

PRESENTATION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE RULE 11

1 PETITION

- 1.1 Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 a petition has been received from Rayleigh Residents Association containing 1504 signatures, which meets the required threshold of 1,500 signatures for debate at Council. The detail of the petition is as follows:-
- 1.2 Title: The over development of the Rochford district without sufficient investment made to improve current infrastructure so that it can cope with demand.
- 1.3 **Petition Overview:** Residents of Rochford have endured issues with traffic for years but this has been made dramatically worse by the County Council allowing road improvements for large developments to start simultaneously.
- 1.4 This has not only affected everyone's commute into and out of the district but the current Council's refusal to acknowledge the pollution issues associated with this traffic affects the health of its residents.
- 1.5 Residents of Rochford want to know what steps have been taken to validate and challenge the housing requirements given by Central Government. We request all future housing developments be put on hold until there is sufficient investment made in the infrastructure of the district to allow it to correspond with the increase in population. There has to be a cap on new development.
- 1.6 Residents of Rochford demand a public meeting with Rochford District Council where they can put forward their questions regarding lack of infrastructure investment, over development and their refusal to allocate a permanent travellers site contributing to the recent incursions into public parks. Currently many Councillors do not respond to emails and those that do fail to give sufficient answers

The petition can be found on the Council's website at:-

<https://rochford.cmis.uk.com/rochford/E-Petitions/tabid/90/ID/36/The-over-development-of-the-Rochford-district-without-sufficient-investment-made-to-improve-current-infrastructure-so-that-it-can-cope-with-demand.aspx>

2 PROCEDURE

Presentation by Petition Organiser

- 2.1 In accordance with Procedure Rules set out in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution relating to Petitions, the petition organiser or their representative will be given five minutes to present the petition.

The points covered in the presentation of the Petition are detailed in appendix 1.

Debate

- 2.2 Members will have a maximum of 15 minutes to debate the Petition. Debate should be directed to action required by the petition. The petition relates to matters that fall within the District Council's remit.
- 2.3 At the end of the debate the petition organiser will be given the opportunity to sum up for a maximum of 1 minute, if they wish.

Response Following Debate

- 2.4 Following debate the Council will decide how to respond to the petition. It has the following options:-
- Taking the action requested in the petition;
 - Not taking the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate; or
 - Commissioning further investigation into the matter.

Notification of Response

- 2.5 The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision made and this will be published on the Council's website.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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Presentation of the petition by Mr Gareth James

Petition Overview:

The over-development of the Rochford District without sufficient investment made to improve current infrastructure so that it can cope with demand.

- We are not against development.
- Lack of affordable and social housing.
- Traffic gridlock in Rochford
 - air pollution
 - road works and lack of planning
- Infrastructure investment
 - roads
 - public transport
 - health care
 - education
- New villages/towns instead of over-development of existing towns that don't have the infrastructure.
- Environmental impact.
- Transparency regarding use of money paid to the Council by developers as contributions to health, education and environment.