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Dear Ms Dix

re: **NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME AND STOKE ON TRENT CORE SPATIAL STRATEGY EXAMINATION: COUNCILS' SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

Thank you for your letter of 12 May and the opportunity to submit final comments on the Councils' schedule of proposed changes to the Core Spatial Strategy. We have the following comments on the proposed changes which are relevant to our previous representations.

- **Area Spatial Policies: ASP2 Stoke on Trent Inner Urban Core Area Spatial Policy**

In our representations on the Submission Draft of the Core Strategy we expressed support for the recognition in the Vision for Burslem to become a regional exemplar in heritage led regeneration. We consider that this strand of the Vision should be explicitly recognised in the new Area Spatial Policy ASP2, for example: 'Supporting the delivery of heritage-led regeneration projects which protect and enhance the area's historic character and assets'.

- **Core Strategic Policies: Design Quality, Paragraph 6.9**

The minor text change at paragraph 6.9 offers some improvement on linking the three core policies CPS1-3 and their contribution in helping to deliver a range of key principles. However, no further changes are proposed with respect to Policy CSP1 Design Quality and Policy CSP2 Historic Environment. We hence continue to support our comments and proposed changes to these policies as set out in our original representations.

- **Core Strategy Policies: Natural Assets, Paragraph 6.37**

In our original representations on Policy CSP2 Historic Environment, we recommended that for consistency with this policy a similar commitment should be adopted with respect to the

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historic environment. In the context of the proposed change to paragraph 6.37 we consider that a similar provision is still required for the implementation of Policy CSP2.

• **Monitoring Framework: Reference Number 58**

In the Councils' schedule a number of changes are made with respect to the proposed indicators for Policy CSP2 (Reference Number 58). The main title should be amended as 'Historic Environment'. The proposed indicator and target for conservation areas is broadly supported. We suggest, however, that the clarity of the remaining indicators/measures and targets could be improved in the context of the Core Strategy area, for example:

<i>Indicator/Measure</i>	<i>Target</i>
List of locally important buildings	Monitor – addition of buildings to the list
Designated Historic Assets*	Monitor - No loss or reduction in classification
Condition of Designated Assets*	Monitor - Reduction in numbers identified/severity of risk on the Heritage at Risk Register

* to include: (Listed Buildings all grades; Scheduled Monuments; Registered Parks and Gardens; Registered Battlefields; conservation areas)

Yours sincerely

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