestershire County Council KCAAPP129 SOCG5

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KCAPMI16	Page 55, Para 7.71	Green Infrastructure Opportunities	Amend paragraph 7.71 to read: “The area's existing parks and green spaces are also an important part of the wider green infrastructure network. <u>They provide vital urban biodiversity habitats as well as recreational space, whilst helping to reduce the urban heat island effect. These spaces, together with the linear parts of the green infrastructure network provide important walking and cycling routes.</u> These spaces should be maintained and <u>connected where appropriate to enhance the green infrastructure network within the town.</u> ”	To explain that the role of green infrastructure is wider than biodiversity alone.	Worcestershire County Council KCAAPP130 SOCG5
KCAPMI17	Page 62	Paragraph 9.16	Include additional wording in Paragraph 9.16, as follows: 'The Churchfields Masterplan sets out the priority areas for development contributions which includes off-site highways works, public transport and affordable housing. However, contributions will also be sought for other important infrastructure including education, drainage infrastructure, <u>emergency services and community facilities, where appropriate.</u>	To ensure that the document is consistent with changes proposed to Policy KCA.Ch2.	West Mercia Police KCAAPP139 SOCG6
KCAPMI18	Page 128/129	Monitoring and Implementation Framework	Expand 'Relevant Core Strategy Policies' table and 'Relevant policies from Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan' table to incorporate all KCAAP policies.	To provide consistency within cross-referencing to Core Strategy and Site Allocations and Policies Local Plans.	Worcestershire County Council KCAAPP126 SOCG5
KCAPMI19	Page 133	Jargon Guide	Include a definition of “Mary Portas High Street	To improve clarity of the document by providing a definition	CPRE Discussion at

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			<p>Review”, as follows:</p> <p><u>On 17 May 2011 the Prime Minister announced that he had asked Mary Portas, leading retail marketing consultant, to undertake a review of the English high street. The purpose of the Portas review was to identify what the Government, local authorities, businesses and others can do together to promote the development of new models of prosperous and diverse high streets. The final report was published on 13 December 2011.</u></p>	of the review into the High Streets of England, undertaken by Mary Portas.	EIP on 1 st February 2013
KCAPMI20	Page 133	Jargon Guide	<p>Amend the definition of “Previously Developed Land (PDL) to read as follows: <u>“Land which is, or was occupied by a permanent structure, including the cartilage of the developed land (although it should not be assumed that the whole of the cartilage should be developed) and any associated fixed surface infrastructure. This excludes: land that is or has been occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings; land that has been developed for minerals extraction or waste disposal by landfill purposes where provision for restoration has been made through development control procedures; land in built-up areas such as private residential gardens, parks, recreation grounds and allotments; and land that was previously-developed but where the remains of the permanent structure or fixed surface structure have blended into the landscape in the process of time.”</u></p>	The definition of PDL in the Jargon Guide is a précis of that set out in Annex 2 of the NPPF (p.55). This creates potential confusion as the précis omits phrases which might be material as case law/PINs decisions emerge.	Mr Robert Watkins SALPP47

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KCAPMI21	Page 133	Jargon Guide	<p>Include the term SSSI within the Jargon Guide between ReWyre Initiative and Stourport Road Employment Corridor as follows:</p> <p><u>"Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) - a specifically defined area within which protection is afforded to ecological or geological features. Sites are officially notified by Natural England."</u></p>	Term is used within the DPD and not currently included within Jargon Guide.	Natural England KCAAPP118
KCAPMI22	Page 136	Maps	Reproduce the map detailing the KCAAP Character Areas in Appendix C.	The map refers to the whole document and not just to Part B and therefore should be included with the other maps included at Appendix C	CPRE KCAAPP95